Principal’s Report

Full steam ahead for ‘Pirates versus Mermaids’ with posters being displayed around town, props being built and rehearsals at the School of Arts commencing. During next week we would be very grateful if a few parents could volunteer some time to paint some of the scene change backgrounds, outlines will be done, basically, paint by numbers. If you can please let Hannah or myself know which date/time suits you.

Last call for anyone interested in running a workshop in Term 4.

Congratulations to Su and Katrina for organising a successful ‘End of Winter’ markets. It demonstrates great community spirit and being excellent role models for your children. Well done to Alex Reed for her initiative to raise money for the RSPCA and to all who supported her efforts. She raised $526.15. Great citizenship, Alex!

At this time of the year we begin to revisit the school plan. It is time to revise our school vision statement. Ideally, we would like everyone to contribute – that is students, parents and staff. I know time is precious so we will send two brief articles for you to read and then if you could write a brief response (5 words) to the question: What is great education in the 21st Century? I would attach to the newsletter but it is already quite a lengthy document and I don’t want this request to be lost. If the written response is not returned by the nominated date then a telephone call will allow your response to be recorded. Thanking you in advance.

Carol Sellers
Principal

Around the School

Kindergarten Orientation for 2016 has begun! The K12 class are thoroughly enjoying having our upcoming students visiting. It’s great to see so many smiles and bubbly personalities.

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week. This is a time to celebrate the fantastic work done by Joyce, Robyn, Sheree, Dennielle and Shelley. A huge thank you!
Classroom News

This fortnight in K12

In Literacy K12 have been working hard on their Soundwaves and Magic Words Programs. To support student growth - via flashcards, interactive games and magnetic letters are regularly used. This fortnight the class have also been studying narrative writing. This has included a study of narrative books and using digital technologies to support both their writing structure and enhance technology skills. As part of the Talking & Listening Program the students have been partaking in a News Time, including using a microphone when sharing their news with the class.

In Numeracy the class have been learning about graphing, number patterns, times tables and the concept of time. It was great to see the students apply their new skills in the kitchen - graphing information, making predictions on food quantities, counting table settings by twos and timing meal preparation.

The class are also enjoying learning about past and present family as part of this terms integrated unit. So far students have discussed their own history, asked questions to ex-students, participated in a mock classroom from 100 years ago and learnt about portraiture as a means of expression.

Important Dates

Week 8

Thursday 3rd September
Kindergarten Orientation – half day
Fathers Day Stall

Friday 4th September
Red group in the kitchen

Week 9

Monday 7th September
K12 Toy Box Incursion

Thursday 10th September
Kindergarten Orientation – half day

Friday 11th September
Green group in the kitchen

K12 Student Award

Congratulations to Georgie Dunn for displaying exemplary listening skills

Book Corner News

Congratulations to the following students for incredible reading at home.
Week 7 Alex Reed, Week 8 Callan Jamieson

Robyn Mikula

Connor completing word work

Emily during News Time

Graphing activity

Mock classroom
Student Spotlight

Alex
Year Four

From the Office

Please find attached to this newsletter a student banking package from Commonwealth Bank. School banking is a fun way of initiating a good savings habit. For any additional information please contact Mrs Reed in the office.

Staff Development/Training

Last Monday and Tuesday Mrs Reed and Mrs Mikula attended a two day intensive course on Mental Health Aid for Youth. Both have reported that the course was invaluable. After finishing their exam back at school yesterday both ladies are now accredited Youth Mental Health First Aiders.

Platypus Pride Award

Charlie

Respectful
Exemplary manners to casual staff

What is your favourite food?
Roast lamb

What have you learnt at school this week?
Time, specifically 24 hour time

What country would you like to travel to?
Ireland, because I enjoy their accent

What do you like about the weekends?
Riding my horse and motorbike

Attachments

- Fathers Day Stall
- Mermaid versus Pirates
- Mem Fox – Ten Read Aloud Commandments
- K12 Toy Box Incursion
- Cooma Athletics/Cooma Champs
- Commonwealth Bank
Learning In The Kitchen – Green Group