

TERM 2

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3 July 2017

Diary Dates:

July – Term 2

Tuesday 4

- Grandparent Day LA1-5,6,8

Wednesday 5

- Paringa's Got Talent Grand Final

Thursday 6

- Reports go home

Friday 7

- Assembly Hosted by LA1-8 & 1-6

July – Term 3

Tuesday 25

- Students back to school

Pupil Free Days

Monday 24 July

Friday 10 November

School Closure Day

Friday 8 September

SMS Number for Absences

0427 016 460

SA Term Dates For 2017

Term 1 30 Jan to 13 Apr

Term 2 01 May to 07 Jul

Term 3 24 Jul to 29 Sep

Term 4 16 Oct to 15 Dec

School Values

Bravery - Care – Challenge – Trust

Traffic Monitors

Week 10 – Morning: Daniel M & Lachie

Afternoon: Emily A & Jasmine R

Term 3 Monitors

Week 1 – Morning: Liam & Chelsea

Afternoon: Mike & William

Dear Families

International Mud Day

Last week a number of classes took the opportunity to participate in International Mud Day, some at the sold out International Mud Day event at Glenelg's Wigley Reserve and others at the school in our temporary mud pit in the nature play area. This involvement was inspired by Nature Play SA which, for the third year running, joined communities around the world to get dirty, play outdoors, and have LOADS of fun! According to Jason Tyndall from Nature Play SA "mud should not be viewed as mess – but a key ingredient to childhood."

It was wonderful to see children engaging with mud play without worrying about getting messy, and taking responsibility to manage their own risks with their play. There was evidence of bravery, challenge, resiliency, problem solving, resourcefulness, inventiveness and creativity as children engaged in mud play and felt the gritty feel of mud between fingers and toes! We will be seeking feedback from children and staff through a process this week and would also appreciate hearing from parents their perspective on their child's experience. Please click on the hyperlink below which will take you our survey monkey. The survey will close by Friday 14 July 2017: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7STNQW>.

After School

We have noticed that on Tuesdays in particular, some children are staying at school after the 3.25pm bell and waiting around unsupervised by a parent/carer until the start of football practice, which doesn't commence until 4.30pm. As communicated previously, staff are on duty until the 3.25pm bell at which time children are either to be with a parent or making their way off the school grounds to head for home. Children who are not collected are required to go to the Front Office and a parent is contacted. If your child attends any sports practice which commences after 3.25pm they must be accompanied by a parent/carer on the school grounds, or go home and then return for practice. Please make sure these arrangements are in place from the start of Term 3.

A Word About Reading Levels

As parents and educators we are always keen to ensure our children are maximizing their learning across all areas of schooling. In relation to reading at school, far too often this extremely complex task is narrowed and minimized to a reading level. This devalues not only the richness of what it means to be a reader, but fails to see the competence of the child who seeks to make meaning from the text. Our role as educators and parents is to ignite and maintain the love of reading in every child, but when we narrow our understanding of reading to only a reading level, children are given mixed messages about what it means to be a reader. Reading levels, ascertained through the use of Running Records, are an important tool for teachers in analysing and understanding the strategies a child is (or isn't) using to read. They are designed to assist teachers to target and 'guide' reading support and learning, but aren't the finite focus. Learning to read is not a race or a competition but rather a journey. Your child's teacher is committed not only to developing your child's skills and ability in reading to ensure that they progress through the reading levels, but also to growing a child's reading identity and disposition to read. Parents play a critical role in supporting their child's reading journey by continuing to read to their child(ren) as they did when their children were younger, in order to maintain the enjoyment in reading and model fluency and expression.

It's vital that we support young children's reading in ways that nurture healthy reading identities, that foster an attraction to books and a love of reading, and that teach them how make meaning in any text they choose, whether or not they can read the words. (Collins and Glover).

Casual Day Friday 7 July 2017 Gold Coin Donation

Early Dismissal 2.05pm

Pupil Free Day Monday 24 July 2017

Natural Resource Management Education visit

Last Wednesday evening our school hosted the NRM Education meeting at our school with 25 educators from child care, preschools, schools and higher education. The focus of the meeting was on developing sustainable produce gardens and this provided us with an opportunity to share our journey this term with our school garden. A big shout out to Sue Mauger who presented our journey and guided our visitors to the garden. It was a wonderful chance to showcase our school!

