



Year 5

The Fantastic Fives are currently learning how the impact of bushfires on people and places can be reduced, as part of Geography studies the inquiry questions that are driving learning are:

- **How do bushfires occur?**
- **How can people reduce the impact of bushfires?**
- **What is in a bushfire action plan and why is it important?**
- **How have people and communities in Australia been impacted by bushfires?**

We have connected our learning to the recent bushfires in Australia and have begun to develop some questions of our own.

- ◆ How many bushfires have occurred in South Australia?
- ◆ How have some plants adapted to survive bushfires?
- ◆ What is the main cause of bushfires and how can we reduce the amount of them?
- ◆ What is Ash Wednesday and Black Friday?
- ◆ What are some of the most devastating bushfires that have occurred in Australia?
- ◆ How fast can a bushfire spread?
- ◆ **Students are creating an art piece that visually displays learning about bushfires and demonstrates different skills and techniques. Some students are creating drawings and paintings and others are making 3D labelled models. Each week students are reflecting on their learning by creating an audio learning journal posted to our class Seesaw.**
- ◆ **We will be presenting our learning to our families and school community during the Week 10 Learning Journey Night.**



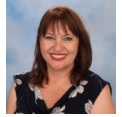
NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS



From the Principal

Dear Parents,



Next week on March 13 our school will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. At East Marden we have approximately 40 different cultures represented. Our school takes great pride in celebrating the wonderful diversity of our population. There is a program of activities planned and the parade will take place under the COLA on the new surface. Diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Please check Skoolbag for more information about Harmony Day activities.

TERM 1

Week 6

6/3 Student Free Day

Week 7

9/3 Public Holiday

12/3 Principal Tour

13/3 Harmony Day Parade

13/3 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Week 8

16/3—20/3 Swimming Week

Week 9

23/3—27/3 Swimming Week

31/3 Learning Journey Evening

Week 11

8/4 Early Dismissal 2pm

9/4 Student Free Day

10/4 Good Friday



As Principal, I feel there are times when we need to focus on the safety of the school community. Firstly, I appreciate that there is ongoing concern about the Corona virus and its impact on the school. We are continuing to follow the direction of the State Government and are relying on any members of the school community who may have been at risk of carrying the virus to quarantine themselves for the regulation 14 days. As the virus seems to be spreading across Australia, we will continue to follow all of the directions, and encourage high levels of hygiene from all during the school day.

Secondly, there have been a number of concerns about some reckless driving, turning and parking around the school. The Campbelltown council have been notified. They will be attending regularly and issuing fines. Please remember that the 'kiss and drop' areas are not parking areas and adults should not leave their cars. You are encouraged to park farther away from the school, either in the golf club carpark or the park near Felixstow reserve and walk with your children to school.

Finally, it is very important that parents do not drop their children at school before the 8.30 siren as school staff are not on duty until that time. If you need to leave your children, they must be booked into OSHC for their own safety. We will be contacting parents who continue to do this as we want all our students to remain safe.

I hope you enjoy your extended long weekend with your families. Both teaching and SSO staff will be attending Berry Street Education Model training on Friday. This training helps develop positive relationships between staff and students.

Julie James
Principal



Learning Journey

Learning Journey evening 2020

Date: 31/03/2020

Classrooms open 05:00pm-06:30pm

At East Marden Primary School we value and encourage student participation in all aspects of learning, including involvement in the reporting process. Education research indicates that involving students directly in evaluating and reporting on their own learning improves their ability to set goals and celebrate their achievements.

Families are invited to come along to the first Learning Journey evening for East Marden PS, where children will share their learning so far this year. This is an opportunity for parents to hear directly from their child/ren about learning experiences and highlights of term 1.

A flyer will be sent out via the Skoolbag app and SeeSaw with other details.

The aim of the evening is for your child to discuss and reflect on their learning with families. Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled later in the year to follow the semester 1 report.



Governing Council

Introducing the 2020 Governing Council

Chairperson- Julie Anderson

Deputy- Anthony Pilgrim

Treasurer- Raghu

Secretary- Hong yip

Kristy Schirmer

Claudia Thakore

Kellie Melville

Michelle Palmer

Tejas Patwa

Sonia Salmin

They will meet twice per term and lead various committees which we invite you to join.

More information will be provided in the next newsletter about the committees and how to join them.

We thank our Governing Council members for volunteering in these important positions within the school.

Enrolments 2021

REGISTRATIONS OF INTEREST TO ENROL AT EAST MARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR 2021 ARE NOW OPEN

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VIEW THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AS ZONING CONDITIONS APPLY

<https://www.eastmardps.sa.edu.au/>

A Registration of Interest package is available from the website by clicking on the Enrolment tab. Applications should be lodged by no later than Friday 3rd July, 2020.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

When: Friday 13th March - 8.40am till 9am

Before Harmony Day celebrations

Where: Stem outdoor learning space (Behind the canteen)

CASH and CARD payment will be available

If you have any uniforms to donate please drop them by the office, NOT the lost property.

Please make sure the clothes are clean and in good condition, Thanks.

The Coffee Van will be available to purchase tea, coffee etc. from 8.30am beside Topaz building .

