



# STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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*Thursday 7th April*  
*2011 No 4*

*Diary Dates*



*April*

**TUESDAY 12th**  
Site Validation Day

**THURSDAY 14th**  
Kiwanis Assembly – 9.10am

**FRIDAY 15th**  
End of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal  
for Reception to Year 7 students.

*May*

**MONDAY 2nd**  
Term 2 begins

**SATURDAY 14th**  
Fathers and children's playgroup

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The COME OUT festival has been an exhilarating time with many classes going to see performances, plays, and listening to authors. Being a part of the opening parade singing the song "We are One" as they meandered along King William Street, was a once in a life time opportunity. Thank you to the organisers, Kerri Southwell and Gail Brunger.

### AGM

Guest Speakers at the Annual General Meeting, Laura Wills, Artist in Residence and Mathematician, Ben Long showed us the exciting ways they are currently working with our students. The presentation of 2010 highlights, children's learning and achievement data is an important focus of the AGM. If you have a look at the website you'll see a copy of the Annual Report and Site Improvement Plans for 2011.

Congratulations and welcome to new members of the Early Learning Centre Advisory Committee, Fundraising, Sport and Out of School Hours Care Advisory Committees. It's refreshing to see so many new parents involved in these committees. We could do with a few more parents to help with Fundraising and Events as we have History Week in May and the Opening of the Hall in September.

Governing Council met on Monday evening to elect the new executive.

Congratulations to:

<b>Chairperson</b>	- Bengy Paolo	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Timothy Cichero
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Tom Barnwell	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Melissa Connor
<b>Secretary</b>	- Joseph Wearing	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Vivien Giamarelos
<b>Principal</b>	- Pat Cardone	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Nadine Lambert
<b>Director</b>	- Anne-Marie Shin	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Wendy Riemens
<b>Staff Rep</b>	- Mardi Matthews	<b>Parent Rep</b>	- Amanda Wells
<b>Staff Rep</b>	- Alanna Murphy	<b>Sth West Community Rep</b>	- Joe Cullen

### LEADERS CONFERENCE

The leadership team, Anne-Marie Shin, Jillian Richardson, Claire Wood and myself attended the Eastern Adelaide Regional Conference in the Barossa last week. The focus of the Conference was on 21st Century learning and teaching. The ambiance of the surroundings added somewhat to the success of the days.

We had the opportunity to engage in some deep learning and discussion facilitated by Professor Guy Claxton about the qualities required for people to participate in a global society.

Dr Pam Winter talked about the importance of engagement and wellbeing.

### SCHOOL VALIDATION

Next week, Tuesday 12th we will be externally reviewed by a panel comprising the Eastern Adelaide Regional Director, a DECS Curriculum consultant, two Principals and an Early Childhood Director as part of the Department's Improvement and Accountability Framework. The panel will look at our data and outcomes of children's learning, site improvement practices and review processes. This will then be formalised into recommendations for us to continue our work.

Kind regards, **Pat Cardone – Principal**

**Valuing our children....  
Building their future**

# EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS



*Athieng and Antoinette learn to share the activity board.*

## ROSELLA ROOM NEWS:

We welcome our new Team leader Adele Chislett. Over the March/April period we will be looking at each child's Autonomy and start further developing self help skills, as well as further developing gross motor skills that involve balance and postural control. We will also continue to support children in the development of their language skills by encouraging mimicking, babbling and word association by using photos, books and objects.



*Children enjoy tasting the different kinds of foods*

## LORIKEET ROOM NEWS:

Thanks to the families who contributed exotic foods for tastings during food week. During this month we will be getting out and about, exploring the school garden, library, and going on small group trips to the Central Market. We will also be talking with children about different places in the community, and setting up experiences so that children can talk about the places they like to go e.g. the beach, the Zoo, the shops.

Megan is on leave until after Easter – thanks to Erin for working for her during this time.



*Focus and engagement in writing*



## KINDY ROOM NEWS: – Supporting literacy development

Throughout this term we have focused on rhyming sounds, playing games where children match words that rhyme or make up their own rhymes; and games where children tap out the syllables in their names and other words.



Both of these skills are important to develop phonological awareness that is part of literacy development. Our goal is for children to be able to identify rhymes and initial sounds and to break words into syllables by the time they start school.

We have also focused on writing, and giving children lots of opportunities to do 'pretend' writing so that they can experiment and have a go at all sorts of symbols and shapes rather than just emphasising copying or tracing—which can stop children taking the risk to do their own writing.

**Anne-Marie Shin – Early Years Director**

### **Don't Forget: Mon and Wed : 11th and 13th of April 3 pm: End of Term celebrations**

This is our time to share some of what we have learned in Term 1 and also to farewell children going to school . We welcome all parents and carers to come and join us.

## LISTEN AND RESPOND COLUMN

One parent wanted more information about literacy, numeracy and science and suggested a column for the student's to submit their own pieces of writing. Thanks for this suggestion. We'll ask our student leaders to organize the Kids Column in the next Newsletter.

## SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

This term Room 7 have come up with jobs for the kids to do around the school. The ambassadors will be writing articles in the newsletter talking about what the other groups have been doing during this term. They have put up a whiteboard with all of the important things that are happening in the school that day. We will also have the UV rating and reminders for the day. Don't forget to check it out in the Front Office.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

All students in Room 7 were invited to apply for leadership roles this year. Students were chosen for their roles on the basis of an application that addressed the job and person

specifications of various roles within the school.

We congratulate the following students and wish them success in their leadership roles.

**School Ambassadors:** Delys, Hannah and Maddie

**Technical Leaders:** Sam, Jack and Stevie

**Library Leaders:** Emily and Hope

**Design Team:** Daria, Aspasia, Hayley and Sophia.

**SRC Leader:** Sang

**Enterprising Entertainers:** Ayden, Holly, Isaac and Jai

**Sports Leaders:** Elijah, Holly, Caleb, Isaiah and Megan.

Already these leaders are making a difference at our school with help from the Technos and the Sports leaders being noted by staff and students during IT lessons and the organization of the sports shed at recesses. The design team are transforming our notice boards, the Library leaders are gathering literacy information from classes and the ambassadors are working with Ms Cardone to expand relationships with the community. We value their contribution and we look forward to hearing more of the accomplishments this year.

## Secondary School Visiting Dates and Times for 2011

SCHOOL	DATE OF OPEN	TIME
Adelaide HS & CHIC	Wed 11 May	5:30pm-8:00pm
Australian Science and Mathematics School	Thurs 26 May Tues 31 May	7:30pm-9:00pm
Hamilton Secondary College	Tues 17 May	9:30am-10:30am 2:00pm-3:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm
Henley HS	Wednesday 11 May Tours of the school:	12:00pm – 6:00pm 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm and 6:00pm
LeFevre HS	Tues17 May	5:00pm-8:00pm
Marryatville HS	Sun 15 May	11:30am-2:00pm
Mitcham Girls HS	Mon 16 May	9:00am-11:00am 5:30pm-8:00pm
Norwood Morialta HS	Tues 17 May	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Pasadena High School and Pasadena Unit	Tues 17 May	11:30-1:00pm Session 1 6:00-8:00pm Session 2
Roma Mitchell Secondary College	Wed 18 May	3:00pm-7:00pm
Seaton HS	Sun 3 April - Open Day Monday 4 April - Principal's Address	1:00pm-3:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm
Underdale HS	Sun 10 April	1:30pm-4:30pm
Unley High School	Sun 15 May Tues 17 May - School Tours	2:00pm-4:00pm 9:15am-10:30am
Urrbrae Agricultural High School	Tues 12 April	Farm Tours 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 5:00pm Info Sessions 2:00pm and 6:00pm

## LATE FOR SCHOOL?

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and ready to start the day.

