



MARION PRIMARY SCHOOL



COURAGE HARMONY INTEGRITY

Parent Information Booklet 2024

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2024

Term Dates:

Term 1	29 January – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July – 27 September
Term 4	14 October-13 December

School Hours	8.45 a.m. - 3.05 p.m.
Recess	10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.
Lunch	12:30 p.m. – 12.40 p.m.
Lunch play time	12.40 p.m. - 1.20 p.m.
End of the day	3.05 p.m.
Playground supervised	8.25-8.45 and 3.05-3.25

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Marion Primary has an Out of School Hours Care Programme that provides both After School Care and Before School Care. Please see the front office staff for enrolment forms. The Director, Robyn Shanahan will be happy to talk with you about the service, fees and rebate applications.

Contact her on 8277 4486, 0411 750 941 or robyn.shanahan17@schools.sa.edu.au.

Hours of operation are:

Before School Care	7:00 – 8:30am
After School Care	3:05 – 6:15pm
Vacation Care is available for each holiday period.	

Starting school Transition – Preschool to Reception

In line with Government (Department for Education) policy, children must turn 5 years old on or before April 30th to start at the beginning of Term 1 of each year.

From 2024 there will be a mid-year intake into primary school. From 2024, if your child turns 5 years between 1 May and 31 October, they can start school in either: Term 3 of the same year or Term 1 the following year. Students enrolled through a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.

Principal’s Welcome



At Marion Primary School, we believe that a strong foundation in education sets the stage for a lifetime of success. We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all potential parents who are considering joining our vibrant educational community. As the Principal of

Marion Primary School, I am excited to embark on this journey of growth and learning alongside our dedicated team of educators. I have recently had the privilege of joining this wonderful school community, and I am filled with a deep sense of purpose and vision for the future.

Allow me to share a little about myself: Being born and bred in country Northern NSW, my own childhood upbringing and educational experiences have shaped my commitment to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our families here at Marion Primary School. Growing up surrounded by the beauty of nature and the warmth of community, I was instilled with values that I carry into my role as Principal. Now living locally, I appreciate the significance of a small school



feel. The sense of belonging, the close-knit relationships, and the genuine care for each student's growth resonate with me deeply. It is my honour to lead a school that mirrors these sentiments, where every child is valued for their individuality and celebrated for their achievements.

As a recent father, I am driven by the responsibility of shaping the educational journey of our young learners. Parenthood has reinforced my commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and inspiring space where children can flourish academically, emotionally, and socially.

My vision for Marion Primary School is to foster an environment where students are empowered to embrace challenges with confidence, to appreciate the beauty of diversity, and to uphold values of integrity and harmony. Together, we will nurture curious minds, encourage creative exploration, and cultivate the strong sense of community that defines our school.



Our core values of Courage, Harmony, and Integrity are woven into the fabric of everyday life at Marion Primary School.

Courage empowers our students to take on new challenges with confidence, fostering a spirit of exploration and growth.

Harmony guides our community, promoting a respectful and inclusive atmosphere where diversity is celebrated and cherished.

Integrity forms the foundation of our interactions, emphasizing honesty, responsibility, and ethical conduct in all that we do.

Here at Marion Primary School, we pride ourselves on offering a rich and diverse educational experience. We are an Instrumental Music Focus School, providing a unique opportunity for students to explore their musical talents through our strings program. Additionally, our after-school sports program, particularly our competitive basketball teams, gives students a chance to engage in friendly competition and develop teamwork skills.

Despite being located in a metropolitan area, we cultivate a small school feel where every student is valued and celebrated. Our strong sense of community fosters a supportive environment where students thrive academically and personally. Our multicultural community is a source of pride, with many cultures represented and a significant Indigenous presence, creating an enriching and inclusive atmosphere that celebrates our differences. Marion Primary School is also proud to offer AUSLAN, enhancing communication skills and fostering an inclusive learning environment. Our engaging assemblies, held every second Friday, are a highlight that showcases the diverse talents of our students and the vibrant spirit of our school.

Stay connected with our school through our informative newsletter and website, which provide insights into classroom activities, parent learning opportunities, and the latest updates from our dynamic learning community. For those interested in experiencing our school firsthand, we offer guided school tours co-led by our Principal and student leaders – a perfect chance to get a glimpse of the incredible learning journey taking place within our walls.

Dates of our tours are listed on our website

www.marionps.sa.edu.au and please contact the front office on 8277 2293 to make a booking.

Thank you for considering Marion Primary School as a place of education for your child. I am thrilled about the possibility of working together to create a nurturing and inspiring learning journey.



Warm regards,

Guy Walmsley
Principal

Communication

- The School Newsletter is uploaded to our website and a link is emailed to all families fortnightly on the even weeks of term
- Whole school communication comes out via EdSmart emails
- Class teachers use the SeeSaw app to communicate regularly with families.
- Parents and caregivers may make an appointment to meet with the Principal or school leadership at any time.

Canteen

Our canteen is run by an external provider on Thursdays and Fridays. Parents need to download the QKR application to access ordering and weekly menus. More details of this are provided in the welcome pack.



Medication

We are able to dispense regular medication prescribed by the doctor. There are a number of forms which have to be completed to do this. We cannot dispense any medication without a doctor's written authority.

Additional Needs

If you have concerns about your child's learning or they need additional support please let us know during enrolment so that we can provide ongoing support to them.

School Fee Schedule

A Material and Service Charges fee is charged each year. Parents who experience difficulty in meeting the financial load of school fees may request an extended payment period which will be treated with understanding and in strict confidence by the Principal and the School Finance Officer.

Arrangements can also be made for fees to be paid by School Card or through Centrelink. Application forms are available from the front office or you can apply online www.sa.gov.au

Uniform

The school's colours are **navy and sky blue (double blue)**. The school has a stock of monogrammed items.

Items are on display in the front foyer area and include:

- Double blue short-sleeved polo shirt
- Long-sleeved sky-blue polo shirt
- Baseball Jacket (navy with light blue sleeves)
- Polar fleece jacket (navy)
- Bucket or broad brim hat (navy)

Other items to be in plain school colours of navy blue

- Uni sex shorts (navy)
- Track Pants (navy)
- Leggings
- Closed in shoes



Emblems which can be ironed on to items of clothing are also available from the front office.

Year 6s have a specially designed windcheater for their senior year. This can be ordered at the beginning of the year.

Please stitch or write your child's name onto the inside label of all clothing.