

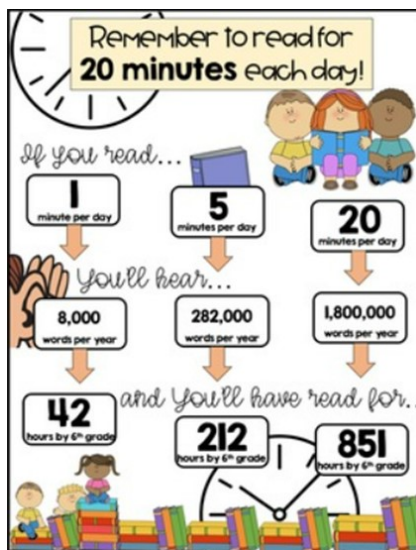


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Newsletter Term 3 Week 6, 2022

Principal's report

Book Week / Fair – What a tremendous week of activities and celebration of all things BOOKS! It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up and so many Parents, Carers and other family members at our parade, family reading time and of course, the pancake morning tea! The Book Fair was well supported too. Many thanks to Kate and Jill for all their work with setting up the fair. Reading is so important to language and cognitive development. This picture shows that just reading for 20 minutes a day can mean children hear 1.8 million words per year!



Camp notes and payments – We have received very few camp notes back. Please check the fridge for these notes and return at your earliest convenience. If you need another note or have any questions about your child's participation, please contact me.

One Plan updates – In recent years we have updated all One Plans across the school in the last few weeks of Term 3. So many of you may be expecting a meeting invitation shortly. However, we have decided to change tack and move these updates to the end of Term 1 2023. Your child's teacher next year will update the plan throughout the start of the year, in readiness for the Parent/Teacher interviews in week 10. At these interviews, parent perspectives and shared goals can be established and One Plans can be signed. This way the plans are created by the teacher for that year.

SSO recognition – This week we celebrated and acknowledged the amazing work of our School Support Officers (SSOs). We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group of SSOs to support the learning and wellbeing of our students. They all help to make this such a great place to learn and work! *From all the staff, students and school community, thanks for all you do!* Here is a quick summary of our SSOs and what they do...

Kate - Works across the classes with many students, coordinates our library resources and assists with administration.
Sarah – Administration, finance, first aid and many other things!
Jill - Assists with the library and helps many students with literacy and numeracy.

Elisha – Assists in the classes and works with many students on literacy programs across the school.

Adam – General classroom support and support with individual students.

The next 2 aren't technically SSOs, but we'd like to acknowledge them as well.

Paul – Groundsman. Maintains our beautiful grounds and fixes many things in the school!

Jeanette – Our Pastoral Support Worker who runs Breakfast Club, Wellbeing Classroom lessons, lunch time activities and a friendly face for all students and staff.

Students for 2023- We are in the process of making some plans for 2023. This includes our class structure. To plan accordingly, we need a clear indication of enrolment numbers for next year. If your circumstances are likely to change, or better still, you know of someone who is wanting to enrol their child/ren here, please don't delay in making contact with the school or encouraging the person you know to do so.

Student Leadership Development Grant – A reminder our Governing Council members are keen once again to support the students to pursue extra curricula opportunities, with a focus on leadership. 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 and I'll table them at the next meeting.

Kind regards, Paul Jude



Hello from Jeanette! (Pastoral Care Worker)



Children from early on develop language, communication, social and emotional skills as well as other developmental skills.

Language is the basis of communication because we send many messages via words. However lots of our communication happens through non-verbal cues; for example tone of voice, facial expressions, hand gestures, body language and even the way we talk, the way we dress and also our attitude.

“Because the ability to interpret and effectively use all these communication channels is learned ...within a social context, communication and social-emotional development are inextricably linked.” (Pruden,2006)
So children need to learn to use the right words in the right way so they can communicate clearly and interact with others. Poor non-verbal communication can also affect relationships (i.e. standing too close; unfriendly tone; inappropriate eye contact)

As children develop a wider vocabulary they are able to express themselves more effectively and this can lead to less tantrums and more positive interactions. Teaching children positive communication strategies like thinking about what to say along with practicing how they might say something can be helpful. Listening to stories being read can build a broader vocabulary and model ways language can be expressed. Keep on building those communication skills!

