

Newsletter



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As previously reported earlier in the year, 'Enhancing the Cultural Curriculum' is our key professional development thread across the school for the next two years with Dave Coulter (*Cycle 4 teacher*) taking the lead role as Curriculum Coordinator in this area.

On the pupil free day this week teaching staff again participated in a professional development workshop lead by Kate Dilger from the SA Science Teachers Association (SASTA). The day focused on developing problem solving skills, creative and critical thinking through the lens of a 'STEM approach' with particular focus on Science, Engineering and Design. We are pleased to announce that Kate will run a parent/staff session this term which I encourage parents to attend to find out what STEM is and looks like in our school.

Kate is the Education and Executive officer at SASTA and has won the award for teaching at the Department for Industry & Skills prestigious SA Science Excellence Awards as well as the Teacher's Registration Board's Induction & Mentoring Early Careers Award which recognises teachers who engage with, support and encourage educators new to the teaching profession. She has also been an Executive Officer at SACE and an education consultant in New York.

The staff/parent session will be held on Thursday 23rd May from 4.00-6.00pm in the Yultiwirra Common Room. Creche will be provided for children over 3 years of age. Bookings essential. Look out for a flyer to be sent out soon via the Skoolbag app. I hope you can join us for the session.

Cathy France –Principal

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TERM 1



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On the second to last day of Term 1 we held our annual community breakfast at Yultiwirra. It was a wonderful way to end a busy and successful term by coming together as a community. Thank you to the class parent reps, fundraising committee and staff who helped make this school event a success!

WELLBEING CONFERENCE FOR CYCLE 4

Late last term the Cycle 4 students participated in our annual Wellbeing Conference, along with adolescent students from Southern Montessori School.



The aim of the conference is to bring wellbeing to the front of students' minds by exposing students to a number of local services that support wellbeing, as well as exploring a few simple strategies to help maintain their own wellbeing.

The day consisted of numerous experts and professionals in their field sharing their knowledge and experience in managing individual wellbeing. The sessions included topics such as; Maintaining a Healthy Mind, Operating at an Elite Sporting Level, Managing Stress, Knowing Your Personality, Navigating the Health Maze, Maintaining Physical Health, as well as Mindful Eating, Yoga, and Physiotherapy.

A special thank you to parents from the school community who gave up their time and expertise to make the day a wonderful success. Thank you to parents *Kate Webb, Katya Schiavone, Andrew Young, Huda Alsultan*, and our Wellbeing worker *Libby Roberts*. A big thank you to *Attila Nandori* for again organising this wonderful event.

School News

BOARD COMMUNIQUE

The Board ratified the Annual Report and acknowledged the effort that Nicki Stewart has put into the document. The School's capital expenditure priorities were agreed. The updated Class Allocation, Transition & Orientation policy was reviewed and ratified

Paul Daly – Board President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please enter Tuesday, 28th May 6.00pm in your diary as the date of the school's AGM. The AGM will be held at Yultiwirra Campus. Following the AGM there will be wine, cheese and chatter. We encourage parents to attend the evening. The Board Nomination form and information about the AGM has been sent home. Board Nominations need to be lodged at the school office by Monday 13th May. If you would like to discuss Board member obligations, see Cathy in the office.

TERM 2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A sausage sizzle will be held this Friday for Yultiwirra students. Orders needed to be submitted last term. The Class Parent Reps organise & host this special lunch for the students to celebrate the beginning of each term! We thank the parent reps for volunteering their time to assist with the lunch.



CALL OUT FOR USED CANS AND BOTTLES

As part of a new project, Cycle 4 students will be using recycled materials to create structures in their garden.

For this, we need your help. If you have some used food cans or drink bottles similar to the images above, please bring them into school. You can leave them at the Yultiwirra office or bring them to Wairoa.

Thanks for your support!
Dave

TERM 2 SNIPPETS WITH SUSAN

Snippets with Susan will continue this term commencing on Wednesday 8th May at 9.10am with a focus on Fractions. Book in via SkoolBag.

PARENT GET TOGETHER – WAIROA CAFE

Come along to the Wairoa cafe with great coffee, tea and scrumptious cakes and in a warm & inviting atmosphere on Thursday 23rd May from 9 - 11am.

PRE-SERVICE TEACHER

University student, [Tayla Cartwright](#) is completing her practicum in our school at present in Penny's class. We hope that she finds her time with us beneficial.

NAPLAN TESTING – WHOLE SCHOOL

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students enrolled in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in *Naplan Testing in Week 3 on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May.*

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (*spelling, grammar and punctuation*) and Numeracy.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Involvement in testing against the National Benchmarks is linked with receipt of Government funding and we are therefore, as a school, obliged to participate. We view student participation as developing a "life skill" and teachers assist students in their preparation leading up to the testing week.

In previous years we have found that the results confirm what our own testing regime and professional judgment have identified, and thus we use the reports from this National Testing as part of our overall assessment practices. Results will be posted to the school and we will notify parents when we receive the reports so the results can be interpreted together with your child's class teacher.

If your child is in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 please notify the school if your child will be absent during NAPLAN week.

All children in these year levels will sit the tests unless an exemption or withdrawal has been arranged prior.

If you do not wish for your child to sit the tests for philosophical or personal reasons, please come and speak to Cathy or your child's teacher ASAP. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and their families to our school this term:

Cycle 1 Preschool – *Ruben Cossich, Sahara Cornthwaite, Micah Wandtke, Georgia Enright, Arlo Richardson, George Chamberlin*

We also welcome new families to Transition and Infant Program.

OPEN DAY – WAIROA

Wairoa Open Day - Tues 21st May Tours 9.30am

If you are interested in finding out more about the Middle School and our Adolescent Program (Yrs 7-10) come along on a tour! Alternatively, if you know families from outside the school who might be interested please let them know the details. The Wairoa Open Day is for both current school families and the wider community. Phone or come into the office to book into a tour at 9.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to [Huda Alsultan](#) (*Wairoa parent*) for successfully gaining a place in this year's Channel 10 Masterchef competition. We wish Huda all the very best and we will eagerly watch her progress throughout the series!



Vacation Care News

We hope that you have all had a very happy Easter break. It sounds like there were holidays, relaxation and all things fun!

It was an unusual time for us in Vacation Care with so many public holidays, it saw both extremes with bookings, feast or famine so they say!

We had two excursions, one to Stangate House and one to the Mount Barker Croquet Club. These were amazing, my favourites so far! Stangate House was opened to us by the excellent volunteers. The children were able to play freely in the gardens, hide and seek along the paths, chasey on the lawns, lizard and bug spotting and a picnic lunch. We finished our time at Stangate House with a collective hug of the enormous oak tree, it took all 10 of us to get our arms around it. This activity will feature again next term with a focus on tadpoling and community contribution.

The Croquet Club was also great fun. The croquet committee taught us how to hit the balls with the mallet and even developed a hybrid version of the game to teach the children, we all had fun. We learnt that young to old, small to tall in fact anyone at all can play croquet. Sammy Pugh wowed the committee with his end to end shots and certain staff, who shall not be named, (*Megan*), were caught idly dreaming of white linen, deck chairs and times gone by. A perfectly civilized way to spend a day! Other activities have included lots of sports, soccer and basketball being the current favourites, kite building and flying, cardboard construction, art, craft, games, games, games and with the beautiful weather heaps of time down in the bush. We made Easter biscuits, Anzac Biscuits and cute little pom pom bunnies as well as the ever popular, always entertaining cubby house building bonanza.

We introduced our floor books over Vacation Care, one for daily reflections, one for excursions and one for focused activities. Staff and children have enjoyed creating these, sharing thoughts, stories and general ideas. They are a fun way of recording all the amazing things we do. The books are on the benches and are available for anyone to look at and contribute to. They will continue on during this term.

Thanks to everyone for a great Term 1 Vacation Care.

Moving on to Term 2.....

This term we will continue with our breakfast menu with a few slight adjustments. We wanted to provide options that were easier for the children to prepare independently whilst adhering to our healthy eating policy. Also, the waffle maker went bang! Cereal and toast are staples on the menu.

