



East Marden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

'LEARNERS TODAY LEADERS TOMORROW'

RESPECT KINDNESS PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY

History Day in Room 5

On Thursday 30 May, after Harmony Day, Year 1 classes invited grandparents, parents and special friends back to their classrooms to interview them about what school life was like in the past. Students were all deeply engaged in discussions about school life and family life in the past. They also loved looking at objects that many guests brought in including records, coal irons and old tools. The experience really deepened students' understanding about differences between life in the past and present. Thank you to everyone who participated in this special event!



This is a summary of what Room 5 learnt from their guests about school life in the past.

HISTORY: How has daily life changed over time?

How is our classroom different to your classroom when you were at school?

The desks were in rows.

- * Fewer pictures and more windows.
- * There were more children in the class.
- * There were wooden desks.
- * There were no computers or whiteboards

What did your classroom look like?

- * Furniture was made from wood.
- * There were lots of tables and chairs.
- * They had fireplaces.
- * There were lots of children.

What did you use in class for your learning?

- * Blackboards/slate boards and chalk.
- * Some people used pens dipped in ink for writing.
- * Books and copied worksheets (not that long ago).
- * A blank book for each subject.

What subjects did you learn at school?

- * Science, Technology, Maths (arithmetic), Spelling, Geography, English (reading and writing), History.
- * Woodwork for boys and Cooking for girls.

Harmony Day which celebrates and acknowledges Australia's multiculturalism was celebrated at East Marden last week in spectacular style with many of our students wearing traditional dress or the colour Orange. The cold weather didn't dampen the energy of the day with all classes participating in a parade last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many parents pack our gymnasium as students paraded to a wonderful arrangement of world music.

Ms James reminded us that Harmony Day is about being inclusive and showing respect for all Australians and is an important value of our country. The chosen colour, Orange, signifies strong communication and mutual respect, and also represents freedom of ideas.

Special mention to Kirsten and Lucas (room 28 and 15) for opening with Acknowledgement to Country and to Hayden, Marie and Aleena from Room 28 for being terrific emcees. Special thanks also to Theo Papageorgakis for creating a fabulous playlist of music.

Following the Harmony parade was an international shared lunch which filled our buildings and classrooms with delicious smells and food. There were many full bellies by the afternoon as students enjoyed a magnificent lunch.

Thank you to our parent community for attending the parades and for providing an abundant shared lunch for our children.

Mrs Gallego

Harmony Day

Harmony day was definitely an event to memorize and cherish for younger students all the way to the staff and teachers of our school. So if someone asks you what harmony meant, how would you describe it? To me, harmony means togetherness and acceptance. At East Marden we honour ourselves in the culture and atmosphere we have developed as a community. The adventure began with the lower primary classes attending an amazing parade. Students could show off their ethnicity just by wearing their wonderful clothing, students without any traditional clothes to wear wore orange, the colour signifying harmony. Other classes decided to create amazing and unique flags showing their culture in one simple yet effective flag. It was an amazing parade and you could easily tell all the amazing behind the scenes team put in a tremendous amount of work into making this year's harmony day the best.

Lexie M - EMPS Paparazzi



UPCOMING EVENTS



TERM 2

09/5/2019	Mr Stefan Yr 3 Landcare Project
- 05/7/2019	
10/6/2019	Public Holiday
18/6/2019	Governing Council Meeting
26/6/2019	Strings Concert 6pm
28/6/2019	Assembly - L Young & H McGowan
30/6/2019	NAIDOC Week
03/7/2019	Principal Tour
04/7/2019	Reports Go Home
05/07/2019	Last day of Term 2

2pm finish.



From the Principal

Dear Parents,



As the cold weather takes its hold on the year, East Marden has been a busy place. Unfortunately the cold weather has brought a lot of illness to the school community so please keep your child home if they are unwell.

On Thursday May 30, I felt very proud as the Principal of East Marden PS to be a part of the Harmony Day celebrations. It was a day that highlighted the diversity of the school community, and how well everyone respects and embraces all of the different cultural groups. The parade and the lunch were both fantastic events. Thanks to Bianca Gallego, Assistant Principal for making new plans when the weather was unpredictable. Thank you to the many parents who took time out from their day to attend.

On the same day the year 1 teachers hosted Grandparents and other special people in their classes to talk about what life was like when they were at school. The year 1 students were captivated by the visitors and it was a great learning experience.

On top of this, the amazing, but small fundraising committee sold many second hand uniforms and raised more than \$1200 for the school. If you have time to help on other fundraising initiatives, please let the front office know and they will pass on your details to the committee.

On Friday May 24, the teachers attended a Student Free Day at Athelstone PS. This related to the Future Focussed Learning professional learning that the staff have been working on this year. The presenter, Kathleen Baker-Brown commented on the excellent work of our staff and how deeply they engage with their learning. Each team has been developing global concepts in their planning of units and encouraging their classes to think about actions they can take when presented with a problem.

Finally, we are saying congratulations and farewell to Irene Lynch, Assistant Principal, as she has won a position at Mark Oliphant College as Deputy Principal. We wish her well and thank her for her enthusiastic contributions to the school, and for her work implementing the Site Improvement Plan focussing on Maths this year. The panel process for selecting a new Assistant Principal is currently underway and they will begin their role in term 3 for the next 3 and a half years.

Julie James
Principal

Finance News



2019 Materials and Services fees are now OVERDUE. These were due and payable by the end of Term 1.

Final Notices, followed by debt collection is proceeding.

If you would like to know the status of invoices outstanding, please contact the finance office on 8337 6170 or via email on

dl.1043.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

CHANGE IN FINANCE OFFICE OPENING HOURS –

OPEN	Monday – Wednesday Morning 8.30am – 9.15am
OPEN	Monday – Wednesday Afternoon 2.45pm – 3.15pm
CLOSED	Thursday & Friday

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.

Thank you



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

You manage what you pay and when.

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.

Principal Tour

PRINCIPAL TOUR WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2019

The first Principal's Tour will be held on WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2019 at 9.00am in the library. The tour is open to all families however zoning conditions apply to enrolments. Parents can register their interest by calling the Front Office on 83376170 by 1st July 2019.

Screening Laws

Helping keep children safe through new screening laws

Stronger, more effective and transparent screening laws for people working or volunteering with children have been introduced in South Australia. The new screening laws were recommended as part of federal and South Australian royal commissions, to help keep children safe in our communities. The new laws mean that from 1 July 2019 everyone working or volunteering with children must have a valid child-related check.

Also changing from 1 July 2019 is the state's current system for child-related employment screenings, which will be replaced with a working with children check (WWCC). This new check is coming in to better protect your children and make sure that people working or volunteering with children are suitable. It does this through a monitored and more robust assessment of a person's eligibility to work or volunteer with children. Because the check is monitored, immediate action can be taken if a person is charged with a concerning offence. The new check covers off on a person's national criminal history including all spent convictions, pending and non-conviction charges, and other disciplinary and child protection information.

A WWCC is valid for five years and is portable across roles and organisations throughout South Australia.

Current, valid child-related employment screening checks done by DHS/DCSI will be recognised as a WWCC until they expire. There is also a 12 month transition period for anyone with a National Police Certificate assessed by their organisation, with the certificate valid till 1 July 2020.

For most people, this means they don't need to do anything to be ready for the new law starting on 1 July 2019.

For more information about the new check visit the DHS website.

Why East Marden is a great school

Students in Mrs Thorpe's year 2 class, recently wrote an exposition text about why East Marden PS is a great place to learn. Lukas wrote a very convincing piece which reminds us all of all the great features of our school.

East Marden is a school that you can learn lots of things that you did not know before. I believe East Marden is a great school to learn lots of things in. Here are many very strong and important arguments why I think this.

Firstly, when you go outside you will see lots of nature and lush green grass.

Secondly, it has lots of fun playgrounds to play in like oval nature play and Opal nature play, also the web to.

Thirdly it has lots of excellent and so kind teachers and we have also a great principal and the name is Ms James! Also the school has a great canteen that you can buy things on a hot day like 40° you can buy an ice block.

Another reason is that you can learn STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

The fun thing is that you can play for a team in soccer, cricket, footy and that is the very fun part of our fantastic school East Marden Primary School. Also, it has a nice OSHC and OSHC stands for 'Out of School Hours Care' it goes on before school and after school it also goes on in the school holidays to!

Another argument is that the school chooses great buddy classes for everyone in the school to have a buddy.

Most importantly the school principal tells all the teachers to teach us students great, great, great things to get us ready for high school. So when we get to high school we will be great learners.

Furthermore, our school library has lots of so great books that you can read at home.

Therefore, in conclusion I very strongly believe East Marden is a great school!

Lukas

Room 18

School Safety

Lock up your bikes!

We have had several instances this year where bikes have been tampered with or moved from our bike racks. It is important that bikes and helmets are securely locked to the bike racks provided. The school is not liable for theft or damage of unlocked bikes.



