



**Year 4 Room 13**

**World Bee Day Monday 20th May**

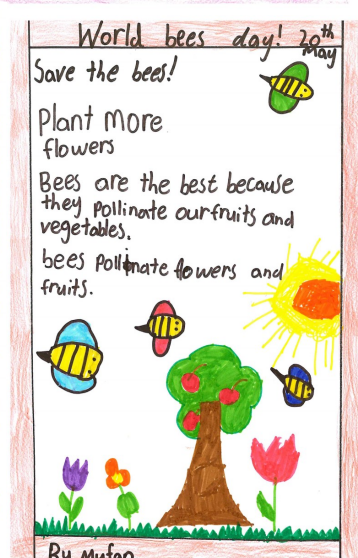
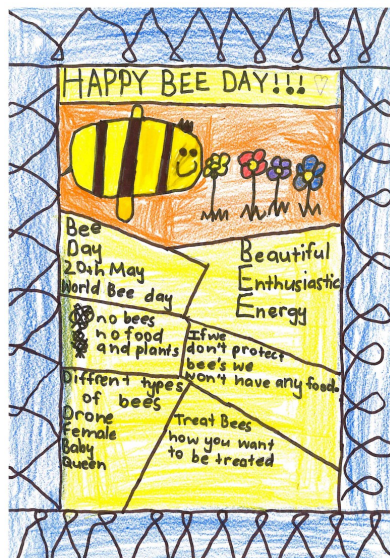
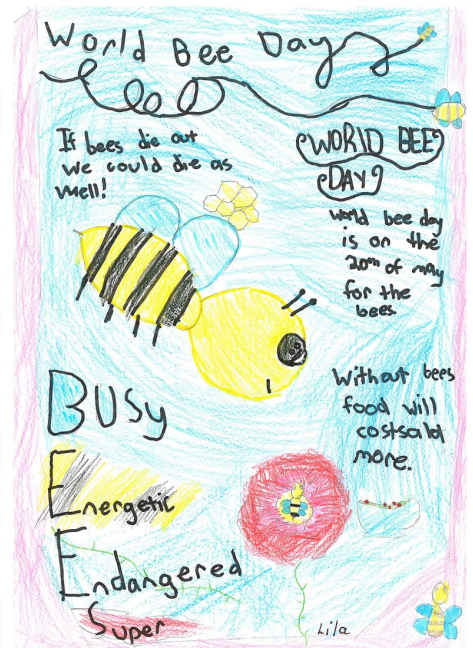
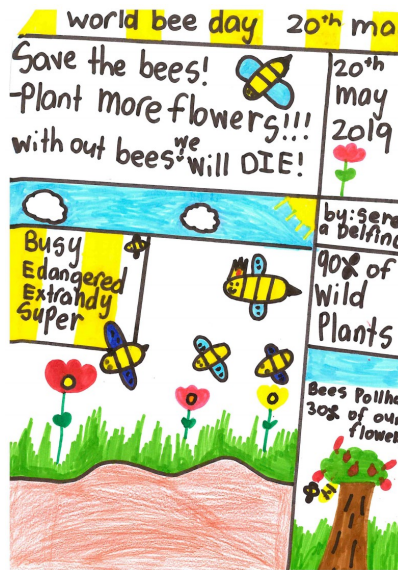
World Bee Day exists to educate people about the importance of bees because bees are under a continuous threat. Bees are extremely important for the environment. They help grow 90% of the world's wildflower plants and 35% of the world's crops depend on bees to grow. The year 4 students in room 13 want the East Marden community to celebrate World Bee Day and help protect the bees. They have made some posters to spread the word.

Some Bee Jokes from Ethan – Year 4 room 13

Q: What bee is hard to understand?  
A: A mumble bee

Q: Why did the bee get married?  
A: Because he found his honey.

Q: What bee can't make up his mind?  
A: A maybe



NEWSLETTER

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## From the Principal



Dear Parents,  
NAPLAN week has drawn to a close. The students and teachers involved worked well together to undertake the series of tests. Unlike schools who were using NAPLAN online, our students completed the tests without any disruptions.

