



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'

Gelati Day



On Wednesday the 6th of November the whole school shared in a Gelati Day to remember and celebrate our beloved Italian teacher Signora Ricci.

The whole school gathered for a memorial assembly where a group of year 6/7 students spoke. The students spoke wonderfully about the memories and thoughts they have of their Italian education over their time at our school and Signora Ricci's impact on their learning. Their words were extremely thoughtful, touching and summarised how significant and highly regarded Ms Ricci was to our East Marden School community. We were all very proud of the students who spoke on the day.

At the conclusion of the assembly Gelati was delivered to students to enjoy together.

The event was a lovely way for our whole school to come together and remember Elviria Ricci.



NEWSLETTER

Fundraising

Resurfacing the COLA

This year the Fundraising and Community Events Committee has been working hard to hold events that both support and bring our school community together whilst also raising funds. We have a lofty goal to raise funds to resurface the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (known mostly as the COLA). This is an area used by all the children. Resurfacing will transform it into a more user-friendly and safe space, hopefully also cutting down on the Band-Aid consumption given its current unforgiving surface!

We wanted to share with you the success and say thank you for continuing to support the school - here is how we have gone so far:

Term 2- Uniform sale raised \$1245

Term 3- Movie Night and Book week cake stall raised \$2095

Term 4- Sports Day Sushi Lunch/ Cake stall and Uniform Sale raised \$1582

Resurfacing the COLA will continue to be our goal, we are aiming to contribute at least 10K towards the cost. Thank you for your ongoing support!

End of Year Concert Thursday 28th November

Can you believe it's that time of year again?! The concert is always a great night out for students and families. We invite you to come along from 5pm, to enjoy time with your family and friends and to give yourself the night off from cooking! The following food trucks will be there and making a contribution towards our COLA resurfacing fundraising goal, so please enjoy the food and help support the school.

Wienerbago- serving amazing Hahndorf Gourmet Wieners, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut

Moorish Bites- Real Moroccan souk street food- tagines, grill & meloui (Halal & Vegetarian available)

Juan's Paella- Award winning paella cooked right in front of you (Vegetarian available)

Coffee & Crepes- Sweet & savoury crepes, coffee & tea

East Marden Canteen- Refreshing Icecream, iceblocks and drinks.

Please see the program attached for more concert information. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Gingerbread House Raffle \$1 per ticket

This amazing gingerbread house has been made and donated by a very talented school mum. Tickets to win this gingerbread house will be sold at the end of year concert so make sure you get your ticket to be in the running!



Volunteers Needed!

We need your help at the upcoming end of year concert! We need volunteers to contribute 15 - 30 minutes of their time to help at the canteen stall or to sell raffle tickets. Please email dl.1043.admin@schools.sa.edu.au with your details or drop past the canteen and speak to Julie C.

End of Year Concert

Concert Program – Thursday 28th November 2019

5.00pm – 6.00pm	Food & Family Time
5.45pm	Students meet teachers in classrooms and move to the oval
5.50pm	Pre-Concert Entertainment with the Choir

6.00pm Official Opening By Julie James, Principal

Item 1. Year 7 Ms Self	Wake me up
Item 2. Reception Ms Wilamowski, Ms Roumeliotis & Ms Thompson	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
Item 3. Year 1 Ms Tilbrook/Ms Scales & Mr Simpson/Ms McIntyre	Summer Holidays/Let's Go Fly a Kite
Item 4. Year 1 Ms McDonald & Ms Antich	It's Starting to Rain/Making the Garden Grow
Item 5. Year 2 Mr Hetherington & Ms Thorpe	Australia Hooray!
Item 6. Year 2 Ms Norton & Ms Young	I Got a Feeling!
Item 7. Year 3 Ms Pallotta, Mr Stefan & Ms McGrane/Ms Vickers	Eye of the Tiger
Item 8. Year 4 Ms Lucas & Ms Paladino	Fab Four Frenzy
Item 9. Year 4 Mr Taylor & Ms Weir	The Crab Rave
Item 10. Year 5 Mr Halliday, Ms McGowan & Mr Parsons	Dancing Around the World
Item 11. Year 6 Ms Zadoyanchuk, Ms McEvoy & Mr Oliver	Year 6 Mash Up
Item 12. Surprise!	Definitely not a staff item 🙌
Item 13. Year 7 Ann/Ms Chong-Tenn & Ms Poli	Grand Finale! Year 7 Mash up, Anthems & Iconic songs Farewell by Julie James, Principal

Finish Time – 8.00pm approximately

All parents to sign out students from the class teacher at the end of the concert!