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, Friday 5th July** 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' form before 5th July 2019. All families living within the East Marden Primary School zone are advised to also complete 'Registration of Interest' forms by this date if their child turns four years of age in 2019.

Regards,

Robert Kenyon

Enrolment Officer

On the 27th and 28th of May, Rocco C, Skyla C, Lukas S, Talan H, Kirsten K-B, Aiden K-B, and Charlize C attended the Aboriginal Student STEM congress, Living in Two Worlds, an event that celebrated ATSI culture and science, and aimed to encourage students to pursue STEM subjects in high school and beyond. This year the event was bigger than ever, with hundreds of students attending workshops at the Adelaide Convention Centre and across the city.



On the first day, the students from East Marden attended two workshops where they learned to fly Micro Drones, and heard about the ways Seaton High students are using them in Years 11 and 12, and had the chance to illustrate parts of the Thukari dreaming in Virtual Reality (VR). They also heard from David Ratham, an elder and author who spoke to the students about the importance of connecting with their families and learning about their culture.

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On the second day, the group learned about geology and explored rocks and soil with XX from the University of Adelaide. For the final workshop, our group travelled to the Migration Museum where we looked at the ways mapping differed between the Kaurna people and the early Colonists. Students explored mapping techniques using antique and modern surveying tools and even attempted to map the courtyard of the Migration Museum using these techniques.

The two days were great learning opportunities, and helped excite all students about all the possibilities a pathway in STEM could bring them.

On the 3rd of June, April W and Daniel L represented East Marden as our STEM Student Ambassadors at a conference held at the Adelaide Oval. This was an incredibly interesting day, where students from schools across the state attended to share their 2018 projects, network, and begin to talk about and plan their goals for 2019. It was fascinating to hear about the range of STEM projects that some schools undertook, and we all left with ideas to bring back to East Marden. **Watch this space!**

NSS 2019 – A Fun Experience for all

Books and stories are something that everyone treasures, and what better way to celebrate stories than NSS? National Simultaneous Story-time (NSS) is something that happens all over Australia once a year. Every year, all the schools across Australia read the exact same book at the exact same time! This year, the nominated book was **Alpacas with Maracas** written by Matt Cosgrove.

While this may not seem so interesting, at East Marden, we take great pride during NSS and just like every other time, the AMAZING library crew of East Marden put on a play, acting out the characters in **Alpacas with Maracas**.



The play was a huge success and lots of effort was put into making the play the way it was. From sound effects to narration, everyone chimed in to help. After a lot of hard work and lots of long recesses and lunches, the brave actors were finally ready to get up and perform!

This year the play was held in the gym. Everyone who watched the play really appreciated the effort and time put behind the play by teachers, students and library crew. No doubt the teachers and students involved with the play must have been relieved for it all to be over.

Once again, NSS is over, and all the fun, laughter and excitement of putting on a play will have to wait for another year to come and go.

Written by Maahee S – EMPS Paparazzi

Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability

The term 2 forum for parents or carers of children and young people with disability is themed around 'parents as drivers of change' for their children or young person with disability.

This is an opportunity for families to hear about the services, policies and support available for children and students with disability regardless of their setting.

They will be engaged in discussions, given the opportunity to select a workshop to attend, have their voices heard and be able to visit and borrow resources from the Special Education Resource Unit.

When: Friday 21 June 2019, 9.30am to 2.00pm

Where: Special Education Resource Unit and Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts and Media Centre. 72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach.

Contact: Liz Barber, Project Manager, phone 8226 1063

Volunteers

On Tuesday 22nd May a group of our school volunteers attended a morning tea to celebrate National Volunteer Week. The event included a welcome by Hon John Gardner, the Minister for Education, and special appearance from Rick Persse our Chief Executive. Parent volunteers shared their experiences about the benefits of volunteering, including student volunteers from Adelaide Botanic High. Entertainment was provided by student musicians and singers from Brighton High School.



2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Fundraising Second Hand Uniform Sale

The fundraising team held a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 30th May 2019. The sales were very successful with a total of **\$1246.00** raised. This will go towards resurfacing underneath the Cola.

A huge 'Thank you' to Fiona Smith, Claudia Thakore & Marijke Robsinson.



ART

In our geography inquiry unit we have been researching how do people connect to places. We have learnt about the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. We have explored colour and the dot painting technique.

The Terrific Year 2's from Room 18





POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Design an A4 poster for the
NAIDOC Week 2019 theme:

**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH**
Let's work together
for a shared future.

There will be one winner per year level
Winners will receive a prize



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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