BUSY AND FUN FILLED TERM

Can you believe just how much has happened in just 10 short weeks this term?

Swimming/Water Safety for the Year 3/4/5 classes and the Year 4/5/6 classes took place in Weeks 5 and 6. The Year 6/7 classes had Aquatics in Week 9.

All classes have visited the Life Education Bus. Students learnt about a range of strategies to help them to make strong and healthy decisions both now and in the future.

We had an excellent turnout and perfect weather for Twilight Dance. Families enjoyed a picnic tea on the oval. The soccer club did a great job with the sausage sizzle and everyone danced the night away.

Magical Memories was a great success for our Reception students. The Reception sleepover was extremely well attended and a wonderful (if slightly sleepless!) time was had by all!

Our Traffic Monitors were trained and are enthusiastically undertaking their important role in helping to keep our community members safe.

Staff members have been involved in innovative Professional Learning on our two Student Free Days.

Many of our students participated SAPSASA Athletics, Volleyball and Cross Country events. Some amazing performances were recorded.

Several classes also went on excursions to a variety of destinations.

In between all of this busy activity both staff and students alike also worked very hard on our eight curriculum areas, setting the scene for a full year of teaching and learning.

Photos from a few of these special events have been included in this newsletter.

Jo Rowell
Principal
At this week’s school assembly the following students received an award acknowledging their hard work, perseverance and use of positive strategies in developing a Growth Mindset for their learning and community participation:

- Mason Hoevel, Ava Stevens (Miss Field)
- Tatum van de Laar, Isabella Davey (Mrs Ross)
- Owen Armstrong, Charlee Howard (Mr Letcher)
- Keshi Noble, Jaya Takura-Pahau (Mrs Ehlers)
- Lucy Carneiro, Abbey Hill (Mrs Haddad/Mrs Baumann)
- Oscar Berrymann, Caden Neville (Mrs Harley)
- Clarissa Lemon, Karim Freebairn (Miss Neumeister/Mrs Smith)
- Dominic Aloisi, Pearl Spencer (Mrs van Dyk)
- Bryce Hoet, Charlike Holland (Mrs McMillan)
- Louis Thomas, Poppy Hatcher (Miss Thompson)
- Jay Lees, Kanieisha Miller (Mrs Sander/Mrs Fullerton)
- Madisen Dunn, Alexander Smith (Mrs Gotley/Mrs Smith)
- Jordan Rose, Shawn Jones (Mr Rowell)
- Milo Lloyd, James Donnon (Mr Horsfall)
- Clara Inverarity, Soren Day (Miss Aucoin)
- Jenaya Curry, Isabelle Simpson (Mr Wakefield)
- Sabrina Winnen, Katie Tasker (Ms Eldridge)
- Jenaya Curry, Alvina Doyle (Mr Woolford)

Congratulations to all of these students!

JUNIOR YOUNG LEADERS / HARMONY DAY

The Junior Young Leaders have been discussing ways to celebrate Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’, the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

The Junior Young Leaders decided to invite everyone in the school to join in a giant 'Hokey Cokey' on the oval. 12 classes joined in with lots of giggles and made four concentric circles symbolising everyone belonging to our school community. It was lots of fun and the Junior Young Leaders were very happy that their first organised event was enjoyed by all. Watch this space for more Junior Young Leaders news.

EARLY YEARS SLEEPOVER

On Thursday March 23rd three of our Early Years classes were involved in a school sleepover. Mrs Ross, Ms Field’s and Mr Letcher’s classes all slept over in the Early Years Unit. The sleepover provided students with the opportunity to learn about our value of ‘Independence’ by caring for their own belongings and sleeping away from home. School activities such as this are made more successful by the time and involvement of our wonderful volunteers. It is your time and dedication that helps to make an amazing learning experience for our students.

Thank you to everyone involved! We appreciate it!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Don’t forget to place your order for your 2017 Entertainment Book. The Entertainment™ Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, cafes, accommodation, attractions and activities, with up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers! Purchase the new Adelaide Entertainment™ Book for just $70 including GST and you’ll receive over $15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1st June, 2018.

The books are sold exclusively by community organisations, social clubs, charities, and schools, and by purchasing a book, you’ll be helping towards our fund-raising efforts. If you wish to order the 2017/2018 book then please return the enclosed order form with payment or see Julie Bramley (Finance Officer). Early bird offers are again available to customers who purchase early. Spare order forms are available from the front office. To order the digital copy (this is an app for your personal device) please go to http://www.entbook.com/1610m16 Contact Julie Bramley on 83822455 for more information.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

We are working hard to track and improve our attendance rate. Our target for attendance this year is 96%. Please help us to support your children’s learning by only keeping your children at home when absolutely necessary. We will update this information regularly in our newsletters.

USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Families staying on the grounds after the bell have a great opportunity for children to play and adults to catch up. We do ask, however, that your children are supervised within your line of sight and continue to obey school rules, including being mindful of the out of bounds areas. This includes only playing in designated play areas (e.g. NOT in the Memorial Garden or the newly established gardens).
- To allow OSHC to access the playground, oval and other play areas within the school, we ask that families vacate the grounds by 4:00pm.

Week 10 Term 1
LOST PROPERTY
As we draw closer to the end of Term 1, it is timely to remind parents and caregivers to PLEASE CLEARLY NAME AND LABEL all of your child’s clothing and belongings. The lost property piles up quickly with much of it not labelled. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each term. Many of these items are quite expensive to replace and it is disappointing to see so many items cannot be returned to their owners as they are un-named.

ANZAC DAY
This year ANZAC Day is the Tuesday April 25th (the second week of the school holidays). In continuing our community links with the local RSL one of our families will represent the school at the and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

VOLUNTEERING
Want to find out more about volunteering? Come down to the Volunteering Expo on Thursday 27th April from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Ramsey Place Noarlunga (Colonnades) and get involved. Supported by the City of Onkaparinga.

TECHNOFUN AND LEGO CLUB
Information on TechnoFun and Lego Club at Seafor Library has been added to the Community Notices section on our Skoolbag app.

STAFF UNDERTAKING T&D ON STUDENT FREE DAYS

REMINDER
Have you changed any of your contact details? If you have changed your phone number, address, email address or emergency contacts for your child then it is vital that you let us know as soon as possible so that our database can be updated. At times we are unable to contact parents and caregivers due to old information. It is vital that we have current and accurate information to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. Please phone the front office on 83822455 to update your information or email to dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au

BUSKERS WANTED!
Buskers lift our spirits, put a smile on our faces and add a sense of vibrancy to our public spaces. And they need our support too. Making it happen in Ramsay Place, a busking friendly place near Colonnades Shopping Centre. No hassles, no permit fees... To register your interest flick an email to: wilndu@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au Follow this link for more information Buskers Wanted

YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS