



Government of South Australia
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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2, 2021



Principal's report

Staffing update – I can now announce that the Upper Primary teaching position for 2022 here has been won by Mrs. Merran Jolley. Merran is thrilled to join the team here as the 4/5/6 teacher. She has extensive experience working in small, community schools and in composite classes. She is currently the Upper Primary teacher at the Milang Campus of Eastern Fleurieu School and has been a Mathematics key teacher across the primary sites of Eastern Fleurieu School. We look forward to welcoming her to our dynamic team. Welcome also to our temporary Groundsman, Todd Salter. Todd will be helping us out this term whilst Paul Roberts is on leave. Paul will return to his usual grounds maintenance role in 2022. Other staffing announcements and class arrangements will be made as the term progresses. Many of these decisions are based on enrolment numbers.

Callington Show – Some work will be entered for the children across a variety of categories. These include some literacy work, colouring in competition, sculptures, canvas paintings and more. Our R/1 students attending on the day will take part in two songs with legendary children's performer, Peter Coombe. Many thanks to those who have offered to help on the barbeque stall. Looking forward to a great day for our community. I'll see you there!

SkoolBag – We have decided to discontinue our use of this App, effective immediately. There are some system changes with Learner Management imminent across the Department for Education, which will eventually include a new App. However, in the interim please keep an eye out for emails, texts, Facebook posts and hard copy notes for communications.

Planner – Accompanying this newsletter is the Term 4 planner. We've tried to include as much detail as possible so you can be informed about the busy term ahead. Please keep somewhere handy and keep updated as the term progresses.

Play sharing – As communicated last term, we made the decision to not have a concert this year. Alternatively, the children have worked on some short plays and filmed them. They are ready to be shown to Parents/Carers. Families are invited to view the recordings of these plays after school in the Callington Hall on Thursday 28th October. Adults please wear your mask. Times for each class are....

3:30 – 3:45 – R/1

3:45 – 4:00 – 2/3/4

4:00 – 4:15 – 5/6/7

OSHC update – The process continues to assess the viability of running an OSHC here next year. This is an extensive process and the panel has been very busy behind the scenes advocating for the school community. Well done Phil and Luci for all your hard work. We will keep you informed as the process continues.

External review reminder – A reminder the site visit for this will occur on **Thursday 4th November**. There is time allocated for Parents/Carers to meet with the review panel. **It is 2:40-3:15pm.** I'll supply coffee and cake! You are all welcome and encouraged to attend. We welcome all feedback to assist us to improve.

Bushfire Readiness – Accompanying this newsletter is a fridge magnet with our school arrangements in the event of a catastrophic forecast or a fire. Please consider these arrangements as you prepare your own Bushfire Plans.

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
Paul.jude460@schools.sa.edu.au



Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



Hope you are enjoying the warmer sunny days and you have the opportunity to get outside and experience them.

This term in year 2-4 we are learning about and practicing communication skills (which are part of social skills).

Important parts of communication are speaking and listening.

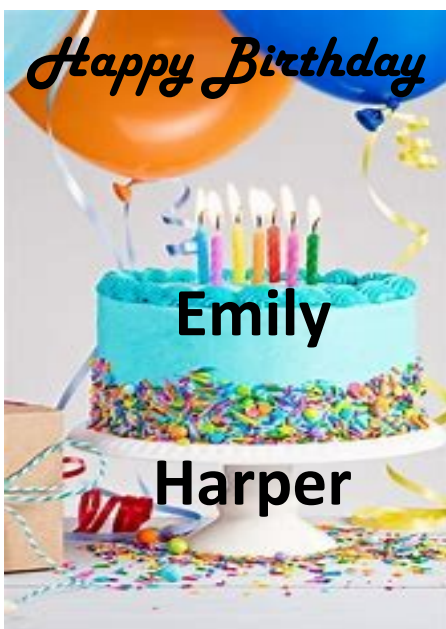
When participating in a conversation first steps include:

1. Eye contact (where culturally appropriate)
2. Taking turns at speaking and listening
3. Staying on the topic– demonstrates you are “in tune” with what the other person is saying and interested
4. To help keep the conversation going, you can make comments or ask questions
5. Smile and show by your body language you are interested, use friendly greetings and farewells.

Being able to communicate effectively is one of the most important skills to have, as it is a way to express our thoughts, ideas, feelings and hear the feelings, ideas and thoughts of others.

Hoping you are having a great week.

Until next time,
Warmly Jeanette



Dates to remember

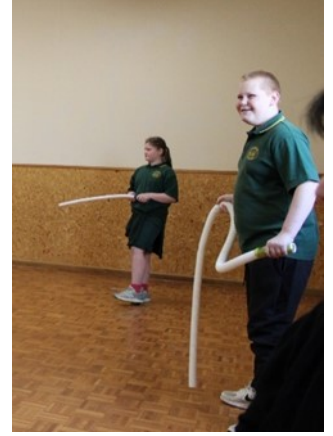
27/10– Governing Council 6:30

31/10- Callington Show

1/11—School Closure

4/11—External Review Site Visit

Eastwinds Performance



On Tuesday, 12th October, we were thrilled to have Western Australian band, *Eastwinds* perform at our school as part of the Musica Viva in Schools program. *Eastwinds* is a multicultural band with a unique sound that shares their diverse instruments and experiences with students. Mark is the group founder from Western Australia and he plays woodwind and reed instruments, many of which he has made himself from a range of household pipes! Sanshi is Japanese and plays the contemporary diggeridoo, while Esfandiar (Essi) is from Iran and plays the ney (flute) and daf (frame drum).



Communities for Children Murraylands

Patch, Plate & Play

The Patch, Plate and Play program is designed to encourage parents and caregivers to work alongside their children to form sustainable healthy practices in the home.

Patch - develop knowledge and skills using the community garden to grow your own vegetables.

Plate - create healthy budget friendly snacks with some of the produce grown.

Play - use your creative skills to make the garden space your own with art/craft activities.

Commences Term 4, October 14 2021

When: Thursday's during the school term
Time: 4-5pm
Where: Murray Bridge Community Centre,
18 Beatty Terrace
Cost: FREE for ages 5-12 years

Bookings are essential
0421 102 276

COVID Requirements

- Maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m
- Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Check in using the mySA GOV app
- Stay at home if you have cold or flu like symptoms and get tested



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Come and help us celebrate Children's Week 2021



Free Family BBQ

Scavenger Hunt

Giveaways and Craft activities



**Children have the right to choose their own friends
and safely connect with others!**



When: Monday 25th October
Time: 3.30pm—5.00pm
Where: Murray Bridge Community Centre
Cost: FREE



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- Maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m
- Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Download the MySAGov app
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Please contact Karen on 0421 102 276 or c4c@mbcci.org.au

For caregivers and their children aged 0 -12 years

Spaces are limited



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