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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

20 May	Cross Country - Naracoorte Primary School
30 May	Yr 3/6 Parliamentary Education Program @ Bordertown
3 June	Bus Performance
7 June	R-2 Country Arts performance @ Naracoorte
8 June	\$20 Boss Market Day
10 June	Student Free Day

What a busy three weeks we have had, with an assembly, movie night, Leadership course for our year 6 students, Naplan testing for students in year 3 and 5 and this week we see most of our year 3 to 6 students head to Naracoorte for Cross Country. We are gearing up to skip later in the term, when we all participate in Jump Rope for Heart, and our Year 5/6 class are busily preparing for their market day which will conclude their \$20 boss learning. In my travels in classes I have enjoyed thinking about the morning question, like what special powers would I like to have, these questions require a lot of thought and I love hearing the answers our students come up with. Our R/1/2 students are doing an inquiry about the human body, and they have set up their own doctor's surgery, which even includes an Xray machine! Our year 3/4 students have started to learn about forces, which will tie into their science and technology projects. The 5/6 students are designing their own toy, which they will make, I look forward to seeing what they come up with. So, term two will be an action-packed term full of events and learning.

Already many of our students have had days away due to being unwell, this may well be the pattern for the term, as we work our way through colds, flus and covid. To try and limit the spread of illness please do not send your child to school if they are showing any symptoms of illness.

Our Teaching Sprint for term 2 has a focus on sentence development, making our simple sentences for example I can run, into complex sentences for example I can run, three laps around the Padthaway football oval each day after school. Writing more complex sentences will improve student's written work in all subject areas. Teachers are sharing resources and teaching strategies to develop sentence writing skills for all students. We look forward to sharing this week over the term.

How can I help my child at home with their writing?

You can find
MAGIC
wherever
you look.
Sit back and
RELAX,
all you need is a
BOOK!
- Dr. Seuss -

1. Read up – regular reading is the stepping stone to better writing and helps children strengthen their writing skills. It helps expand children's vocabulary and shows them different ways of using words. This also makes it easier for them to use these words in their own writing.
2. Try different materials – switch it up by writing with something other than a pen or pencil. Chalk on the driveway, finger painting, or a sand writing tray are all fun activities that will also help build kids' writing skills. A lovely idea is to set aside a place to do writing, free of distractions and one that has lots of different writing equipment and paper.
3. Write a letter - Nowadays, writing letters is a bit of a lost art. Encourage your child to write letters to friends or family members. It will give your child a purpose to write and will encourage the art of handwriting as well.
4. Invest time – make sure your child knows you are available to help with spelling or proofreading whenever they need assistance.
5. Make it part of each day – whether it's writing a grocery list, sending an email, writing in a journal or a blog, the more your child writes and the more they see value to why they are writing, the more their writing skills will grow.

Judy

STAFFING NEWS

We are very excited to announce Liza Harrington will be joining our staff next term as the P/R/1/2 teacher while Hannah Vogelsang takes maternity leave. Liza has written a little about herself below, she will join our staff in week 10, which will allow some planning time with Hannah and a chance to settle into her role before term 3 starts.

FROM LIZA

Dear Parents,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I have been teaching for 23 years and most recently on Kangaroo Island. I was at Penneshaw for five years, a small school of 60 students, and had the Reception/One class. I also supported the transition of preschool students. I've always enjoyed country schools and lived and taught in Tasmania for ten years.

I have extensive experience teaching reading and writing in young children. I believe that children develop numeracy skills through problem solving and hands on activity. I will create a warm and safe environment and aim to develop a genuine working relationship with each student. It's going to be a fun semester with lots of energy, dancing and singing. I have an open-door policy and value parental input. I look forward to meeting you and your children soon.

Kind regards

Liza Harrington



COMMUNICATION

We are endeavouring to reduce the amount of printed forms sent home with students.

- Newsletters will be emailed home to parents, uploaded to the Skoolbag App and to our website every three weeks.
- Excursion notices will be emailed to relevant families as well as uploaded to the Skoolbag App when an eForm can be submitted.
- Reminders will be posted on facebook and the Skoolbag App.

Please check these mediums regularly, and return consent forms as soon as possible.

Thanks for your assistance



SRC Movie Night

On Friday Week 1, we had our S.R.C movie night. It was a whole school event. We watched the movie Turning Red. We had pizza and garlic bread for dinner. After dinner, towards the end of the movie, we got popcorn. Before the movie, we had free time. Overall, I think everyone enjoyed it.

Gus, Year 6



Jump Rope

Jump Rope for Heart is a way to raise money for people that have a heart disease. Students can raise money for their skipping efforts. In P.E, all of the classes will practice their skipping skills. At the end of the term students will be participating in a jump off day. Where everyone will demonstrate how to skip and show off their skipping skills.

Jack, Year 6



SAPSASA swimming

In Week 1, on Friday, Digby and myself went up to Adelaide for SAPSASA swimming. We had to be there Thursday evening for the training. Then on Friday it was race day. I competed in three events, freestyle, breaststroke and the relay. Digby competed in one event, the relay. It was at the Marion Aquatics Centre. The Upper South East team won two medals all together. The marshalling took so long because we had to go up and down the stairs to get to the pool. Overall, the day was a great.

