



STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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*Thursday 11th March
2010 No 3*

Diary Dates

March

MONDAY 15th

THURSDAY 25th

SCHOOL STARTS at 11.30am
TWILIGHT SKILLS – 3.20-6.00pm
Before School Care available
7.45-11.30am

**APRIL
TUESDAY 27th APRIL
PUPIL FREE DAY**

ACTIVITIES

Active After School Volleyball
(Fridays 3.35 – 4.30pm)

You can contact us on

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Dear Families,

There has been much twittering happening in the school and I'm not referring to using mobile phones to TWEET. Lyn and Gail's classes have proudly hatched 9 chicks. The kit called Living Eggs arrived last Monday, March 1st and has enabled students to record their wonderings about: How often do chickens eat? How will we know if they are healthy? What will the chickens do when they are born?

How long do chickens keep their yellow feathers? How will we know if they are male or female? How old do chickens have to be to lay eggs?

On Tuesday they watched in awe as ten eggs lay under the heat lamp. Wednesday morning when the children arrived at school one of the eggs had hatched. By Thursday morning there were seven more chicks. The chicks are being carefully weighed and measured to check their growth and will be returned shortly to the Living Eggs Company.

This combined focus on Maths and Science has created some exciting new learning opportunities for both staff and students. The release of the draft National Curriculum is creating a buzz amongst staff. We have been invited to provide feedback during the consultation phase. Today I will be attending a forum with Kathleen Patitsas to respond to the English, Maths, Science and History Curriculum.

You can view the curriculum at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

On April 27th all Preschool and School staff will be attending a full day of professional learning about Science Primary Connections, which are the units of work in the 2011 Science Curriculum.

TWILIGHT SPORTS

Please keep the afternoon of Thursday March 25th free to join us at a Twilight Sports Event with a focus on Gymnastics and Movement followed by a picnic tea.

CYCLE SAFETY

In the interest of safety some parents allow children to ride on the footpath. However, there have been some near misses with pedestrians. Please ensure that your child/ren are aware of local traffic and while on the footpath it's important they ride with caution and look out for pedestrians.

Kind regards,
Pat Cardone – Principal

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

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Our Early Learning Centre is exploring the new National Early Years Framework for Early Childhood Education – Belonging, Being and Becoming. The framework is based on 5 Principles: Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships, Partnerships, High Expectations and Equity, Respect for Diversity, Ongoing learning and reflective practice.

Staff are committed to building children's involvement and sense of wellbeing as part of our program and together we work on our relationship building and intentional teaching, monitoring children's progress and looking for cues of children's readiness to accept new challenges.

Raji is sharing books with Inness, Jake and Liam, building a love and care of books helps children with language skills. You can see children's involvement and the comfortable relationship they feel in this experience.

In the Lorikeet Room, using dolls as a base for dramatic play really assists children's communication and also allows them to feel powerful and independent as they act out familiar routines. Several children in the Lorikeet room are going to have a new baby in their family soon. Planning for doll play supports them to ready themselves for the change in their family.

Sharing a dragon dance at Vietnamese New Year helps some children act out a familiar experience and supports others to be involved in broader cultural experiences. It is also another avenue for learning to take turns and share social time together.

Sharing our stories is the focus of this term's work in the Kindy Room. Here children share their experiences (real or imagined) about plane travel. Children practise different roles, pilot, passenger, controller and caterer and get to experience different ways of acting and communicating.

In the rest of the term we are looking forward to sharing some Twilight Sports experiences across the whole site on Thursday 25th March. Supporting children through transitions to the next room in Child Care or from Pre-school to School is a large focus for us in the coming weeks.

