

# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we welcome our Indonesian visitors to our school as part of the Bridge School Partnerships Program. Last week *Christine Perry* (Cycle 3 teacher) and *Emily Earl* (Preschool teacher) represented our school and travelled to Melbourne to spend four days undertaking professional development alongside the Indonesian teachers assigned to our school. We welcome *Eka Dewi Sultstrawah* and *Nita Puspitasari* to our school. They will be observing and working in our school for the next two weeks and we hope that they find the experience beneficial. Eka and Nita teach at Alfa Centauri School which is located in Bandung, West Java. We hope that they enjoy their stay and we hope that this is the beginning of a long-lasting relationship and partnership between our two schools.

I would like to sincerely thank the *Bartley-Clements*, *Buringa-Howard*, *Erhart-Bruce* and *Chittleborough* families for generously offering to accommodate Eka and Nita during their homestay in Adelaide.



Eka &amp; Nita

★ SD ALFA CENTAURI

*Cathy France –Principal*

## STUDENT WELLBEING

This year, a focus for staff professional development is around student well-being. Although we already implement student well-being lessons and events in a variety of formats, we feel it is important to periodically review our practices as a whole school. We will be using the Kids Matter framework as our pathway. Kids Matter is a national initiative that aims to contribute to improving student mental health and well-being, reducing mental health difficulties amongst students, and increasing support for students experiencing mental health difficulties. Kids Matter is a way for schools to nurture happy, balanced students through mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention activity and planning. We know that being mentally healthy is vital for learning and for leading a rewarding life. It promotes a positive school community where everyone belongs.

Our first step is setting up two-way communication with the school community. Information gathered from our staff, parents/care givers and students will be used to develop and record a shared school vision for wellbeing.

School staff and students will complete surveys at school. We will be sending out surveys for parents/caregivers to complete which will help our school to develop a baseline to measure improvements, identify areas that are going well and areas to focus energy, and develop a plan of action and strategies for areas that require more attention.

We look forward to working together and value your input.

*Emily Earl, Lisa Goodwin and Natalie Costello*  
(Student well-being task group)

## FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6.00pm – 8.30pm

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March (week 8) the school will hold the biennial FESTIVAL OF ARTS evening. Classrooms will be open for viewing of the visual art work that children have been working on. Throughout the evening, classes, individuals and small groups of students will demonstrate their artistic skills through the entertainment program and by “busking” around the school. Currently we are working on the program.

We would love to have any school adults/parents who are interested in busking/performing on the night. Please come and see us in the Office if you are willing and able to add to the ‘artistic flavour’ of the evening.

*Join us at 6.30pm for the official unveiling of the 40th Birthday sculpture!*

We are planning to offer a BBQ dinner, Bar and Coffee & Cake for the event. We will be looking for some volunteers to help – so let us know if you can assist on the night. An invitation will be sent home soon to all school families with all the information needed and so you can pre-order your food.

*Please put the date in your diary so you can join in the fun!!*

Come along & view the art work in classrooms!

Enjoy performances from students & adults!

Eat, drink & mingle with other families!

Lots of “hands-on” children’s activities!

Gold Coin donation for program & entry!

\$5 for Children’s Passports!

Bring along some coins to encourage our buskers!!



# School News

## BOARD COMMUNIQUE

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The Board Action Plan was reviewed and approved. It was agreed that the AGM would follow the same format as last year. A brief discussion was held about Board members coming up for re-election at the AGM as well as the School's auditor to be recommended for reappointment. The Constitution of the School is due to be reviewed this year. This will occur during one of the future Board meetings.

*Paul Daly – Board President*

## TERM 1 CHATS - YULTIWIRRA

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All Yultiwirra parents will be sent an email with a link that will take them to the "Interview Schedule Portal" for booking a Term 1 Chat and details of how to make this on-line booking.

Yultiwirra Term 1 Chats – parent/teacher interviews will be held in Week 7 (19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March). If you do not have access to a computer, please phone or come into the office to make a booking. The "Interview Schedule Portal" will be open for only ONE WEEK (until Thurs 15th March) to make interview bookings.

FREE CHILD CARE during interviews

If you require child care for your child/ren during the interview time, please complete the eform via the Skoolbag app by Thursday 15th March. Free Child Care is available for students 3 years and over during your interview time but **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. If you do not book you will be charged for this service as we need to know numbers for staff:student ratios. You must also sign your child/ren in and out when using this service, otherwise you will be billed. Please note: this child care is separate to any previous OSHC bookings you may already have.

## INTRODUCTION TO 'EMOTION COACHING'

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When our kids are experiencing big emotions such as anger, anxiety or fear, it can be hard not to react in the moment.

Emotion Coaching is a way of thinking about the ways that we as parents respond to our children when they are feeling overwhelmed, that is simple and helps build your child's ability to manage their own emotions (ideal for use with both little and much older kids - even partners!)

