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Newsletter Term 3 Week 4, 2021



## ***Principal's report***

**Staffing update** – A position has been advertised to recruit an Upper Primary teacher behind Laura Duggan's move to Mount Barker High School. We'll keep you updated as this progresses. Meanwhile, Catherine Bruce will be reducing her time for the remainder of the term for personal reasons. She will maintain her classroom teaching days with the 2/3/4 class on Mondays and Tuesdays. For the rest of this term, Nicole Bajszki will teach Performing Arts/Cultural Studies to all classes on Thursdays and work with the 2/3/4 class on Fridays. Nicole has taught here on a number of occasions as a relief teacher and thoroughly enjoys working here with our students. Welcome to Callington Nicole.

**Concert-** In Term 3, as part of their Performing Arts studies, students would usually work on a school production to perform to the community at the Callington Hall. With the uncertainty around events such as this and some staffing changes, we are changing tack with this in 2021. Our vision is for the children to create, perform and film some short skits in the second half of this term. Hopefully we can hold an event of some description where these videos can be presented to the Parents/Carers from that class. We will keep you informed as this project progresses.

**Student Free Day reminder-** Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> September is a Student Free Day. There is no Royal Adelaide Show school closure day scheduled this year. The Governing Council has endorsed our day of local significance (school closure) as Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. This is the day after the Callington Show.

**Student Leadership Development Grant** – Our Governing Council members are keen to support the students to pursue extra curricula opportunities. This includes educational initiatives such as public speaking, coaching certificates and community contributions etc. If students are interested in seeking financial support to access something that fits this description, they are encouraged to send an email to the Governing Council for consideration. They can be sent to [Paul.Jude460@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Paul.Jude460@schools.sa.edu.au) and I'll table them at the next meeting.

**7 Habits of Highly Effective Families** – In the last few newsletters I have shared the first four habits of Stephen Covey's '7 Habits of Highly Effective Families'. The fifth habit is 'Seek first to understand...then be understood'. Covey talks about the importance of listening carefully to and considering the perspectives of everyone. Often we assume we know what a child's perspective is in situation, but we are often surprised to hear what it is when we listen carefully. I often see the value of this when problems arise at school between children. Taking the time to talk about what has occurred from all perspectives is a powerful way to build empathy in students.

If you would like to discuss any matter regarding your child's education, please send me an email or make an appointment through Sarah/Kate in the school office.

Kind regards,  
Paul Jude





## Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



The Breakfast Club has had a good start once again this term. It is on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am - 8:50am. Thank you for ensuring your children are on time so they can participate in the Breakfast Club if they wish to do so.

The collection of bread tags is continuing again this year. The bread tags are sent away for recycling and made into components for wheelchairs. If you collect them, you can bring them into the office. Thank you!

Thoughts for Parents

- \*\*Say what you mean and mean what you say!
- \*\*Discipline is more effective if it is delivered calmly.
- \*\*Learn when to back off and avoid unnecessary conflict.
- \*\*Don't be afraid to apologise if it's needed as it can repair and rebuild relationships.
- \*\*Catch your children being good and encourage their behaviour.
- \*\*Any behaviour that is rewarded with attention will be repeated!

Enjoy the mild sunny days!

Until next time,  
Warmly Jeanette

## Our Outer Space Book Fair is on it's way!!

It all begins on Monday the 23/8/2021

With restrictions each class has been allocated a day as we are limited on numbers in the library at one time, we thank you in advance for your understanding.

Monday: 3:20-4 pm ( students and parents of Rec/1 class)

Tuesday: Recess and Lunch students only

Wednesday: 8:30-8:50 am (students and parents of 2/3/4 class)

Recess and Lunch: students only

3:20-4 pm (students and parents of 2/3/4 class)

Thursday: Recess and Lunch students only

3:20-4pm (students and parents of 5/6/7 class)

Friday: 8:30-8:50am Students and Parents extra time slot for those not able to attend previous times

Recess and Lunch: students only

10 minute time slots apply

Don't forget Friday is dress up day, dress up as a character out of your favourite book, astronaut or create your own costume!

We look forward to seeing you in outer space !



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# Fish n Chats



Recreational fishing on the bank of the Murray River is a great way to relax and have fun. Come along with your child (5-12 yrs) and join in with this free activity.

Fishing equipment and bait supplied and coaching on the basics of fishing.

2 hour session from 3.30pm—5.30pm  
 Tuesday afternoons in August & September  
 Register to attend as numbers are limited  
 Phone Centacare on 82156320

**COVID safe requirements:**

- If you are sick or have any flu like symptoms or temperature within the last week do not attend
- If you have been in contact with anyone from overseas or interstate in the last 14 days
- Maintain physical distancing where possible and register your attendance on COVID tracking form
- If possible download the COVIDSafe App

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## TUNING IN TO KIDS

### EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

A free five session parenting program for parents of children in the primary school years

**Would you like to learn how to:**

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behavior problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

**Program details:**  
 The program will run weekly with each session approximately 2 hours.  
**Where:** Murray Bridge Public Library at the Market Place  
**Time:** 1pm – 3pm  
**Commencing:** Monday 9th August 2021

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Please register with Lyall at Centacare 82156347  
 Book early as numbers are limited.

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## Circle of Security Parenting Program



This relationship-based program draws on over 50 years of early childhood research and may help you as a parent/caregiver to:

- understand your child's emotional world—learn to read the emotional need that lies beneath your child's behaviour
- support your child's ability to handle their own emotions and support the development of confidence and self-esteem
- strengthen your skills in observing and connecting with your child
- explore your child's needs within a safe, secure and supportive environment.

Throughout the program, a DVD with personal life experiences and illustrations will be used.

**Suitable for parents with children under eight years.**

Commencing Friday 13th August and running for eight sessions over eight weeks. Each session will go for 1 and half hours with a short break. 10am–12pm at Centacare, 6/2 Sturt Reserve rd Murray Bridge

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**BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!

**What can I do?**  
 It's easy ..... save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Contact us for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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