Anne-Marie Shin – Early Years Director

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

Just a reminder that all Out Of School Hours Care bookings must be made through OSHC staff. Please do not call the school to make a booking for OSHC. The number for OSHC is 8231 7990. **If you get the answering machine, please leave a message and we will phone you back.** An OSHC staff member is in the OSHC office from 1.00pm daily. Please do not call the OSHC mobile. The OSHC mobile is for Vacation Care purposes or when we are out of the OSHC building. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

The Vacation Care program for the up and coming holidays is almost complete and will be available at the beginning of week 8. Please note whilst the program will be posted on the website, bookings must be made by filling in and signing the permission / booking sheet. Please mention our wonderful vacation care program to your extended friends and family. We welcome families from the wider community to use our service.

As part of the Accreditation we will be distributing validation surveys on behalf of the National Childcare Accreditation Council for children to complete in OSHC time throughout Week 8 (15th to 19th March). If you have any problems regarding this process please see OSHC staff.

Kate Kenny – OSHC Director

LIBRARY NEWS

Students have now been introduced to the Premier's Reading Challenge. Please ask your child about it and encourage them to participate. Remember each child only needs to read 12 books by 4th September. For non readers or emerging readers, an adult or sibling can read the books to students.

You are more than welcome to come to the library with your child to help select books

before school from 8:30am–8.45am, Monday, Tuesday or Friday. I am in the library on Mondays.

You may remember from last year the **Birthday Book Club**. If you would like to commemorate your child's birthday you may buy a book from a selection in the library.

We will then put a name plate with your child's name and birthday in that book.

There are books for 0-3s, 4-8s and 9-13s. Not only is this a good way to celebrate your child's birthday, but it also helps us build our collection. Please let me know ahead of time if you are interested. I am just now starting to get a selection of books organised.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to help with shelving and book covering. Any help would be greatly appreciated. You will be trained so experience is not necessary.

Regards,
Andrea Kipperman - Teacher/Librarian

FUNDRAISER

Easter, of course, means hot cross buns, and the school would like to give parents an early opportunity to place an order for buns and lamingtons.

Kyton Hot Cross Buns come in packets of 1 dozen (with or without fruit).
Lamingtons – 800g pack of 1 dozen lamingtons.

Please fill in the enclosed order form and return it to the Front Office **with payment** no later than **Friday 19th March**.

Your order will be ready for collection in Week 10 (**Monday 29th March**).

JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER COMPETITION (LIFE BE IN IT)

Winter Season – Terms 2 & 3 (2010)

Last year we entered a team in the Sunday Year 2-6 competition at the "Life Be In It" venue behind Unley High School, Kitchener Street, Netherby.

Please return the slip below to the Front Office if you are interested in joining the Sturt Street Community School team.

Sturt Street Community School
JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER
Terms 2 & 3 (2010)

I am interested in my child _____ participating in the Junior Indoor Soccer competition.

Room _____ Phone: _____

I am willing to coach or manage the team. **Name:** _____ (please print)

Date: ___/3/2010

NEWS FROM ROOM 7

On Tuesday, 2nd March, Rooms 7/8 caught public transport to the Botanic Gardens to watch a Fringe Festival performance, 'The Wind in the Willows'. We were escorted to a magical, secret part of the garden, where we met a strange character by the name of Badger. He told us a series of stories about a wide range of characters that lived on the Berkshire riverbank and water meadows. Badger was able to bring to life via means of our imagination the classic children's tale about Toad, Mole and Ratty.

After the show finished we made our way over to explore the Garden of Unearthly Delights, followed by a walk down Rundle Mall to watch some of the free open air theatre performances.

It was surprising and we were able to join in on the story.

Delys - Year 4

It wasn't what I expected, and it was entertaining. My favourite character was Ratty because he was quite clever.

Maxwell – Year 3

CHESS

We're looking for parents with an interest in chess to spend an hour of their time one day a week to support children in learning chess.

If you know how to play and are able to spend this time helping children improve their strategies, please contact the front desk office staff.

EARTH HOUR

At 8.30pm on **Saturday 27th March 2010**, millions of people from around the world will join together for Earth Hour. Together, we can show how lots of little actions add up to one big statement on climate change.

Turning off the lights for 1 hour says we care about planet earth and we want others to care too. Everyone can do their little bit to spread the word.