



WUDINNA AREA SCHOOL

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES:



DATES TO REMEMBER:

CanDo4Kids Funky Fashion Fundraiser – R-12 dress up and gold coin donation
Friday 19 June

Breast Cancer Pink Day – R-12 – wear pink and gold coin donation
Tuesday 30 June

End of Term 2 – buses leave at 2.35pm
Friday 3 July

Term 3 begins
Monday 20 July

School Photos
Wednesday 19 August

SAPSASA Football & Netball Country Carnival, Adelaide
Mon 7-Wed 9 September

SAPSASA Softball Country Carnival, Adelaide
Mon 2-Thurs 5 November

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G'day Everyone

I hope everyone had a great break over the Queen's Birthday weekend and enjoyed the ability to get out and about again!

Facilities

The student toilets will undergo a further renovation with the removal of all asbestos from the building over the school holidays. **The school will be closed and no one will be allowed on site while the asbestos is removed.** The Department for Education is funding the removal of asbestos. We have also re-stumped Room 19 currently the Year 6 classroom making it level. The classroom was being lifted in the middle by a tree root and the edges were dropping because of rotten stumps. This has made a huge difference to the room making it a much more comfortable learning environment for students. Please check out the grounds if you have the opportunity; we have ongoing grounds work to update and green different areas across the school.

Covid-19

We are keen for further restrictions to be lifted but in the meantime we are still maintaining the processes to limit any spread of Covid-19. We are practicing these at school including:

- Washing hands regularly, particularly after using the toilet and before eating
- Using alcohol based sanitiser in all classrooms
- Wiping down surfaces
- Covering a cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth

Reminder: If you/your child are unwell, stay home so you don't spread infections to others.

The SA Health Stop the Spread webpage (<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au>) has more information about preventing illness.

Teacher Clarity Playbook

The Teacher Clarity Playbook is a hands on guide to creating learning intentions, success criteria for organizing and providing effective teaching for students. It has been a lot of work but the staff have been working hard to use these concepts for programming and planning.

Report writing week

This week staff have been very busy writing reports. This is not necessarily an easy task due to the disruptions that have occurred to the curriculum so far this year. If you have any concerns re reports please contact your child's teacher and discuss the matter and clarify any issues.

Ag Steering Committee

The Ag paddocks are looking good and we are keen to get our meetings back on track. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 June at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Governing Council

It was great to be able to meet face to face and discuss the issues relevant to our school. We are hopeful that the current status enables us to continue normal meetings.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 June at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Let's hope we get some more rain!!

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY

SAPSASA News

School Sport SA has rescheduled their Netball, Football and Basketball carnivals to take place in Term 3. The trial dates for these sports are yet to be decided as we wait for further lifting of restrictions. Please note that the length of the carnivals will be shortened to 2½ days with a reduced number of players per team, as outlined in the information below. The dates of the Softball Carnival will remain the same – Term 4 Monday-Thursday (4 days) 2-5 November.

Term 3

Australian Football: Country Carnival - Monday-

Wednesday morning: 7-9 September (2½ days)

Team size – 15 players (12 a-side on the field), modified field size

Netball: Country Carnival Monday-Wednesday morning:

7-9 September (2½ days)

Team size – 1 team only - 12 players

6/7 Basketball Regional Carnival: will possibly be held in Term 3. Date yet to be decided and is dependent on further easing of gathering size restrictions.

I will provide further information as it becomes available.

Primary SRC

The Primary SRC held their first meeting for this term on Tuesday 9 June. During the meeting they discussed fundraising ideas and future special events. The decision was made to hold a *Pink Day* on Tuesday 23 June to raise money for Breast Cancer. Further details can be found in their report in this newsletter.

Semester 1 and 2 Class Representatives will all attend SRC meetings next semester to give everyone an equal amount of meeting time. The SRC Induction will be held in the near future as soon as we receive the directive from SA Health regarding assemblies and special events.

