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Governing Council Chairperson: Natalie Johnson

Issue 6

Respect, Creativity, Excellence, Resilience

From the Principal Ms Dora

What a great start to the year!

Learn and lead with me!

Highlights for Term 1

- Launching and enacting our school values and supporting students to develop their powerful learner dispositions
- Building leadership and teacher capacity
- 2017 Site Improvement Plan priorities and School webpage updated
- Parent workshops in Jolly Phonics and Parenting tips by Mark Le Messurier
- Staff professional development in Literacy and Mathematics
- Whole school celebration of Harmony Day
- Student leadership projects underway
- Primary Year classes have relocated to the Kidman Building and the new transportable

We would like to thank our staff for their hard efforts to relocate teaching and learning spaces in readiness for STEM Works. Performing Arts and Physical Education lessons will be conducted in the Gym as from Term 2. OSHC will move into the Gym mid-May and Assemblies will be held on Fridays each fortnight at 9.00am for the rest of the year to support our OSHC service.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this refurbishment stage as we creatively utilise the limited spaces at our site. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter and holiday break and encourage our school community to be vigilant with visitors to the school and responsibly report any incidents.



Diary Dates

13 April	Thur	End of Term 1 2:10pm dismissal
1 May	Mon	Term 2 commences
5 May	Fri	9.00am Assembly R/1 Mr Altman & Yr 3 Miss Anella
8-12 May		NAPLAN Yrs 3, 5, 7
12 May	Fri	Mother's Day Breakfast
19 May	Fri	9.00am Assembly R/1 Ev, Yr 3/4 Genna
26 May	Fri	Return of Secondary School Applications
3 June	Sat	Quiz Night
Sub Committee Meetings – All Welcome		
9 May	Tues	6:15pm OSHC
15 May	Mon	9:00am Canteen
16 May	Tues	6:30pm Parents & Friends
17 May	Wed	3:30pm After School Sports
18 May	Thur	3:30pm Finance
23 May	Tues	7:00pm Governing Council

Fridges in classrooms

The refrigerators were introduced a number of years ago in classrooms to address an ant problem and are not a DECD requirement. New furniture has been ordered and due to a lack of space in the new primary airconditioned classrooms and transportables unfortunately we are no longer able to accommodate the existing fridges for yrs 3 -7 classes. Please provide your child with an insulated lunch box and drink bottle.

Gates closed during school hours

To ensure student safety during school hours we will lock the back gate on Linda Drive between 9.15am to 2.30pm each day and front gates from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Visitors must report to the front office during school hours and sign in as it is a Health and Safety requirement.

Australia, what do you know?

This term in 3AS, our inquiry focus for Geography was *Australia, what do you know?* Students viewed a number of images and video clips and were then encouraged to pose their own 'I Wonder' questions about Australia. They then used the internet, Atlas and library books to find the answers they needed. This topic also linked with our homework task, where students had to research a Natural Feature within their local or wider community, describing why this feature is important to the community and what steps are being taken to protect it.

HOW DID THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HUNT FOR THEIR FOOD?

The Aboriginal people used a weapon called the nulla nulla for hunting. They had all types of nulla nullas that were used for different things.



What are the most common native trees in South Australia?

The most common native trees in South Australia are the Golden Wattle and the Willow Bottlebrush.



How were the rocks formed in the blue mountains?

The Blue Mountains are in NSW and are made up of layers of sedimentary rocks that have been laid down over the past 300 million years.



CLIMATE

Which place in Australia is the driest?

Cooper Pedy is the driest place in Australia.



Why are the Blue Mountains called the Blue Mountains?

The Blue Mountains are a two hour drive west of Sydney and are called the Blue Mountains because of the Eucalyptus oil from gum trees. This gives the panorama a green hue.



NAPLAN Testing

On Tuesday 9th May-Thursday 11th May, students in years 3, 5 and 7 will take part in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN is a nationally developed program that provides schools with information about how educational programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. Tests are administered simultaneously in schools across Australia and the content is aligned to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. **They are just one of the assessments which your child while participate in across the year.**

Students don't have to learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests. They have an opportunity to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests and with ways of showing their answers to questions before they do the tests. In August/September, you will receive an individual student report showing your child's achievement.

Further information can be found at www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support

Reception Enrolments 2018

Families with children due to commence Reception in 2018 are reminded to lodge an enrolment form for their child as soon as possible if they have not already done so. Enrolment forms are available from the front office.

School Hat Reminder



Reminder that hats are not needed to be worn in Term 2. The Sun Protection Policy requires that hats are worn in Terms 1, 3 and 4.

J.S Express Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED - EASTER Saturday 15th April

OPEN - MON 24TH April 8am-1pm

OPEN - SAT 29TH April 9am-12pm

MON 1ST MAY – Return to regular hours

**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES CONTACT
LILLY ON 0433 618 496**

Canteen Open on Sports Day

On Sports Day Wednesday 12th April the Canteen will be open from 10am–2pm supplying:

- Juices
- Bottled water
- Muffins
- Banana bread
- Slushies
- Ice cream
- Gelati
- Chips
- From 12pm slices of pizza will be available @ \$4 per slice

All money raised on Sports Day will be going towards new drinking fountains for the children.

CASUAL DAY



Thursday 13th April is Casual Day – Gold Coin donation with proceeds going to charity - SIDS research

Canteen Roster 2017

Day	Date	SPORTS	DAY	ROSTER
Wed	12/4	SPORTS	DAY	ROSTER
Thurs	13/4	Anna	Tania C	Ben
Fri	14/4	Good	Friday	

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set



Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ICSI Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 125 125 124.



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For more information on the programs visit
17-28 April 2017

www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/schoolholidays

QUIZ

NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 3rd June 2017

Thorndon Park Primary School Parents and Friends' Committee will be holding our mid-year Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd of June at our school gym. This is one of our main fundraising events for the year, assisting in raising funds for much needed equipment and resources for our students. More information to come next term.