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Newsletter Term 3 Week 8, 2021

Principal's report

Staffing update – Laura Duggan is absent at the moment, for personal reasons. Nicole Bajszki and Nathaniel Brooke are sharing the responsibilities of teaching the Upper Primary class for this week and next. Welcome Nathaniel. This role increases Nicole's presence here, with her taking Catherine Bruce's Thursday and Friday commitments, as explained in previous newsletters. Thanks for your flexibility Nicole. The process continues to appoint a new permanent teacher in our Upper Primary Class for 2022, behind Laura Duggan's move to Mount Barker High School. Next term I hope to be able to confirm the outcome of this and our other staffing for 2022, including contract teacher/s and SSOs. With all these decisions, continuity of learning and achieving the best possible outcomes for our students is always the primary focus.

Student Free Day reminder / Callington Show- Friday the 17th September is a Student Free Day. There was no Royal Adelaide Show school closure day scheduled this year. The Governing Council has endorsed our day of local significance (**school closure**) as **Monday 1st November**. This is the day after the Callington Show. At this stage, the Callington Show is going ahead, which is exciting news for our community. Our school runs a barbeque stall at this event and it is a major fundraiser for us. Funds raised help to subsidise activities and excursions for all of our school families. We will be in touch with more details.

External Review – As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review panel next term. The purpose of an external school review is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide

quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools are externally reviewed every 3 years. The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school's performance. The site visit will occur on **Thursday 4th November**. There will be time allocated for Parents/Carers to meet with the review panel, most likely over a coffee and cake! You are all welcome and encouraged to attend. I will communicate a time when it is confirmed. We welcome all feedback to assist us to improve. Shortly we will be creating the next iteration of our School Improvement Plan, so the findings from the review can be incorporated in this.

7 Habits of Highly Effective Families – In the last few newsletters I have shared the first six habits of Stephen Covey's '7 Habits of Highly Effective Families'. The last habit is 'Sharpen the Saw'. Covey talks about the importance of rest and rejuvenation. The example he gives is of two people sawing a large tree each. The first person's blade is blunt, but continues to saw, not wanting to waste any time! The second person begins cutting the tree and realises the blade has become blunt. This person takes the time to stop, change the blade and resume cutting. The second person finishes the job well ahead of the first and still has energy for more sawing! When time allows, rest and rejuvenation allows us to work and operate more efficiently, rather than ploughing on like the first person sawing.

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
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Hello from Jeanette!

(Pastoral Care Worker)



Hope you are enjoying the lovely sunshine after some cold mornings!

A word we hear a bit about these days is the word “resilience” and the ability to thrive or bounce back despite the challenges we face.

The good news about resilience is that it can be learned, and it can help kids manage stress, anxiety and uncertainty.

Resilience is built by.... 1. Making connections and engaging with others especially where there is empathy and listening happening.

2. Helping your child to be engaged with helping others.

3. Having a daily routine as this can be reassuring especially for younger children who like structure.

4. Encouraging your child to engage in self care- eating properly, getting enough sleep, exercising and taking time to do some fun activities.

5. Helping children see they have successfully handled difficult times before and difficult times can help to build strength to face challenges in the future.

6. Encouraging optimism and helping children to identify “bright spots” even when facing challenging times.

7. Talking about what you have learned after going through tough times and helping your child to do the same.

Maybe you might choose a couple of the above ways of building resilience and give them a try. It could be worth it in the long run!

If you would like to discuss this further, feel free to get in touch with me on: 0431791423.

Until next time,
Warmly Jeanette



Please remember to keep your children home if they're feeling unwell.



Congratulations to our Bremer award recipients

R/1

Jake and Hayden

2/3/4

Harper and Kacee

5/6/7

Kelly and Saxon

Bravery

Enthusiasm



Excellence **Respect**

Mindfulness

Responsibility



Languages Alive!

Experience the delights of other languages and cultures



Languages Alive! is a program of engaging and interactive language and cultural experiences for R-7 students

Delivered by highly proficient speakers of the relevant language, the program will run during the September/October school holidays in metropolitan and country locations.

Workshops will explore a range of languages including Chinese, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Thai and Vietnamese.

- Who**
Reception to Year 7
- When**
September-October 2021
- Where**

School of Languages	28 & 29 Sep
St John's Grammar (Junior Campus R-6)	30 Sep
Nairne School P-7	1 Oct
Berri Primary School	8 Oct
- Cost**
\$10 per day
School card/Healthcare card holders FREE

Register online by 26 September
www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive



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2021 Spring School Holiday Program

ANNETTE LANGHAM BALLET SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Monday 27 September at Keith Stephenson Park
11am: Yogi Bear Picnic
2pm: Peter and the Wolf
free

SOAP CARVING KIT
Tuesday 28 September
\$5 per kit
Plus booking fee

MINI BEAST SHRINKY DINK KEY CHAIN KIT
Wednesday 29 September
free

LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP
Friday 1 October
\$5 each
Plus booking fee
10.00am, 11:45am

SOLAR POWERED CAR KITS
Tuesday 5 October
free

TEEN MAKEUP MASTERCLASS
Friday 8 October
\$10 each
Plus booking fee
13-15 years
1.00 – 4.00pm

BUND DE BAYERN GERMAN DANCING
demonstration and workshop
Saturday 9 October
free
11.00am – 12.00 pm

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE FROM
10.00 am Monday 6 September: mbcl.eventbrite.com.au

School Holiday Family Kayaking

Communities for Children Murraylands

FREE
for families with children aged 3 to 12 years



Come and try some fun kayaking with your child with easy to use SIT ON TOP double kayaks. All equipment is supplied. Just bring hat, water, sunscreen and solid soled shoes—not thongs. Sit on top kayaks are wide and stable for beginners and provide great fun for children.



Please book your session for kayaking as numbers are limited. Call Lyall at Centacare.

Ph. 82156347

At Tailm Bend
Thursday 30th September by the Ferry crossing
Three sessions available-
10am, 12pm and 2pm

COVID REQUIREMENTS

- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m
- Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Download the MySAGov app
- Stay at home if you have cold or flu-like symptoms and get tested



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Book Week Fun
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