In two weeks, the school will be acknowledging both Harmony Day and Reconciliation week. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates- May 27 to June 3 commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Teachers will be sharing information about reconciliation week as well as celebrating Harmony Day on May 30th. NAIDOC week, which is in the July holidays will be celebrated with the students in the last week of this term.

As the year moves on, our school is working through the goals that were set on our Site Improvement Plan late last year. Junior Primary teachers are building on their skills of teaching reading through engaging with professional learning about phonics and spelling strategies, some primary teachers are working with other partnership teachers to examine the way they teach maths and all teachers are looking at inquiry practices in their teaching through the Future Focussed Learning professional learning. That learning will be continued on the Student Free Day next Friday, May 24. Our school will be working with Athlestone PS and the day will be held at their school.

Finally, we have had a large baby boom on the staff. We are happy to report that Ryan Parsons, Christina Francisco and Richard Oliver have all become parents to beautiful baby boys. All of the babies and families are well and enjoying their new additions.



## TERM 2

09/5/2019	Mr Stefan Yr 3 Landcare Project
- 05/7/2019	
14/5/2019	NAPLAN
15/5/2019	NAPLAN
16/5/2019	NAPLAN
17/5/2019	Assembly K Monaco & C Taylor
21/5/2019	Year 4 Excursion
21/5/2019	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>
24/5/2019	<b>Student Free Day</b>
30/5/2019	Harmony Day Parade 9.15am Shared Lunch 12.15pm
30/5/2019	2nd Hand Uniform Sale
07/6/2019	Assembly E Weir & A Tilbrook/A Scales
07/6/2019	Year 6/7 Excursion
10/6/2019	<b>Public Holiday</b>
18/6/2019	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b>
26/6/2019	Strings Concert 6pm
28/6/2019	Assembly - L Young & H McGowan
30/6/2019	NAIDOC Week
05/07/2019	<b>Last day of Term 2</b> <b>2pm finish.</b>



## Finance News



2019 Materials and Services fees should now have been paid. These were due and payable by the end of Term 1.

Final Notices, followed by debt collection will commence shortly.

The finance office does not keep cash on premise. If you are paying cash at the finance office, please remember to have the correct cash amount as change is not available.



The Qkr app is managed by you, the parent/guardian. It is not connected to our school accounting system & does not reflect any invoice amounts owing on the app.

You manage what you pay and when.

Please be aware that any payment you make AFTER 5pm may not be receipted until 2 days later. If you are paying for excursions, we ask that you please pay in advance (not the night before).

**Qkr SCHOOL PAYMENTS will be UNAVAILABLE at the end of EVERY MONTH for accounting purposes.** We apologise for any inconvenience caused & thank you for your understanding.

Payment Plans will no longer be accepted. If you already have one in place please continue to pay as per agreement.

If you would like to know what invoices you have outstanding, please contact the finance office on 83376170 or via email on [dl.1043.finance@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1043.finance@schools.sa.edu.au)

If you have any issues logging onto Qkr, have forgotten your password/email or any detail when setting up your profile please contact the **Masterpass Qkr helpdesk on 1800 689 562**

Jackie Bamber  
Finance Officer

## Chess News

The recent weather may be cold but chess at EMPS is hot! The SAJCL (South Australian Junior Chess League) Interschool Chess Competitions officially kicked off on Friday 10 May 2019. There are 3 grades in the Primary Competitions – A, B and C. The A Grade has 5 players per team, while the B and C Grades have just 4 players in a team. This year, there are 8 teams representing our school: one in A Grade, two in B Grade and five in C Grade, which play at Prince Alfred College, St. Peter's College (Junior School) and our school library. There are 7 rounds in all, with each held mostly a fortnight apart.

It was a very good start to the season for our teams. Prepared and tried their best, our players achieved these impressive results: EMPS Blue A Grade 4 wins out of 5, Yellow B Grade 4 out of 4, Red C Grade 4/4, and Orange C Grade 2.5/4. Well done to all our players and best of luck in Round 2 (Friday 24 May 2019)!

Team chess aside, several individual tournaments – both local and interstate - have been held in the last few months.

