



STURT STREET
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Term 3

September

FRIDAY 29th

Early Dismissal - Casual day

October

MONDAY 16th - Term 4
begins

FRIDAY 20th

SPORTS DAY - Princess
Elizabeth Park

MONDAY 23rd

4-5pm: 2018 Receptions
parent mtg

MONDAY 30th

2.10pm: Assembly hosted
by Room 3

6.30-8pm: Governing
Council mtg

November

WEDNESDAY 8th

Preschool closure day

TUESDAY 14th

9.45-10.35am: Prof. Fitbones
Preschool to Year 2 in hall

THURSDAY 16th

8.45-10.45am: 2018
Receptions transition visit

PUPIL FREE DAYS

MONDAY 6th November

OSHC will be available

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

We have come to the end of another very busy and productive term full of educational and fun events and activities and I'm sure our children and staff are all looking forward to some relaxation and hopefully spring weather. This week 42 of Year 6 & 7 students flew off on our second biannual trip to Canberra accompanied with teachers Nick, Kerri, Jalna and 5 parents. A great deal of planning and student led fundraising has again gone into the organizing of this trip over the past 2 years. The reports and photos that I am getting back are indicating that they are having a marvelous time.

Class Placements 2017

Early next term we will commence the class placements for 2018. For this planning to proceed accurately, it is important that we know if students are not returning to our school in 2018. 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 2018.

Festival of Music Choir

Well done to all the students who performed on 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. This year the Festival of Music was held at the Entertainment Centre and a number of our Instrumental Music students performed for families before the concert. Congratulations and thank you to Judy Crisp or all your effort in organizing and coaching the choir throughout the year.

NAPLAN

Parents and students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have received results of the annual 20167 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 2017 results were again 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-

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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.

Facebook Page

Currently we have 114 Followers on our official Sturt Street Community School page. If you are a Facebook user or just want another way to keep in touch with activities at the school can I encourage you to follow.

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 16th October**.

Please remember that school finishes at **2.10pm on Friday, 29th September**

Regards

Darrin Briggs– Principal

Instrumental Music Concert

A wonderful Music Performance Evening was held in the school hall on **Thursday 14th September** It was a great celebration of the musical talent of the students at Sturt Street Community School and the night was full of wonderful and varied musical performances. Thank you to our Music teacher Nick Valdoff and parent Hilary for their teaching and assistance and our Friends of Sturt Street Parent Committee in making this a great night



School Musical Update

Dear parents,

As you are aware our whole school production "Remember When" is scheduled for Friday 8th December at the Royalty Theatre in . Each class has rehearsed their songs and main roles have also spent time learning their parts however we are yet to put the whole thing together! In order to have things ready to go we will be holding whole school rehearsals each Wednesday morning next term from 9.00am. It would be very helpful if we could have two parents from each class to support children and teachers during this time.

For the production, every child will need to wear black pants or leggings, black t-shirt and their normal sneakers/runners. Start getting this sorted and popped away for your child now.

We are arranging a working bee for the production for Saturday, 28th October (information attached)

If you are free to help please contact me and let me know.

Hope you all enjoy the holiday break

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