

Newsletter



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Friday 15th March it is the *National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence* (NDA). As a registered NDA school, we stand united against bullying and violence with school communities across the nation.

Recently at a staff meeting, teaching staff revisited the definition of bullying and the importance of students understanding the definition and the difference between others being 'not nice' or 'mean' as opposed to 'bullying' so that students can then recognise bullying when they hear it or see it.

The National Day of Action is a good opportunity to start a conversation with students and revisit important messages. Messages such as:

- bullying can happen to anyone, but it is never okay
- always speak to an adult if it happens to you or if you witness it
- keep asking for help if it doesn't stop

Staff will be actively having conversations with students leading up to the NDA. When talking to students about bullying we understand that children and young people are growing and still learning how to be effective members of the community. In talking about bullying it is also important to talk about positive ways of interacting with friends and other students. Staff and parents play an important role in helping children learn how to manage their own feelings and how to get on with others.

We are currently reviewing our 'Safe and Supportive Environments' policy and procedures and the behaviour management and bullying brochures that accompany this policy. This policy, procedures and brochures will be disseminated to the school community once reviewed and ratified by the School Board.

Cathy

France –Principal

Is it Bullying?

Not Nice When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once**....
That is not nice.

Mean When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once**.....
That is Mean.

Bullying When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time**, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset.....
That is Bullying.



**BULLYING.
NO WAY!**

GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Win an amazing holiday!

2 nights stay at Magic Beach. Magic Beach is located at Boatswains Point, only a 10 minute drive from Robe. This property has everything you need for that perfect private escape!

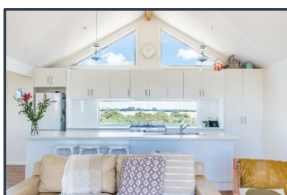
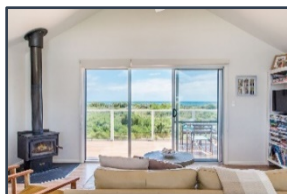
**Purchase a
\$10 lucky square.**

Visit the office or purchase via
Skoolbag & Paypal.

Voucher is for 2 nights accommodation to be used before 10th May 2019. Subject to availability. Additional nights can be purchased.

Drawn 29th March

Thank you to parents Tom & Sarah Tilbury for their generous donation of this prize. Money raised will go towards our school fundraising efforts.



PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Supporting our Anxious Kids

Friday 22nd March 9.15am

10 Steps to help our kids manage when they feel overwhelmed, anxious and out of sorts.

Come and join Libby Roberts, our Student Wellbeing Worker, for our first parent discussion morning for 2019. This topic is all about exploring the current research around anxiety, what has been shown to work, and how parents can support their kids to build better ways to deal with anxious feelings. The strategies are applicable to children of all ages (*including adults!*)

All parents are invited to come along to the parent discussion group facilitated by Libby to be held in the staffroom at Yultiwirra. Please RSVP via SkoolBag.

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

School News

BOARD COMMUNIQUE

The 2019 Board Action Plan and the Annual Board Calendar were reviewed. The format of the AGM was agreed upon and it was agreed that the current auditor would be recommended for re-appointment for the 2019 financial year.

Paul Noon gave an overview of the 2019 Capital Works Plan and it was agreed that this would be discussed in detail at the next Board meeting.

Paul Daly – Board President

TERM 1 CHATS - YULTIWIRRA

All Yultiwirra parents will be sent in the coming days 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 (18th – 22nd 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 Wed 13th 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 Wednesday 13th 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.

TERM 1 CHATS - WAIROA

Wairoa Term 1 Chats – parent/teacher/student interviews are being held this week.

OPEN DAY – YULTIWIRRA

Tues 19th March Tours 10 am – 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 at Yultiwirra.

SNIPPETS WITH SUSAN

Come and join Susan on alternate Wednesdays this term, exploring a range of topics relating to learning in our school and ways to support your child/ren at home. The sessions are 20 minute 'bite sized snippets' of information and informal discussions for parents.

