

STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Thursday 7th July
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Diary Dates



July

FRIDAY 8th

Early Dismissal – 2.30pm

Term 3

**School begins Monday 25th
July**

August

MONDAY 15th

ELC Advisory mtg 5pm

Governing Council mtg 6.30pm

THURSDAY 25th

**Internet Safety workshop for
parents @ 1.00pm**

THURSDAY 11th

Assembly 2.45pm in hall

School Closure - Friday 9th Sept

Pupil Free Day - Monday 12th Sept

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Winter is definitely here along with sniffles and colds. We hope that the July holidays allow everyone to rest, recuperate and return energized for Term 3.

We extend a warm welcome to Fatemeh Shirian, class teacher for the new Reception class in Room 2. She has had extensive experience teaching at Linden Park P S. The class will start with 9 children and there will be another Reception intake in Term 4. Fatemeh has already met the children and parents during transition visits and she is busy planning with colleagues.

Lyn Long will be on leave for the first four weeks so the Physical Education program will be taken by Mike Hastwell and Literacy support by Lesia Zubjuk.

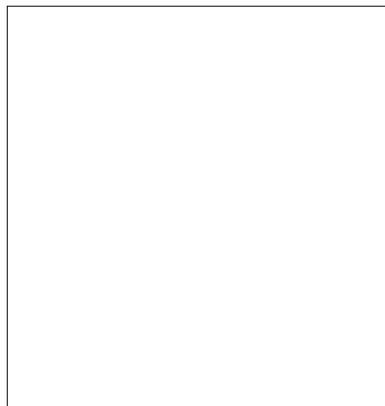
Last newsletter we sent an expression of interest for students to participate in Chinese Language classes after school. I'm very pleased that we have sufficient responses for the class to commence. Chinese language and culture teacher, Man Xu will be taking the class each Thursday and it's not too late to register your child for these lessons.

Next term we have organized workshops about internet usage by students. The student and parent presentations will be extremely informative and we encourage all parents to take advantage of this one off opportunity to listen and speak to a police officer who will cover:

- Cyber bullying
- Safety issues
- Security
- Learning resources

Please note: The parent sessions are for adults only.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have assisted in so many ways this term. Special thanks to Anna Dantalís, Jim Geoghegan, Emma Kruszynski for their help in setting up the hall for the School Disco and preparation of refreshments. The students had a great deal of fun.



*Tiannah & Sophie dancing
at the school disco*



Circus Challenge human pyramid

Best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday.

Pat Cardone – Principal

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Building their future**

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS:

At the end of this term we have farewelled Stelios, Samuel, Georges, Sadie, Lily, Jack, Mitchell, Antonia, Nicholas, Owen, Ava, Sam and Taj to school. Children performed songs and dances that they had rehearsed for our end of term celebration, and also shared the books they had made or the movie about the bear hunt that they had contributed to. Mitchell C, Isaac and Albert are also leaving our Early Learning Centre to attend their local preschool. We wish all these children the very best for their future learning.

We have also enjoyed the performance of Boom Bah that children in Kindy room have attended in the last week of term. This has been a great culmination for our term focus on Play, Pretend, Act and Perform. Next term we will be shifting focus for a term of Thinking Scientifically where we will be observing, predicting, sorting, experimenting, describing and recording our experiments and also natural phenomena, to build children's interest and knowledge in the area of science. We welcome your contributions to our program.

We also welcome new children to our program; Chloe, Charlie, Holly, Oliver, Nicholas, Hudson, Isabella, Jayden, Olivia, Mia, Gordon, Wurud and Raghav.

We loved the Boombah performance!!

Anne-Marie Shin – Early Years Director

FROM THE LIBRARY

Hopefully students have returned all their overdue books this week and borrowed books to read over the holidays. Remember that an outing to your local council library is always a great activity during the holidays.

Week 5 of next term is Book Week

The theme this year is 'One World, Many Stories'. During week 1 of next term, I will be sending home a letter asking parents and caregivers to provide information about a traditional story from your cultural background. Each student will create a story square based on this traditional story to be part of a school wide display. We are lucky at Sturt Street to have such diversity. I am looking forward to learning about your stories.

Andrea Kipperman – Teacher Liberian

WOOL BALL

The Wool Ball is a group that makes stuff with wool, like knitting, finger knitting, crochet and tomboy stitch. We meet under the verandah every lunch. Every second lunch we teach lessons. We bring our own wool from our homes. We are going to sell our creations at the end of term. We are also going to sell our products at the schools Bazaar. Money raised will go to the RSPCA and also a bit is going to our camp.

