



TERM 2 2020

Week 7

Dairy Dates

July

Fri 3rd

End of term

Early Dismissal
2.10pm

Hello everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend and the beautiful weather.

Many thanks to our Governing Council for approving our Student Free Day last Friday. Staff used this day to focus on our Site Improvement goal of improving decoding skills in reading. We met with Leonie Shelley, Principal Consultant from our Partnership and shared our current practise. Leonie provided positive feedback and also offered further learning about the decoding to making meaning process. We were very grateful to have Erin Johnson, Early Career Teacher mentor spend part of the day working with Miss Sly while I did further work with Leonie in regards to formalising internal agreements and structures and our upcoming External School Review. The day was very positive and productive and we look forward to commencing the work that needs to be done to continue our journey of improvement.

The SRC held a successful casual clothes/dress up day last Tuesday. They sold popcorn, milkshakes and zooper doopers and raised \$59.60 for SdEnamManukaya Primary School in Bali to help build better bathroom facilities. I am very proud of their efforts and their keenness to help others in need. We also farewelled Makaiah last week, we wish her all the best at Cleve Area School.

Thank you to all the community members who participated in the Biggest Morning Tea, and well done to Alison for organising such a successful event. Alison has provided more details about this on her page in the newsletter.

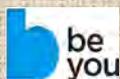
Our staff are consistently striving to improve current practices and participate in a four weekly Challenge of Practice (CoP) cycle. We are in the process of starting a new cycle and some of the areas of improvement staff are focussing on include; using BiTL questioning when listening to students read, learning Microsoft Teams to educate other staff members, improving intervention practices and transferring learnt reading skills into writing. Some staff are also participating in the Discovering RELISH course with Shelley Wild and the PeopleHQ Team.

Students have been in the 'Learning Pit' with their narrative writing. Following the structure of a narrative while including learnt language features and descriptive writing is quite a challenge. I look forwards to reading their completed narratives soon. In Design and Technology, the older students are designing a hybrid animal and an appropriate enclosure, while younger students have completed safe operating procedures for cooking pizzas and will be making their own pizzas next week.

I am grateful to our families for their patience and understanding of the COVID restrictions we have been advised to follow. Our Playcentre continues to be suspended and we are all looking forward to when restrictions ease. Over the last few weeks, staff have been notified of people on school grounds after school hours. It is important to highlight that only staff are permitted on school grounds after hours.

Best wishes,

Lisa Masters



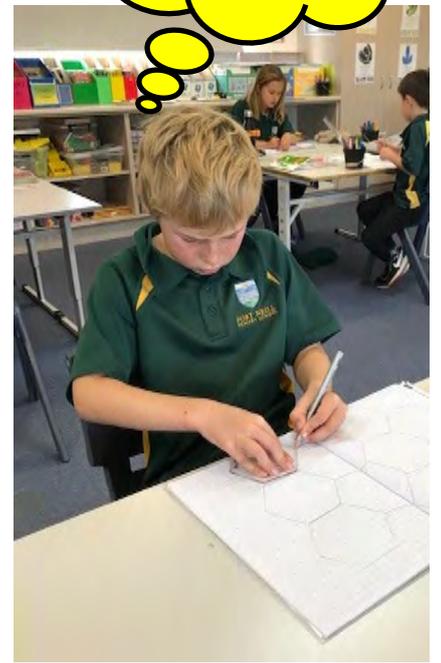
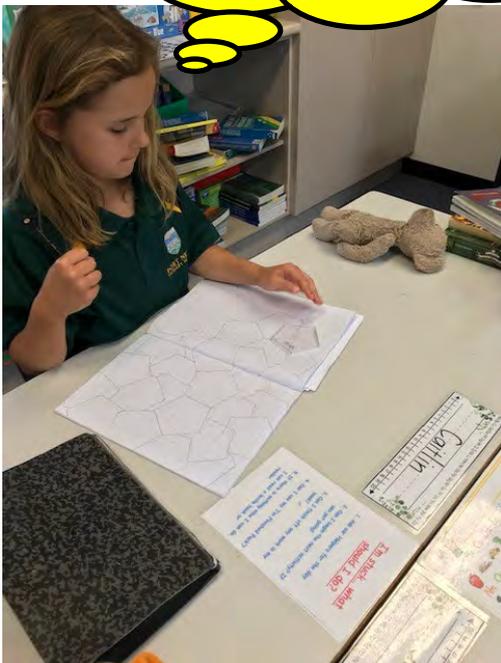
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



I'm seeing how many hexagons fit on a page

I think I'll make my hexagons yellow

I think I can fit about 4 more hexagons on this page



LIBRARY NEWS

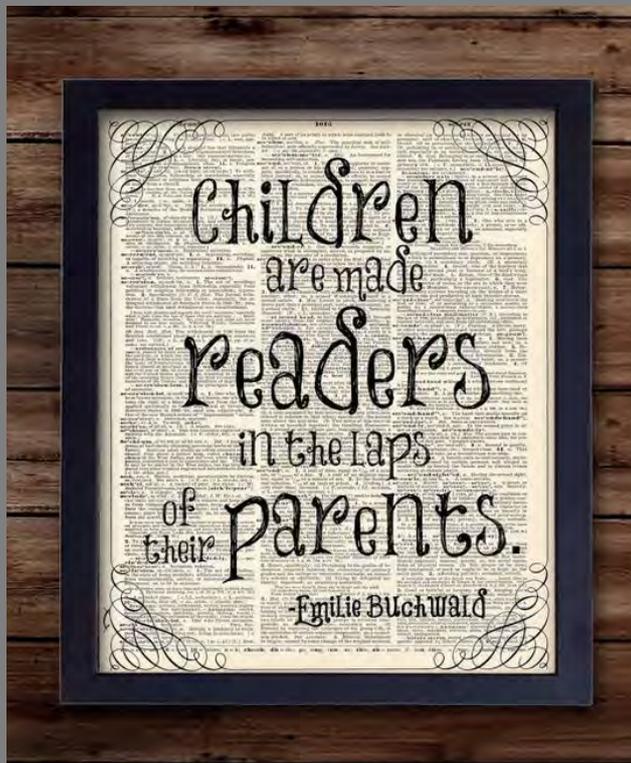
Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who have finished the PRC.

Your ladybugs look great!

Don't forget when you finish reading a book write it on your recording sheet so we can pop a spot on your ladybug!

Keep up the good work everyone!!



Awards



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Tune In and Tune Up

Free Drought and Wellbeing Webinars

Join Australian Red Cross in a five-part series of free webinars exploring drought and wellbeing. We have invited expert speakers along to share their insights with us so we can better support our own communities, ourselves and our loved ones in these tough times.

The webinars are free but limited to 500 attendees so click below and register for one or all five today!

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/join/register?WN_tg40loJUT9G3CHkn6pW4A

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

Click or copy URL to register: https://zoom.us/join/register?WN_FF0AV1OYRN-VwS1Zm5EXVg

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/join/register?WN_KDSiOXWITP-qH4ro25gVb0g

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/join/register?WN_Bn-0i6ERBRAdi8oolJdIEEQ

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

Click or copy URL to register: https://zoom.us/join/register?WN_77YthW0wvTkaMnADiWH84ubw



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. Jacki leads the Regional Wellbeing Survey that examines the views of rural Australians about the livability and resilience of their community and wellbeing. Jacki'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.

Dr. Mel Taylor
An Occupational Psychologist based in the School of Psychology at Macquarie University. Her research focusses 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.

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.

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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Parenting Webinar

Presented by: Parenting and Family Support Team
Department of Human Services

For parents / caregivers
of teenagers aged 12-18

FREE

Join us for a 1 hour **FREE** parenting Webinar on:

-  What's going on developmentally for young people
-  Understanding their behaviour
-  Positive approaches to guiding and supporting young people
-  Staying connected
-  Managing Conflict



To register, click on the link below or type the link of your preferred date in your web browser

 **Thursday, 11 June**  1.30pm

 https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5pSPStSOTLCyEbeOB0pcww

 **Wednesday, 24 June**  7.00pm

 https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-Kq8D0JjERFGjNvg2PnDwQ

Free Parenting SA webinar

Handling sibling conflict
proactively so they fight less
and stay connected



Free parenting webinar

Are you tired of sorting out sibling
conflict? Want better relationships
and less stress in your family?

Register to hear Madhavi Nawana Parker talk about:

- why it is normal for siblings to fight
- how to reduce conflict by being proactive
- how conflict can be a chance to build children's skills and strengthen relationships
- keeping yourself calm and positive.

Register at

<https://handling-sibling-rivalry.eventbrite.com>

You will also receive a link to view the webinar recording after the event. This session is designed for parent/careers of children 4-12 years.



Madhavi Nawana Parker,
author, counsellor and Director of
Positive Minds Australia
www.positivemindsaustralia.com

Tuesday 16 June

When: 7.00pm – SA, NT
7.30pm – Qld, NSW, Vic, ACT, Tas
6.15pm – Eucla
5.30pm – WA

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ALISON'S PAGE:

Week 7 this week which means just over three weeks until holidays again! Sad to say Goodbye to Makaiah last week but wishing her all the best at Cleve.

I have been helping the Receptions write words with magnetic letters and in their books, put together basic word puzzles, and write numbers using geo boards the last few weeks.



Lunchtimes— All of the Children worked together to made a cool obstacle course for themselves one lunchtime and had a fun time going around it together. It was lovely watching some of the children work together to help the younger ones around the course. Great teamwork!



I also popped in last Tuesday to help and enjoy the popcorn and milkshake day—yum!

School Bus Run: A huge thank you to the Arno Bay Hotel for lending us their bus —free of charge— whilst ours was repaired. We really appreciate this kind gesture to help our school kids.

Breakfast Club: The children enjoyed pancakes (with mixed berries and yoghurt) last week and six (out of eight) children had scrambled eggs on toast this week. The mornings have been very cold, so a good hot breakfast shared together is a good start to the day! I will do spaghetti on toast next.



Biggest Morning Tea: Thank you so much for those who donated to our virtual Biggest Morning Tea. Although you were a little shy in sending your photos in, we managed to raise a total of \$423.00 for Cancer Council this year—an amazing effort considering we did not even meet together!

Special Congratulations to Lynlea Puglisi who won the Maxwell Williams teapot and cup and saucer. Also to Rochelle Berryman who won a Cancer Council mug.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Happiness is letting go of what you assume your life is supposed to be like right now and sincerely appreciating it for everything that it is. At the end of this day, before you close your eyes, smile and be at peace with where you've been and grateful for what you have. Life is good.

Be Kind to each other and stay safe ...