Until next time, Warmly Jeanette



Week 4 Assembly Award Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS

Bremer Awards

Rec— Alannah & Cameron
1/2— Keevah & Lewis
2/3— Audrey & Ada
4/5/6— Pearl & Levi

Macqlit Awards

Alex



Dates to Remember

9/9 - Hahndorf Farm Barn notes and money due
(Rec/1/2/)

-Assembly, held by the Rec class 2:40
- Special Lunch Day orders & money due

13/9 - Special Lunch & Pyjama Day

14/9 - Hahndorf Farm Barn Excursion (Rec/1/3)

Week 10 - Concert (TBA)

Happy Birthday





SPECIAL LUNCH AND PYJAMA DAY



TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 8)



QKR is a way to make payment for all your school needs like uniforms, school fees, excursions, book club, colour run etc. If you are in need of any help downloading the app please come and see Sarah in the front office. It would be fantastic to see as many families as possible using this method of payment.

DDIO (Do Drop In Outside) Monday Recess Time Activities with Jeanette



Community News

WHAT'S ON! at your Community Centre

Did you know the Mount Barker Community Centre...

September 2022

Date

Time

Top Hat Forum, a networking event for community groups with older members Free	Wednesday 31 st August	10.30am – 12pm
Duck Flat Nature Playgroup Facebook Group: Duck Flat Nature Playgroup	Fortnightly from Thursday 1 st September	9.30am – 11.30am
After School Cooking Workshop for 6 to 10 year olds	Thursday 1 st September	3.45pm – 4.45pm
Gut Health and Kimchi Workshop	Saturday 3 rd September	10.30am – 12.30pm
Dear Parents a support group for parents of LGBTQ+ young people Free	Saturday 3 rd September	2pm – 4pm
Walk for Women's Health and Wellbeing Free	Wednesday 7 th September	Meet at 10am
Growing Food and Friendships, gardening and cooking program for older people at Duck Flat Community Garden	Weekly starting Thursday 8 th September	10am – 12pm
Brukungu Community Event Free	Sunday 11 th September	2pm – 4pm
Dementia Friendly Communities info session and morning tea Free	Monday 19 th September	10.30 – 11.30am
Parenting in Australia workshop Free	Thursday 22 nd September	5.30pm – 8pm
Community Lunch Free	Monday 26 th September	12pm – 1pm
Basic Bike Maintenance Workshop Mount Barker Men's Shed, 100 Springs Road Free	Friday 21 st October	6pm – 8pm
Volunteer roles available! • Community Centre Reception Team • ReVamp Shop	Please enquire	Contact: 8391 2747

... conducts short courses, workshops and leisure classes

- Digital skills
- CPR
- Tai chi & qigong
- Canasta and 500 cards
- Drawing and art classes
- School holiday activities
- Cooking workshops
- Cultural programs
- Yoga

... co-ordinates, facilitates and supports

- Mount Barker Men's Shed - 0439 827 046
- Over 50's Exercise Classes
- Smashing Ladies Mosaic Group
- Duck Flat Community Garden
- Top HAT Forum
- Life Drawing - 0412 944 526
- Re Vamp Shop
- Mount Barker Men's Group - 0499 013 773
- Nature Playgroup
- Creative Writing
- Nairne Nifty Fifties Plus - 0412 828 868
- Financial Counselling
- JP Service
- Sewing groups
- Ukulele group
- Walking Football

... has facilities for hire

- Mount Barker Community Centre
- Brukungu Hall
- Duck Flat Garden and Kitchen

... offers child care

- Family House Child Care - 8391 5059

Bookings essential for all events - Most events can be booked online: mtbcc.eventbrite.com



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Bravery - Respect - Excellence - Mindfulness - Enthusiasm - Responsibility

Geocaching in Geography

Have you ever tried geocaching? The Upper Primary class have been learning about maps so we decided to test out some of our skills by searching for local geocaches. The best way to explain geocaching is that it's like exploring for treasure using a map. To start we downloaded a geocaching app and then followed the map and clues to locate "treasure" at the Callington Oval and on Back Callington Road. We then made our own geocache which we placed in the Callington Nature Garden for the Reception students to find. We would highly recommend geocaching if you enjoy fun, free, outdoor adventures.