Monday- Yoghurt and Fruit

Tuesday – Smoothies

Wednesday – Pancakes

Thursday – Smoothies

Friday – Yoghurt and Fruit

We have been gathering ideas and thoughts from the children throughout Vacation Care regarding the Quiet Room and how we all want to use the space. The children had some exciting ideas that range from a magical tree to a garden of lollipops. We look forward to developing these ideas and the room as the term goes along.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout Term 2.

*Megan Lynch
OSHC Coordinator*



School Dates & Info

TERM 2 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)

Thursday May 2

Policy Committee Meeting 4.00pm

Friday May 3

Class Parent Rep Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday May 7

I&PC Committee Meeting 8.00am

Marketing Committee Meeting 4.00pm

Wednesday May 8

Snippets with Susan 9.10am

Friday May 10

Fundraising Committee Meeting 9.00am

Tuesday May 14

NAPLAN Testing commences

Finance Committee Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday May 15

NAPLAN Testing

Thursday May 16

NAPLAN Testing

Tuesday May 21

Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Board Meeting 7.00pm

KEY DATES FOR TERM 2 2019

Tuesday May 21

Wairoa Open Day 9.30am-12

Class Parent Rep Meeting 2.30pm

Wednesday May 22

Snippets with Susan 9.10am

Thursday May 23

Parent Get Together – Wairoa Café 9.15am

Tuesday May 28

Year 6 transition visit to Wairoa

AGM held at Yultiwirra – 6.00pm

Wednesday May 29

Sharing Assembly 11.30am

Cycle 1 Preschool & Primary & 2. All parents welcome!

Wednesday June 12

Cycle 1 & 2 Music Concert

Monday June 17

Parent Education – Cycle 1 Transition 9.15am

Monday June 17– Friday June 21

Collaborative Interviews - Yultiwirra

Monday June 24

Parent Get Together – Yultiwirra 9.15am

Tues June 25, Wed June 26, Thurs June 27

Coffeehouse Cabaret – Wairoa

Thursday July 4

Sharing Assembly 9.30am

Cycle 3 & 4 sharing. All parents welcome!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The things he sees are not just remembered; they form part of his soul.”

Maria Montessori

2019 TERM DATES

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.

EARN & LEARN

Whenever you shop at Woolworths, collect the stickers at the checkout and place them on sticker cards available in the school office (1 sticker for every \$10 spent) and drop into the collection box located in the office and help get valuable resources for our school. We have until 25th June to collect them; ask work colleagues, neighbours, grandparents and friends to collect them for us too!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dream Big – Children’s Festival (presented by Adelaide Festival Centre)

Family Friendly Fun: 22nd May – 1st June

A variety of shows, experiences & activities

Includes BIG Family Weekend, 25th & 26th May:

This FREE family event for children of all ages will take over North Terrace Cultural Boulevard for two fun-filled days.

Program available from the school office.

www.dreambigfestival.com.au

WHISPERING WALLS – If the walls had ears!

Presented by Inkpot Arts during the SA History Festival in Nairne.

Sat 18th & 25th, Sun 26th May: 5.30-7.30pm

Image, sound & performance combine to share tales of Nairne’s past with a cast of dozens – children, dancers, actors, town elders, one coat and a horse!

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BASMC

Info: quill@inkpot.com.au or Ph: 0429 673 327

You’re invited to **The Hut’s 40th Anniversary Celebration** this Sunday 5th May from 11am to 3pm at the Aldgate Railway Station. The weather this Sunday is forecast to be sunny.

12.00 – 1.00pm: Lola Huobein & Toni Arbon: *Book signing – Magic Little Meals*, Making the most of home grown produce. Books available to purchase

Guest speakers:

12.00pm: Karen Montgomery (Horticulturalist) – *Gardening for all ages*

12.30pm: Tony Herve – *Soils: PH & Texture*. You’re invited to bring a soil sample

2.00pm: Sophie Thomson - *Seasonal Veggie Gardening*.