



Our students are confident learners and caring citizens prepared for their futures.

– March –

Mon 15	SRC Meeting @ 10am (students in SRC only)
Tue 16	Year 6/7 Boys' Cricket
Tue 16	Governing Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue 23	Young Environmental Leaders Forum
Thu 25	Assembly @ 2.45pm: Reception to Year 3 families are invited: RSVP required to kelly.mudie97@schools.sa.edu.au
Mon 29 to Wed 31	Arbury Park whole school camp

– April –

Thu 1	School Closure Day
Fri 2	Good Friday
Mon 5	Easter Monday
Thu 8	SAPSASA Cross Country
Fri 9	Sports Day: 9.30am to 2pm Early dismissal at 2.20pm (1 hour early) for final day of Term 1
Mon 26	Public Holiday for Anzac Day
Tue 27	Day 1, Term 2

Welcome to the Week 7 Newsletter

Yesterday, we enjoyed a sensational Harmony/Elders' Day with over 100 visitors joining us. Each class had a special activity and created a puzzle piece for a display Sally has put together in the library. The theme was Everyone Belongs and the puzzle pieces join together to make one giant puzzle, which is very symbolic.

Our R/1 Class did some bird watching, our Year 2/3 Class made ochre paint in the Village, the 4/5s spent some of their time in the kitchen making zucchini muffins, chocolate & tomato sauce and some of their time in the garden weeding, mulching and pruning, and the 6/7s played the uke then interviewed their elders to uncover some surprising stories!

Yesterday was almost a year to the day since our last big community event, which happened to be the 2020 Harmony Day, before we were plunged into COVID- restrictions. It was a beautiful day weather-wise, and we received some amazing feedback from our visitors...including one elder suggesting we should do this three or four times a year!

We look forward to Sports Day, on Friday, 9 April in Week 11 (our final day of Term 1), when we will be able to invite families to enjoy the day with us. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Last Friday our staff worked with Regan, from the Department for Education, on our curriculum planning. Our focus for the day was on numeracy, in particular how we map our curriculum learning across the year and plan for the differentiation required across our classrooms. Each class has a strong focus on **the number strand** at the beginning of the year, as these foundational skills are crucial to support numeracy learning across the curriculum. We also use a Scope and Sequence document to identify where students are at and where to next in their learning. It was a great day of learning and collaboration as a team.

We have a very busy end of the term ahead of us with SAPSASA cricket and cross-country, a YEL excursion, our whole-school camp and Sports Day yet to come.

Personally, I will be off-site at different stages during the next 2 weeks. Next week I will be at a Partnership Meeting on Wednesday and am presenting at SA Leaders' Days on Thursday and Friday. The following week I will be required to take two days of personal leave; our experienced teaching and administration staff will no doubt step up in my absence and be able to answer your queries, but please feel free to send me an email during this time if required and I will reply when I am able.

David Hodges, Principal

Harmony/Elders' Day

What a beautiful day it was here at school yesterday. Thanks to all the grandparents and others who came to school to share in some learning with their special young people. We had far too many gorgeous photos to share them all!





Featuring the Year 6/7 Class

Our Year 6/7 Class has been busy with many things this term, but a highlight for many students was a buddy activity with the Reception/Year 1 Class where they painted or drew an illustration together showing their shared and/or different interests. If you would like to see them up close, have a look in the library before or after school one day as they are displayed on the cupboard doors.



We have talked a lot about growth mindsets and what they are, and the things you can think about, say and do if you are in the learning pit. If you are stressed or having trouble with some work, we talked about taking deep breaths and asking for help.

Miss Mackenzie showed us an example of the brain that we were going to recreate; we were each given a piece of the puzzle that makes up the brain. Inside it we had to write what we would do if we were stressed about something. It's pinned up just outside our classroom if you want to come and have a look at it in person.

Beth, year 6 & Rosie, year 7



Basketball Clinics



Thank you to Dads Jared and Steve who ran the free basketball clinics after school last week. There were many kids who joined in and learned new skills.

They are looking to potentially host another couple of sessions; we'll keep you posted.



"I learnt how to do layups and I liked shooting." **Lincoln, year 2**

"It was fun. We practised dribbling, layups and passing. I'd go again if they do it." **Lexi, year 5**

"I loved training with Steve & Jared. I learnt how to pivot better. It's making me play better so I want to play more – I have a game next week." **Josh, year 7**

Miss Roach's Send-Off to Maternity Leave



The Reception/Year 1 Class had a party last week to wish Miss Roach well on maternity leave. The children enjoyed their own personal "party food", played games and gave Miss Roach innumerable cards and gifts. We all wish Miss Roach well in the rest of her pregnancy and look forward to hearing the news of the baby soon (but not too soon).



Thanks to Bunnings, Reynella for Donations to our Bonsai Club

The Bonsai Club would like to thank Bunnings, Reynella for their generous donation in response to Jamie's letter to help us start up this lunchtime club. Please support them if you need hardware supplies in the future.

The Bonsai Club is run by Jamie in year 4 and Mrs Riches on Monday afternoons during the second break.



Growing With Gratitude

The Growing with Gratitude lessons are off to a fantastic start this year; students in every class are engaging with weekly wellbeing lessons. We have focused on positive mindsets, having an attitude of gratitude, random acts of kindness, and thinking about how to challenge ourselves. It's been wonderful to see students demonstrating these concepts outside of lesson time. It's also been wonderful to see the students becoming more familiar with reflecting upon things for which they are grateful - they are truly *growing with gratitude*. Here is a picture of Max, Anna & Audrey from the R/1 Class – a couple of weeks ago, the R/1 Class traced their hands and thought of five different things they could do to show kindness. We helped them write these activities down on each finger. It was exciting to hear that some of the students have already been demonstrating these acts of kindness. Stay tuned for more newsletter updates on our school-wide wellbeing program, and feel free to email me if you would like to know more: annara.oxenham401@schools.sa.edu.au.