Environment Committee and Reducing Waste

Last week Jason Tyndall from Nature Play SA visited our school and walked around with our Environment Committee, interested staff and 2 student representatives, Kyla B and Kyla R. It was inspiring to hear what Jason saw as the potential for our outdoor environment and when we meet next term we will continue to discuss and make plans for improvements. Next term there will be a process of listening to children's voice and gathering information from staff and families. In addition there is a group of staff and children looking at sustainable ways we can reduce waste in our school. More information to follow next term.

Parent Conference

On Tuesday August 1 from 6-8pm, we are holding our first parent conference with presentations from our staff on *Developing a Culture of Thinking*. One of the presenters will be Kym Brown who has been working with staff and children on deep thinking and powerful learning, as well as the foundations we have laid and how these are benefitting all of our children as thinkers, learners and creators of the future.

In addition, parent Anthony Venning, will be discussing 3 "*Tips to boost mental capability and resilience*" for parents. Anthony is a registered Clinical Psychologist in South Australia and currently holds positions with the Department of Psychiatry at Flinders University (Scholarly Fellow), the Australian Defence Force (Officer in Psychology Corps), and the University of Adelaide (Visiting Research Fellow), and is the founding Director of Venning Consulting. Dr Venning has delivered presentations in the area of Positive Psychology and Resilience at state, national, and international conferences; has been published in a number of national and international journals; has been invited to contribute multiple chapters to edited books on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy and Wellbeing; and currently works with several National and South Australian companies to develop, implement, and measure resilience programs. A flyer with more information will be distributed within the next week. We hope that many parents will take up this opportunity to attend our inaugural parent conference.

Reports

Your child's report will be sent home on Thursday which outlines their Semester 1 progress. Accompanying this report will be a letter to parents which I encourage you to read prior to discussing your child's report with them. This letter provides a useful context for this discussion as well as suggested questions to ask your child about their learning.

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging our staff for their

high level of commitment throughout this term to ensure that every child can be the best they can be and to all parents for their ongoing support of our school and their child's learning journey.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday.

Leanne Prior – Principal

Be in the Library Loop

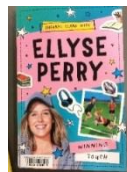
Hooley Dooley! The record has been broken. The screens are off and books are in hands. More students than ever before have completed their first (or second, or third) PRC this fortnight

Send your completed PRC sheets to

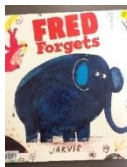
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Hermione 3-3 (3 rd)	Riley D 1-9 (2 nd)	Edmond L 1-3	Angus B 1-8 (2 nd)
Ariana C 1-5	William L 1-11	James T 3-2	Oliver T 1-7
Ruby A 2-5	Tyler C 3-3	Spencer B 1-2 (E)	Juliet M 2-10 (E)
Lucas N 2-5	Caitlyn T 1-1	Adric J 1-5	Jessica S 1-6
Jasmine S 3-2	Bete L 2-6	Jay W 3-3	Sam F 1-3
Chelsea F 2-5	Max B 1-2	Lauren D 1-1	Archie M 1-6

New Titles for you



The latest Ellyse Perry book – BTW the **real** Ellyse Perry collected 3 wickets for Australia Monday night v the West Indies.



Fred Forgets – A mischievous monkey takes advantage of Fred the forgetful elephant. (P.S. Fred has the last laugh)



Rose Raventhorpe - is on the case, solving another mystery in the city of Yorke.



Carve The Mark – Cyra and Akos are the characters in this sci-fi/fantasy please.

This selection is coming to the new book shelf SOON. We hope one of these titles appeals to you.

Look out for 2 new issues of Crinkling News on the news stand, near the computer bank.

Jacquie and Anne

Sports Update

Cross-Country

Last weekend Jackson S ran in the selection trial for the cross-country State team, after qualifying earlier in June at Oakbank. The course was 3km and held at Salisbury. He finished 8th out of 20 runners which has ranked him at 11th in the state for his age. Well done Jackson! You have achieved amazing results with your running this year!

Soccer

Our soccer girls have won their second round match against Mercedes College. With no subs due to illness they were going to have to dig deep for this match ... and that's exactly what they did with a 4-1 win! Well done girls, and well coached Bronny! Round 3 is next week against Hawthorndene. Good luck girls!



