



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

Respect Kindness Perseverance Creativity

East Marden PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Learners today Leaders tomorrow'

ROOM 20

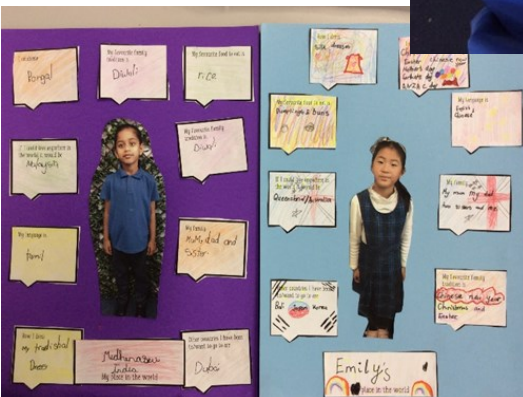
Year 2 students are learning about 'Places in the world' as part of the Inquiry focus.

The unit has begun with looking at how the world is geographically divided and what it is like to live in different places around the world. Students have begun to pose questions about the world and are beginning to form an understanding of what the world is made up of.

To help students understand what life is like in different places around the world they were asked to share something important from their culture. It was great to see the different items students brought in for sharing and how these pieces encouraged their peers to ask questions about other cultures.

Students have started to understand their place in the world and have created posters displaying their culture. It was great to see students form connections to both their family's traditions and beliefs as well as our Australian culture.

We are only at the beginning of our term two inquiry journey and it is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and interest that has developed from our learning thus far!



NEWS

Places around Australia!

This term in our Inquiry unit our focus is on Geography, looking at 'Places around the World'. Our driving questions for this unit are: how is the world geographically divided? what are the features of different places? and what is life like in different places around the world?

Students in Room 19 participated in an activity to look at images of places around Australia. In groups, students explored where these places were located and discussed the features of each place. They worked collaboratively to discuss what they see/think/wonder about these places and discussed what the purpose of each place is.

Some students were very excited to share with the class that they had visited a particular place and it was wonderful to hear these students describe the place with such enthusiasm!



HOME LEARNING UPDATE

Home learning support changes

Due to only 3% of students learning from home, we will no longer be posting home learning tasks on the website. Families affected by this, will be contacted directly about ways they can access home learning from this time on.

Reminder

We are continuing to ask parents to drop their year 1-7 students at the school gate in the mornings to avoid adults entering the school grounds. Parents of reception students can continue to drop off and pick up their children, but please do not enter buildings or linger in the grounds.

At pick up time, there is an option for parents to pick up year 1s from the double gates on the school oval, or have older siblings pick them up.

All other year levels are asked to be picked up outside of the school grounds.

Thank you for your understanding about this as we wait for further direction from the Department for Education.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,



As the term has continued we have welcomed more students back to face to face teaching, with only 3% of the students learning at home. Due to this, there will be no more posting of home learning tasks on the school website. More information about that will be provided to the families involved with home learning.

As the year progresses, we are seeing some glimpses of how our new version of normal will be in Australia. Currently, at East Marden PS, that includes parents, who we normally welcome into the school being asked to stay outside of the school grounds. We realise this is not what we would normally do, but thank you for your understanding until we hear otherwise from the Department for Education. We will keep you updated with other information about aspects such as school sport recommencing and other lifting of restrictions as we hear more.

Likewise, we cannot host assemblies at the moment for parents to watch, as we cannot have large groups congregating together. The students have continued to host them as a video presentation, and the school community watches them every Friday.

It is an unusual time to have Volunteer Week when, once again we cannot invite our hard working volunteers to the school. National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. It is more important than ever to recognise and acknowledge Australia's volunteers. The dates for National Volunteer Week 2020 are Monday 18 May – Sunday 24 May 2020 with the theme "Changing Communities. Changing Lives". We hope to be able to thank our volunteers later in the year with the annual morning tea, but in the meantime please know that we look forward to having you back in the school.

As well as Volunteer week, we have another important time coming up at the school in week 5 and 6, 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. Tracey Bradshaw, our Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Nektaria Markovic (Aboriginal Education Teacher) and Lisa Hayward (Wellbeing leader) have coordinated some cultural activities for the week. Look out for some brand new art work around the school in the coming weeks also.

