Welcome to Term 2 Week 4!

We have had an enjoyable start to the term and look forward to a very busy few weeks ahead.

Last week as a school we visited Scarlett’s (Year 1) farm in Bull Creek to look for animal bones. Scarlett’s mum, Megan, has very kindly offered to lead an Art project here at Ashbourne. Our students wandered through the paddocks and found bones of all different shapes and sizes which Megan will use with the students to create an appropriately rural display for our school gates.

In Victor Harbor last week we had Tom, Sophie, Oliver, Isaac and Georgia represent our school and campus at the SAPSASA Cross Country running event. Each of the students gave it their best and represented our school brilliantly. I will make a special mention to Sophie, who won her age category for the second year running.

It is with great excitement we anticipate the arrival of our Grandparents and Grandfriends for Grandparents Day next Wednesday, June 1st. Our school captains, Ainsley and Astryd, will be on hand to welcome our visitors and provide a school tour for first timers. We will begin with a morning tea at 9am, followed by an hour of shared classroom learning and finally an Assembly at 10:30am. Please let Leanne know how many visitors your family is bringing for catering purposes.

The next Eastern Fleurieu School Governing Council meeting will be held at Ashbourne campus on Monday 20th June from 6:30pm. I highly recommend all parents come along to learn more about the running of our great school. If you would like to attend, please let me know so I can inform the chairperson of your presence.

David Hodges, Head of Campus
**Principal’s Report**

**NAPLAN**
It is pleasing to report that almost all of our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students participated in the NAPLAN tests in Week 2. I was able to observe a number of cohorts sitting particular tests and I was very pleased to note the attitude displayed by our students. The tests were taken seriously to the point that the Year 7 and 9 students were seated in a formal exam setting for each test; which we believe will assist them in future years, when they are sitting formal examinations as part of their SACE studies. The students generally appeared confident and positive about the assessments and most were able to inform me that they believed they had performed quite well with the point in time assessment tasks which are all directly related to the Australian Curriculum programs they have been involved with on a daily basis.

**EARLY YEARS READING AND WRITING PROGRESS**
We have also been pleased with our most recent analysis of the progress being made by our primary students at each of the R-6 campuses in the priority areas of reading and writing. The explicit approach to teaching reading and writing, which includes an emphasis on improving each student’s vocabulary, is certainly proving to be successful and this is being reflected by enhanced growth rates being recorded by our students in these domains.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
It was great to see so many parents at the 7-12 campus last Wednesday for Parent Teacher Interviews. Thanks to the many parents who provided positive feedback also about these interviews, which were held in our new Science / Home Economics building. These interviews follow those which were held at our primary campuses in Term 1. Regardless of the age or year level of our children, such interviews are important, as they help to ensure we can strengthen the partnerships between school and home which ultimately helps our parents, teachers and students.

Trevor Fletcher
Principal

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**FIND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**
Members of The Strath Aboriginal Community, St Andrews Church and Strath Neighbourhood Centre invite everyone to
Reconciliation Sunday, May 29 2016 at 10:00am
Worship service St Andrews Strathalbyn Uniting Church.
Enjoy aboriginal singing, music and wisdom.
12:00pm BBQ & bush tucker among the gum trees by the church.
1:00pm Cultural & Photographic Displays St Andrews Hall

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**Uniform Shop**
Located on our 7-12 Campus, 11 Callington Road, Strathalbyn

**Opening Hours:**
Tuesdays: 8.30am-10.40am & Thursdays: 3.45pm-5.45pm
Bubbells Embroidery
Ph: 85362648 / 0417771944
bubbells@adam.com.au
Email: bubbells@adam.com.au

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**Welcome**
We welcome Hudson to our school community. Hudson (Year 3) likes to play soccer, jump on his trampoline and play with his cats. We look forward to getting to know Hudson and are sure he will settle in quickly!

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**Clay with Mr Steele**
The R-6 Art Program is exactly the same for all four campuses. This term the topic is Clay Modelling. Reception to Year 2 are making pinch pots, coil pots and slab pots. Year 3 and 4 are making pinch pot monsters, picture plates, animal bells and owl planters. Year 5 and 6 are making hamburgers and hotdogs, roses, 3D faces and shoes. The pottery is all taken back to Strathalbyn R-6 for firing in the kiln room, all 500 student’s work! It is then painted and varnished. Clay modelling goes all term, 2nd term every year.

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**
Friday 10th June

**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**
Monday 13th June

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**Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner**
Ten privacy tips for parents and carers to guide parents on how to help their children have a safe and positive online experience.
Children are increasingly spending more time online to connect with friends, learn and be entertained. Online environments give children the chance to express themselves and build an online personal identity. Sharing personal information online can be risky and it’s important to educate your children on how to make good decisions and limit those risks. Find out more!

Kim Craven
ICT Co-ordinator R-6
**Art Maths**

On Friday our exploration of the quote, “Without Maths there is no Art” continued with a lesson on Symmetry and where it can be found in nature. The images below of student work are examples of Symmetry in Art as well as Fibonacci’s “Golden Spiral” using his famous number sequence.

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**Farm Visit**

We were very fortunate to be given the opportunity to visit Scarlett’s Farm last Thursday. We went for a big walk and explored the paddocks to collect some cattle bones. Scarlett’s Mum Megan is going to complete an exciting Art project with the students using the bones. Thank you Scarlett, Megan and Richard for welcoming us to your beautiful country farm!

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**From Kerry**

I started today with this reading “I woke up this morning to two gifts, they were my eyes”. Do you know how much more appreciative, encouraging and productive it is to take on the day when it is not all about you - food for thought.

On Wednesday and in the coming weeks all students will have the opportunity to do some baking with myself in small groups. It is a great time to share each other’s company, work as a team, take turns and enjoy freshly baked goodies that we can then share with the whole class. This is a great way to contribute to their social and emotional learning and have a bit of fun and laughter along the way.

Kerry Crowden - PSW

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**Reminder:**

Granparents Day - Wednesday 1st June

- 9:00-9:30am: Morning tea
- 10:00-10:30am: Classroom
- 10:30-11:00am: Assembly
Interview with Jemma

What is your favourite food? Pineapple
What hobbies do you have? Netball & swimming
What is your favourite animal? Dolphin
Who is your favourite football team? Port Power
Where is your favourite place to go? Macclesfield
When is your birthday? December 3rd

A Riddle

If you were stuck in a room with no doors or windows and all you had was a table, how would you get out?

You bang your head on the table to make it sore, you use the saw to cut the table in half, two halves make a whole, then climb out through the hole!

By Astryd

SAPSASA Cross Country

"On Wednesday 18th May we went to Victor Harbor Park for the Cross Country run. It was lots of fun to run and see your friends from other schools. I ran in the 11 Yr old and came first! I will be going to Oakbank Racecourse and it will be so much fun to run again. If you see me I might have a SAPSASA jumper on with my name on it."

By Sophie

“The day was good and it was great fun.”

By Tom

At YEL we talked about

Traditional custodians of the land (Goolwa area) and what environmental groups have been doing to revegetate the sand dunes with similar patterns to the natural growth then how we can help to preserve the area and look after it. We learnt about Ngaitji which is Ngarrindjeri for “friend” (family group totems) and Muntries which are a berry (like cranberries) that grow on the plant Kunzea pomifera and are one of Australia’s oldest bushfoods.

FOR SALE

Cans of Soft Drink $1.00 ea
Coke, Diet Coke, Solo, Creaming Soda & Lemon Squash
Bottles of Water 50c ea

Please see Leanne or David if you are interested, Thank you

Year 6 Corner

Joke of the Week

Q. What do you get when you cross a chicken and a centipede?
A. A drumstick for everyone?

By Isaac

Interview with Jemma

Please return the following notes asap:

Premier’s Reading Challenge

IS YOUR CHILD TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE IN 2016?
The challenge is to read 12 books! Please see David or Bec for further information.

Camp 22/24th June – indicate if attending & $10.00 Deposit
Grandparents Day 1st June – for catering purposes
Tree Planting 29th June – consent & $6.50
Chocolate Fundraiser – please return sold or unsold

Please see Leanne or David if you are interested, Thank you