



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'

End of Year Concert

Thank you all families for your attendance at the End of Year Concert.

It was a spectacular evening full of entertainment. We were dazzled by our students' upbeat and creative performances.

What a way to bring our year to an end!

A huge thank you to our parent fundraising team for all their efforts providing the food trucks for families to enjoy prior to the concert.



NEWSLETTER

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Room 32

In Term 4, South Australian Senator, Marielle Smith, ran a Christmas Card Design Competition that year 4 students in Room 32 had the option to enter. The competition invited students to draw or paint a picture of their community to be featured on the Senator's annual Christmas card. Three winners were chosen across the state, one of the students being Riva Nanavati from EMPS. Riva received a \$50 book voucher and a framed copy of her finished card, which was presented to her personally by the Senator on Tuesday of Week 9. Room 32 also had the opportunity to meet with the Senator to ask questions and pitch their own ideas for the community. Congratulations to all who participated!



Christmas Appeal

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

In December before Christmas, Year 4 and 5 classes at our school had a fundraiser called "The Uniting Communities Christmas Appeal". We donated non-perishable foods and drinks, books and toys to the appeal. Mrs. Lucas' class also voted to donate the money raised from 10c bottles and cans collection to the appeal. Over \$100 will also be donated.

Here are some students' thoughts about the Christmas Appeal:

Leo: "I think it's a good idea because other people are less privileged than us. It's the point of Christmas to think of other people. I have a good home and good food but some other people don't have that".

Serena: "Thinking of others is a good idea because some people don't have as much food or many toys as us. Sometimes we get what we want but some people don't have the same opportunity."

Cyrus: "The Christmas Appeal is a great idea because people are generous to donate to others. To me, that is the whole point of Christmas. It's about making everybody happy."

We definitely think next Christmas we should do it again.

Thank you Mrs. Lucas for making this possible.



UPCOMING EVENTS



From the Principal



Dear Parents,

It is a little unbelievable that we have already come to the end of a very busy year and that the school is currently preparing for 2020.

Reflecting on my first year as Principal at East Marden Primary, I have genuinely enjoyed being able to meet so many wonderful parents, grandparents, carers and students from the community. The students continue to be a joy here. They are always friendly, polite and striving to be their best. The school has continued to have strong academic growth and students have won prizes in various competitions, especially in the area of STEM and chess.

The teachers and SSOs at East Marden are dedicated to the learning of students and continue to be professional and engaged with teaching and learning strategies.

It was a fun experience to be a part of the Christmas concert item with the staff and see the joy in the students' faces watching their teachers and SSOs perform.

Looking forward to 2020, the school will have a focus on literacy, inquiry learning and training for staff that will enhance relationships with staff and students.

It is also that time of the year where we need to farewell some staff and students. Best wishes to our current year 7s as they make their way to their secondary education. They have been very strong contributors to the school in their time here. Many of the year 6 students are also leaving to become year 7s in a secondary school context and we wish them well also. Staff leaving us include Gloria Capolongo, Stephanie Antich, Richard Oliver, Emma Joyce, Eve Sage and Catherine Almond. Catherine is moving to an Assistant Principal role at Allenby Garden PS and Eve is retiring at the end of the year. We wish them all well in their new endeavours and experiences.

Students will receive their reports and class placement information on Thursday this week. It is important at these transition points in children's lives, as a parent, to be positive and hopeful about the new year, rather than heightening children's anxiety. The school has worked closely on aligning classes and teachers.

From all the staff at East Marden Primary, have a wonderful and safe break with your families. We look forward to seeing many of you next year.

Julie James
Principal

TERM 4

Week 9

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 wish you a Happy and Safe
Holidays!**

Term 1, 2020

Week 1

School Starts Tuesday 28th January 2020



Crows Visit



On Wednesday of Week 8, East Marden students were fortunate to be visited by Liam and Rachel from the Adelaide Football Club's community development team. They presented the 'Positive Reflection' program, which was about self-confidence, persistence and kindness towards others. The program gave an in-depth introduction to the 5 Positive Places – home life, fabulous friends, school is cool, super sport and dare to dream. Games were played, prizes were won and we even got to meet the AFC mascot, Claude the crow! Well done to EMPS students for showing the school value of respect during the presentation.