We hope that you are continuing to stay well and practice social distancing and other measures to continue South Australia's ongoing progress with COVID-19.

Julie James
Principal

Week 5

25/5/20 Reconciliation Week

Week 6

4/6/20 Reconciliation Week

5/6/20

Student Free Day

Week 7

8/6/20 Public Holiday, Queens Birthday

Week 8

15/6/20 Dentist Visit Week

Week 10

2/7/20 Reports to go home

3/7/20

Last day of Term 2
Early Dismissal 2pm



High school transition information was emailed out to Year 7 parent / caregivers last week. Please contact the school if you didn't receive an email.

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL

IN 2021



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

JINGLING JUNE

Jingling June! (an update from the Fundraising Committee)

Due to current restrictions around social gathering and limitations on school grounds, it is currently unknown as to when school events will be able to resume and in what capacity.

We do know that our students would love to have some excitement amidst this time, and we would also love to continue to support the school with raising some funds for improving our school grounds, as was the plan at the start of the year.

So- during the month of June, students can bring coin donations to put in their class piggy-bank. This can be done throughout the whole month of June. At the end of the month- the class that raises the highest amount will be rewarded with an exciting class reward.

Let's get Jingling!!



2021 ENROLMENT

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.

Printed copies are available in the front office.

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

[A Principal's Tour PowerPoint movie can be viewed from the school website by clicking on the 'Principal's Tour' in the task bar situated at the top of the opening page.](#)

SHARE FOOD NO LONGER PERMITTED

Celebration food no longer to be brought into classrooms.

Due to the range of food allergies that are present amongst students, and the current COVID19 situation, we ask that no food is brought into school for birthdays and other celebrations. It has become too unsafe to monitor and we appreciate your understanding.



PRINCIPAL'S TOUR 2020

**OUR VALUES:
RESPECT, CREATIVITY, KINDNESS
AND PERSEVERANCE.**

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RECONCILIATION WEEK



DID YOU KNOW?

We are celebrating National Reconciliation Week from 27th May to 3rd June 2020. (Weeks 5 and 6). The theme this year is “in this together.” 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 for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our ACEO Tracey Bradshaw will be working with all classes over these two weeks, running activities including making damper, traditional indigenous games, dot painting and craft activities. Further to this, Tracey, in collaboration with others will be developing and working on a mural that will cover the brick wall where the cockatoos currently are (in the yard). Classes will have an opportunity to assist with this, however, during weeks 5 and 6 they will each be creating a painting on canvas, which will combine to make one combined image (painting), to be displayed in or around their own building. Executive SRC students will be helping some of the younger students during the class activities.

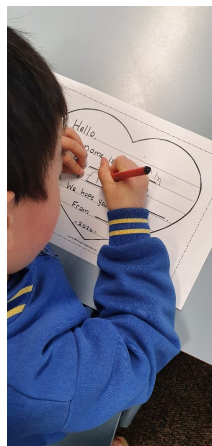
We look forward to sharing our wonderful work around this important event, with the school community.

Thank you

PEN PAL PROJECT

A number of classes took the opportunity to connect with some of our elderly citizens in the community through a Pen Pal project offered by the Campbelltown City Council.

Due to distancing regulations of COVID-19, many elderly people have been experiencing limited social connections and interactions. Letters were written by 124 students in the school and will be delivered to older people in the community. There were some great questions posed about what school life was like for them when they were younger and students showing concern and empathy for the letter recipients at this time of social restrictions. We look forward to connecting with people in the community through this project and receiving some letters back.



FINANCE

2020 M&S Fees, swimming credits & other outstanding payments.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will be extending the due date timeframe for payment of the 2020 Materials & Services fees & offering any help you may need regarding school payments.

