

Campus Chatter

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Values

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

2017 Term Dates

Term 2: 1/5 - 7/7

Term 3: 25/7 - 29/9

Term 4: 16/10 - 15/12

Student Free Days

Term 2: Fri 9/6

Term 3: Mon 24/7

Mon 4/9

Term 4: Fri 17/11

DUE FOR RETURN:

Please help us by returning notes/forms, etc. by the return by date - thank you

©M&S payment

©Entertainment book 8/5

©Mother's day by 11/5

©Bookclub by 12/5

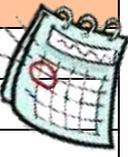
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©Music is fun by 15/5



Day Gift!



Wed 17/5	Assembly - 2.20pm	Fri 9/6	Student Free Day
Fri 19/5	Music is Fun @ Strath	Mon 12/6	Queen's B'day Holiday
Mon 22/5	Biggest Morning Tea 	Fri 23/6	Disco - more details to follow 
	CAC - 5:30pm	Wed 28/6	Assembly - 2.20pm
Mon 5/6	Playgroup visiting the campus	Fri 7/7	End of Term 2
Wed 7/6	Assembly - 2.20pm	Mon 24/7	Student Free Day
Thurs 8/6	YEL	Tues 25/7	Term 3 commences

Head of Campus Report

Over the school holidays I took the opportunity to catch up on some reading. I have bookmarks in many books, with good intentions of 'one day' getting to reading them. One I got to on this occasion was Stephen R Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families. I thought I would share some of concepts that resonated with me from the book, in the next few newsletters. The first habit is:

Be Proactive. Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom. Making a conscious effort to respond positively and constructively is challenging, but is important in developing as individuals and families. Covey also introduces an 'emotional bank account'. When we are proactive with relationships in families (quality time, fun, positive comments, adventure etc.) we make 'deposits' with good energy, hence building up the 'balance'. When there is a high balance, there are high levels of trust in a relationship.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have taken part in the nationwide NAPLAN assessments this week. All of the students have done their best across the four assessments including Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Whilst the data collected from these are important for academic development, we also highly value the skills required for respectful relationships, cooperation, kindness and organisation.

MISSING ITEMS

Unfortunately we have had a few items going missing at school lately. We are working through respecting belongings at school with all our classes. If your child brings home anything that isn't their own, please let us know. Also, it is advisable not to send anything valuable to school. If sent along, it is done at the student's own risk.

PICK UP TIME

Can I please remind families that students who are not on the bus after school need to be collected promptly at the end of the day. Students should be collected by 3:30pm (3:10pm Wednesdays) The yard duty teacher is not on duty to supervise other students. Thankyou for your cooperation with this.



SIZZLING SNAGS FOR SCHOOL PLAY



In today's chatter we are seeking an indication from families who can help out with an upcoming fundraising opportunity on Sunday 28th May at the Wine Tasting Showcase at the Hall. We will be providing a gourmet barbecue featuring local produce. Funds raised will go towards the second phase of our Nature Play focus. Please complete and return the attached slip by Monday, 15th May, indicating your availability to help, and possibly co-ordinate, the stall.



Regards
Paul

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

PARENT FORUMS

For a number of years now, we have been offering opportunities for parents at all campuses to attend forums on a range of interesting topics. For example, late last year we had Emma Goodall speak to a large gathering of parents on the topic of Autism. Last week we were very pleased to be able to have Mark Le Messurier come and speak to parents about adolescence. This event was organised by our 7-12 Special Needs Leader, Merryn Gomez. Mark is a highly regarded author, teacher, and counsellor who specialises in working with young people and people on the Autism spectrum. He also addressed our staff at a meeting prior to the parent forum. Mark's insights and practical suggestions were very well received by the parents who attended this activity. He has subsequently passed onto us how impressed he was by both our parents and staff. We will continue to offer opportunities like this for parents from time to time so please watch out for these on our school website and EFS Facebook page. We are in the process of setting up a parent support group for parents of students on the Autism spectrum. If you would like more information about this please contact Merryn by email at merryn.gomez791@schools.sa.edu.au.

SCIENCE, ROBOTICS, STEM

Our staff and students are very excited to see our programs in Science and Technology being expanded to include Robotics and Coding. In these subjects students are exploring how to use advanced technologies to overcome challenges. Students are finding these practical and stimulating activities to be very engaging. They are also providing opportunities to extend their foundation skills which will allow them to pursue further studies in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related subjects in the senior years. We are introducing these programs at our four primary campuses where Tom Bilney is playing a key role as a specialist teacher. John Sellar and Nick Pawlowsky are leading the innovative work that is taking place at the 7-12 campus.

CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

Our school is continually looking at all of our curriculum programs and making refinements where we see opportunities for our students. Like all other schools, we follow the guidelines set out by the Australian

Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). As we have grown, we have been able to expand our subject choices and the number of specialist teachers we have been able to employ. Likewise, we are always reviewing our assessment and reporting practices to make them better for



students, parents and staff. At the 7-12 campus we are in the middle of a major change as we make the transition to continuous assessment and reporting. Students can now monitor their grades and feedback from teachers via Daymap. A significant feature of this change will be the capacity for parents and carers to also access and monitor the assessment details, grades achieved and feedback comments from teachers to their children. We will be launching the Parent Portal which will enable this to happen in the next few weeks. There will be information on our website and EFS Facebook page as well as a letter from our leaders and an email to parents calling for them to register. While we are making this transition to continuous reporting, we will also be issuing overall assessment grades for each student in each subject at the end of Terms 2 and 4. For parents without Internet access we will still print off written reports at the end of each semester. Please feel free to contact any of our 7-12 leaders if you have questions about assessment and reporting. As I write this article our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been participating in the annual NAPLAN tests for literacy and numeracy. I have been impressed by the way they have approached these point-in-time assessments at all of our campuses.

NEW TEACHERS

We warmly welcome four new teachers to our school for Term 2. At Strathalbyn R-6 Ali Stokes de Silva is here for the term as a LSL replacement while Darcy Springhall has a similar one term contract at Milang. Ryan Haylock's contract has been extended at the 7-12 campus while Josh Gottschutzke has joined our 7-12 team for the rest of this year as a replacement for Sarah Cowling.

Trevor Fletcher

Keen Cookers - \$2 per term

If you wish to join in & sample some delicious treats prepared with love by the students from our garden produce, please bring along \$2 per term to join in!



Happy cooking *



Langhorne Creek
Playgroup
Mondays 9:30-11:30

Uniting Church
Building
Meechi Road
Please bring a piece
of fruit to share



School Banking
- Tuesday -

Milo & Muffin morning tea for students, staff and community members. Please help us support this cause which is very close to many of our hearts. Gold coin donation to join in!

Australia's
BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Cancer Council

INVITATION

Monday, 22nd May - 10.40am

All welcome!

This week's Keen Cookers recipe

Pumpkin & Cheese Muffins

- 90g grated cheese
- 440g SR flour
- 9-10 sprigs of parsley
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of oil
- 1 1/2 cups of milk
- 1 cup of smashed cooked pumpkin
- 1 tspn salt



Mix together flour, chopped parsley and grated cheese in a bowl. Whisk together milk, oil and egg, then slowly add the liquid to the dry mixture. Spoon into muffin trays & bake at 180* for approx. 15 minutes.

from Miss Tilley's koalas

Dream Jars



We have been reading a book called the BFG in class. It's by Roald Dahl. There is a chapter in it called Dreams. The BFG makes dreams and he blows the dreams into people's bedrooms at night. We made some dream jars. We wrote a dream we would like to have and then coloured the jars.

Charli

From Miss Busbridge's Kangaroos

Hot Air Balloon

We read the book 'Oh the places you'll go' by Dr Seuss. We started by writing on the pieces of paper and then we cut the paper and glued them together and tied the string on. Each pieces had future goals on them such as people we want to meet, places we want to visit and things we want to learn.

Maddy



From Mrs Hopkins' emus

We designed these scenes in Art. Our success criteria was to have at least 2 hills, 1 cloud, grass and a tree. We then had to draw patterns with coloured textas. They look great and it was fun.

Asha



Free parenting seminar

Understanding the 'boy code'





Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen?
Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Find out about:

- the 'boy code'
- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media and celebrity culture
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Tuesday 30 May
When: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Where: Riverbank Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Presented by Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist.

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:
Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Hosted by Parenting SA. For more information about raising children and teenagers visit www.parenting.sa.gov.au or www.cyh.com

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SIZZLING GOURMET FUNDRAISER – SUNDAY, 28TH MAY

Name:

I / we are willing to help out on the BBQ stall YES / NO

I am interested in co-ordinating the catering YES / NO

Most suitable time: 10.00 - 1.00
 1.00 - 4.00

