

Term 2, Week 5, May 29th, 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## **Reminder - Pupil Free Day**

Our Term 2 Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday 6th June which is the Friday directly before the Queen's birthday long weekend. On this day students do not attend school and teachers will be required to attend Professional Learning.

Staff will be participating in training on using Formative Assessment in Literacy to continue our school wide focus on the teaching of Reading Skills, Phonics, Spelling and Grammar. The morning session will focus on improving skills in using Running Records as a diagnostic and assessment tool in Reading. In the afternoon the test data that class teachers have been collecting on individual students to inform the writing of



student reports will be shared between teachers at the same year level and across the year levels. This will provide us with information that we will use to examine what we are doing well and need to continue, and what we need to modify or change. This process will also ensure that all teachers are able to reliably moderate student work so that student grading is the same across a year level.

## **Student Safety**

At school we all work hard to ensure that our students are safe at all times. However, in spite of our continued efforts there are two recurring issues that seem to pose huge problems for staff and students. I would like to request that parents and caregivers ensure that when they are in the vicinity of our school they too do their part to take care of all of our children.

We have had three near misses lately in the Reidy Centre Car Park because parents picking up their children are driving on and parking on the grass. Some motorists are backing their cars into the 'roadway' and onto the grassed area without due care and consideration for pedestrians. Please be aware that this area is not our school property; it is private property. Our school community is permitted to use it at drop off and pick up times as long as we respect the wishes of the owner. Parents are requested not to park or drive on the grass. When walking in the car park use the path provided as it is the safest way to avoid near misses with vehicles. We need to be mindful that the owners have the right to lock the gate and restrict our use at any time they wish and this would add to the congestion of the traffic on O'Halloran Terrace at the beginning and end of school.



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Also of great concern is the number of adults who walk their children through the gate and into the staff car park in the mornings and afternoons. We will be reminding the students to use the paths adjacent to the main building and the main school gate rather than continue this unsafe practice. Your assistance with this matter would also be appreciated.

## **Reconciliation Week**

This week is Reconciliation Week. All classes are focusing on learning more about Aboriginal culture and there will be a variety of Indigenous lunchtime elective activities for students to participate in. Last Friday's assembly was a sensational beginning to the celebrations. Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Penny, shared the story of Mar the Cockatoo and Emma Hay spoke about Reconciliation. Students also had the opportunity to witness the use of Boandik, the language of our local Aboriginal people. I would like to thank our visitors for helping us better understand Reconciliation and what it means for all of us as Australians. Thank you also to staff members Andrew B and Steven G for organising this event and enhancing the presentation by using ICT to broadcast to all parts of the gym so that every student could see no matter where they were seated.



Chris Sheldon PRINCIPAL Lesley Okholm DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Sue Hutchesson ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

# Parking Area will be closed if.....

If parents continue to park irresponsibly on the grass in the Reidy Centre Car Park, it is likely that it will be closed permanently. This area is private property and is not a part of our school grounds. The dangerous behaviour of some drivers in this area, is putting children's safety at risk.

Lesley Okholm Deputy Principal



## **Positive Tracker Awards**

At our recent assembly, four wonderful children were rewarded for their efforts in keeping our school a happy place. Ryan B was very helpful to a hurt friend, Zac S showed great honesty and mediation skills to younger peers, Cody O assisted a new reception child while Alice A gave up some weekend time to assist with the She's Apples BBQ for the Fundraising Committee. WOW!

## **Congratulations**

We have many talented sports persons at this school and we celebrate their successes with them regularly. Ebony M became a state champion in recent Adelaide highland dancing competitions winning five gold medals, one silver medal, three bronze medals, two 1st place sashes, two trophies plus the perpetual trophy in the 7 - 12 year age group. *Amazing!* 

Connor P returned from his Kobe-Osaka Karate Championships in Melbourne recently gaining state selection to compete in Perth later this year. Although too young for state selection, Connor P competed in the same championships and came home with two gold medals from his bouts. Former student Mitchell P also gained state selection in his age category. *Super!* 

#### **Cross Country**

Last week a team of 45 students travelled by bus to Naracoorte to participate in the annual Primary Schools Cross Country events. Weather conditions were perfect and led to some awesome results. Fifteen athletes placed in the

top ten of each of their own age categories while five athletes placed in the top three and now have the chance to try out for the S.A.P.S.A.S.A. Cross Country Team in Adelaide. Thanks to the

parents who travelled to Naracoorte to support us.