Elsie, Year 6

Indigenous Perspectives Day

In Week 1, Aunty Michelle visited our school and ran a session about the Indigenous culture of the Boandik peoples. It was very interesting and we all learnt a lot. We learnt about the different roles of men and women, how Indigenous people used possum fat to keep warm and also use the possum fur to make rugs. At the end of the day, we had a big session with the whole school. Everyone was able to decorate their face in traditional ways using ochre. Aunty Michelle then lead us through a song and dance in Boandik language. Everyone had a great time and loved listening to Aunty Michelle.

Henry, Year 6

Choir Report

In Week 8, Term 1, the 5/6 class went to Mundulla for Choir Practice. A choir instructor came down from Adelaide to help us learn all the songs and how to sing them. It was very helpful to learn how to get to the high and the low notes. She taught us the meanings behind the songs. There were some songs in a different language, so she explained to us what they meant in English. Overall, it was very helpful, not just to us, but to the teachers as well.

Eliza, Year 6



SAPSASA CONGRATULATIONS

AFL BOYS

Congratulations to Jack Orton for his selection on the AFL Boys team for the State Carnival to be held at Barrett Reserve, West Beach in from Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Beau Morton who has qualified for three events - 100m, 1500m & Relay - in the Country Championships, which will be held at Bridgestone Athletics Centre, Salisbury in September.

NETBALL

Both Elsie Orton and Eliza Ward were selected as reserves for the Netball State Carnival to be held at Priceline Stadium, Keswick and runs from Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th June.

Well done everyone and all the best!

FROM LISA

It's hard to believe we are in the thick of term 2 already! The seasons are changing once again and I have to admit winter isn't my favourite. However, it brings with it good things like full water tanks (hopefully), football and netball, bonfires, and snuggling up inside with technology. It is timely that this term our wellbeing ambassadors are focussing on cyber safety. This is a broad topic that affects every single one of us as we navigate changing technology and online platforms as part of our everyday lives. One of the biggest challenges for us as parents is to be aware that we are our children's biggest influencers - particularly around internet safety. So what does being a positive influencer look like? Here are some ideas from cyberstafetyproject.com.au...

Show how you use technology in positive ways such as connecting with family or planning a holiday. Track your screen time and limit your own consumption of technology around your children.

Talk about the differences between productive technology use (for work) vs. social entertainment (watching videos and gaming).

Charge your phone at the family charging station and not in your bedroom.

Switch off TV and screens during mealtimes.

Set time aside that is technology free and just enjoy being "in the moment"

Joke: I changed my password to "beefstew". Apparently it wasn't 'stroganoff'.

Lisa

CHOOKS



The Enviro warriors are looking for a small bale of hay for our chooks nesting boxes. If anyone has one they would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

Also, donations of bags of scratch mix are also much appreciated, as this is their favourite!

Thanks, Enviro warriors

Jordana Congdon

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is my work in Maths because I'm really improving in my addition and subtraction. I can now answer a lot more challenging questions.

My favourite subject is Science because I love learning about circuits and creating circuits using wires. It is so much fun seeing how bright we can make the bulb.

Something I have learnt recently is how to make simple machines in Technologies. We are learning how to make simple machines and using this to make a toy. It's so fun. I am making a jack-in-a-box.

Something I would like to learn more about is History because we are learning about Henry Park's and making flip books.

By the end of the year I hope to be able to do some tricks with the skipping rope. For example, I want to be able to do a criss-cross and the dipsy doodle.

At lunch I enjoy playing with Ashley and Hunta on the blue monkey bars and talking about class, the weekend and how we are growing up.

Outside of school I like to ride my bike, playing with Lego, playing Prodigy Maths and English on the computer and also reading. My favourite novels to read would be Ella's Diary and The Babysitter's Club.



Sam Brammer



Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is maths because once I start doing it, I understand how it works out. We have learnt about making mixed fractions from improper fractions.

My favourite subject is PE because I like learning new sports and games. It is really fun to do.

Something I have learnt recently is fractions in maths. We are learning about different types of fractions. I also liked learning about decimals.

Something I would like to learn more about is maths, because I like learning different things. Once I understand one thing, I want to keep practicing.

By the end of the year, I hope to be able to get better at Indonesian, because I find it difficult and don't understand enough.

At lunch I enjoy playing football because it's like another training and fun to practice kicking and marking.

Outside of school I like to drive the buggy with Dad and skid in the scrub. I also like to take the dogs for a run.

Jimmy Orton

Something I am proud of myself for doing at school is my times tables, because I am getting a lot better at them.

My favourite subject is PE because you get fit, strong and it's really fun.

Something I have learnt recently is friction and gravity. Friction can be something you slide, like when you slide with socks on. You can find friction on the slide, trampoline or when you rub your hands together.

Something I would like to learn more about is numbers after a decimal like tenths, because it looks really hard and I don't get it yet.

By the end of the year, I hope to be able to learn decimals.

At lunch I enjoy playing chasey because I like to run.

Outside of school I like to ride motorbikes and do jumps.





5/6 SCIENCE

ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS



R-2 Mother's Day Morning Tea

In Week 2 we had a special Mother's Day Morning Tea. We invited our Mums and Nannas to come and be spoilt. We set up a beauty salon and painted nails and put face masks on to make the mums feel nice and refreshed. We made cards. We decorated the front with drawings and special decorations. We had a yummy morning tea with scones with jam and cream, lots of fruit, party pies and sausage rolls and some juice. We could make some presents for our mums. We could decorate a photo frame with shells and flowers or make a keyring with some beads. It was nice to get to see our mums at school.

By Belle and Bailey



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