

MARION PS NEWS

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Term 1 Week 10

Courage Harmony Integrity

Thursday April 6 2023



DATES TO REMEMBER

April

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)

May

Monday 1	School commences Term 2 New Principal Mr Guy Walmsley commences
Friday 5	Assembly Room 4
Monday 8	External school review commences
Tuesday 9	External school review concludes SAPSASA District Cross Country Carnival
Friday 12	Mothers Day stall
Wednesday 17	Dream Big excursion rms 10 & 11
Thursday 18	Dream Big excursion rms 6 & 7
Friday 19	School Disco
Wednesday 24	Dream Big excursion Rms 3 & 4

From the Principal

Welcome to Issue 4 of our school newsletter for 2023.

Sports Day

Don't forget Sports day is next Friday April 14. It promises to be a great day for all with a range of athletics events combined with a whole host of fun activities as well. Upstairs classes will complete activities this year in two sections: there will be an aged based section of athletics activities in the morning followed by class based fun activities after recess. For our downstairs classes all events are fun play-based activities held in class groups.

To set up for the day we could use some helpers in the morning and our PE teacher / sports organiser Mrs M has put out a call for helpers:

Calling for any parents who are free and willing to help on Sports Day with setting up the Marques for shelter for the children. Please arrive at the oval by 8am to assist.

Ros would also like 4 parents to help in the afternoon events to hand out ribbons for places in the Baton Relay and Sprints. Please email Ros if you are willing to do this and touch base with her on the day.

ros.mazurek316@school.sa.edu.au

There will also be a coffee van here on the day and our fundraising committee are running a BBQ and cake stall. We hope you can come and join us on the day – don't forget the parent sprint race at the end!



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Next Issue: Term 2 Week 2

Harmony Day

Our Harmony Day celebrations were held last week on Friday April 31. Students learnt about the theme for Harmony Day this year which was Everyone Belongs and enjoyed the Harmony Day art competition. Thanks to all parents who were able to find the time to attend our art exhibition.



External Review

As you would have seen in a separate communication, Marion Primary is due for its External School Review next term. The external school review process supports schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in public schools. All public schools are generally externally reviewed every 3 years. The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school's performance. The review team includes a review officer and one or more review principals.

Our school review will occur on Monday May 8th and Tuesday May 9th (week 2, Term 2). The review team will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review team in a number of ways.

These include:

- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate everyone's support and time in helping us with this external school review process.

Special Announcement

On Monday an email was sent advising of a change to school leadership effective from the commencement of next term. As you know I will be moving into a new role as the Principal Consultant within our Local Education Team. Our new Principal Guy Walmsley will be commencing from day 1 Term 2. Guy and I have spent time together this week as part of our handover preparations and we will be spending additional time together over the holiday period to ensure clear communication and a smooth and effective transition during this changeover time. Thank you to all for your



support over the past two years and I look forward to working with Guy and the Marion PS students and community throughout the remainder of 2023.

Have a happy and safe Easter and a restful holiday break.

David O'Connell
Principal

Literacy Spot

The Big 6 in Reading: Aspect 2 - Phonological Awareness

To increase student achievement in reading, we are working towards a consistent approach to the Big 6 components of reading; *Oral language, phonological awareness* (awareness of the sounds of language - rhythm, rhymes and syllables), *phonics* (the relationships between sounds and letters), *vocabulary, fluency* and *comprehension*. In our last Literacy Spot (newsletter edition 2 week 4) we looked at Aspect 1 of the Big 6 – Oral Language.

The second aspect of the Big 6 in reading is Phonological awareness. This broad term refers to the ability to focus on the sounds of speech as distinct from its meaning: on its intonation or rhythm; on the fact that certain words rhyme; and on the separate sounds. High levels of oral language helps children develop these aural (hearing) skills before they start school (preschool years).

Children love playing with words and listening to stories that rhyme. Dr Seuss is famous for it! You may notice your child expressing their understating through:

Rhythm - children become aware of syllables in words. They may **chunk** the sounds when speaking or show by clapping the beats when speaking (*cat = 1 beat, rabbit = 2 beats, kangaroo = 3 beats*).

Some things to try at home

**Ask your child how many beats/claps in their own name, other people's names or things around the house*

Rhyming - recognising that words sound the same at the end (*pan, man, fan; or ring, sing, king*).

Some things to try at home

Rhyme detection **Ask if words sound the same (pin, din) ~ they can be nonsense words.*

Rhyme production **Ask if they can add a 3rd word that matched the rhyme (you say pin, din – can they add a rhyming word?)*

Phonemic awareness is the ability to tune into the separate sounds in words (phonemes).

Sounds in isolation. Children need to identify sounds in words (phonemes). First hearing the first sounds, then the last sounds, then the middle sounds. A real quick summary;

**Can they hear the first sound in mmmm/a/n? = m. Use other words.*

Once children can tell you the first sound move onto the last

**Can they hear the last sound in m/a/nnnn? = n. Use other words.*

Once children can tell you the last sound move onto the middle

**Can they hear the middle sound in m/aaaa/n? = a. Use other words*

Blending sounds they hear together to make a word.

**Ask if they can say the word from separate sounds.eg. d...o...g...= dog; t...r...ee = tree*

These are just a few examples of skills students need to read! **For a video explaining sounds in words in more detail see <https://vimeo.com/412603116/65eab513a7>**

Assembly awards

Each fortnight, class teachers select two students who are presented with a school Values Award at our school assembly. Values Award recipients from our last assemblies are listed below. Congratulations and well done to all students.

Week 7 Awards

ROOM	AWARD TYPE	STUDENT FIRST NAME
1	Courage	Lily
1	Courage	Anshjot



3	Harmony	Matilda
3	Harmony	Alice
4	Courage	Ace
4	Integrity	Maya
6	Integrity	Aiden C
6	Integrity	Tasman
7	Harmony	Caoimhe
7	Integrity	Logan
10	Integrity	Owen
10	Courage	Nina
11	Courage	Angel
11	Harmony	Samuel

Week 9 Awards

ROOM	AWARD TYPE	STUDENT FIRST NAME
1	Courage	Hudson
1	Integrity	Asher
3	Harmony	Abby
3	Harmony	Joshua
4	Courage	Charlotte
4	Integrity	Scarlett
6	Harmony	Amirah
6	Harmony	Hollie
7	Courage	Abheek
7	Courage	Mia
10	Courage	Clara
10	Courage	Farida
10	Courage	Myra
11	Courage	Hannah
11	Courage	Angel

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,

Please be aware that due to an increase in running costs the OSHC session fees will be increasing by \$1 as of Term 2 Monday 1/5/23.

Before School Care \$16

After School Care \$26

Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days \$54

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

Robyn Shanahan
Director



Mountain Bike School Holiday Program

The AusCycling MTB Step Up program will develop your mountain biking skills and help you prepare specifically for the 2023 School Sport SA MTB Championships. The program is delivered in partnership with Head for the Hills coaches (AusCycling Accredited) who will teach you techniques that will help you ride safer, smoother and faster on the course.

The two hour clinics will be tailored and focused on bike handling, control skills, risk assessment, understanding racing line and specifics of race course, race preparation and performance.

This program is perfect for beginners.

Look no further for a school holiday program, during this term break. See you then!

Date: Wednesday 19 April

Venue: Craighburn Farm Shared Trails MTB Parking Craighburn Road, Blackwood

Cost: \$35

Details >> [MTB - Step Up - School Sport SA MTB Championship](#)



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

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