Dear Parents

We have come to the end of another very busy and productive term and I’m sure our children and staff are all looking forward to some relaxation and hopefully spring weather. Unfortunately due to the extreme weather it will make it impossible for staff to prepare, line mark and move equipment for Sports Day so we have taken the decision to cancel sports day for Friday 30/9/16 and reschedule for Term 4. We will advise you or this date early in Term 4.

Class Placements 2017

Early next term we will commence the class placements for 2017. For this planning to proceed accurately, it is important that we know if students are not returning to our school in 2017. School staffing is based on the number of students enrolled at the school which in turn influences the number of class groups and the structure of these classes. There are situations where a difference of just 1 or 2 students in certain year levels can have significant impact on the amount of staffing to which the school is entitled and consequently the number of class groups that can be formed.

Please notify in writing or email the Front Office at dl.1881.admin@schools.sa.edu.au before the start of Term 4 if your child will not be attending Sturt Street in 2017.

Scientists in Schools

This year Sturt Street Community School students and teachers have been looking at the latest research into the functioning of our brains and particularly on how we learn through our involvement with Stanford Universities Brainology and Mindset Matters programs. In addition to this we have been lucky to work with Scientist from the Translational Neuropathology Lab from the University of Adelaide.

On Wednesday 27/9/16 Dr Anna Leonard and a team of scientist led students from Reception to Year 7 on a series of fun, informative and challenging activities that taught them about the human brain.

Students in Schools

Student Well Being

Student Well Being surveys conducted in Term 3 2016 indicate that across all classes 74% (being the lowest class) through to 100% of students (being the highest class) indicated that they had either great days or ok days. The highest identifiable reason for students not having a great day was being hurt in rough play, followed by dispute and then hurt in a game.

This supports the Middle Years Development survey which indicates that the students at Sturt Street are happy and connected with home and family.

Coding with Sphero

Students in Grahams Room 6 class have been learning to code robot balls called Sphero’s by using an iPad app called Tickle. They have been participating in a competition called the Sphero Olympics and have programmed the Sphero’s to race around an athletic track.

Students made a video of their entry for the Sphero Games See link, about the sixth video down in the video section.https://twitter.com/search?q=%23spherogames
FROM THE PRINCIPAL - continued

NAPLAN Reports
Parents and students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have received results of the annual 2016 NAPLAN tests. The school receives a range of data relating to the results which leadership together with teachers analyse deeply to support students and improve teaching. The 2016 results were very pleasing and indicated that the vast majority of students across the year levels achieve above average results when compared to students in similar school contexts.

PAT Testing
Students from Year 1 -7 in recent weeks have been taking a range of online diagnostic testing offered by the Australian Council Educational Research in the areas of numeracy, literacy and science. The ACER Progressive Achievement Tests are an Australian, nationally normed series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students’ skills and understandings in a range of key areas. This data is used by teachers to understand students’ current strengths and weaknesses, informing teaching and learning, and monitoring progress over time.

Festival of Music Choir
Well done to all the students who performed on Sunday night at the Festival of Music. The Festival of Music performances offer a varied program of music, dance and drama, both modern and traditional, from around the world and truly are a spectacle.

Each year the Festival of Music is held in the main theatre at the Festival Centre.

Congratulations and thank you to Judy for all your effort in organizing and coaching the choir throughout the year.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday period. On behalf of all the staff we look forward to seeing everyone back happy and rested when school returns on Monday 17th October.
Please remember that school finishes at 2.10pm on Friday, 30th September

Darrin Briggs - Principal

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

During the school holiday break we will be having some building work done in our 0-3 section. In addition to a dividing wall being erected to enable us to have two smaller family groups, we will also be having new vinyl laid.

In November, a revamp of the outdoor play space in the 0-3 section is also scheduled.

Next term we are hoping that work will start on the eastern garden – this is a whole site project. Before then we expect to see our murals installed – the children have been working on these with are Aboriginal artist in residence Raylene and her team. The 0-3 mural should be starting this week. There are photos on the FB page, but we are also hoping to hold an “opening event” to celebrate this work before the end of the year.

Learning the art of dot painting.

Our Reconciliation Action group is growing and are continuing their work in raising awareness of ATSI culture. The recent RAP assembly with the story teller, Darren Wanganane was evidence of their great work – fantastic feedback from the children and parents who were able to attend!

The Children’s Centre programme for Term 4 is included in this newsletter.

Kind regards
Ali Wells
Early Childhood Director
Sturt Street Children’s Centre
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2016

On Sunday 18th September 14 of our students performed on stage at Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, is a public school-based music education program which is collaboration between DECD and the SAPPS Music Society which gives all SA public primary students the opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue.

This year the Festival started in the jungle (Jungle Rhythm), looked at environmental sustainability through the commissioned work “Mission Possible” and ended Bollywood style with “Jai Ho”.