"Snippet sessions" will be held in the staffroom from 9.10am – 9.30am fortnightly.

Snippet Session 3: Wednesday 20th March:

Learning 'Times Tables' If the topic on offer takes your interest, please RSVP via SkoolBag. Numbers are limited to 12 attendees.

PARENT EDUCATION

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 **Wednesday, 13th 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 or via SkoolBag.

We hope that you are able to join us for this important session. An invitation has been sent to new families, however anyone interested in attending should notify the office or RSVP via SkoolBag.

CAKE STALL – WHOLE SCHOOL

Members of the Fundraising Committee are organising a Cake Stall to be held at the **Stirling Markets on Sunday 24th March** 10.00am – 4.00pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are hoping that as many families as possible will support this fundraiser as we need plenty to sell as it is always a very successful day. **If you can bake, provide produce or help on the day please come and let us know in the office asap.** A roster is in the office for people to sign on!



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

Friday 15th March at 9.30am – Cycle 1 & 3 sharing

Monday 1st April 2.30pm – Cycle 2 & 4 sharing

Cycle News

CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL

The preschool was very excited to have Sammi Rolt pop in for a visit with baby Jasper. Sammi kindly let the children sit in a circle around Jasper to observe him on a blanket. Through questioning they found out many things about Jasper; that he was five and a half months old, can't say any words yet but makes many sounds, puts lots of things in his mouth, has no teeth yet and only drinks milk so far. Jasper showed the children how he can roll over on his blanket and sit up by himself. The children then had a practical life lesson on how to change a nappy. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to interact with a young baby.



Maggie "What nappies does Jasper wee in?" "He makes bubbles"
Jasper S "So he has a penis, so he is a boy"

CYCLE 1 PRIMARY

Our class has enjoyed learning about and making frescos during our study of the artist Leonardo da Vinci. We mixed up the plaster powder with just the right amount of water and poured it into our molds. While it was setting, we made a design on paper for our fresco. With very soft and careful brushstrokes we painted our designs on the plaster while it was still wet.

'Painting fresco was easy'

Oscar

'We had to use our brushes softly'

Freya
'I liked how easy it was to paint on the plaster'

Mikaela

'It was fun painting fresco'

Hazel

'It was different painting on plaster'



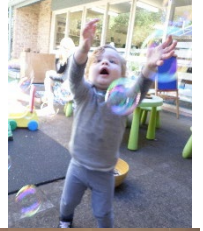
CYCLE 2

Last week both cycle 2 classes attended a performance 'Dinosaur Time Machine' organised by The Stirling Fringe. The students enjoyed learning interesting facts through a humorous and engaging adventure show. After the show they were involved in a drama workshop using props, their bodies and imagination. In class the first great story has been introduced 'The Beginning of the Universe' which was followed up with several small hands-on science activities.



INFANT PROGRAM

We are spending lots of time in the outdoor environment this term despite the heat. The children are enjoying the water play, watering the garden and finger painting. In this photo Ocean is having fun catching and popping bubbles.



CYCLE 3

The Stirling Fringe came to us! Last Friday Cycle 3 enjoyed the performance 'Gulliver's Travels'.



The performance, directed by Becca Cox, was based on the classic book by Jonathan Swift.

"Gulliver's Travels' is a fictional adventure story where the main character travelled to weird and wonderful lands." *Jarrah*
"The story begins with Elizabeth Gulliver falling out of a crashing plane and landing in the land of Lilliput. Lilliput was a land of little people and had a rule that your eggs needed to be cracked from the little end." *Summer*

"It was a funny and adventurous story. It was about a girl called Elizabeth Gulliver who had travelled through different lands. Some with talking horses." *Jaz*

"I liked the prop of the giant queen because it looked really funny." *Sasha*

"I really enjoyed it (the performance) because of Geoff. He was really funny, he kept bumping into the walls." *Luca*

CYCLE 4 & SENIOR STUDENTS

Community building continues to characterise much of the work, in the Adolescent Program. In two separate groups, the students navigated their own way to Woodhouse where they took part in a range of collaborative and reflective activities.