Direct debit payment plans are still in place & can be set up for you by emailing the finance office. School Card (financial assistance) may now be an option depending on your current circumstances, to find out more and apply please click here; www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Statements will be sent out in week 3. Your statement will reflect;

- Any swimming payments; reimbursed as a credit on your account, this credit can be used for any future school payments. (Any credits will be in brackets) – excludes canteen & OSHC payments
- Any outstanding fees (please NOTE M&S fees can be paid over time)
- All instrumental music fees need to be paid as soon as is possible

If you have any questions or would like assistance with payment arrangements, please email dl.1043.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

EMPS Finance Office

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE TEAM

Well we have certainly hit the ground running in science in term 2. With various restrictions being eased STEM options are back on the table.

But first a flash back to last term.....

GIRLS IN TECH

Last term, 14 girls from Year 6 and 7 attended the Girls in Tech expo held at St Peter's Girls, along with almost 200 other students from different schools around Adelaide. The day comprised of a range of workshops run by industry partners and Tech students from St Peter's Girls, and included highlights such as piloting drones, testing out virtual reality devices, and exploring music technology to create hip hop beats. It was a fantastic way for our students to be exposed to new technologies and ideas, and explore how they might use technology in a variety of different career paths. Several girls returned excited to bring the technologies they saw to our school through the STEM leader lessons that will be starting later this term, so watch this space!



EXTRA CURRICULA STEM ACTIVITIES

What a busy time it is with the reboot of the various STEM opportunities offered to students at East Marden.

STEM Leaders have been meeting in person and online for the last few weeks to begin to create their lessons. These will be presented to classes at the end of Term 2.

STEMSEL has begun with our Learner groups beginning to learn to code using the chips in sessions run by some of our amazing Year 5 and Year 7 students. The Competition group have met to begin their projects for the Young ICT Roadshow, which will occur later in the year. We can't wait to see what they design.

Oliphant science awards are being run again this year and we have had a lot of interest from students during the information session. The students are able to enter a range of categories depending on their interest. The categories for projects are computer programming and robotics, crystal investigation, games, models and inventions, multimedia, photograph, posters, scientific inquiry and science writing. Students who have already expressed an interest have taken home a fact sheet and registration form. Students can work in groups up to 3 in the majority of project areas.

The time line for Oliphant entries is as follow.

28th May - Registration forms are due (Term 2 Week 5 Thursday)

2 July - 22 July - Delivery week for Multimedia, Science Writing & Scientific Inquiry (all must be submitted online) and Computer Programming, Apps and Robotics Reports.

Thursday 20 August - Crystal Investigation, Models & Inventions, Photography, Games & Posters project due date (submission method TBA)

Oliphant Projects are to be done independently outside of learning time, of course we are here for support and guidance if needed. We can't wait to see what the student come up with. Any additional information can be found on the Oliphant website <https://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/> or check with Miss Gregory.

NEW STUDENTS

This term the science room has three new students! Please meet Lilly and Attack (Tac), the Spiny Leaf insects and Pickles the stick insect who was rescued by some of our observant year 3's when they noticed him lost in the STEM room. The insects are helping students learn about living things, their needs, and the adaptations that creatures make to live in their environment.



Commissioners Digital Technology challenge – Learn to speak Robot is a new one for East Marden. This is very similar to the premiers reading challenge in that students independently spend 4 hour's over a period of time coding on a range of programs. They then record this on the registration form and return it to Miss Gregory. Coding options and more information can be found at <https://commissionersdigitalchallenge.net.au/> for registration forms please see Miss Gregory.

There are a few more STEM opportunities that the science team are currently workshopping so watch this space.

Thank you for all of your support.

Claire Gregory and Carly Willamowski

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Finally in Science news, a **MASSIVE** congratulations to Sami R and Ryder B who have won their respective age brackets for the State Toyota Dream Car Competition. Ryder's car concept was the 'Web Shooter'. It could fly around shooting webs to catch bad guys and save people. Sami's car was titled 'Fixing Lots of Problems' and she chose to make a car that could help fix lots of different problems, eg, giving poor people money, curing diseases, and doing peoples chores, because she couldn't choose just one.

Congratulations to the both of you, we are so excited to see what East Marden will come up with next year.



