MARION PS NEWS



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Term 1 Week 6	Courage Harmony Integrity	Thursday March 10 2022
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
March			
Monday 14	Adelaide Cup – public holiday		
Friday 18	National Day of Action against Bullying		
April			
Friday 8	Student free day		
Thursday 14	Last Day Term 1		
Friday 15	Good Friday – public holiday		

From the Principal

School Improvement Planning focus

School Improvement Planning follows a three year cycle. Goals are set based on student performance data with annual targets and actions set to guide the improvement process. 2022 is the first year of a new three year planning cycle. For the past three years we have had a school focus on improving student reading comprehension and significant gains and improvements in student learning have been achieved in this year. As we commence a new cycle our focus will shift to goals of improving student achievement in Numeracy and Writing, with spelling and grammar being focussed on under the writing goal. Our new improvement plan is currently with our District Office for final approval and will be published on our school website once it has been signed off.

Student free day Term 1

Each year schools identify 4 days through the school year to be held as Student Free Days. These days provide opportunities for schools to engage in professional learning, learning improvement planning and other school management activities. Our Governing Council has approved our first student free day to be held this term on Friday April 8. On this day staff will be participating in curriculum development planning to build our school use of newly released units of work created by teams of curriculum writers from our Dept for Education. We will also be creating school scope and sequence documentation for teachers to use when planning student learning to ensure consistent delivery of the Australian Curriculum content.

Sports Day

Sports day has been a regular event in term 1 and has run in pretty much the same format for some while. It has included a range of track and field events (eg long jump, sprint races etc) as well as a range of fun activities. This year, we are looking at a revamp of the day to align more with SAPSASA athletics selection as well as still including the fun sporting activities which are enjoyed by all. As a result, sports day will be held later in the year to feed into SAPSASA selection for District day which is held in mid-term 3.

Bullying factsheet series #2

In our last newsletter I included information on the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence to be held on Friday March 18. Along with this I provided a factsheet containing definitions of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.



This week's factsheet is titled 'Bullying Facts' and contains information and statistics about bullying and violence. For example, did you know that peers are present as onlookers in 85% of bullying interactions and play a central role in the bullying process? As a community we can work together to educate our children and break the cycle.

For more information on the Be Kind Online resource for children in years 3-6 and 7-12 visit the following link:

https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/classroom-resources

Helping your child to develop Numeracy skills in the Junior Primary

Numeracy involves being able to understand how numbers work in everyday situations. We see and use numbers daily. When reading there are numbers on the page, our house has a number and when we buy something we add and subtract numbers. Help your child to develop a positive attitude towards numeracy. If you speak English as an Additional Language or Dialect, it's important to build numeracy skills in your home language as well.

An early skill children develop is counting. Counting includes:

- saying and recalling numbers in the correct order
- matching number words to objects
- knowing that the last number counted represents the total number of objects.

Words to use:

- count forward, count backwards
- number before, number after
- more than, less than
- is the same as

In addition to counting, the ability to recognise a number of items without counting them is developed from an early age. An example of this is learning to recognise a pattern of dots such as on dominoes, dice and cards as numbers. This is called subitising.

Subitising is a term that was derived from the Latin adjective <u>subitus</u> (meaning "sudden") and captures a feeling of immediately knowing how many items lie within the visual scene, when the number of items present falls within the subitizing range.

Studies have found that most adults can subitise groups of items up to five. This is known as perceptual subitising. Beyond five, other mental strategies come into play for identifying the number of items in a group without counting them individually. These require some understanding of grouping and basic mathematics. For instance, when we see six dots on a die, we actually break this down into two groups of three which, when combined, gives us six. This is known as conceptual subitising and is an essential element for developing mathematical skills.

Subitising is an essential part of developing number sense in children by helping them to relate numbers to actual items or groups of items.

For more information on Subitising https://nrich.maths.org/14004

David O'Connell Principal

SA Government Sports Vouchers

Does your child play, or plan on playing, Sport outside of school? If so you may be eligible to receive a Sports Voucher from the South Australian Government. Sports vouchers are available to all South Australian children in Reception to Year 9 and will cover up to \$100 of your sporting costs. Each eligible child is able to claim one voucher per year.

There are also a few opportunities coming up at school that you could use the voucher for as well:

- Dance after school on Fridays in Term 2 (more information will come out soon)
- Kelly Sports after school in Term 3 for Reception to year 2's.

Yesterday, Wednesday 9th March, the students attended a football clinic at school and brought home information about joining one of the activities that can also access the Sports Vouchers.



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For more information about the SA Government Sports Vouchers please click on the link below.

https://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/

Cross Country

The SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival is due to be held on Friday May 6th which is the first Friday of term 2. Training has commenced for eligible students born in 2010, 2011 and 2012 on Wednesdays at lunchtime on the Oval. Parents / carers of interested students have already received info in regards to this. Regular attendance at training sessions and extra practice at home will assist students to prepare for this long distance event. Team selections will be finalised and communicated by the end of term 1.

Ros Mazurek Sports coordinator

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Hours of Operation			
Before School Care: 7:00-8:30am	After School Care: 3:15-6:15pm		
Fees			
Before School Care: \$15	After School Care: Casual \$25		
Pupil Free Day: \$53	Vacation Care: \$53 per day		
Contact Details			
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(Please note: this is direct contact with Director Robyn Shanahan)			
Bookings / cancellations			
Cancellation and Emergency bookings can only be made through			
contacting OSHC directly on 0428 257 789			
Enquiries can be made directly to OSHC or through the school Front			
Office on 82772293			

Hi Everyone,

Bookings are available for Before and After School Care. Please let us know if you require care.

Also the Vacation Care Program is available for April school holidays. Fun activities and an excursion to the Morialta Conservation Park Playground.



Robyn Shanahan Director



In the Community