Karen Lynn

Assistant Principal-Primary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

Sunrise appearance by Year 10 student

On Tuesday, William Sampson was contacted by one of the producers of Channel 7 Sunrise program requesting that he share some of his drone photography to showcase Venus Bay in their virtual tour of Australian tourist destinations aired live on Wednesday morning. William was also part of a team of Venus Bay lovers who were featured on screen linked in via Zoom videoconferencing. His photography is absolutely spectacular and the presenters commented on its quality during one of the links. Congratulations William on both your photography achievements and for speaking so fluently on camera; you represented your community in a most professional manner!

End of Semester 1

The semester is fast coming to a close. With three weeks remaining, students need to be polishing their assessment tasks so that they can maximise their achievement and gain the best grade possible.

The Year 12 students will need to consider the work that they will need to complete during the next holiday break.

With their school year so compacted it is important that they spend some time completing research and ensuring that they are on track for major assignment submission during the following term. Food & Hospitality and English both have their external assessment tasks (30% of the year's mark) due at the end of Week 9 of Term 3; many other subjects will require that a final draft of their external assessment be submitted for checking at the end of that term as well.

Year 11 students will commence the second semester at the beginning of next term and it is, therefore, important that they complete all assessment tasks by the end of this term. All subjects for Stage 1 subjects are one semester in length and resulted for their SACE in this manner. English and Mathematics subjects are compulsory and they are subject to moderation requirements. This means that their work will need to be sent to Adelaide for validation that the grade given by the teacher is in line with state standards. Some students will also not be continuing with some subjects as they have chosen to change at the end of the semester – make sure that you have submitted all work by the end of the term so that a result can be submitted to the SACE Board.

Personal Learning Plan students (Year 10 completing their first SACE Stage 1 subject) are generally in the final throws of submitting all their work for assessment at the end of the semester. Students who do not complete all the work will only be given an interim assessment grade for this report and will need to submit their tasks during the next semester as it is essential that they achieve a C-grade or better to meet the requirements of SACE. It is now up to all students to put their heads down and finish all work so that they can begin the new semester fresh and ready to begin the new subjects that will commence in Term 3. It is pleasing to note that some students have already completed all work requirements and are able to work on extension activities to improve their learning outcomes.

Glenys McGuire

Assistant Principal – Secondary

South Australian English Teachers' Association

2020 Poetry Competition

For all students with a flair for poetry, please check out this

website link to a poetry competition

<https://www.aate.org.au/saeta-content/writers/spring-poetry-festival>

The closing date is 7 August 2020.

This is perhaps something you can think about and engage in, during your own time; any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kathryn Hardwick Franco

English Teacher

Can:Do 4Kids

Funky Fashion Fundraiser

R-12

Friday 19 June Week 8

Wear your Funniest
Clothes!



The money supports

Can:Do 4Kids

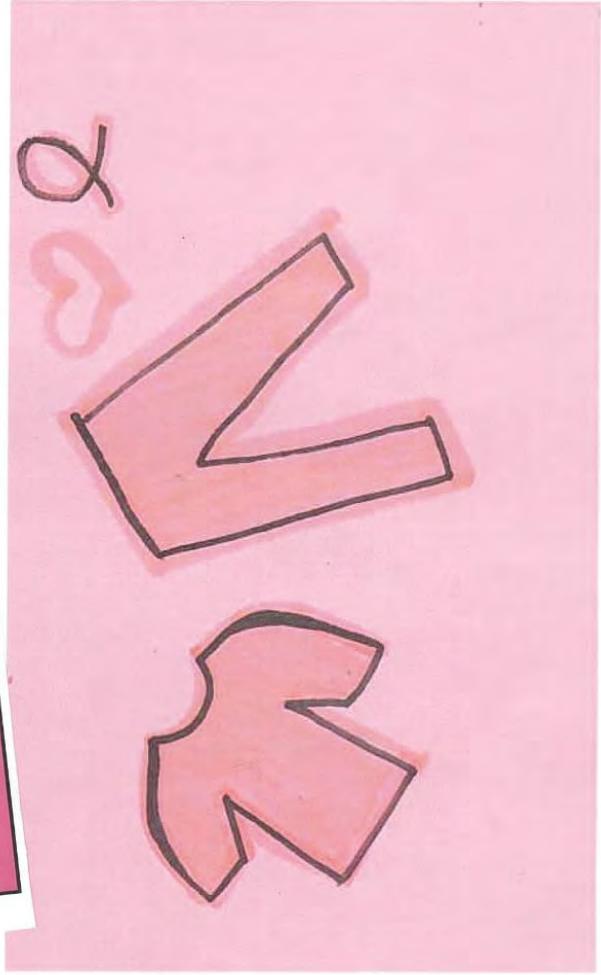
"A helping hand for eyes and ears."

Can:Do 4Kids is a South Australian charity which works directly with children and young adults who are deaf, blind or who have sensory and impairment help them to reach their full potential.

PINK & DAY

Dress up in PINK
Gold coin donations for
Breast Cancer.

Tuesday 30 June



Nice job!



Wow!

Working together to problem solve what would be the most efficient and accurate way to count in large numbers



Group discussion, brainstorming



Collaborative group work



Step 1: make bundles of 10



Step 2: Make bundles of 100



Co-operatively problem solving



Parallelogram



Kite



Triangle



Hexagon



Trapezium

Using our knowledge of 2D shapes and their features to make life size models.



Circle

SUCCESS *Learning*
STORIES

Folk Art Fusion



Sammy



Noah



Jasper



Ella



Callie



Torah



Grade 1&2



Harry



Isaac



Isla



Daisy



Hannah



Meika



Bobby



Ebony



Brodie



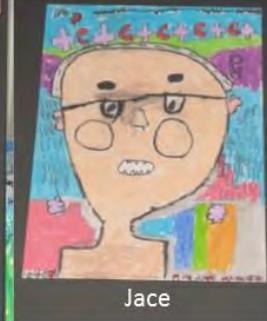
Aislin



Lillian



Brinley



Jace



Cooper

The Year 1/2 students used their knowledge of shapes and proportions in Maths to create self portraits using the "Folk Art" method

Can you guess who is who?....



ENGLISH



Reading Rotations and Literacy Centres: learning to manipulate, deconstruct and revise high frequency words and word families using the strategies of chunking, syllables , phonemes and finding smaller words.



Class 5 minute challenge of collaboratively brainstorming ideas for a "Sizzling Start" from a picture prompt

SIZZLING STARTS
Make your story...
POWERFUL Funny INTERESTING

EXCITING UNUSUAL scary

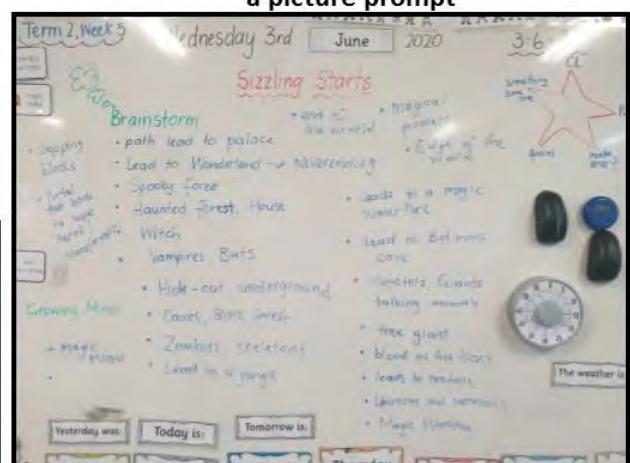
Try one of these to make your story starts sizzle!

1. Start with a bang
Jack jumped high, hope giving him strength and she hit the ball hard.
2. Make the reader curious
As the fog lifted, she could just see the outline of a shadowy figure.
3. Create a moment of change
My life is over. My parents have this crazy idea to move to China!
4. Use humour
Never let your three year old brother eat ice-cream in your bed.
5. Dialogue brings characters alive
"It's just a rat," I said, breathing hard.
"Rats don't growl," said Mike.

BANG!

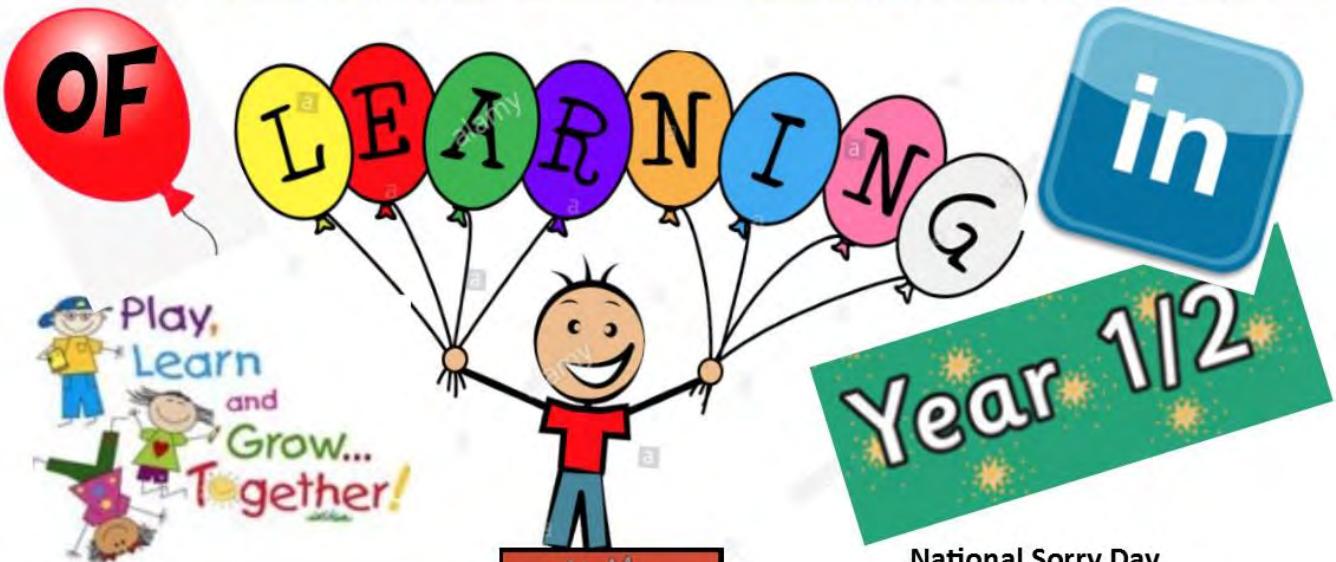
seven steps
TO WRITING SUCCESS

- 1 Plan for success
- 2 Sizzling start
- 3 Show, don't tell
- 4 Tightening tension
- 5 Dynamic dialogue
- 6 Ban the boring
- 7 Exciting endings



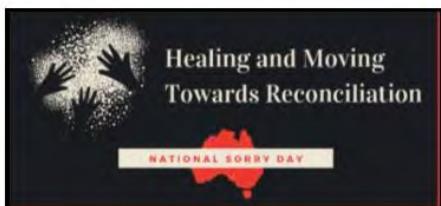
teaching
SPeCiAL
thinkers

Celebration



National Sorry Day

Tuesday 26th May, 2020

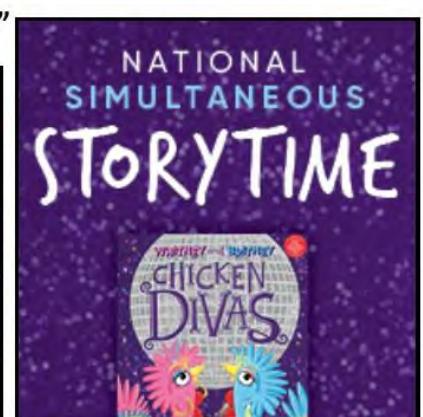


Students learnt about the Stolen Generation and created some art to demonstrate their appreciation of the Indigenous culture



Wednesday 27th May, 2020

National Simultaneous Story Time "Whitney and Britney: The Chicken Divas"



Tune In and Tune Up

Free Drought and Wellbeing Webinars

Who we will be hearing from

Dr. David Younger A Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience providing support and assistance to communities throughout Australia affected by natural disasters and emergencies. David places a focus on the social environment of community and the use of community networks and resources in driving support.	Dr. Jacki Schirmer An Associate Professor at the University of Canberra. Jackie leads the Regional Wellbeing Survey that examines the views of rural Australians about the liveability and resilience of their community and wellbeing. Jackie's personal research interests focus on the social dimensions of natural resource management and the impacts of events such as drought.	Dr. Lynette Bettio A senior climatologist in the Climate Monitoring team at the Bureau of Meteorology. Lynette examines and communicates on variability and changes to Australia's climate including long-term trends in rainfall and temperature and the interaction with extreme events.
Stephanie Schmidt A clinical Psychologist and farmer in South Australia. She lives with her husband and two young sons and is passionate about developing a resilient rural Australia. Steph combines her psychological knowledge with her lived experience of farming life to provide easy to understand strategies to improve health and wellbeing.	Dr. Kate Gunn Kate grew up on a farm west of Adelaide and works as a Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Rural Health at Unisa, researching how best to promote farmers' wellbeing. She is the founder of www.ifarmwell.com.au , a free website designed to help farmers cope with things beyond their control (like the weather).	Dr. Margaret Alston A Professor at the School of Humanities and Social Science at Newcastle University. Previously the head of Social Work at Monash University, she has a focus on rurality and gender and has published widely in the field of gender and disasters, social work and rural social issues.
3. Wellbeing after the rains (10-11.15am Wednesday 15 July) Hear from the Bureau of Meteorology on winter weather predictions and what rain means for the drought. Hear what the research says about wellbeing when communities are seen to be in drought recovery strategies to help with things beyond your control and how to make the most of every day. Speakers: Dr. Lynette Bettio, Dr. Jacki Schirmer and Dr. Kate Gunn Click or copy URL to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kDSDXWVTPgH4t025yvbgQ	Dr. Margaret Nixon Has over 20 years experience in education and research in the field of children's mental health and wellbeing and trauma. She has worked in various education settings in Australia and overseas and is currently a senior trauma specialist at ACATLGN at the ANU.	Shannon McCormack Has over 20 years in Agribusiness, including beef production, equine performance horse industry and a number of years in rural merchandise sales. Shannon studied a Dip Ag Bus and has managed agribusiness banking portfolios. Now working with the Rural Financial Counselling Service – Northern Region.
4. Family wellbeing in the face of ongoing stress (10-11.15am Wednesday 29 July) Hear what the research tells us about adult relationships, family roles and children's experience through droughts, alongside practical tips on how to support children as well as adult relationships. Speakers: Dr. Margaret Alston, Stephanie Schmidt and Dr. Margaret Nixon Click or copy URL to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Bn-Q6FRBRAWdIpdQFCQ	Dr. Mel Taylor An Occupational Psychologist based in the School of Psychology at Macquarie University. Her research focuses on preparedness, response and recovery to events such as pandemics, terrorism, emergency animal diseases, and disasters. Key areas of research interest are psychosocial response and recovery, uptake of protective behaviours and risk communication strategies.	Can't join us? Fear not! Recordings will be made available at https://www.redcross.org.au/drought-resilience-program. Any problems registering please contact drought@redcross.org.au

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- 1. Maintaining wellbeing through drought & prolonged stress (10-11am Wednesday 17 June)**
Gain a greater understanding of the effects and signs of prolonged stress, the science behind stress and practical ways to maintain wellbeing, support your community and loved ones.
Speaker: Dr. David Younger
Click or copy URL to register: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tp40louJTG3CHkr6pW4A
- 2. The drought cycle, adaptation and strengthening resilience (10-11am Wednesday 1 July)**
Hear about the drought cycle, the cumulative challenges communities often face and key considerations at different stages of the drought cycle. Learn a bit about the psychology around adaptation in the face of this long-term stress and how to strengthen resilience and manage wellbeing through tough times.
Speakers: Dr. Jacki Schirmer and Dr. David Younger
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- 5. Preparing for tough times (10-11.15am Wednesday 12 August)**
Listen to a bit of an introduction on preparedness in the drought space and the importance of preparing the mind for challenging times. Includes tools and tips to support drought resilience and preparedness.
Speakers: Dr. Jacki Schirmer, Dr. Mel Taylor and Shannon McCormack
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