TERM PLANNER

EAST MARDEN PRIMARY TERM 2 PLANNER 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	27-Apr	28-Apr SM	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May
2	4-May	5-May SM	6-May	7-May	8-May
3	11-May	12-May SM	13-May	14-May	15-May
4	18-May 	19-May SM	20-May – 22-May Volunteer Week →		
5	25-May GC	26-May  SM	27-May – 29-May Reconciliation Week →		
6	1-Jun Dental Forms Due	2-Jun SM	3-Jun – 5-Jun Reconciliation Week →		
7	8-Jun QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun
8	15-Jun 	16-Jun SM	17-Jun – 19-Jun School Dental Service →		
9	22-Jun GC	23-Jun SM	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun
10	29-Jun	30-Jun SM	1-Jul	2-Jul Student Reports	3-Jul LAST DAY OF TERM 2pm DISMISSAL
Public Holiday= Staff Meeting= SM Governing Council School Events School Committees					



PARENTING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

How Covid-19 is affecting families:	How Covid-19 is affecting kids:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption of normal everyday routine <i>(Cancelled events, cancelled plans.)</i> • Financial stress <i>(Worry about job stability.)</i> • Fear and anxiety about losing loved ones <i>(Worry about the elderly, grandparents.)</i> • Social Isolation <i>(Feelings of loneliness, boredom.)</i> • Feelings of panic and fear about scarcity <i>(Worrying about not having enough.)</i> • Concerns and uncertainty about the future <i>(When will things return to normal?)</i> • Worry about keeping the family healthy and safe <i>(Will we have enough food and supplies?)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depression related to social isolation and not having contact with mates <i>(Feeling lonely and bored; what do I do with all this time by myself?)</i> • Fears and anxiety over the health and safety of loved ones and themselves <i>(Should I leave the house? How will this affect my Grandparents?)</i> • Concerns about the future <i>(When will this end? How long will it last?)</i> • Adjusting to new social norms due to social distancing <i>(Why can't I hug or shake my mate's hands? Can I be around any one at all?)</i> • Disruption of everyday activities <i>(When will I be able to go back to school? Play sport again?)</i> • Disappointment due to cancelled school holiday plans, cancelled birthdays, cancelled travel plans <i>(When will I be able to hang out again with friends and extended family?)</i> • Anxiety caused by stories in the media <i>(What should I believe about what I hear?)</i>
<p>baptistcaresa.org.au</p>	



How to care for your mental health during the Covid-19 Pandemic, some ideas moving forward:

- **Stay connected with loved ones through phone and video calls, texting, and emails.**
- **Start writing letters, become a pen pal**
(The old fashioned way, actual pen and paper—use snail mail. Go to local store, buy envelopes, stamps, pad of paper to get going.)
- **Limit time on the news and social media**
(And the manner of content, stay clear of channels that catastrophize. Listen to music, watch movies.)
- **Eat healthy (prepare meals as a family), get enough sleep, and stay physically active like taking family walks and bike rides.**
- **Do crafts (scrapbooking, make homemade playdough, create memory boxes), play family board games, bake cookies/muffins**
- **Make homemade supplies like hand sanitizer with 3 ingredients.**
Combine in a bowl, 2/3 cups rubbing alcohol (99.9% isopropyl alcohol), 1/3 cup aloe vera gel. Stir. Decant into a soap or pump bottle. Give it a good shake every now and then.
- **Be mindful and careful about what you say and share around your children**
(Children pick up and hear more than we realize!)
- **You can download through your phone free apps like CALM to help better manage anxiety**
- **Consider email / video / phone counselling**
(See details on how we can support your children at no cost.)
- **Check in with children about how they are feeling. Make time to sit and talk with your child and allow them to voice how they are feeling.**
- **Create a Skype account for your child to better stay in touch with family and friends.**
- **Focus on what you can still do and create a list of those activities to put up on the fridge.**

Free Counselling

Baptist Care SA is offering free 1 hour phone / email / video counselling sessions.

If you are interested please contact our FMHSS (across Salisbury and most Adelaide metropolitan areas.)

Please email: fmhss@baptistcaresa.org.au or if you prefer to talk to someone you can call our Salisbury office on 08 8209 5000 and ask to speak to one of the Leadership team for FMHSS.