Highlights included the boys setting up dinner for the girls in the forest and the girls setting up breakfast under a beautiful old oak tree, group challenges on the recently refurbished Challenge Hill and night-time maze running. New friendships were forged and old ones were strengthened in a terrific time away. Last week we continued this theme as we headed to the city again to attend festival events in the Fringe.



MUSIC WITH MAREE

Each Thursday morning the Year 3 students from both Cycle 2 classes meet to learn to play the descant recorder. The students are all very keen and have been successful in learning to read and play a number of simple musical pieces using the notes A, B & G. The recorder group is very much looking forward to performing their favourite song, Hot Cross Buns, at the Community Breakfast next month (11/4).



School Dates & Info

TERM 1 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

Week 5

Interview week @ Wairoa

Wednesday March 6

Snippets with Susan 9.10am

Thursday March 7

Wairoa café 9.15am All Welcome!

Parent Rep Meeting 2.30pm

Friday March 8

Fundraising Committee meeting 9.15am – All Welcome!

Monday March 11

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday March 12

I & P committee meeting @ Wairoa 8.00am

Finance committee meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday March 13

Parent Education Evening – 6.00pm

'Introduction to Montessori Philosophy' – All Welcome!

Friday March 15

Sharing Assembly – Yultiwirra Campus

9.30am – Parents Welcome! Cycle 1 & 3 sharing

Week 7

Interview week @ Yultiwirra

Tuesday March 19

Open Day – Yultiwirra campus 10am-12noon

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Board meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday March 20

Snippets with Susan 9.10am

Thursday March 21

Games Day – Cycle 2, 3 & 4 students

Friday March 22

Parent Discussion Group with Libby

"Supporting our Anxious Kids" – 9.15am

Yultiwirra staffroom

KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 2019

Sunday March 24

Cake Stall @ Stirling Market

Monday March 25

Parent Get Together – 9.15am "Come along for a cuppa!"

Yultiwirra Campus – All Welcome!

Monday April 1

Sharing Assembly – Yultiwirra Campus

2.30pm – Parents Welcome! Cycle 2 & 4 sharing

Thursday April 11

Community Breakfast @ Yultiwirra

Friday April 12

End of Term 1 – 2pm finish

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Whoever touches the life of the child touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future."

Maria Montessori

2019 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Tuesday 5th February – Friday 12th April

TERM 2: Tuesday 30th April – Friday 5th July

TERM 3: Tuesday 23rd July - Friday 27th September

TERM 4: Tuesday 15th October – Wed 11th December

FIRE WOOD

Stock up for winter!! The school has firewood available for sale - \$20 for a car boot load or \$50 per 6 x 4 trailer load. Register your interest at the school office and then we can organise collection and payment.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Australian Fresh Medjool Dates – Organic but not certified. 6kg boxes available for \$132.00 delivered to the school. Buy a box and divide it amongst family & friends. They also freeze very well. Orders close Friday 15th March.

Please contact Carolyn Williams (school parent) to order and arrange payment on 0402 002 124 or carolynenjo@bigpond.com.

Stirling Districts Football Club is looking to recruit boys and girls of all ages to play soccer in a fun and supportive environment.

Registrations online www.stirlingdistrictssc.com.au or phone Karen Palmer on 0402 436 622.

Highland Valley Bush Camping – Secluded campsites (unpowered) on private land just 15 minutes from Strathalbyn and Mt Barker. Set in the beautiful Adelaide Hills, close to wineries and easy access to the Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide CBD and Murraylands including Monarto Zoo. Pets allowed at owners' discretion. Toilet available.

For enquiries phone 08 8537 5185 or 0459 327 717.