

MARION PS NEWS



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Term 1 Week 4

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday February 23 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Wednesday 1	Aquatics - Year 6
Friday 3	Assembly – Room 10
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 17	Assembly – Room 7
Friday 24	NAPLAN ends
Friday 31	Assembly – Room 6

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

Newsletters, class communications and our School Website

Welcome to Issue 2 of our school newsletter for 2023. Newsletters are published fortnightly in even numbered weeks throughout the year and emailed to parents / carers using the Dept for Education EdSmart email communication tool. A limited number of printed copies are also available from the school office. Past issues of the newsletter are available for download from our school website <https://marionps.sa.edu.au/>

EdSmart email communication is the main form of whole school communication. In addition, class teachers are all using the mobile app Seesaw for communication regarding classroom matters. At times we may also send home some notes (eg excursion permission etc) in hard copy. These are sent in the bag of the youngest child in the family. This may sound unusual at first – but it is usually the bag of the youngest child that gets opened at home the most frequently!

Acquaintance Night – thank you to those who were able to attend

Thank you to all families who were able to join us last Wednesday for Acquaintance night. I trust that the information sessions presented by class teachers provided you with an overview of the main points that needed coverage at this time in the year. Please remember that at any time, if you would like to discuss any matters specific to your child then make a booking with the class teacher to discuss and share information. While a short message may be delivered at morning lines or afternoon collection, teachers are not able to have a structured conversation at these times.

Governing Council AGM

Thanks again to all who were able to attend our Governing Council Annual General Meeting last week and to all who expressed interest in, or nominated for, a position. All positions on the Governing Council were filled through election on the night and I would like to welcome new and returning members to the Governing Council for 2023.



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Your elected representatives and their roles / subcommittee responsibilities are:

Jess Coles – Chairperson / minutes secretary
Trent McNamara – Finance sub-committee / OSHC sub-committee
Jess Griffiths – Grounds sub-committee
Mel Neuling – Sport sub-committee
Larissa Genat – Fundraising sub-committee

If you would like to be involved in supporting our school through participation in Governing Council activities then we would really like you to join one of the subcommittees listed above. Please contact the school office and we will connect you with the sub-committee chairperson.

Children and Family Counselling – available at Marion Primary school each Tuesday

Relationships Australia provides an outreach counselling service for children and families each Tuesday here at school. Please see their flyer in the 'In our Community' section of this newsletter.

Hamilton Secondary College

On Wednesday March 8, Hamilton Secondary College is hosting an open evening where parents are invited to attend a tour of the school and facilities. Tours are being conducted at 4.30 and again at 6.00pm. Please call the school on 8275 8300 to book your place.

Year 5/6 camp

Our students from rooms 10 and 11 returned yesterday afternoon after three days at Arbury Park Outdoor school and by all accounts it was a great time away. Photos and student recounts will be available for our next newsletter.

NAPLAN – Now in term 1 (repeat info)

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 (repeat info)

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](#).

David O'Connell
Principal

ICT News!

With the rapidly changing technology it is important for parents to help their children navigate through the use of technology and social media. Children will require a high level of fluency with various modes of thinking in which computers play an important role. Digital devices are a great tool to encourage computational thinking and the ability to solve problems if used correctly. However often the device is used inappropriately or can trigger different, and at times, unpleasant emotions & reactions. The website below has a lot of advice for parents depending on what your child is showing interest or you have concerns with, covering topics from celebrities to influences, gaming and parental control. There are a lot of recommendations in each article and you can even click on the drop down boxes to focus on the age of your child.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles>

Ros Mazurek
Digital Technology 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

Literacy Spot

Supporting Reading at home without books

The Big 6 in Reading: Oral Language

'Oral language provides the foundation for learning to read and is related to overall reading achievement throughout primary and secondary schooling' (Snow et al, 1998; Wise et al, 2007).

Oral language develops well before a child begins school and is a key skill in learning to read. When children are surrounded by, and included in, **increasingly complex conversations** they:

- expand their vocabulary
- improve and increase the complexity of language structures they use (helps grammar)
- become language risk-takers
- develop confidence in the way they communicate
- clarify their thinking and deepen their understanding of their world
- tune into the sounds of standard Australian English language

What can you do at home to help?

Talk!

- **Describe items** they know and can see (Size, Colour, Use, Materials it's made of, Purpose it is used for)
- If that's too easy, put items in a bag and children describe what it feels like so others guess what it is.
- **Sing** new songs, nursery rhymes or talk about the meaning of ones they already know
- Talk about or explain things in detail, *especially* when they ask questions!
- **Elaborate** their language by adding new information "Did you know...?" "Have you seen...?"
- Reinforce the language through **repetition** – different ways to use the words
- **Model** self-talk or thinking and build other communication skills, such as taking turns, eye contact and appropriate social distance



- Have books? **Explore books together**
 - Help them learn to listen – actively!
 - Ask questions and allow ‘**thinking**’ time to respond
 - Following instructions for drawing or movement,

[Clip to help students with letter names and sounds...](#)

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5PmB3SIjNdQ&feature=youtu.be>

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 children had a lot of fun participating in the self-portrait bubble gum craft this week at OSHC.

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



REGISTER NOW
IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School

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



Hamilton Open Day
8th March, 2023

- You are invited to join us on Wednesday 8th March 2023
- College Tours by appointment at: 4:30pm, and 6:00pm.
- Please call 8275 8300 to book a tour.



MARION TENNIS CLUB
 NORFOLK RD, OAKLANDS PARK
 (NEXT TO BASKETBALL STADIUM)

COME AND TRY TENNIS! YOU CAN START ANYTIME!
 TXT 0415 289 733 FOR MORE DETAILS
JUSTIN2TENNIS@GMAIL.COM [f](https://www.facebook.com/justin2tennis) [i](https://www.instagram.com/justin2tennis)

GROUP COACHING TERM 1					
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SUN
RED BALL FOR AGES 4-6 3:45-4:30PM	GREEN BALL FOR AGES 7- 4:30-5:20PM	JUNIOR CLUB TRAINING 5-6PM	CARDIO TENNIS ADULT GROUP COACHING AND EXERCISE TO MUSIC 6:30PM- 7:30PM	SUPPLEMENT PRACTICE COACHING 4-5PM PARENT INTERACTIVE *SEE BELOW	RED BALL AGES 3-5 9-9:30AM AGES 6-7 9:30-10AM ORANGE BALL GREEN BALL AGES 8-12 10-11AM

COACHING IS CONDUCTED BY A TENNIS AUSTRALIA CLUB PROFESSIONAL JUSTIN TREDWELL
 **ADDITIONAL PRACTICE SESSION FOR A COACHING PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WHICH IS PARENT AND COACH INTERACTIVE-CONTACT JUSTIN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP OR CODE
 SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL COACHING ENQUIRIES AND INFO ON OUR WEBSITE

[HTTPS://PLAY.TENNIS.COM.AU/MARIONTENNISCLUB](https://play.tennis.com.au/mariontennisclub)

KIDS TAEKWONDO

Resilience Confidence Discipline Fitness

- Children can start at the age of 5
- Self defence, anti bullying program
- Non - Contact Training
- Experienced WWCC Instructors
- Sports Voucher approved provider



NEW TERM STARTING NOW

Enquiries: info@worldtaekwondo.com.au Ph: 0412 909 500

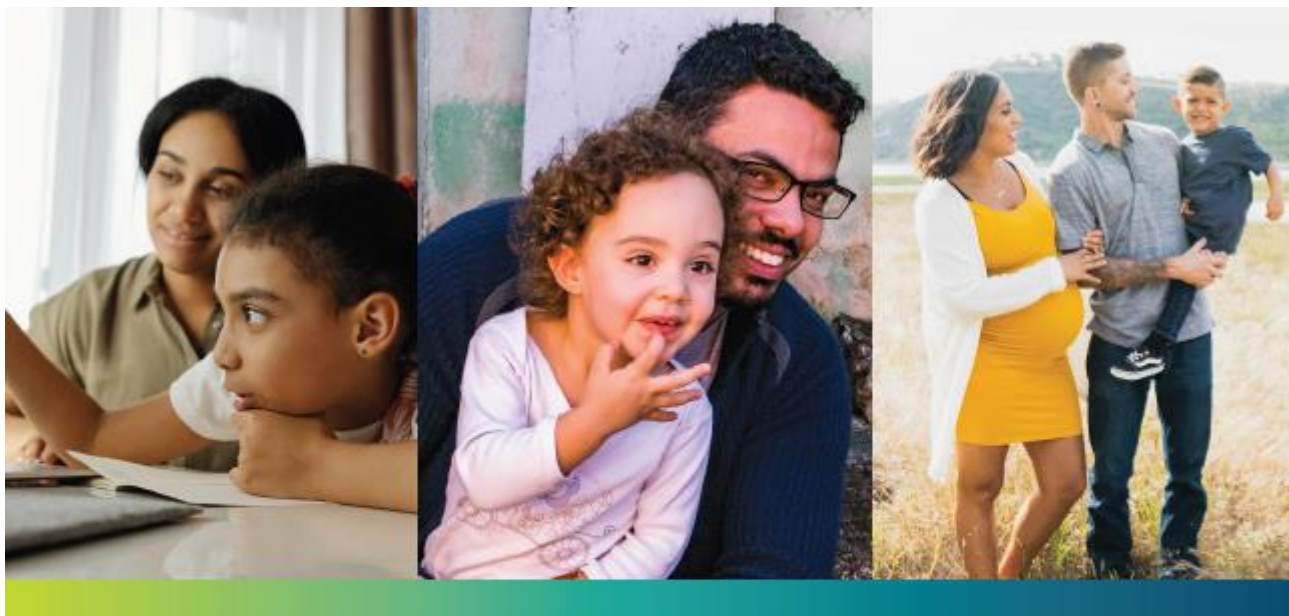
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Children and Family Counselling

at Marion Primary

Children and Family Counselling supports and strengthens family relationships, mental health and wellbeing.

Counselling can help with:

- Feeling less stressed or worried about your children or family
- Understanding what your child is feeling
- Supporting your children with their emotions and life's challenges
- Being a calmer and more connected parent
- Supporting children through change

This service is suitable for families with infants and children aged 0-12. Other family members can be involved if needed. Receive up to six ongoing sessions.

When: Tuesday mornings, during school terms | 9.00am or 10.00am
Where: Marion Primary School | Malcolm Ave, Marion
Cost: First six sessions free. Fees may apply after 6 sessions.

For more information or to book contact Relationships Australia SA's Marion site.
(08) 8377 5400 | rasas@rasa.org.au

www.rasa.org.au | 1800 182 325

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