MARION PS NEWS



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Term 1 Week 1	Courage Harmony Integrity	Thursday February 2 2022
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DATES TO REMEMBER			
February			
Tuesday 14	Festival choir first rehearsal session (selected yr 5/6 students)		
Wednesday 15	6.00pm Acquaintance night (classrooms)		
	7.00pm Governing Council AGM – all welcome (Library)		
March			
Wednesday 1	Aquatics - Year 6		
Monday 13	Adelaide Cup – public holiday (school closed)		
Tuesday 14	Pupil Free Day – school closed, OSHC care available.		
Wednesday 15	NAPLAN commences – years 3 and 5		
Friday 24	NAPLAN ends		
April			
Monday 3	Parent / teacher interviews commence		
Friday 7	Good Friday – public holiday (school closed)		
Monday 10	Easter Monday – public holiday (school closed)		
Friday 14	Sports Day		
	Last day term 1 (early dismissal)		

From the Principal

Welcome back to school for 2023

Welcome to all families, new and returning, from all of the staff at Marion Primary School. You will shortly be receiving (if you haven't already) notes with codes to connect you to your class Seesaw account. This year all rooms and all year levels will be connected on seesaw.

You should also have received an ICT agreement to sign and return and an expression of interest for our after school sport (basketball) teams. Please check your children's bags for these notes and return them by the dates indicated. Thank you to the many families who have already done so.

Each newsletter, relevant dates are published in the calendar above pertaining to events occurring across the school in the current term and the term ahead where known. Please ensure you check this each fortnight so that you are up to date with school events.

Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance night is scheduled for Wednesday February 15 from 6.00pm. Information sessions will run in all classrooms with an opportunity to meet and hear from your child's class teacher about the teaching program and class routines that will run in 2023. This is an opportunity to hear general information from teachers. If you would like to discuss any matters specific to your child then please make a separate booking with the teacher at another time.

Governing Council AGM

Thanks again to our Governing Council Reps of 2022: Andrew, Trent, Jess, Mel, Larissa. The AGM and election of office bearers for 2023 will be held from 7.00pm in the library immediately following the classroom presentations for acquaintance night.

Facebook

Staffing and classes

Classes and teachers for 2023 are as follows:

Room 1 Reception - Ms Samantha Menner

Room 3 Year 1/2 – Mrs Michelle Volaris (M-W), Ms Michelle Napier (Th-F)

Room 4 Year 1/2 - Mrs Amelia Jones (M-Th), Mrs Vanessa Toogood (F)

Room 6 Year 3/4 - Mrs Zoe Stone

Room 7 Year 3/4 - Mrs Georgina Sprigg, Ms Kira Fabbro (alternating Fridays + Thursday afternoons)

Room 10 Year 5/6 – Mrs Karen Waterman

Room 11 Year 5/6 – Mr Nathan Starling

Digital Technology/PE – Mrs Ros Mazurek

Performing Arts / AUSLAN - Mrs Sarah Goodwin

Science (yr 3-6) / HASS (yr 1/2) – Mrs Sue Sifa (Deputy Principal)

Reading Coach (shared across our partnership of schools) – Mrs Kate Powell

Currently in the front office Mrs Candia Thomas is still on leave. Her role is currently being filled by Mrs Sharon Harvey.

SSO Classroom curriculum support – Carmen Anchor, Nicky Durheim, Julie Hewitt-Hunt, Elly Vanderkley.

School communication

As advised last year, we will be discontinuing our use of the School Star app and moving all whole school communications to the Dept for Education EdSmart email communication tool. Class teachers will also operate a class seesaw account for class communications.

NAPLAN - Now in term 1

NAPLAN has been moved nationally into term 1 commencing this year. All students in years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN in term 1 this year. This has been brought forward from term 3 as a national decision to allow schools more time to respond to student learning data in the year in which students sit the assessment. Students in years 3 and 5 will receive more information through their classroom over the coming weeks.

