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Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

Dates for the Diary
22th FEBRUARY 2024

Student Free Day
Monday 26th February

SSSA Swimming - Adelaide
Wednesday 28th February

Sports Day
Friday 8th March

Adelaide Cup
Monday 11th March

NAPLAN
Tuesday 13th March to
Monday 25th March

MNSEC Athletics—Jamestown
Thursday 21st March

R—Year 8 soccer clinic
Tuesday 26th March and
Wednesday 27th March

Sapsasa netball/football trials
Tuesday 26th March and
Tuesday 2nd April

Good Friday
Friday 29th March

Easter Monday
Monday 1st April

Year 7 and Year 10
immunisations
Friday 5th April

Principal's News

Swimming carnival and MNSEC

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, families, and students whose collective efforts made this year's Swimming Carnival and MNSEC event an outstanding success. Witnessing the dedication and sportsmanship displayed by our students fills me with immense pride.

A big congratulations to Dunstan for emerging victorious in this year's Swimming Carnival! Your hard work and determination have truly paid off.

Moreover, I am incredibly proud of all our students who participated in the MNSEC event. They showcased unwavering commitment and represented our school with utmost pride, staying neck-and-neck with eventual champions, Gladstone High School, throughout the day.

I extend a very special thank you to all the parents and caregivers who generously volunteered their time at the pool and provided unwavering support to our students and visiting participants. Your contributions were instrumental in making the day a resounding success.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment designed for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. It's a standardized test administered nationwide, providing a consistent framework to gauge students' progress in literacy and numeracy.

While NAPLAN results offer valuable insights, they are just one piece of the puzzle in assessing students' literacy and numeracy levels. Teachers rely on various assessments and observations to form a comprehensive understanding of each student's educational journey.

It's crucial to understand that NAPLAN results don't determine the overall quality of a school. They serve as a tool to complement teachers' assessments and provide additional information for discussions about students' strengths and areas for improvement.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to use NAPLAN reports alongside other school assessment reports when engaging in conversations with teachers about their child's progress. These discussions are essential for fostering collaboration and supporting each student's individual learning needs.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss NAPLAN further, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or myself. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Governing Council

Governing Councils play a vital role in steering the direction of a school or preschool, working collaboratively with the site leader, whether it's a principal or director. These councils convene regularly to discuss and monitor the strategic direction of the site, ensuring it aligns with the needs of the community. While meetings are a cornerstone of the council's activities, there are various other responsibilities that members may undertake.

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Principal's News (cont)

As a member of the council, you might participate in activities such as serving on interview panels to select the site's principal or director, managing media interactions in response to events or positive news stories, or even being involved in the hiring process for out-of-school hours care (OSHC) or canteen staff.

A well-supported Governing Council is essential for the success of our school community. It provides an opportunity for community members to contribute not only to the education of their children but to the well-being of all students within our community. In the upcoming weeks, nomination forms will be circulated, inviting community members to consider joining the council. I encourage you to explore this opportunity and consider becoming a part of this important body.

Our meetings are currently scheduled to take place twice per term, specifically on Monday nights during weeks 4 and 8 of each term. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Your involvement and support are greatly valued.

Growth Mind Set

Embracing a positive approach to learning can transform challenges into opportunities for growth and self-discovery. Instead of viewing obstacles as impassable barriers, individuals with this mindset see them as chances to learn and develop. They become more open to trying new things, acquiring new skills, and expanding their horizons, thus enhancing their self-perception and achieving greater success.

When assisting your child with homework or guiding them through a new task, it's important to foster a mindset that embraces challenges and values the learning process. Encourage them to confront and overcome difficulties, emphasizing that mistakes are not failures but valuable steps toward improvement. By embracing the struggle and taking ownership of their learning journey, they develop resilience and confidence in their abilities, paving the way for continuous growth and success in all aspects of life.

Thank you

Tas Ktenidis

Kindy News

Our Kindy children sing the "hello" song together, smiling when greeted by their name. Creating a sense of belonging is so important and it shows on the children's faces.

This year our "Preschool Quality Improvement Plan" (PQIP) is focussed on '**Learner agency**'. Educators were fortunate to attend a day with Lisa Burman yesterday, author of 'A Culture of Agency'. This was a valuable time as a team to reflect on our practices and to plan our next steps, as we are supported by Lisa with ongoing training and expertise. We will keep you informed as we progress through the year.

The hot weather has encouraged lots of outside water play and together we have investigated how to care for pets. This week's Show and Share is 'something symmetrical.' We had our first transition visit to the school R/1 class, listening to a story about dinosaurs and joining the class in an activity before a play on the JP playground.



Quote: "Do less to and for children: Do more WITH children." Lisa Burman

The Kindy Team

Senior School News

Much information comes into the school around careers, VET, universities, TAFE, scholarships etc. All relevant information is passed onto students through Microsoft Teams either through their Home Group or EIF (the new PLP) class. Please encourage your children to check out the information regularly so they can keep up with the many options and experiences available to them. Anyone with any questions can contact me at school anytime.

Information Night – thanks to the parents who came along to our Information Night on Tuesday. Special thanks to Paul and Jacqui Jones who cooked the BBQ on behalf of the Governing Council and to Eva McCallum and Megan Akbar who sold drinks on behalf of SRC.

Student Drivers – anyone looking to get their license this year will need ID with a picture and a home address on it. Lisa can provide this for students if needed. In addition, students who get their Ps this year and are planning on driving to school need to complete the appropriate paperwork. This includes students who will carry passengers and need permission from both sets of parents. A final reminder to all drivers – the school is a 25km/ph zone. Please take care.

Laura Literary Awards - The Rocky River 'Riters would like to encourage local authors (young and older) to enter the annual Laura Literary Awards. This competition has been running since 1997 but for many years most of the entries have been from interstate, with very few local contributions. They would love to see our local authors have their skills acknowledged so please consider having a go. Check out the flyer or see Mrs Bury for more information.

Year 11 Work Experience – Save the Date – 12th – 16th of September. The paperwork will be sent home soon for anyone who is keen (it can also be found on Sentral)

Gayle Bury

Senior School Coordinator

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BCDS Year 5 – 12 Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 14th February we held our annual Year 5 to 12 swimming carnival at the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool. In recent years Rogers has been dominant and Dunstan could not match their performance. Early in the day it was obvious that this year was going to be a close contest and it was fantastic to watch.

Lily Arthur was successful in breaking two records, both records were previously held by Stella Roocke. The 5/6 Girls Backstroke and Freestyle now have new records. Each record is worth 10 bonus points for the team. These points contributed to the outcome of the day.

Well done to everyone who came along to participate in the carnival. It was so close throughout the day that every point made a difference to the final result. This was a far cry from last years 400 point win by Rogers.

Congratulations to all the cup winners, many of the competitions were within two points. Rhys Brinkley was unable to attend our swimming carnival, but completed all his events after school on Thursday the week before. This is the spirit we are looking for at all our events, this commitment to success was excellent.

After adding the Primary School scores in and Lily Arthur's bonus points Dunstan finished ahead by 9 points! The final score was Dunstan 634 points to Rogers 625. Regardless of the result, this is the type of closely contested carnivals that we've come to love throughout the friendly rivalry. Both teams should be proud of what they achieved and we look forward to seeing the same level of competition at Sports Day on Friday 8th March.

Thank you to all the staff that contributed to the success of the event. Brooke Orrock and Nicolle Carey did an amazing job as our stroke judges. Emma McSparran stepped into the starter role and did a superb job. Deanne McCallum was our life guard and we appreciated her efforts throughout the day. We must also thank the Booleroo Swimming Club for the use of the lane ropes and their club room. The final thank you is for the Booleroo Swimming Pool Committee who let us use their facilities and opened the canteen.

A full report for MNSEC will be in the Week 6 Newsletter.

Alby Nicholls,

PE Coordinator

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SPORTS DAY HELPERS

With Sports Day coming up it is important we have enough people to time events and help with events. Please cut off the slip below and send it to Lisa Woolford at the front office if you are able to help in any capacity.

Sports Day Help

Name: _____

Please circle what you can help with:

Timing Discus High Jump Long Jump Shot Put Triple Jump

**On the day please check in with Alby Nicholls and he will provide you with some instructions*

Age Group	Runner Up	Winner
5/6 Girls	Lily Friend 19 points	Lily Arthur 28 points
5/6 Boys	Jack Berryman 14 points	Charlie Saal 16 points
Junior Girls	Jordynn Paxton 8 points	Lily Omahen 19 points
Junior Boys	Joe Piggott 29 points	Henry Piggott 31 points
Inter Girls	Olivia Roocke 24 points	Mikayla Garrard 35 points
Inter Boys	Bernie Sun Dudley 29 points	Joel Voigt 31 points
Senior Girls	Matilda van der Werf 19 points	Pippa Roberts 31 points
Senior Boys	-	Rhys Brinkley 35 points



LAURA LITERARY AWARDS

2024

Now Open for Entries

Closing Date Friday 10th May, 2024

Entry Forms and further information can be obtained from:

rockyriverrriters@hotmail.com

<https://rockyriverrriters.club/competitions>



With Categories being as follows:

Prose Award

Section 1 Open	Prize \$200	a short story up to 1500 words
Section 2 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50	a short story up to 1200 words
Section 3 a) Primary 11-12 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
3 b) Primary 9-10 yrs	Prize \$25	a short story up to 800 words
Section 4 Jun Primary 5-8yrs	Prize \$15	a short story up to 500 words

The CJ Dennis Poetry Awards: Poem up to 60 lines for all sections

Section 5 Open	Prize \$200
Section 6 Open Bush Poetry	Prize \$200
Section 7 Young Adult 13-18	Prize \$50
Section 8 Junior 9-12	Prize \$25
Section 9 Jun Prim 5-8	Prize \$15

See Mrs Bury for an entry form



North Adelaide Football Club

FOOTY CLINIC AT PT AUGUSTA



Thanks to

Beyond Bank AUSTRALIA

Our Senior Players are returning to Pt Augusta to run a full squad community clinic!

Venue: Central Oval – 10 Augusta Tce, Pt Augusta, 5700

Date: Sunday 25th February, 2024 | Time: 9:30am start

Ages: 5 - 13

PLEASE REGISTER VIA
THE QR CODE TO
SECURE YOUR SPOT