From: **Maia, Eleanor, Aiko** and friends.



Children performing Scooby Doo at the end of term performance.

QUIZ DAY

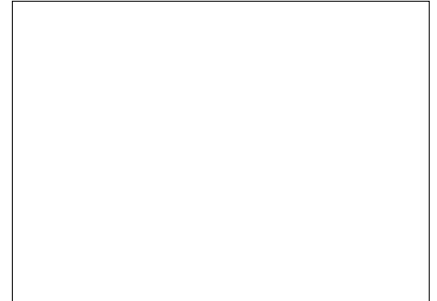
To celebrate our first semester learning Room 7 and 8 held a quiz day. The questions were presented in a range of media, PowerPoint, Interactive white boards, mini whiteboards and pen and paper.

While the majority of questions dealt with the curriculum areas of maths, science and literacy we also had opportunities for teams to demonstrate their general knowledge and observation skills. The students enjoyed the opportunity to work in a different way. They all worked cooperatively and collaboratively to share knowledge and problem solve.

We were all winners on the day with all teams winning prizes in the minor rounds, one team scored more points than the others.

We congratulate team Nothing members Hannah, Eleanor, Philip and Stevie-Ray for their great effort and gracious win on the day.

Claire Wood and Alanna Murphy



The winning team

ROOM 7 VISITS JANE GOODALL

On Wednesday 15th June, eight students from Room 7 joined two hundred and twenty five students from other South Australian schools to meet Jane Goodall and listen to her speak at the Adelaide Zoo. She told us about how she works with primates, her past life and her devotion to her favourite animal, the Gorilla.

We attended workshops in mixed school groups – they had names like Bilby, Mandrill, Rhinoceros and Lion. Each group did a different workshop:



Jane Goodall at the Adelaide Zoo

The Bilby group, including Caleb and Megan from our school, learnt how surrogate mothers were found to increase the number of Rock Wallabies in the APY lands and the Grampians. Then they learnt about the connections between animals, plants and sounds.

The Rhinoceros group had workshops called “Go M.A.D for Wildlife” (M.A.D. meaning Making a Difference). (Rhinoceros group - Maddie and Hope). The Mandrill group spent their workshop time planting seedlings and learning how to keep Zoo animals actively involved in their feeding. The Mandrills made and then hid lunch for the Baboons. (Mandrill group – Samuel and Hannah) The Lion group workshops learnt about Orangutans and the dangers of life in the palm oil plantations. Daria and Jai learnt which products use palm oil and they want to spread the message to others to check any products before you buy, as large companies continue to kill Orangutans and ruin their habitat.

Jane Goodall was inspiring! A once in a lifetime experience! **Megan Humble - Room 7**

EXTERNAL ART CLASSES at Sturt Street Community School

Hello, we are looking to providing quality art classes that utilise a range of media and techniques and technology (computers and Wacom tablets) after school for students from Reception to Year 7, next term.

Please let us know if you are interested. Tuesdays, Fridays and we may consider Wednesdays from 3.35-4.35pm. We would take students for the term, with the cost being \$12 per class or \$10 per session if the term is paid upfront. Materials are included in the cost.



Please contact Melissa Connor on 0402 752 051 or m.connor78@gmail.com for expressions of interest.

Melissa Connor and Belinda Stachowiak



SPRING FAIR



Saturday 24th September – 10:00am to 3:00pm

HOW CAN YOU HELP!

1

Invite your friends

Remind your friends or let them know that the Spring Fair is on **Saturday 24th September** starting at 10.00am.

2

Be a Volunteer

We need volunteers to help with craft activities in the Children's Area, and selling goods etc.

3

Donate cakes/biscuits are needed for a cake stall and the tea room. Please send in your donation to the front office by Friday 23rd September. Home baked cakes will need to be clearly labelled with the ingredients.

4

Donate items for the Chocolate Wheel, children's Lucky Dip and other stalls. If you are able to donate any of the following items please drop it off at the Front Office. Any donation, either big or small, will be greatly appreciated.

- Jars of food
- Bottles of Wine
- Pre-loved Children's clothes, Books, Furniture and Toys
- Plants etc

Thank you,

Fundraising Committee