In between there were a number of Assisting Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Year 6 students Kairo and Georgina who qualified to represent our school as members of the SAPSASA East Adelaide Athletics Team.

They competed at the Metropolitan Athletics Championships on 6th September as members of the relay teams and Kairo also competed in the 100m and 800 metres.

SCIENTIST IN SCHOOLS

We were very privileged to have a group of neuroscientists from Flinders University visit the school on Tuesday to teach the students all about the brain. They spoke about how the brain works, how it sends signals to the rest of the body and how to protect your brain from injury.

We participated in three fun activities which helped to demonstrate each bit of new learning. We all had great fun and would like to thank the four scientists for their interesting and engaging presentations.

SAPSASA

On the 6th of September, a selected number of students from Sturt Street Community School competed in the yearly SAPSASA competition. They all travelled to Santos Stadium along with many other schools. Four of our students managed to get through to the finals of their events and made us proud. We would like to congratulate Kairo Felix, Georgina Hay-Kleven, Isaak El Sayed, and Lottie Sayers. Kairo went on to win his 100 meter final and also came first in the 800 metres for 11 year old boys.

We all had an eventful day and experienced a new competitive environment. By Jasmine & Emilija

Further to the previous articles we are pleased to announce that Kairo won a bronze medal in the relay at the State finals on Tuesday 27th Sept at the Santos stadium and Georgina finished fourth - one place out of the medals.
## Community Programmes - Term 4 2016

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### Circle of Security Parenting programme
24/10-5/12 10am-12pm
Minor Works Building
Stamford Ct city
Crèche available

To book please contact Bronwyn 0428163109

### Music based Baby Play Group
24/10-5/12 Weekly 10am-11am
Singing, stories & games
For Parents/carers & children 0-2 years
Minor Works Building
Stamford Ct city

Contact Kat for details 0417142556

### Community Play Group
24/10-5/12 Weekly 11-1.30pm
Singing, stories, art & craft

Contact Kat for details 0417142556

### Outdoor Play Group
24/10-5/12 Weekly 9.30-10.30am
Sturt St Community School
Physical development activities

Contact Kat for details 0417142556

### Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting programme
24/10-28/11 6-8pm
Minor Works Building
Stamford Ct city
Crèche available

Call Kat for details 0417142556

### Baby Massage
5/10-28/11 Wednesdays 11.30-1.00pm
Minor Works Building
Stamford Ct city

Call Kat for details 0417142556

### Autism SA
Helping families and individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
https://www.autisma.org.au/

### GREATSTART WEBSITE
www.greatstart.sa.edu.au
Activities for parents to develop their children’s early numeracy and literacy skills

### Nature Play SA
www.natureplaysa.org.au
Do you know the perception of your baby’s world?

### Sturt Street Children’s Centre
221-239 Sturt Street Adelaide

### Health Resources in Adelaide
Online directory of health services available in Adelaide SA

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MILO in2CRICKET Program
MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception and Year 1 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment.

If you wish to try the program there will be a FREE Come and Try held at:
Warradale Cricket Club, Marymount College, Colton Avenue, Hove, on Saturday 22nd October at 9:00am
There are multiple programs running in your local community and by registering at one of them, not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this summer but every registered child receives a MILO in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!
To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

MILO T20 Blast Program
MILO T20 Blast is a fun, safe, action packed cricket program for boys and girls in Year 2-5. The program involves modified games of cricket, where each child gets an equal turn at batting, bowling and fielding. There are many centres starting soon around South Australia. The first session is always a FREE Come & Try.
Your nearest Centre/s will be run at:
Kingswood Oval – Belair Road, Kingswood
FREE Come & Try Monday 31 October 2016, 5:30PM – 7:00PM
9 – week program, Monday nights in Term 4 & Term 1
By registering for MILO T20 Blast everyone will get a full season of fun, excitement, new skills and also a MILO T20 Blast Participant Pack including playing shirt, Adelaide Strikers cap, bag and more!
To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

Sturt Street welcomes Hallmark Music Studio who will be offering a range of private music tuition to students across the school. Hallmark Music Studio is a network of music tutors providing tuition in piano, keyboard, guitar, vocal / singing, flute, violin, viola, cello, trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, drums and music theory. Lessons are either conducted during school hours or after hours (by negotiation with the tutor and school and depending on availability). Their teachers have a fresh outlook on music and are able to tailor lessons to suit the individual student. Throughout the year Hallmark provide opportunities for performances for all students, and exams for those who we feel are ready and wish to participate.

Some instruments may require a minimum amount of students to participate before Hallmark can provide lessons, however they would like to obtain an expression of interest at this stage to enable them to plan their tutors.

Students have been given a full information brochure and application form which outlines the requirements and fee structure. If you are interested, please send this back to the details on the form and Hallmark will be in contact when arrangements are finalised.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact Kylie Hall – Hallmark Music Studio – kylie@hallmarkmusicstudio.com.au