Important Information

Thursday 28th November 2019

Please read before the concert.

Children are required to meet their teachers in classrooms at **5.45pm** prior to the concert commencing. It is essential that you are not late.

**Children will sit with their class for the entirety of the concert. Parents must sign their child out with their teacher at the end of the night.
Ensure you stay for the Year 7 Big Finale!**

Please be respectful of the children by supporting them and remaining quiet during class items and announcements. Teachers and students have put a lot of time and effort into their performances.

We understand that some parents may wish to film their children's participation at the event. In order to ensure the privacy of all students, please be aware that any vision or photographs taken must be for personal use only. Images taken of students other than your child should not be placed on public forums such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or YouTube. We appreciate your respect and co-operation.

No photo area in front of the stage. Use the zoom on your camera if you wish to take photos.

All audience members are asked to remain in their designated areas throughout the duration of the concert.

Parking - Car parking must not obstruct driveways and NO parking in the staff car park.



UPCOMING EVENTS



From the Principal

Dear Parents,



TERM 4

Week 6

21/11/19 Reception Transition Visit
22/11/19 Assembly UP

Week 7

26/11/19 Governing Council Meeting
28/11/19 End of Year Concert
29/11/19 Assembly JP

Week 8

3/12/19 Volunteers Morning Tea
4/12/19 AFL Positive Reflection Talk
5/12/19 Reception Transition Day
6/12/19 Assembly UP

Week 9

11/12/19 Class Party Day
12/12/19 Whole School Transition Day
12/12/19 Yr. 7 Graduation
13/12/19 Yr. 6/7 Aquatics
13/12/19 Yr. 5 ARC
13/12/19 Last day of term 4
Early dismissal 2pm



We are at that point of the year where everything is drawing to a close and decisions are being made about classes and teachers. Information from teachers, students and parents have been taken into account and the classes will be formed in the next few weeks. A great deal of thought will go into the decisions and we trust that no changes will be required when the classes are shared in week 9. Due to fluctuating numbers, particularly in the higher year levels, we have needed to have some composite classes next year. Research has shown that there is little academic difference when classes are composite, as all classes have a range of abilities and that there are some benefits. Students are seen as individuals with learning goals relevant to their ability, as they are in all classes. Next year there will be 27 classes in the school. Currently we have 26.

As mentioned in the newsletter elsewhere, the student reports have been modified this term due to the ongoing industrial action. Last year the reports were adapted quite significantly and were sent out in term 2 in their new form. We asked for feedback from parents and teachers and are aware that the current format could be improved and intend to make the improvements based on feedback when the reports return to their more detailed style in term 2 next year.

A few weeks ago we had the External School Review as outlined in the last newsletter. The school has received some positive feedback about the students and teachers at East Marden Primary and also some suggested directions for the next three years. We were told that we have high performing staff, very capable students and a positive school culture. The formal report will be uploaded on the school website when we receive it later this term.

Finally, we have been reinforcing with students that wearing a hat outside is compulsory in terms 1 and 4. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly labelled and worn to school each day.

Julie James
Principal



Volunteers

Our much loved and dedicated volunteer, Lisa Miller, will be leaving our school at the end of 2019. We would like to thank her for her time and support to our students.

Please read to see why Lisa volunteered at our school.



Why did you decide to volunteer in our school community? Why is it important to you?

My initial reasons for choosing to be a parent volunteer were to be involved in what my children were learning, to know their peers, to meet other parents and to help support the students and teachers. My involvement grew quite rapidly from volunteering around my own children, to volunteering on committees and volunteering with other children throughout the school in other year levels. I now feel very much a part of the EMPS community and have built many good friendships as a result of my volunteering.

What roles have you undertaken in a voluntary capacity at the school and for how long have you been doing so?

I have been a very active volunteer since mid 2009 supporting at a classroom level with reading, times tables and LAP support, cooking, camps and excursions, school wide events such as cake stalls, discos and Australia's biggest morning tea. I have helped establish and participated on a number of committees, and have co-ordinated and coached the Kanga Cricket and school basketball programs for many years.

What have you enjoyed the most about being part of the school community?

I have loved volunteering throughout my children's years at EMPS, the students here are amazing, they are eager to learn, polite and respectful. I have been on many excursions with my children's classes over the years and something that always stands out, is how well behaved our students are. On so many occasions I have heard our students being praised for their good manners and behaviour and am impressed at how well they cooperate together and how positively engaged they were with the activities. My reward is knowing that I have helped and supported many wonderful children at EMPS and made a positive difference.

What's your advice to parents looking to be more involved in the school community?

Volunteers play a vital role in building the school community, volunteering supports not only the students, but the families and teachers too. The most valuable thing you can give someone is time and when that time is for your children's learning environment, it's worth it.

Now is the perfect time to get more involved with our community – consider volunteering some of your time to support the school. Contact school reception for more information on volunteering.

Year 5

Hi everyone, this term the Year 5 students have been learning about business and economics. We learnt all about goods and services and what makes a great business. We had to conduct some market research, then create our own unique products and advertising.

We are selling Tuesday in the gym between recess and lunch. Please bring some loose change as all of the profits will be going to a charity of our choice!

By Lily H
Room 16



School Hats

REMINDER

Unfortunately we are finding that we have no hats in our lost property, with numerous students having lost them.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly written inside the hat and does not have another child's name inside.

Thank you



AEU

From the AEU members at EMPS

South Australian educators are currently implementing initiatives and priorities in classrooms without sufficient resources. They are making up the difference with unacknowledged goodwill and excessive afterhours work. Duties such as data collection and individualised learning plans are done at the expense of teaching and learning. The AEU is currently trying to restore life-work balance for all educators and support teaching and learning with sufficient resources.

The AEU's focus on teaching and learning asked members to consider which tasks remove us from teaching. Members of AEU at EMPS decided that the minimum requirement for written reports is 'Two written reports per year without descriptive written content' therefore the action that was voted upon was to simplify the end of year reports. It was decided that teachers would not write individualised comments for each subject area.

BASKETBALL 2019

Many of our EMPS After School Basketball community attended the Adelaide Lightning v Bendigo Spirit women's basketball game at Titanium Security Arena on Saturday night 9th November. In fact, around 130 of us were there to cheer on Adelaide Lightning to victory. We were given VIP treatment, we had a huge seating area reserved just for us in the centre stand, were welcomed on the big screen and over the loud speaker too.



A special welcome on the big screen to all of our players and families attending from EMPS.



Some of our players just before we entered Titanium Security Arena with the sun glaring in their eyes for my photo - thanks for persevering with the sun.



Final game score with us sitting in the centre stand pictured up on the big screen.



Adelaide Lightning basketball team preparing for the game.



Here are our enthusiastic players and their families in the background, including some grandparents who came along too.



Lining up after the game to meet the team and get their autographs.



It was a great opportunity and a united experience for us all, being a large group in the crowd watching basketball at an elite, professional level. Many of us were throwing our hands up in excitement when the final siren sounded. Adelaide Lightning gave some very positive feedback to me after the game, "We loved having you guys!! Thank you sooo much for getting everyone together it helped make tonight's win so much sweeter!"

Thank you for making it a great night out. I hope you enjoyed the night as much as my family and I did.

Lisa Miller

EMPS Basketball Coordinator/Coach

Chess News

Firstly, a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone of the school community for your enthusiastic support of the many chess fundraising events – the raffle, jellybean counting, sausage & veggie patty sizzle, cake stall and charity chocolate sale – to help send our two chess teams to represent our school and South Australia at the annual Australian Schools Teams Championships in Canberra next week. Your generosity with donations, time and money is much appreciated!! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!

Having won the state title of All Girls Primary on Friday 25th October, our Primary Girls team is to join our Primary Open team to do battles over Saturday 30 November (3 rounds) and Sunday 1 December (2 rounds) against top teams from Queensland, New South Wales, ACT, Victoria and Western Australia to vie for glory in the Primary Open and Primary Girls Divisions, respectively.



Players for the teams are:

Primary Open - Ethan (Captain) Yr 7; Athena-Malar Yr 5; Tharan Yr 6; and Suhas Yr 6.

Primary Girls - Sophie (Captain) Yr 3; Hannah Yr 5; Jasmine Yr 6; and Amelia Yr 3.