We are all human and have our good and bad days, and this way of responding is about doing the best you can in the moment, not being the perfect parent.

All parents are invited to come along to a parent discussion group facilitated by *Libby Roberts (Student Wellbeing Worker)* on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9.15am. Please RSVP via Skoolbag.

*Come along, join in the conversation and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!*

## DONATIONS

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This term we are establishing lunchtime clubs for primary students. We are seeking any preloved Lego or Meccano to use in these sessions. If you have any Lego or Meccano that you no longer require we would be grateful for donations. Please bring any donations to the office.

## PARENT EDUCATION

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An Education and Information Session is being presented for parents, particularly new parents, who are interested in learning more about the Montessori Philosophy.

*"The Montessori Philosophy - An Introductory Talk"*  
*will be held on Thursday, 15th March,*  
*6.30 – 8.30pm at Yultiwirra Campus.*

This session will highlight key aspects of the Philosophy & Methodology and how the Montessori approach to learning differs from mainstream schooling. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about how the Montessori Philosophy is applied at our school. Knowledge gained may assist you to further support the Montessori Philosophy at home. By knowing the values and basis of the Montessori Philosophy you will be able to further capitalise on opportunities for consistency of approaches presented to your child between home and school.

We urge all new families to attend this informative session and any existing families who have not attended one of these sessions.

A crèche will be available for any child/ren over 3 years of age – prior bookings are essential and can be made at the office.

We hope that you are able to join us for this important session.

An invitation will be sent to new families, however anyone interested in attending should notify the office.

## YULTIWIRRA WORKING BEE

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*Sunday 18th March 9 am – 11.30am*

We are seeking a group of parents who would like to help clear the Bush Play area of excess chopped wood.

If you have any of the following tools please bring them along: wheel barrows, chain saws, splitters. We would LOVE your help!

*Please RSVP via Skoolbag.*

## PLEASE SHUT THE GATE!

Please be reminded that the Preschool gate and the main gate to the school need to be shut so that young children don't get out of the gate unsupervised. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult to leave the main gate of the school. Please be mindful of this when leaving the school.

## MUSIC WITH MAREE

This year, the Yultiwirra Festival of Arts is being celebrated on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Preparations for this event are already underway with students rehearsing a variety of musical items during their weekly music lessons. Students are also being encouraged to showcase their artistic talents by busking on the night in small groups or individually.



# Cycle News

## INFANT PROGRAM

The children are loving the fish aquarium which is new to our classroom this term. Thank you to Lisa's Cycle 1 class for the lend of their classroom 'pets'. Johnny and Kaitie are giving the fish their daily feed.



## CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

The preschool children have been learning about the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly. We have been observing the Wanderer caterpillars eating, growing, moulting and changing into a chrysalis. Some students were lucky enough to watch the metamorphous of the hanging caterpillar into a pupa and then chrysalis. The process only took twenty minutes and they were amazed to see it happening. The beautiful green and gold chrysalises are now hanging on the branches and we have watched one emerge and dry its wings. It is a real thrill to release them into our garden.



Daniella "You can see its wings. It is trying to get out"

Bethany "It's turning into a butterfly" "They are all the caterpillar's poo's"

## CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

Our class travelled by bus to Hahndorf on February 21 to watch Carmen (Ashlee Golding's mum) carry the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton. We



shopped at the Fruit and Veg shop for our snack and then found a great spot to eat and view the parade.

"The bus ride was fun" Ethan "I got to see my mum" Ashlee "I loved the police motor bikes" Oscar

"I saw the Queen's message inside the Baton I think" Ollie

"I chose raspberries for my fruit" Joe

## CYCLE 2

This term our class has heard the first two Great Stories. The beginning of the universe and the coming of life. They enjoyed making miniature plasticine models of the earth from the inner core to the outer surface.



There has been a weekly focus on art, studying some lesser known but interesting artists: James Rizzi, Friedensreich Hundertwasser and Fiona Whyte. We have been observing the lines, colour and their particular style in their artwork.

## CYCLE 3

In Cycle 3 we have been discussing gratitude. One of the daily writing tasks in the past week was for children to use a dictionary to find the meaning of gratitude and then share three people they are grateful for and why, followed by three things they are grateful in their life. Here are just a few snippets:

"I am grateful for Billy because he always stands up for me. I am grateful for Lucas L because he understands me. I am grateful for Pepe because he helps me with my work. I am grateful for my nice teachers because they just tell me to do my best. I am grateful for my family because they love me. I am grateful for the environment around me because I can live on it." *Caeleb Guerrero.*

"Clothes - because some people don't have many clothes and I am fortunate for the variety that I have. A house - because many homeless people don't have a shelter and they have to live on the streets. My family - because I am lucky I have the family that I have and I love them so much." *Sophie Griffiths.*

"I am grateful for my nicest mum, my beautiful Dad and my wonderful Nanny because they always love me". *Jesse Ellbourn*

"I am grateful for my animals. I am grateful for clean oxygen. I am grateful that I am loved." *Ashleigh Evans.*

## CYCLE 4 & SENIOR STUDENTS

Current

Occupations in the Adolescent Program are...