Good luck also to Kaitlin, Emma D, Anna, Amity and Lila who have been selected in the South West District Soccer team. They are playing in the State Championships this week. I hope the weather is good for you!

Hockey

Congratulations to Jade L for her selection in the South West District Hockey team. She is playing in the State Championships this week. Good luck Jade and I hope the weather is good for you too!

Water Polo

Holly P has been selected in the State U14 Water Polo team. Congratulations Holly! She will compete at the National Championships in Sydney soon. Good luck!

Gymnastics

We have a number of students competing in gymnastics competitions this term. The most recent has been Lucy B, Katie, Ella, Ruby, Freya and Jasmine S who all passed their levels. Many of our gymnasts are now training for the State Competitions which are held soon. Good luck to everyone competing!

Sailing

Lilly W competed at Goolwa on the long weekend in Sailing. There were many teams from around the state and also from interstate. This was Lilly's first time in the Inters division and she was the first girl over the line, which placed her 10th overall! Well done Lilly that's a great achievement!

To end our Heart Foundation fundraising month all classes were involved in our **Jump Off Day** last week. This involved the students skipping for the entire lesson, using single ropes, long ropes and working with partners, groups or their buddies. Our skipping team launched the Jump Off with a demonstration on Thursday.

After completing the challenge, sponsorship money can be finalised. Online funds are sorted by the Heart Foundation, but manual money collection and the accompanying sponsorship form must be brought to school by the end of term!

So only a few days left to raise/collect your sponsorship money!

Thank you to all of you who are participating in this important school and community event. The Heart Foundation thanks you also!

Michelle Burton



French

Bonjour!! It has been another busy and productive term of work in French.

The younger classes have been busy learning lots of new things in French, eg the song "Dix Petites Fleurs" (Ten Little Flowers); Têtes, épaules, genoux, pieds (Heads, shoulders, knees and toes); Les Couleurs (Colours) and using the gestures in class.

The middle classes have been learning about French food, and how to say which foods they like and dislike. They have enjoyed learning the Alphabet song, and then practising how they spell their names in French.

The older classes have been working on French food, and learning about the geography of France. They have enjoyed the song "Bonjour, comment ça va?" (Hello, how are you?)

"Jacques Dit" (Simon Says) continues to be a popular game with the middle and upper classes. Recently, some of the students have taken the role of teacher in this game, and have done very well.

It's that time of the year again, when poems need to be practised in readiness for the annual SAFTA (SA French Teachers' Association) Poetry Competition! There are two parts of the competition:

1. The recital of the poem, which students must learn off by heart, if they wish to enter.
2. The drawing of the poem, which is judged within our school.

Bonne chance (good luck) to all who participate!

Finally, I hope you all have a happy holiday, where you can relax and watch the "Tour de France" bike race, starting from July 1 to July 23. Don't forget that the French celebrate their National Day, Bastille Day, on July 14.

Bonnes Vacances à tous (Happy holidays to all),

Lea Garrett



Dear Students and Families

If you are planning to graduate this year you have until **Week 4 of Term 3** to finish collecting hours in your 'Passport to Learning'. Please remember no more than 10 hours can be claimed for any one activity as this ensures students participate in a range of great learning experiences. A minimum of 30hours is required to graduate. Lots of learning destination ideas can be found at <http://childrensuniversity.com.au/>

A representative from Children's University will be visiting Paringa Park on Tuesday the 15th August 2017 (Week 4, Term 3) to discuss graduation details. The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday 21st September 2017. It will begin at 6pm and conclude at 7.30pm. Invitations will be sent out at the start of Term 3 from Children's University. Graduating students may invite 2 guests to attend the ceremony. However, we have been informed by Children's University that the graduation BBQ/Dinner has been cancelled for 2017. We pass on their sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Ivan Cooper or Paul Taylor. We are looking forward to celebrating all the amazing learning that students have completed this year!

Kind regards
The Children's University

Be ready to graduate!

30hrs Bronze - 65hrs Silver - 100hrs Gold

Lego Club

Paringa Park is planning to start a Lego Club at school during lunch play times for students who would like something different to do. Do you have any unused Lego lying around at your house? We are looking to expand our Lego collection and would love to take it off your hands. Please bring any donations to the Front Office.

Thanks,
Nerida Menzel
Pastoral Care Worker



Fantastic fun in the mud