One day last week **35 children came to school between 9.00 & 9.15am.**

This is approximately 25% of the school on a given day.

This disrupts the classroom morning routines when much of the day is discussed and consequently many instructions need to be repeated to latecomers.

While your child may not be late very often, **every class** is having late children **every day** so a combined effort from all parents is needed to give every class a smooth start to the day.

8.40 am - Children may enter the classrooms, order lunch, organize books and socialize

8.55 am – Classes begin and the roll is called.

**Being 15min late for school every day equals 2.5 days per term & 10 days per year absence!**



## Library News

Students and teachers are enjoying easy access to the library again. We no longer have to walk along O'Brien Street to get into the library.

If you have been in the library in the last couple weeks, you may have noticed our new fiction shelving. As our student population continues to get older, we have been purchasing more novels. We have also moved the non fiction shelves from OSHC into the library part of the building. This will help students more readily access our non fiction collection.

Have you seen your child's Premier's Reading Challenge Recording Sheet? Some Junior Primary teachers keep them in the classroom, but primary students should have one that can be brought between home and school, so that students can record books once they have finished a title. I recommend checking out the website [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au) to find out more information about the PRC. You can also check if a particular book is on the PRC list.

Students are allowed to borrow next week for the holidays. Please encourage your child to do so. There is also the Adelaide Public Library or your local council library where you can access books over the holidays.

During the holidays, Adelaide Council Libraries are having a science theme. You may be interested in booking in for one of the following events:

- Robotics on the Run for 8-14 year olds: Monday April 18; 11 – 12:30, \$7, Grote Street City Classroom
- Stardome for 5+ years: Friday, April 29; 10:15-11, 11:15-12, and 12:15-1, \$7, North Adelaide Community Centre

You can book either by calling the library 8203-7152 or sending an email to [www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/shimmerslane](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/shimmerslane) <<http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/shimmerslane>> and click What's On.

**Andrea Kipperman** – Teacher/Librarian

### OLD SCHOLARS AND FRIENDS OF STURT STREET SCHOOL

*Hope this finds you well. We are excited to contact you about two events for the **History Festival** Celebrating SA's 175th birthday.*

The first event **Go Back in Time** will be on **Sunday May 15th** at Sturt Street from **12 noon to 4pm**, at which we will have access to the schoolyard and you will be able to see our new hall and rebuilt stone wall. Part of the main School building will also be open for you to view the historical display of the School, including the old admission registers. If we have sufficient volunteers available, you may be able to look up names. These registers are old and fragile so access may be restricted. We can certainly supply information for you to search them via State Records.

In the historical display we will also have an old school desk at which you, or your grandchild, may like to sit for a photo, or a have a photo taken ringing the old school bell. We also hope to have old-fashioned refreshments for sale (not lunch).

Last year many Old Scholars attended a reunion and had their photo taken in front of part of the old rear bluestone boundary wall which has recently been rebuilt in front of the eastern car park. We expect to have the photo available for you to order (at a small cost). School memorabilia will also be available for purchase on the day.

Old scholars will also receive an invitation to the official opening of the hall by the Hon. Kate Ellis, Federal MP for Adelaide, later this year.

The second event will be an **Open Morning** at the School on **Thursday 19th May**, from 9.15 -11.30 am. Visitors can see the School with classes in operation on student-led tours. Afterwards morning tea will be served (for a small donation). We hope you will be happy to help the School raise funds on the day by giving a small donation for some activities.

Lastly, we hope you will consider helping our small committee to organize and carry them out, as we will require many hands on. You may also be able to provide photos and memorabilia to add to our archives or at least allow us to copy. Old Scholars, please consider also being interviewed, and if you have been, we hope you will give us permission to use it for public purposes, mainly of course educational.

Please let the school know if you are able to attend or help with either of these History Festival events at the school.

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