Sophie C. (Yr 3), Amelia C. (Yr 3) and Connor C. (Yr 1) travelled to Ballarat, Victoria, in March for the Under 1200 (rating points) in the Begonia Open. After 5 rounds over 2 days amongst a field of 65 players, Sophie and Connor both scored 3.0 while Amelia was on 2.0 – extraordinary results as first-timers! Then over the Easter long weekend, Sophie scored 2.0 in the Under 1200 of the Doeberl Cup in Canberra, the Premier Group of which attracts many prominent players across the country and overseas, including many Grand Masters. These young players are proof that they can play chess and even win games against adult opponents! Awesome!!

During the school holiday, the City of Adelaide Chess tournaments for junior players were held. Ethan R. (Yr 7) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under 21. Athena R. (Yr 5) was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Under 12 while Suhas C. (Yr 6) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Under 10, Connor C. (year 1) was 1<sup>st</sup> while in the Under 8, Oliver C. (Reception) was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Keshav B. (Yr 1) and Sahaj (Yr 2) equal 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all!!

The chess classes at school are offered by David Koetsier, founder and Head Coach of Chesslife. They are now held weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch playtime and every fortnight on Fridays after school. For any questions or queries, please contact: Stephanie Gordon on: 0490 474 316 or email: [admin@chesslife.com.au](mailto:admin@chesslife.com.au)

Chess co-ordinator: Jocelyn Ho  
Retnaraja



# Harmony Day Celebrations 2019



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year our school will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Thursday 30 May**. Harmony Day recognises diversity and inclusion and celebrates Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Harmony Week traditionally is celebrated on 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The theme is **Everyone Belongs**. Aside from class activities that teachers have organised, there are some whole school activities planned for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

- A **Harmony Week Parade** at 9.15am on the basketball court. Children are asked to wear orange clothes (the colour of Harmony Day) or their Traditional National Costume to school on that day.
- **International Food shared lunch** - Parents and caregivers are invited to join their child/children with their class for an International Food shared lunch. All students are asked to bring a plate of savoury finger food from another country to share.
  - \*\*\*\* Please note that all food is to be **nut free**.\*\*\*Some suggestions include e.g. sushi, pizza, spring rolls, naan bread, cheese triangles, Chinese dumplings, meat and cheese platters, mini hotdogs, pita bread and dips, meatballs, small pies, pasties etc.
  - Please remember it is finger food only as it will be easier for the children to eat food that does not require a fork or spoon.
  - We are unable to heat up food so could you either bring the food heated up at lunch time or send it along in the morning to be eaten cold. **Students who have allergies or special dietary requirements will need to bring their own lunch box with their own food.**
  - Please remember to name any plastic plates or containers you would like returned.
  - The students will need to remember to bring drink bottles with water only.



## Mem Fox at EMPS

On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> April we had a very special visitor at our school, the one and only, Mem Fox.

Several classes were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to listen to Mem read some of her well-known titles such as, *Where is the Green Sheep?* *Koala Lu* and lots more.

Mem spoke with the students about the background of each story and how she came about writing each of these fabulous well-loved books. In particular the story about Wilfred Gordon Partridge, which is based on her own family. Staff and students alike were mesmerized with her storytelling and her dynamic personality, Thank you Mem.

Mem emphasised the importance of reading and in particular our school's participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge which in the last couple of years has increased significantly.

This year we are aiming as a whole school to have 100% student participation! We have until 6<sup>th</sup> September to complete our Challenge, so EMPS let's do it!



Our Principal, Ms Julie James thanking Mem for attending our school with two of our students from Year 1. One drew a picture for Mem and the rest of the classes wrote a special note to Mem.

We hope to see you again Mem.



Congratulations to Cindy Jury who has won an SSO position at Ocean View College until the end of this year.

We thank Cindy for her work over her 13 years at East Marden Primary School.

Cindy has supported, encouraged and inspired countless students in her SSO role across many R-7 classes and we know she has touched many little lives through her work.

We wish Cindy all the best as she embarks on a new journey. She will be sadly missed by all staff and students.



## Enrolments

### Anticipated Changes to 2020 Enrolment 'Registration of Interest' Cut Off Dates

Enrolment Protocols for East Marden Primary School are anticipated to change to improve customer service across the Felixstow area of schools. The purpose of these changes is to standardise 'Registration of Interest' cut off dates and enrolment offers/acceptance dates within schools in our area.

The impact of these proposed changes is that 'Registration of Interest' for enrolment at East Marden Primary School for 2020 will close **Week 10, Term 2** instead of Week 5, Term 3 as currently listed in the 'Capacity Management Plan'.

We recommend all families with 'Sibling Rights' to ensure they have completed a 'Registration of Interest' Enrolment form before 5th July 2019. All families living within the East Marden Primary School zone are advised to also complete 'Registration of Interest' enrolment forms by this date if their child turns four years of age in 2019.

Regards,

Robert Kenyon

Enrolment Officer

## 2nd Hand Uniform Sale



A second hand uniform sale will be held on **Thursday 30th May**

**8.30am - 9.15am** in the outdoor STEM area.

Uniform Items \$5 each, hats, accessories and non uniform items \$2 each.

Cash and eftpos available.

**Come and grab a bargain!!**



### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling

category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) <https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy> Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) <https://www.nccd.edu.au>

Parents, Guardians and Carers fact sheet (including translations) can be downloaded from <https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers>

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact Kaitlin Moore – Student Wellbeing Leader.



## NOTICES



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PARENTING



### Take the stress out of parenting

A series of 3 free engaging and informative workshops  
for parents with children aged 3 to 12 years

#### Workshop 1. The Power of Positive Parenting 9am-11am, Tuesday 14th May 2019

Ensuring a safe engaging environment - Creating a positive, learning environment - Using assertive discipline - Having reasonable expectations - Looking after yourself as a parent

#### Workshop 2. Raising Confident and Competent Children Parenting 9am-11am, Tues 21st May 2019

Showing respect to others - Being considerate - Having healthy self-esteem - Having good communication and social skills - Being a good problem solver - Becoming independent

#### Workshop 3. Raising Resilient Children Parenting 9am - 11am, Tuesday 28th May 2019

Recognising and accepting feelings - Building a positive outlook - Developing coping skills - Expressing feelings appropriately - Managing negative feelings - Managing stressful life events

*Light refreshments and crèche provided*

Where: Thorndon Park Primary School  
71 Stradbroke Road, Athelstone

Registrations: Contact the Office on 8337 2050

*Everyone is welcome, however bookings are essential*

Delivered by the Department for Education's Parenting and Family Support Team

*\* Please arrive 10 minutes earlier for registrations \**

\*If you can't make these times, [www.triplep-parenting.net.au/sa](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/sa) lists all our upcoming workshops\*



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Child and Family Services

## Unplugged

A workshop to help parents learn how to identify problematic gaming and develop practical strategies to support healthier gaming and internet use

Workshop for parents

UCWB and Psychology SA in partnership with GameQuitters and CGI Clinic, presents **Unplugged**, a workshop to help parents understand problematic gaming and identify when a child or young person is at risk and learn proven strategies to help manage healthier online use.

### Have you noticed the following behaviours in your child?

- Anger about not being able to play.
- Withdrawal from family.
- Nightmares.
- Neglecting schoolwork and other duties.
- Loss of interest in real-world activities or interests.
- Secrecy around gaming.
- Spending too much time with online friends to the detriment of real friendships.
- Spending long hours gaming

### The valuable workshops cover:

- The mental and physical health implications of high levels of gaming.
- Why gamers play (emotional needs and the brain).
- How to identify signs of problematic gaming.
- How to communicate effectively about gaming and technology.
- Practical tips and proven strategies to combat problem gaming (common mistakes to avoid).
- Current internet and gaming trends, latest scientific research.
- The other dangers of gaming eg: micro-transactions, loot boxes, in-app purchases.
- How to manage associated problems (eg: school refusal).



<b>Where</b>	Paradise Primary School 100 George Street, Paradise
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 29 May
<b>Time</b>	6.30pm to 8.30pm
<b>Cost</b>	Free
<b>Bookings</b>	Book online via trybooking. Search: Paradise Primary School



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