Arranging After School Care for Children

As part of our service philosophy, one of our goals is 'to make access to care flexible and convenient to meet the needs of the community'. Along with the flexibility offered for families to make bookings with short notice, we believe that it is also important to communicate and inform our children of these sudden changes in plans or arrangements. If families have a permanent booking, please ensure that your children are familiar with the days and sessions that they are in OSHC. Families on casual bookings, you can support your children by communicating to them on each morning prior to attending school the likelihood of them attending care so that children can be prepared for the end of school transitions.

A reminder that request for cancellations must be made with **24 hours notice**. Avoid being charged for absences by informing OSHC of care sessions that are not required. A growing number of un-explained absences are recorded during After School Care in recent weeks.

OSHC undergoes a thorough check on school grounds for any absent children, and must contact each parent to ensure that children are safe. Details of this process is available on our school website, and can be found in the OSHC room.



Principal Tour

PRINCIPAL'S TOUR 12th MARCH 2020

There will be a Principal's tour for prospective parents in Term 1.

Date: Thursday 12th March 2020

Time: 9.00 am – 10.00 am

Location: Library

Please send an email to: dl.1043.admin@schools.sa.edu.au or call 83376170 by the 11/03/20 if you wish to attend, also confirming the number of attendees.

You will be required to sign in at the library.

Harmony Week Parade

Harmony Week Parade - 9:15 am under the Cola

Children are asked to wear orange clothes (the colour of Harmony Week) or their traditional national outfit to school on the day.

Shared International Lunch - 12.30pm

Students are to bring a plate of savoury finger food. Parents and caregivers are invited to join with their child/ children's class.

Food to be delivered to your child's classroom at 8.50am or 12.30pm

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.

NO FOOD WILL BE RE-HEATED FINGER FOOD ONLY

To make it a sustainable event we ask that all food is brought to school in a clearly labelled PLASTIC REUSABLE CONTAINER. Children can also bring a PLASTIC REUSABLE PLATE with their name on it.

Students who have allergies or special dietary requirements will need to bring their own lunch box with their own food.

Science Team

News from the science team

We had a fantastic response to the Toyota dream car competition with nearly 100 entries and are very excited by the ideas and quality of the entries we received – well done to those who entered.

As a school we have been very lucky to receive some new resources for the science room. We would like to thank Graham Churchett for his continued support and we can't wait to investigate our new rocks in more detail.

We have been inundated with questions surrounding the various S.T.E.M clubs, activities and competitions that run at this school. We are working very hard to get these all up and running. The majority of clubs, activities and competitions will start in term 2, this includes STEMSEL and the Oliphant Science Awards. Information will follow in the week 9 newsletter about these and more.

We have some exciting projects which have started this term and they include:

- ♦ Girls in tech conference which will be happening Thursday week 6.
- ♦ STEM Leaders have started meeting to plan for up and coming events and lessons.
- ♦ STEM Ambassadors will be attending their conference at the end of March.

We are excited by the level of interest and can't wait to see where this year takes this.



Sharon Zhai
'Space Cleaner Car'

Shlok Shah
'Environmentally Friendly Cloud
Maker Car'

Hannah Fernandez
'Time Reverser Car'

Parent Forum

Forum for parents and carers of children with disability

To inform parents and carers of children with disability about an upcoming forum, share the information below in your school newsletter or download a flyer.

Parent forum for parents and carers of children with disability – [register now](#).

When: Friday 27 March, 9.30am to 2.00pm

Where: Special Education Resource Unit (SERU) and Fulham Gardens Primary School Performing Arts and Media Centre, 72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022.

The parent forum was established to engage parents and carers about the services and support available for children and students with a disability. You will engage in discussions, attend workshops, have your voices heard and be able to borrow SERU resources.

Contact: [Elizabeth Barber](#), Senior Adviser, Parent Engagement, phone 8226 1063



PARENT FORUM TRANSITION IN 2020 AND BEYOND

How has your child settled into the new school year?

Would you like to share with other parents what the changes have meant for your family?

It's early but what do you need to plan for during this year for a key transition point ahead?

What are the key directions of the department in 2020 that will impact on your child with a disability?

If you are a parent of a child with a disability find out more by attending the

**Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum
on Friday 27th March 2020, 9:30am to 2:00pm**

Also visit web.seru.sa.edu.au

or email Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au



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Department for Education



URRBRAE

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

FOR PROSPECTIVE
YEAR 8 STUDENTS
TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020

www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

2 hour programme (9.30am - 11.30am or 1.00pm - 3.00pm or 5.00pm - 7.00pm) includes Application Information, Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in 2021 and their parents are invited to attend. Parking on the School Oval with access via Gate "C" off Cross Rd. Proceed to the Gym.

- Urrbrae is a Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies
- Selection for enrolment is based on student interest in Agriculture, Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from 17th March
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday 29th April 2020

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Avenues College

OPEN EVENING

Demonstrating students' learning and showcasing our facilities

- Music and Arts Program
- Hospitality - Café and Commercial Kitchen
- Science and Technology Labs
- Sports Education Pathway
- Pedal Prix

Wednesday 18th March 2020

4.00pm - 6.00pm

McKay Ave, Windsor Gardens

For more information please phone: 8261 2733
or visit: www.avenues.college.sa.edu.au



To request an appointment online, go to:
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment

For clinic locations, go to: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic