

Campus Chatter

Langhorne Creek Campus

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Values

- Responsibility
- Care & Compassion
- Integrity
- Respect
- Cooperation
- Participation

2016 Term Dates

Term 2: 2/5 - 8/7

Term 3: 25/7 - 30/9

Term 4: 17/10 - 16/12

Student Free Days

Term 2: Fri 10/6

Term 3: Mon 25/7

Mon 5/9

Term 4: Fri 18/11

Lunch Heating &

TOASTING

Term 2&3

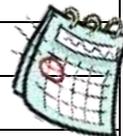
Tuesday, Wednesday

& Thursdays.

Sandwiches & other foods must be litter free & sent in a lunch box for safe carrying.



Wed 18/5	Healthy Lunch	Mon 20/6	CAC - 5.30pm
	Assembly - 2.15pm	22/24/6	Warradale Camp
Mon 23/5	CAC - 5.30pm	Wed 29/6	Tree Planting
Wed 8/6	Assembly - 2.15pm	Wed 6/7	Assembly - 2.15pm
Fri 10/6	Student Free Day	Fri 8/7	End of term 2
Mon 13/6	Queens Birthday Holiday	Mon 25/7	Term 3 commences



Head of Campus Report

The Langhorne Creek Historic School Incorporated held an afternoon tea recently to celebrate the renovations and the exciting new facility in the town. Some of our students' history work was on display at the gathering for all to enjoy. Congratulations to Mandy Hopkins, Marie Milne and Vicki Schmoock for supporting the students to bring together such an impressive display.

We welcome a student teacher to our campus this term. Hana McKinnon is studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood at Curtin University and will complete her third year placement in the Junior Primary classroom. She has thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with the children so far and is learning a lot about 'life' in a school.

Our year 3 and 5 students are undertaking the nation-wide NAPLAN tests this week. By the end of the week students will have completed four papers focusing on Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. I've admired the positive attitude the students have shown to the assessments. Although our classroom teachers regular assess the students across subject areas, the NAPLAN data provides further useful information about student progress with regard to school, state and national achievements of similar aged students.

Work has begun on revamping the entrance to our campus. Some overgrown natives have been removed and it is envisaged the area will include seating, school values display and be the new home for our Lone Pine tree. This tree was presented to the campus a number of years ago at a Remembrance Day ceremony. This tree has come from seeds from the Lone Pine tree at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. That tree was planted there after a seedling was propagated from cones collected from the Lone Pine Ridge in Gallipoli. The ridges were once clothed with Aleppo Pine, but were cut down to cover and line trenches. One solitary pine remained. Having the Lone Pine planted at the entrance to our campus, near the flag pole, will provide a unique space in the campus for ANZAC day and Remembrance Day reflections.

Accompanying today's chatter is some camp information. The Ashbourne Campus will be joining us for this 'city experience', with Warradale Urban Camp as our base. Our Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) has generously subsidised this camp by \$35 per student, resulting in a charge of only \$80 to families for a three day camp. This highlights the important role of the CAC in supporting all families in campus initiatives. If you have any questions about the camp, please contact me or email me at Paul.Jude460@schools.sa.edu.au
I'm looking forward to another productive term of teaching, learning and growing at Langhorne Creek Campus this term.



Positive education = positive future

Regards
Paul

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN AND OUR EXPLICIT TEACHING APPROACH

This week across all Australian schools students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will be participating in the annual NAPLAN tests for literacy and numeracy. These assessments are not the only ones schools undertake each year, but they do form an important part of the overall assessment and reporting tapestry. The tests provide a valuable point in time snapshot of not only achievement levels, but also the growth in learning being made by individuals and each cohort of students. At EFS our teachers conduct extensive analysis of our NAPLAN results, as we continue to refine our teaching and learning programs, within our framework of continuous improvement. I am pleased to report that our overall trends regarding NAPLAN results has been one of steady upward growth, although we are looking for significant improvement in the outcomes in Writing for our Year 5,7 and 9 students this year. We are confident that this can be realised as we have had a strong focus on this domain with our professional development programs for all of our teachers in this area. For example, we are one of the few schools in South Australia which has adopted the John Fleming approach to explicit teaching.

The John Fleming approach has been embraced by our teachers and our students are responding well to this consistent approach. Mr. Fleming and two of his professional learning team from Hailebury College will be working with EFS teachers on Thursday 9th June, as we attempt to gain a deeper understanding of this explicit teaching approach. Having recently signed the end of term reports for all Year 7 and 12 students as well as our senior special class, I was impressed

by the early progress and achievements being recorded by our students. We appear to be on track to record even better outcomes for our Stage 1 and 2 SACE students in 2016.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Anyone who was able to attend this year's service in Strathalbyn would have been very proud of our EFS students. Our senior school leaders laid a wreath, the senior choir led a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and many other students showed up in their school uniform and looked very impressive. These are important events in our community and our involvement in such events has continued to grow in the last few years.

MY POSITION AS CURRENT EFS PRINCIPAL

It is no secret that I have thoroughly enjoyed my five years as the Principal of EFS and I have been most appreciative of the support and feedback I have received from students, staff and parents. My current contract is scheduled to finish at the end of this year. However, I have requested that Governing Council approach the Department about seeking an extension on this contract, which would allow me to continue in 2017. I am pleased to report that Governing Council has taken up this request and our Chairperson Richard Prusa will now seek approval from the Department.



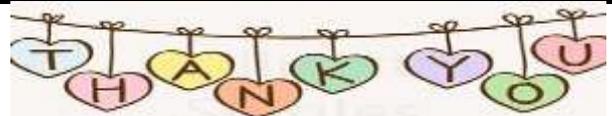
Trevor Fletcher



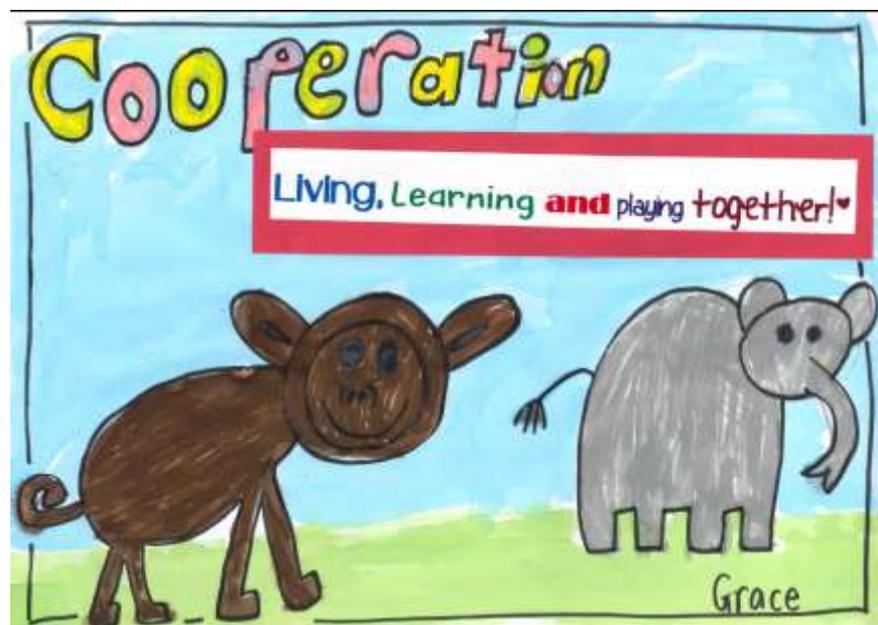
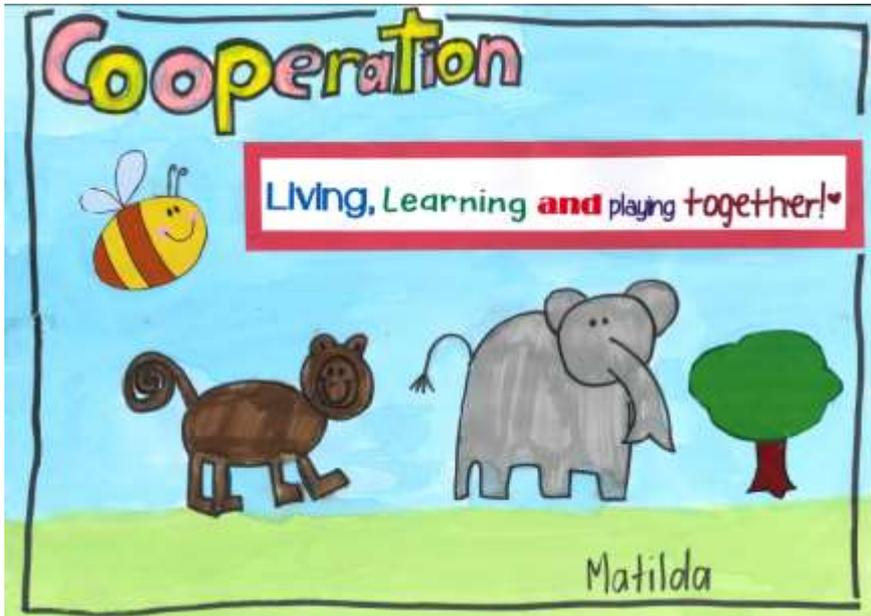
Keen Cookers - \$2 per term

Remember to send along your \$2 per term if you would like to sample our cooking!