*The Feeding the community* (Yr 7)

occupation is the

foundation for so much at the Adolescent Program. Students develop their kitchen, knife and culinary skills, explore and

reinforce knowledge of nutrition

and healthful eating, develop

and use research and language

skills, learn about the digestive

system in Science, and put all of

this plus their hospitality into

action with a pop-up food

festival - the highly anticipated

Tastes of the World!



*Through The Real Game* (Yrs 8-9) students have an opportunity to take on a career, create and manage a budget, buy a house, even plan a holiday. Students work together in the game to get a window into the realities of adult life.

*The PLP or Personal Learning Plan* (Yr 10) is a Year 10 compulsory choice for SACE Stage 1. Students examine the SACE General Capabilities, set and pursue learning goals, develop resumes, discuss and identify employability skills and participate in a week of Work Experience.



# School Dates & Info

## TERM 1 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

### **Tuesday March 8**

Class Parent Rep meeting 2.30pm

### **Monday March 12**

*Adelaide Cup Public Holiday*

### **Tuesday March 13**

Facilities meeting @ Wairoa 8.00am

Finance meeting 6.00pm

### **Thursday March 15**

Sharing Assembly – Yultiwirra Campus

9.30am – Parents Welcome! Cycle 1 & 3 sharing

Parent Education Evening – 6.30pm

‘Introduction to Montessori Philosophy’

### **Friday March 16**

National Day of Action against bullying

### **Sunday March 18**

Working Bee 9am – 11.30am

Week 7

PE Week

Year 10 work experience week

### **Tuesday March 20**

Yultiwirra Open Day

10am-12noon

Executive meeting 6.00pm

Board meeting 7.00pm

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2018

### **Thursday March 22**

Games Day – Cycle 2, 3 & 4 students

### **Friday March 23**

Games Day – Cycle 1 Preschool & C1 Primary students

Introduction to ‘Emotion Coaching’ with Libby Roberts – 9.15am

### **Sunday March 25**

Cake Stall @ Stirling Market

### **Monday March 26**

Parent Get Together – 9.15am @ Yultiwirra Campus

### **Wednesday March 28**

Yultiwirra Festival of Arts

### **Wednesday March 28 – Thursday March 29**

Adolescent Orientation Camp

### **Friday March 30**

*Good Friday*

### **Monday April 2**

*Easter Monday*

### **Wednesday April 4**

2.00pm – Official Opening of Cycle 1 Outdoor Learning Area

Sharing Assembly – Yultiwirra Campus

2.30pm – Parents Welcome! Cycle 2 & 4 sharing

### **Thursday April 12**

Community Breakfast

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The child does not develop the power to walk upright by waiting for it, but by walking.”

*Maria Montessori*

## 2018 TERM DATES

**TERM 1:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**TERM 2:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**TERM 3:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

## OPEN DAYS

*Yultiwirra Open Day - Tues 20<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12 noon*

Our greatest marketing tool is positive affirmation through “word of mouth” by current school families. Please let anyone you know who may be interested in visiting our school, or enrolling a child, the date and time of our Open Day.

## CAKE STALL – WHOLE SCHOOL

Members of the Fundraising Committee are organising a Cake Stall to be held at the Stirling Markets on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 4.00pm. We are hoping that as many families as possible will support this fundraiser as we need plenty to sell. More info will be sent out via Skoolbag. If you can bake, provide produce or help on the day please fill out the RSVP via Skoolbag. A roster is in the office!

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES – YULTIWIRRA

We wish to invite all parents/caregivers to our “sharing assemblies” this term held at Yultiwirra campus, where students will have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. Please make a note of the dates and place them in your diary Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am – Cycle 1 & 3 sharing Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm – Cycle 2 & 4 sharing

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Ink Pot Arts Workshops - Dance, drama and music workshops and sessions available in Term 1 & 2. Visit [facebook.com/inkpotarts](https://facebook.com/inkpotarts) or phone 8388 0353/0429 673 327 for further information.

AikiKids – AikiKids provides a non-violent alternative for children in the martial arts. AikiKids classes teach discipline, respect and personal development. For more information visit [aisikids.org](http://aisikids.org) or call Peter Noble on 0434 44 8 892.

Medjool Dates – Carolyn Williams (school parent) is taking expressions of interest for organic (not certified) medjool dates. \$132 for a 6kg box delivered to school. Contact Carolyn on 0402 002 124 for further information.