



East Marden
PRIMARY SCHOOL

At East Marden Primary School learners are empowered to connect and thrive in a global community

Respect Kindness Perseverance Creativity

'Learners today Leaders tomorrow'

2020 Term dates

Term 1

28 January - 9 April

Term 2

27 April - 3 July

Term 3

20 July -

25 September

Term 4

12 October -

11 December



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the school year. We especially welcome all new students and their families to the school, including students who are beginning their school journey in reception this year. We hope that you enjoy our culturally diverse school which makes it a special place. The year has begun smoothly and teachers and students have settled in well.

This newsletter is a brief one. Newsletters are distributed electronically in weeks 3,6, and 9 of each term.

We also welcome new staff to the school. They are

Lisa Hayward- Wellbeing leader

Nektaria Markovic- EALD and Aboriginal Education Teacher

Claire Gregory- Science

Belinda Totani- year 2 teacher

Eliza Juniper- year 3 teacher

Heidi Browning- sharing year 3 class with Julie McGrane

Governing Council AGM

This Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February at 6.30pm. The current Governing Council will have a short meeting to finalise 2019 business, which will be followed by the tabling of the 2019 annual report and the directions for 2020. The previous council will then step down and election and induction of new Governing Council members will take place.

All members of the school community are invited to the AGM.

There are some vacancies available to join Governing Council. Please let the front office know if you are interested in nominating for Governing Council and a nomination form will be sent to you.

The commitment for Governing Council is to attend 2 meetings per term and have some involvement in a sub committee.

Benefits of being on Governing Council include:

- ◆ getting to share your thoughts and opinions
- ◆ hearing what other people think
- ◆ becoming well informed about what is happening in our school
- ◆ getting to know other parents
- ◆ understanding how the school works

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- ◆ involve the local community
- ◆ develop and approve local policies
- ◆ set the broad direction and vision of the site
- ◆ monitor and review the site improvement plan be the employing authority of some services such as the canteen and OSHC

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- ◆ give educational leadership
- ◆ update and share the site's policies
- ◆ implement the site improvement plan

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WELCOME TO 2020

Bushfire Fundraiser Casual Day

Thank you to all of the community who donated to the casual day held on Monday February 3rd. There were some very large individual donations and it is fantastic to know that our students care so much about other adults and children affected by the natural disaster that occurred over the holiday break. The school raised \$1250 and this money will be donated to the SA Bushfire Appeal.

Every dollar raised goes to those affected by fires

#sabushfireappeal



Resurfacing of COLA

Last year much of the fundraising that occurred focussed on improving the COLA- covered outdoor learning area. With that fundraising, a grant from the Federal Government, OSHC and school



funds, we have been able to install a new surface under the COLA. This will be completed sometime this week and will provide a comfortable whole school meeting area, and also a variety of courts for students to use. This year, we would like to direct fund raising towards renewing the playground closest to the main carpark.

We call on parents to consider making a tax deductible donation to the school building fund to enable us to make great inroads to the EMPS wish list.

OSHC parking reminder

A reminder that car park access in the morning is reserved for school and OSHC staff. Please use the kiss and drop zone during Before School Care hours.

For After School Care hours, the boom gate is programmed to open for families to access the car park between the hours of 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

Leaving the school grounds at 3.15

If your child is not attending OSHC, we ask that all students leave the school grounds when the second siren sounds at the end of each school day.

Acquaintance Night

Parents are invited to meet teachers at our Acquaintance Night which will be held next **Tuesday the 11th of February**

The schedule for Acquaintance Night is:

R-2: 6pm - 6.25pm

3-5: 6.30pm – 6.55pm

6-7: 7pm -7.30pm

Parents of students in the 2/3 class attend the year 3 class timeslot 6.30pm-6.55pm

Parents will meet class teachers in classrooms. This is an opportunity for parents to receive information regarding routines, expectations and learning from the class teacher/s.

Specialist Teachers will be available for a 'Meet and Greet' in the library from 6pm– 7pm.

We look forward to seeing you here next Tuesday.

Medication

- * Medication must be provided in the original pharmacist container with the child's name and directions on the label.
- * Medication must be given to office staff to ensure safe storage. Medication must not be kept in the children's school bags.
- * Students must have a medication plan filled out by a doctor and the parent.

Please ensure 2020 updated forms are returned to the school ASAP.

Communication via Skoolbag App/Newsletters

The main way we keep families informed is through the Skoolbag app. We use push notifications and alerts to notify families directly of any important information. You can also notify the school if your child is absent via the app. This is a free app that can be downloaded onto your Iphone, Ipad, Android via apple store or play store.

At the start of the year please update your "groups" on the app (these are classes, year levels, music sport etc) This will ensure you receive notifications that are relevant to you.

1. Within the schools content (under My schools and services East Marden tab) click on the Groups tab
2. Click on >Add/Remove Groups
3. Click on the icon on the screen to add the relevant content group.

Payment using QKR - please pay your school fees via the app!

We provide a convenient way for parents and caregivers to make payments to our school. The Qkr! App is available from the apple store or play store. You can download and register for Qkr! now to make purchases from the Canteen and make payments to our school.