* Mandy & class



Many thanks to Lily Underwood for all her efforts with the Mother's Day Stall and we hope all our wonderful Mums enjoyed their day.



Buddy Classes

The middle primary and junior primary classes enjoying their time working together.



Jacqui's Journal



Here we go into another term. Already 1.5 weeks down. From what I can tell by the looks on parents' faces, the

large wine harvest workload has now calmed down somewhat. I want to take time with this newsletter to thank you hard working parents (and aunts, uncles, grandparents) for continuing to give to the school when it would have been easier to shut down your involvement because life was so busy. However, despite the busyness of the season we saw amazing numbers come to Sports Day (with enthusiastic cheering - and racing), standing room only at Wednesday assemblies (and sometimes not even that), helpers at the UnitingCare Pancake Fundraiser, and the continual flow of volunteers helping out during the week. Thank you for coming and supporting the school and the kids, despite trying to see through half-closed eyes what was happening. We really appreciate it. We really appreciate you. (And look forward to sharing the fruit of your labours.) Thank you. May you find some well-earned rest.

FROM THE UPPER PRIMARY CLASS

The Upper Primary class have been focusing on vocabulary and sentence structure this year which has seen an impressive rise in the quality of students' technical writing, as well as the confidence that students have in their own ability. This week students have been rearranging their compound and complex sentences so that they begin with the conjunction. Check out these examples.

The t-shirt diminished in size after going through the wash on Sunday.

becomes...

After going through the wash on Sunday, the t-shirt diminished in size.

- Harry

I was waiting for the impending netball game while eating sour straps.

becomes...

While eating sour straps, I was waiting for the impending netball game.

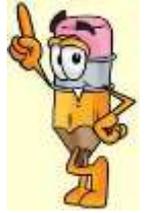
- Stella

I knew that a charge from the bull was impending because he had beady eyes.

becomes...

Because he had beady eyes, I knew that a charge from the bull was impending.

- Issy



SPEEDY & SQUIRT

During the holidays Speedy & Squirt, our school turtles, were taken to be cared for by Chris Jackson at Clayton. The turtles were not receiving adequate sunlight in their enclosure under the trees and their shells had become quite soft.

Chris has introduced native mosquito fish to them and they are adapting well to their new environment.



News from the house

JP TECHNOLOGY WITH MR B

Have you ever wondered how computers retrieve data as quickly as they do? One of the reasons is that almost any list that comes out of a computer is sorted into some kind of order. Our JP class have started to play with this concept using unifix cubes and sorting them in different ways to help them answer questions.





Uniform Shop

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

Tuesday mornings 8.30—10.40 am
Thursday after school 4—6 pm

Uniform enquiries: Julie Martin

Bubbells Embroidery
Ph 85362648/0417771944
Email: bubbells@adam.com.au

Family Maths Challenge

37 - Answer

\$8:33 is the money value of a picture.

$$1000 \text{ words} \div 12 = 83.33 \times 10c = \$8.33$$

NOW PLAYING
VOLUNTEER MOVIE DAY
FRIDAY 13 MAY 2016

ROLLING OUT THE RED CARPET
To Thank Volunteers across the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker & Alexandrina Council Regions

Sit back, relax, enjoy the music and entertainment throughout the day along with **A FREE MOVIE** of your choice for any session between 10am and 10pm at Wallis Cinemas Mount Barker on **FRIDAY 13 MAY 2016**

To claim your voucher simply fill in an online survey available from your local council website or visit Hills Volunteering at www.hillsvolunteering.org.au From Monday 11 April 2016

FREE WATER & POPCORN FOR VOLUNTEERS!

WALLIS CINEMAS
CINEMA TICKET
ADMIT ONE

Mount Barker District Council, Alexandrina, Adelaide Hills, Hills Volunteering, National Volunteer Week

Writing Poetry for Pleasure & Publication

Starting Wed 18th May
Milang Institute Supper Room
Cnr Coxe St & Ameroo Ave, Milang

\$5 per week
Wed 1.30 - 3.30pm

RSVP



Writing Poetry for Pleasure & Publication

With **Jude Aquilina**
Milang Institute Supper Room

This workshop is for anyone who likes poetry!
From new writers to published!
You'll learn new tips and tricks for writing powerful new poems and how to edit and publish your work.
You will explore various poetic forms and techniques in a relaxed and fun environment and write plenty of draft poems during the sessions.

Everyone can write poetry!
It's about playing with words!
& there are so many opportunities for poets these days!

Press the RSVP button to email your interest (reception@moshcc.com.au) or call the Community Centre on 08 8537 0687

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Would you like to order a whole school photo? If so, pop into the office and grab an order envelope and return to Vicki with \$25