



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'



REITER NEWS

From the Principal

Dear Parents,



Welcome back to many of our students and families this term. It has certainly been challenging for everyone in this time of COVID-19 and we are grateful to be able to provide face to face teaching and learning again this term. If you have chosen or needed for your child to remain at home, the school is available to support you. There is a letter in this newsletter that explains how this will now work.

There have been a few staff changes this term. Ann Wilkins is on leave and Rebecca D'Amico has joined the staff. Lisa Amato will be going on maternity leave in the next few weeks and Sarah Bennett will be replacing her for the rest of the year in the library.

Over the holiday break, Laura Woods the science teacher, had a baby boy named Harry and everyone is well.

We have all appreciated the support offered by the community at a time in our history that has never occurred before. The flexibility of staff, students and parents has been necessary and decisions have needed to be made quickly. Let's hope we can continue to work together to build on the transition to a time where we can all feel safe and confident about our health and wellbeing.

Julie James
Principal

2021 Enrolment Registration of Interest Applications

**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/>

**Face to face meetings have been postponed
due to social distancing guidelines however
applications can be emailed or dropped into
the front office.**

A Registration of Interest package is available from the website by clicking on the Enrolment tab.

Hard copies are available from the front office.

Applications should be lodged by no later than Friday 3rd July, 2020.

School Tour PowerPoint for families interested in attending East Marden Primary.

Normally we would invite new families interested in attending East Marden Primary in the future to a school tour each term.

Due to the current restrictions, we cannot do that.

From **Wednesday May 6**, you will be able to get a snapshot of our school via a PowerPoint that will be on the school website.

We invite you to take a look, and if you are in the East Marden Primary school zone, contact the school for more information about enrolling for 2021.

2020 Term dates

Term 2

27 April - 3 July

Term 3

20 July -
25 September

Term 4

12 October -
11 December

WELCOME TO TERM 2

Learning at home during term 2 at East Marden Primary

The Chief Executive of the Department for Education has described the current time in this way:

As we begin the transition from more students learning at home to more students learning in the classroom, I know there will be a period of adjustment. We had planned for the opposite.

The start of term 2 won't be seamless and that's ok.

Please see the letter below for more information about how East Marden is working to make this transition. This was also sent on Skoolbag this week.

Dear Parents,

This week the number of students attending school has risen to 73% of the school population, and we will be welcoming back more students as the week goes on.

At the end of last term, all schools in SA prepared for a new version of learning that would cater for students learning at home in term 2.

Over the school holidays, the numbers of COVID-19 cases dropped significantly and we received notice from Professor Nicola Spurrer that the Government believes that it is safe for students to return to school in term 2.

Due to this, our plans for teachers to provide learning at home has needed to change. This is due to the teachers now teaching classes that are at least three quarters full. This takes their full attention and does not allow them time to personally answer student and parent queries during the school day as may have happened if there were less students at school.

We have made the decision to return to what the school previously offered as *learning at home* options, which were activities and guidance for learning found on the school website. The information about how to manage the school day at home, and other help will be found under the year level that students are in.

Home schooling tasks will be placed on the website every two weeks, beginning this Friday May 1st until the Department for Education determines that all students should return to school. If you collected hard copy packs from the front office in week 1, the content will be similar to what is on the website.

Teachers will now be focussing on the majority of the students in their classes in a face to face teaching situation. However they will respond to emails and see-saw messages from you and the students when they are able to during the week.

The MS Teams platform will not be available after May 1st as the focus of teaching has changed.

Students who are learning at home will still have similar content as what is happening at school and some feedback from teachers. They will not be in a learning

situation though where they can engage with other students as they would have if more students were home learning.

Thank you for your understanding about this. Unfortunately we are still in a time where life changes rapidly, and students have been a part of this more than other people.

We are grateful that the health of SA has resulted in more students being able to come back to school and we are hoping that this will continue from now on.

The home learning guidelines will be on the school website from Friday afternoon and can be found at

www.eastmardps.sa.edu.au.

Go to **Parents** tab and then **Home learning**.

Home Learning Term 2 Permission

Consent for Students to continue home learning in term 2

Last term we asked you about what you were planning for your child in relation to keeping them at home for learning or sending them to school. Over the school holidays, as SA was given more information, many more students returned to school due to the increased safety for students.

As of **MONDAY 4th MAY** any students who are learning from home will require a signed consent form to confirm this. If after this date, we have not had communication from parents, we would consider the child to be absent from school. The consent forms will be emailed directly to families who are away from school home learning next Monday.

Uniform Management Services

To the School Community,

Due to the continuing threat of COVID 19 and government recommendations, the decision has been made to temporarily close our uniform shops to general trade. The safety of our staff and the school community remains our top priority in these unprecedented times.

However, UMS is still OPEN FOR BUSINESS and we will work to the best of our ability to continue to provide our service to the school community.

Our online shop is available 24/7 for all your uniform requirements.

If you require to visit our store to be fitted, we are available **by appointment only** at our Clearview store. <https://umspl.com.au/pages/east-marden-primary>

We thank you for your understanding and patience in these uncertain times.

Please stay safe.

NOTICES

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

All schools are required to collect information about the numbers of students that they provide adjustments to under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and Disability Standards of Education. This data is used as the basis for national funding.

The NCCD involves the collection of:

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students
- the level of adjustment provided to students
- student's type of disability if known

Under the model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Val Perham, Deputy Principal on (08) 83376170. Further information can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC  Book Club
**Doing things differently does not change
our goal, that goal is more important than ever!**

**For the first time in the history of Scholastic—
we will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2**

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

**All orders will still be delivered
to the child's school as normal, but**
getting the books into their hands is where we are asking for your help!

Please use this link to access Issue 3, orders are due by 5pm 18th May 2020.

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Reminder we **cannot accept cash** all orders need to be paid via the LOOP order.

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

FIND

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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