Student home internet program

Free internet access is available to students who don't have reliable internet at home through the Department for Education's student home internet program. This will allow students who do not have reliable home internet the ability to continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website.

Assemblies

Our first regular assembly will be held in week 5 on Friday March 3. This assembly will be open to parents and friends to attend. Prior to this first assembly we will hold a practice assembly for students only to establish routines and standards. You are most welcome to attend when your child's class is hosting or at any time throughout the year. Class teachers will provide more details through seesaw.

Materials and Services - confirmed charge

The outcome of polling conducted by the Governing Council in December 2022 was that a majority of respondents were in favour of the proposed charge for 2023 to be set at \$310. This amount will be invoiced and distributed to families in week 3 and is due for payment by the end of term 1. Please speak with the finance officer if you would like to discuss a payment plan or if you need further information on school card applications.

David O'Connell Principal



ICT News!

Does your child use TikTok? Are you aware of what they are viewing or uploading? The website below has a great video to watch with useful information for parents to keep in mind and how to ensure your child's safety and privacy. There are even great tips on how to manage their account and put it in family safety mode.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok

Ros Mazurek Digital technology teacher

Sports News!

Basketball nomination forms are out. If your child didn't bring one home on Monday they can collect another from the front office. As the season starts in week 3, the forms need to be returned ASAP, by Friday 3rd February, to allocate them a position in a team and to provide them with an invoice and a top. Thank you for your assistance with this. We currently have a few coaches lined up already but would love 1 or 2 more coaches or team managers. Please see Ros Mazurek if you would like to hear more about what the roles would involve.

Volleyball SA is running trials for anyone interested in trialling for the Emerging Talent Program for 10-17 year olds. Trial will cost \$30 and has a variety of locations around the city, Reynella East College being our closest. Use the link below to register. If successful the cost will be \$600 for the year to continue.

Emerging Talent Hubs (volleyballsa.com.au)

Ros Mazurek PE teacher

Introducing Denys Chew Marion Primary Schools Pastoral Care Worker

As your Pastoral Care Worker, she will provide practical support to:

- STUDENTS by listening, taking an interest in them, being involved with their daily lives, facilitating activities and seminars and being a positive role model.
- STAFF by being a supporting resource, providing a listening ear, encouragement, friendship and supporting their personal wellbeing.
- FAMILIES by being a person of contact, listening, caring, providing support in times of crisis as well as being a referral
 to support services
- COMMUNITY by being a link between churches, organisations, the wider community and the school community.

PASTORAL CARE WORKERS

- Provide pastoral care in a 'first response' capacity to critical incidents, refer to specialist support and to provide ongoing presence and follow-up.
- Work closely and in partnership with leadership and other wellbeing staff in schools to provide pastoral care and support to students, families and staff as requested.
- Are well positioned to work across the whole school to 'build a sense of' community, harmony and cohesion.
- Are trained and equipped to provide their school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DfE wellbeing framework.
- Employed through SMG, who works closely with the SA Department for Education as a Service Provider for the National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

Denys' Regular days at school are:

Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact Denys.Chew85@schools.sa.edu.au



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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			
Phone: 8277 4486	Mobile: 0428 257 789		
Email: Robyn.Shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au			
(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,

The December 22/ January 23 Vacation Care program was enjoyed by the children. The water fun day with our waterslide and our Painting Around activity working on a minecraft creation was a lot of fun.

Please feel free to offer suggestions for activities for the program including art, craft, cooking, games, excursions and centre based activities.





Robyn Shanahan Director

In the Community



IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department for Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted children vary; however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- · High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more area
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- · Strong empathy and social justice
- · Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 6 students in 2023 are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2024.

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023 9AM - 1PM ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO SIT THE TEST AT: www.aphs.sa.edu.au A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Monday 20 February 2023. For further information contact aphs.ignite447@schools.sa.edu.au



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