Each student has performed exceptionally well this chess season, both as individuals and in teams. All the very best and good luck! Go East Marden! Go South Australia!

Also, credit must go to David Koetsier, Head Coach and founder of Chesslife, whose teaching and guidance to the players is crucial to their success. Thank you, coach!

Last but not least, the chess players and parents would like to acknowledge the various support and donations from the following parties, in no particular order, and express gratitude to them:

- ◇ the leadership team of the school
- ◇ our wonderful volunteers
- ◇ SAJCL (South Australian Junior Chess League)
- ◇ The Hon Vincent Tarzia MP (who paid a visit to the school on Tuesday 5th Nov and met the many members of the school chess club during lunch time)
- ◇ Kiwanis of Athelstone
- ◇ Tony and Mark's
- ◇ Beerenberg Farm
- ◇ Cirami Estate Wines

What makes East Marden Primary School such a special and wonderful school is its extraordinary community spirit, which is so beautifully demonstrated in these chess fundraising efforts. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th November during the End of Year School Concert. Good luck to all the ticket holders!

NOTICES

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GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IGNITE Program for Gifted and Talented Students

Parents / Caregivers of Primary School students are warmly invited to an

INFORMATION EVENING

to better understand opportunities offered by our program and the ACER Assessment process

When: Wednesday 11 December 2019

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Glenunga International High School in the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending please follow the link <https://www.trybooking.com/570594>

Assessment for entry to the 2021 IGNITE Program will be held on Saturday 22 February 2020 at Glenunga International High School



For Jammin' 8-13 year olds!

DECEMBER 17-18
9am-3.30pm
Drop-off from 8.30pm
Optional extended care until 5pm

Centrally located at Pulteney Grammar School Adelaide

Two full days for \$215!

Book today at novarmusic.com/jingle-jams

Welcome to Jingle Jams, the holiday workshop designed for kids to create, explore and jam! This workshop is designed to welcome new musicians and extend veterans.

Explore song writing, sound creation and epic ensemble skill building. This workshop is the place to be for kids to harness their creativity together!



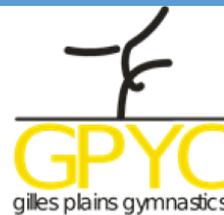
VACSWIM is South Australia's longest running summer holiday program giving your kids confidence in & around water!

December 2019 & January 2020

Programs held at over 120 pool & beach locations.

Enrol online at vacswimsa.com.au

Dec closing: 2nd Dec
Jan closing: 16th Dec



Gilles plains gymnastics club is looking for new members. We are a low key, non competitive club for school-aged kids, 5 years and older. Our qualified instructors are kind and encouraging and we focus on having fun, building strength and flexibility. We have spaces in both our sessions and would love for your child to join us.

Come and try us out!

When: every Tuesday

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 or 6:30 to 7:30

Where: The Avenues College Gym

Entry from McKay Ave

Fees: first session is free

Sports voucher accepted for term and membership fees

Contact: gpyc.gymnastics@gmail.com

Facebook: Gilles Plains Youth Centre

Gymnastics



Parking Around Schools – No Stopping versus No Parking

**THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT TO BE USED
BY PARENTS DURING THE HOURS OF
7AM - 5PM.**

No Stopping

Drivers must NOT STOP during indicated times for any reason in an area marked No Stopping, No Standing, as a Bike Lane or a Bus Zone or anywhere marked with a solid yellow line.



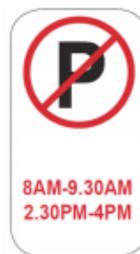
No Parking

Some schools have drop off and pick up (kiss n drop, kiss and ride, pick up/drop off) zones.

These are No Parking Zones during certain times that can be used for immediate drop off and pick up of passengers if these conditions are adhered to:

- The driver must always remain within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Drivers are only permitted to stop for 2 minutes to drop and pick up passengers
- No Parking is only for the times indicated and outside of that time it is unrestricted parking unless otherwise indicated

- In the afternoons, arrive after the bell has gone and allow time for your child to reach the No Parking Zone. If your child is not waiting to be collected DO NOT STOP, instead continue to circulate around and approach the No Parking Zone again.
- If you need to walk your child into school then you must park elsewhere.



“No Parking” Zones provide a safe place for children to be dropped off and picked up and allow for high turnover of vehicles. It works, if everyone follows the rules and does the right thing.