 First
 Third

 Joel R
 Ruby H

 Henry M
 Abby M

 Aaron R

Heath McShane P. E. Teacher

#### **Auskick**

Due to the Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday 9th June, we will be holding a clinic on Tuesday 10th to make it up. Please add this to your Term Planner and diaries.

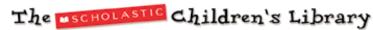
Jodie Ellery Auskick Coordinator





## **School Fees**

Please be reminded that the fourth and final instalment of school fees is due Friday 6th June. Gay Brooker School Business Manager



## **Scholastic Book Orders**

Order forms have been issued to all classes and are due back at end of the school day on Tuesday 10th June. This is immediately preceding the long weekend.

Tracy Kain Secretary



## **Reidy Park Café**

Orders for this Friday have been sent home and were due back today, Wednesday. Pasta of the day is Spaghetti Bolognese, soup of the day is Chicken & Sweet Corn and dessert is Apple Pie. *Mmmmm! Kate McDonough ILC Coordinator* 

## W. O. W. - Wipe Out Waste

# Tip #7 Try Unwrapped Nude Food

Foods with its own packaging can be cheaper, healthier and any scraps can be composted! Nude Food = Zero Waste.

For more tips go to <a href="http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html">http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/wow-newsletter-tips.html</a>





# Play Support Roster

Tomorrow's activity is Magic Dough while next Thursday will be Fruit Loop Necklaces. If you are interested in these activities held in the Art Room with the Peer Support Leaders and Miss Mouat, speak to your class teacher for a Classroom Pass.

Sue Mouat

Play Support Coordinator

## **White Lion Bail Out**

On Thursday 15th May the Year 6/7 'Bail Out Crew' held a very successful Fete in the Quad. It was great to see so many students get involved and resulted in many stalls selling out of all stock. Over \$400 was raised and will go towards the White Lion Foundation. A huge thankyou to anyone who was involved.

## **Fundraising BBQ**

On Sunday 18th May, Room 11 hosted the Sausage Sizzle at Masters (Market Place complex) to raise money for the White Lion Foundation as part of the Year 7 fundraising efforts. \$361 was raised in a mammoth effort. Thanks to those who gave up their time to work and to those who supported us. To date, over \$1 600 has been raised by the 6/7 fundraising team. *Superb!* 

Yr 6/7 Teachers & the Bail Out Team



## **Crossing Duty**

Congratulations to all the responsible students from Room 12 who have completed their crossing duties, showing great responsibility. Gabby, Everton, Kiara B, Braeden, Claire, Ella, Jade, Hanah, Mitch, Ruby, Shania, Brock, Aaron, Seth, Cody, Brendan, Makenzie, Kobi, Ethan, Rhett, Kiara S, Kia, Daisy, Adam, Imogen and Josh.

Jess Magarey

Room 12 Teacher

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Limestone Coast Rotary Careers Expo**



Friday 8th August 2014 at - TafeSA, Mount Gambier Campus, Wireless Road West Commencing 9:00am – 2:30pm

Highlights and activities include interactive workshops from various industries and interactive trade skills demonstrations.

Guest speakers will provide informative sessions.

Exhibitors present.

An action packed program tailored to meet the needs of students seeking information relating to many and varied tertiary study and employment opportunities.

For more information contact Suzanne W, Project Manager Limestone Coast Rotary Career Expo on **08 8735 1482** or **suzanne.waye@tafesa.edu.au** 



## **Blue Light Movie Night**

Thursday 19th June at the Oatmill Cinema, view the movie 'How To Train Your Dragon II'. Arrive at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start. Tickets cost \$5:00 and are available from the Police Station or on the night although tickets are limited. Open to 8 - 15 year olds with no pass outs. This is a drug, alcohol and violence free event.

## **Blue Lake BMX Club**

Start racing at the Blue Lake BMX Track at Hastings Cunningham Reserve for lots of fun. If you wish to join or just want more information contact **Natalie** on **0438254543**.

# Room 17 Inquiry Unit - Staying Alive In The Wild



# **Heath Mouse**

- 90 120mm
- Eats berries, leaves, seeds, flowers
- Is camouflaged

Seb

- 90 120mm
- Is grey-brown
- Lives in woodland
- Foxes, feral cats eat them
- Is camouflaged



## **Madyson**