Library

Congratulations to the 6/7 students who received their 'Hall of fame reader for life award'.

These students have participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge for eight and nine years! Which is an amazing achievement!

To acknowledge their achievement the students were presented with their award at an Assembly by Ms James and their teacher.

Keep reading!



AGM

East Marden Governing Council AGM

All members of the community are invited to attend the AGM of Governing Council. This will be held on **February 18th 2020**. Nominations to be a part of Governing Council will be taken from now until the meeting next year. More information about Governing Council and its role will be provided early next year.



Material and Service Charges

2020 Materials and Service Poll

Thank you to all our families who responded to the Poll for East Marden Primary School Governing Council's request to legally recover an amount greater than the 'standard sum', being the 'prescribed sum' for the 2020 materials and services charges.

The Poll has closed and the final count conducted. 121 votes were received, 108 for and 13 against.

Based on the result of the poll and pursuant to Section 106A of the Education Act, approval has been granted for the 2020 Materials and Services charge of \$415.00 to be the legally recoverable amount for 2020.



Volunteers

Volunteers make a difference

Volunteers make such a difference to a school. We congratulate Jocelyn Retnaraja on being selected as this year's Volunteer of the year. Jocelyn's work with the Chess students supported their recent trip to Canberra to compete in the National Chess Tournament and her endless enthusiasm about chess makes more of our students want to learn this great brain stretching activity.



We also need to thank all of the many senior students at the school who also volunteer their time doing important tasks such as Road Crossing, Peer Mediators and library crew to name a few of the roles. We are always looking for more volunteers. If it is something you or a family member would like to contribute to the school next year, please get in touch with the front office for more information.

Ever considered volunteering within our school community?

Meet some of our fabulous volunteers who give their time each week to help foster our school community spirit.

Claudia Quenstedt

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

I have one child in year 2 and two kids in reception and when they started this year I had a bit more time on my hands and also wanted to be more involved in their schooling. I wanted to have a bit of 'behind the scenes' knowledge of what is going on at school and why in order to support my kids better and be part of their learning as much as possible.

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

I joined the governing council beginning of this year and we meet twice a term. I am also part of the fundraising committee which meets whenever needed, and have delivered the Movie Night, Sports Day Fundraising and Uniform Sales. I have been on excursions with my kids classes and walked with them to swimming during swimming week.

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

Having a better understanding of how the school operates, getting to know the staff, seeing my kids interact with their classmates during excursions etc and helping to organise school events and seeing kids and adults have fun.

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

DO IT!! You don't need lots of time and your kids will love seeing you at school getting involved. I come from a country where parents do not have a lot of say or input into what happens at school, its not the same here. The more you put in the more you (and your kids) get out of it! From a fundraising perspective, we need you! We need to decide on the school events for the coming year, to have a fun run or a disco or do another community breakfast or do it all! So many decisions and so few people to have input on.

Fiona Smith

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

With my youngest son starting school this year and working from home I was fortunate enough to find myself with both spare time and flexibility. I think it is really important to be able to support and contribute to any community you are part of and the school is a really big part of my children's life.

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

Since the beginning of the year I have been on the Governing Council and the Fundraising and Community Events Committee

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

I have been rather surprised about how much I have enjoyed and got out of volunteering! I have made some great friendships and get enjoyment and satisfaction out of what we have achieved so far. I have enjoyed being more engaged with the community and have learnt a lot about the amazing things that go on behind the scenes. Most of all I have loved seeing my own children's sense of belonging and pride in the school grow.

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

Just do it! It doesn't matter if you don't have a lot of time to spare or don't feel you have anything to offer, there are many ways in which you can support the community and every little bit helps.



BASKETBALL continued...

Our Year 2/3 teams were very excited during the final week of games to be presented with "Participation" trophies for completing the Season Terms 3 and 4 of 2019—well done. Congratulations to all our eleven teams for completing a great Season.



Thunder Year 4: Angelina, Charlene, Jessica, Jonas, Joey, Maya, Navtej, Prajin and Sadhana



Avengers Year 4: Anna, Grace, Joshua, Leon, Levi, Louise and Shine



Magic Year 3: Benjamin, Elias, Jon-Way, Jonah, Kai, Lorena, Lucas, Max, Meenakshi and Sharon



Dunkers Year 2/3: Bardia, Delisha, Jingyuan, Luca, Tashara, Tasman, Welen and Zhiwei



Blazes Year 2: Claudia, Ehsan, Henry, James, Jaydon, Kevin, Natasha and Sune



Mavericks Year 2/3: Ameya, Angus, ChenMing, Christian, Dexter, Hailie-grace, Methmi, Paul and Raed

A special thank you to all our players and their parents too, for always representing East Marden Primary proudly and for your commitment to your teams. Together we have built a wonderful, supportive After School Basketball community which has given all EMPS students no matter what their sporting skill level or cultural background, the opportunity to be a part of, if they wished to. We have had lots of fun along the way whilst our players have been developing their skills, with extra trainings, clinics, family outings and player competitions etc - I have truly loved being a part of it all and getting to know you parents and your amazing children. Thank you for your many kind words of appreciation. I am currently organising teams for the new Season in 2020, but as many of you already know, I will not be able to continue in the capacity that I have been, now that my youngest child is moving onto High School. I would like to give a big thanks to the many parents who have offered to volunteer next year as Game Coaches and Team Managers. All of you are making it possible for our After School Basketball to continue. Wishing our players and their teams all the best for competitive and enjoyable Seasons in 2020.

Lisa Miller
EMPS Basketball Coordinator/Coach

BASKETBALL CELEBRATION

Monday afternoon this week we had our End of Season Basketball Shooting Competition, Awards Presentation and Celebration for all players and their families. Firstly, we started with our Basketball Shooting Competition where all EMPS players had the opportunity to compete and win a prize for the most baskets scored out of five attempts for their year level.

Congratulations to the lucky winners: Year 2 - Tashara, Year 3 - Raed, Year 4 - Leo, Year 5/6 - Dimitri and Year 7 - Ethan.



Competition underway



Competition Winners



Competitors awaiting their turn

This year I introduced the "Perennial Basketball Player - Exemplary Award" trophy. The first recipients ever to receive this award are Daina and Jason from our Year 7 Meerkats team. Daina and Jason have played After School Basketball for EMPS every season since they were in Year 2 to now, when they are in Year 7. That is six years of continuous basketball and that is the most a student can do in Primary School. This is an outstanding commitment to After School Basketball and these two players are true role models who have now been deservedly rewarded and recognised for their persistence and dedication.

CONGRATULATIONS DAINA AND JASON



Year 2 in 2014



Year 7 in 2019

Finally, players and their families shared in our End of Season Celebration with lots of yummy food. Thank you to all families for bringing a plate of something sweet or savoury to share with the chickens and chips provided. Thank you to all the parents who helped set up, serve up and pack up. It was lovely to all come together to celebrate. It was a great way to end the basketball year and a nice farewell. Thank you for all the very generous and thoughtful gifts showing your appreciation of my time, energy and commitment. I will definitely miss seeing you every week in 2020. I wish you all happy and safe holidays.

Lisa Miller
EMPS Basketball Coordinator/Coach



BASKETBALL 2019

The end of Term Four rounds up Season Two of 2019 for After School Basketball. Congratulations to our Year 7 Meerkats team who played their way to earn a place in the Grand Final - this is what we wanted to achieve, and we did. This was a very, very close game, at halftime Meerkats were up by two points, unfortunately, then being defeated by Stradbroke Thunder at the final siren by just three points. It was fantastic to have so many of our East Marden Primary community come along to support and cheer on our Meerkats team as they played their last game together. We wish all our Year 7 players and those in Year 6 who are leaving too, all the best for the future, as they leave Primary School going their separate ways next year moving onto High School.



Meerkats Year 7: Alex, Charlie, Clement, Daina, Jacinta, Jason, Kirsten, Liam, Shashwat, and Zidan



Leopards Year 6/7: Aadi, Dimitri, Ethan, Jet, Luke, Manraz, Morgan and Rocco



Geckos Year 6: Daniel, Eugene, Henry, Martia, Oscar, Ruby, Sophie and Tristan



Tigers Year 4/5: Amy, Antoni, Arham, Ishan, Mani, Riva, Vama and Zoe



Bouncers Year 4: Cyrus, Ethan, Harsh, Karl, Leo, Lucas, Michael and Mufan

Chess News

What an awesome year it has been for the East Marden chess teams!

In the South Australian interschool chess championships season 2019, the East Marden chess teams have won these prestigious team chess titles:

Champions of Primary A Grade

- ♦ Champions of Primary B Grade
- ♦ Joint 1st Runners-UP of Primary C Grade
- ♦ Champions of Primary All Girls
- ♦ The Evelyn Koshnitsky Shield as the Best Primary Chess School
- ♦ And now there is also a **national** team chess title!



The Australian Schools Teams Chess Championships (ASTC) are the official Australian Chess Federation sanctioned national interschools championships.

There are four divisions: Primary Open, Primary Girls, Secondary Open and Secondary Girls. Typically, these teams are winners of their state or territory chess association endorsed finals or playoffs.

The annual event this year was held at Canberra Grammar School over the weekend of Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December.

After 5 rounds of intense chess over 2 days, East Marden chess teams have secured 2nd in the Primary Open division and 5th in the Primary Girls'. It was great efforts from every one! Well done and many congratulations! You have done your school and state proud!

Photo: (Back row) Primary Open - Ethan (Captain) Yr 7; Athena-Malar Yr 5; Tharan Yr 6; and Suhas Yr 6. (Front row) Primary Girls - Sophie (Captain) Yr 3; Hannah Yr 5; Jasmine Yr 6; Amelia Yr 3, and coach David. Credit must go to David Koetsier, Head Coach and founder of Chesslife, who came with the team at his own expense to continue to provide teaching and guidance to the players which was crucial to their success. Thank you, coach!

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to the super supportive chess parents! It was the presence of the parents of each player whose support and encouragement was invaluable in motivating the players in achieving their success. You are amazing!

Last but not least, the chess players and parents would like to express their most sincere gratitude to the school community and the following parties, in no particular order, in helping send the teams to Canberra:

The leadership team of the school

Our wonderful volunteers

SAJCL (South Australian Junior Chess League)

The Hon Vincent Tarzia MP

Kiwanis of Athelstone

Tony and Mark's

Kingpin Bowling Norwood

Beerenberg Farm

Cirami Estate Wines

East Marden Primary School is indeed a very special and wonderful school for its extraordinary community spirit, which is so beautifully demonstrated in these chess fundraising efforts.

The top 5 prizes of the raffle were pre-drawn and announced on Thursday 28th November during the End of Year School Concert. Good luck to all the ticket holders and the winners will be contacted in due course.

We look forward to chess at East Marden in 2020, during which further milestones may be achieved!

Wishing everyone and their families a safe and happy holiday season!

Notices



Nominations are now open for Term 1 **Spikezone Mini-Volleyball** competitions across Adelaide.

Spikezone is a modified version of volleyball for kids in years 3-7. Spikezone is played with a softer/lighter ball, on a smaller court with a lower net and with modified rules to allow the kids to play the game through a fun and supportive environment.

There are multiple venues around SA that run on various weeknights throughout the school terms. Get a team of 4-6, both boys and girls, together and enter a team for Term 1! There is a flyer attached that can be included in School newsletters or hung on notice boards both now and in the New Year. We always love to get new schools and new teams involved so if there is anything we can do to help get you on board let us know!

Notices

Nomination forms and more information can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure wish to advise of temporary changes to pedestrian access on Payneham Road, **predominantly at night**, during stormwater works beginning on the evening of Sunday 8 December, for a period of approximately six weeks.

During this time, there will be temporary changes to pedestrian access between Thelma Street and Arthur Street and Thelma Street and Ashbrook Avenue, respectively.

The majority of these works will occur at night so that the footpath can be open during the day, to minimise the impacts on pedestrians.

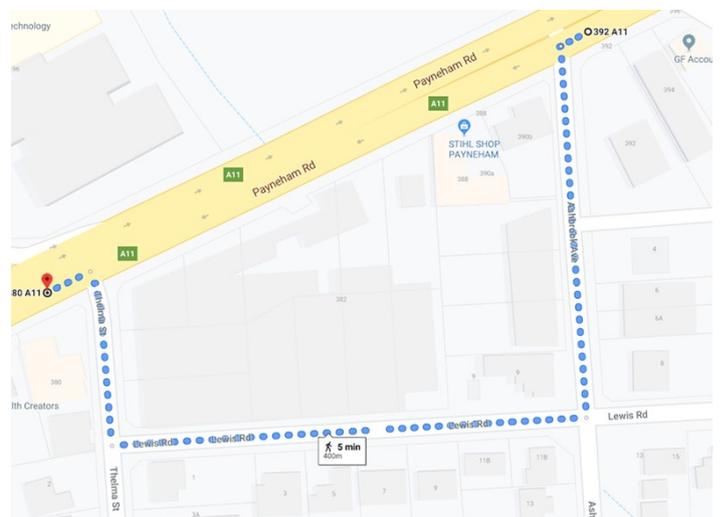
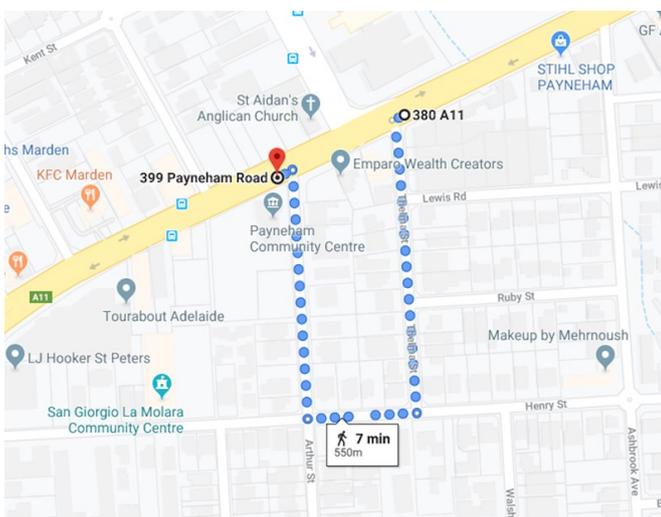
The temporary pedestrian detours are shown in the graphics attached, and only one of these will be in place at a time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of the project team, please call 1300 794 880 or visit www.dpti.sa.gov.au/payneham_OG or email dpti.communityrelations@sa.gov.au.

Kind regards

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Team,
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

The **temporary pedestrian detours**, anticipated to only be required at night, are shown in the graphics below. Only one of these will be in place at a time:



Notices



In January 2020, when you log into Qkr you will receive a notification prompt to update your child/rens details on Qkr for the 2020 year. This prompt cannot be skipped.

Please update your child/rens information with their CORRECT year level & class number for 2020. If you do not know this information, you will have to wait to use Qkr until you do know.

Entering incorrect information will result in your child/ren not receiving orders/deliveries when expected as they have gone to another classroom/year level.

SUMMER 2019/2020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!



Girls develop confidence, self-esteem, self-awareness and resilience

through movement, music, vibrant discussion, active games with props, role play and art/craft.

Mon 16th Dec	GP ESSENTIALS	Glenunga
Tue 17th Dec	GP ESSENTIALS	Glenunga
Mon 13th Jan	ROAR	Tanunda
Wed 15th Jan	ROAR	Golden Grove
Thu 16th Jan	TEEN POWER	Glenunga
Fri 17th Jan	ROAR	Glenunga
Mon 20th Jan	ROAR	Glenelg
Tue 21st Jan	GP ESSENTIALS	Victor Harbor
Wed 22-Fri 24 Jan	3 DAY RETREAT	St Peters

Visit our website for further details.

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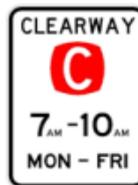
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Parking Around Schools – No Stopping versus No Parking

**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.



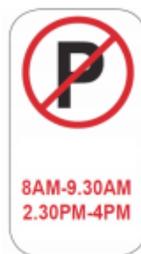
No Parking

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.