



STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Diary Dates



August

MONDAY 16th

ELC Advisory mtg 5.30pm
Governing Council mtg 6.30pm

Jump Rope for Heart Science Week

Save the Wirranendi Wetlands
Workshop – 3.35pm

THURSDAY 19th

Patch Theatre excursion
Preschool – Year 4 (1pm)

WEDNESDAY 25th

Growth & Development sessions

ACTIVITIES

Monday Soccer sessions
23rd August to 13th September

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

4th August to 15th September
3.30-4.30pm (Lacrosse)

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Friday, September 3rd
OSHC available

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Dear Families,

Sturt Street Community School is a unique integrated site where the advantages of a small school may be overlooked. Leadership in many schools is often attributed to the senior students but at SSCS where a large number of children are aged under 4 years, we have very high expectations of all our students as “leaders”.

Last week Room 3 Reception children showed leadership when they shared their learning about the Wirranendi Wetlands with children from the Early Learning Centre. They had a slide show, collections of flowers, stones and seeds and were able to articulate what they had discovered.

Room 7, Year 3/4 students showed leadership when they organised a fundraising event. After an overnight excursion at the Zoo the students conducted individual research into threatened species and produced brochures to inform other students about the issues. These were sent to the Zoo and distributed along with the sale of cakes at SSCS to raise funds for the Orangutan’s habitat. A passionate example of leadership in action.

Year 5/6/7 students had noted the safety concerns in Sturt Street following the installation of the Copenhagen style Bike Lane. Students were divided about the issues and so developed persuasive arguments which they presented at Parliament House. When member for Adelaide, Rachel Sanderson visited the school she commented on their confidence, clarity of speech and relevant points in the debate. Leadership skills learnt and practiced over previous years.

Leadership takes many forms at SSCS. We have library monitors who assist with administration tasks; technology/computing monitors who set up the laptops and assist younger children to logon; class leaders - Star for the Week; lunch monitors who collect and distribute the daily lunch orders; students who care for others at lunch play; Sports team captains; our Safety Ambassadors, Elijah and Holly who talk **with classes about the Safety Assist programme**; Assembly tech assistants who set up the audio system and the Student Representative Council who meet fortnightly with Alanna Murphy.

At last week’s Assembly we introduced the new SRC: **Room 8** – Elijah, Aspasia, **Room 7** – Maaike, Daniela, **Room 5** – Imogen, Anna, **Room 4** – Isaac, Jinny, **Room 2** - Harry, Chloe, **Room 1** - Dana,

Leadership is also about listening and responding. Regular class meetings are held to discuss ideas and any issues which are then presented to the SRC meeting for discussion and decision. We are very proud of the way our students take on leadership.

The term continues with a range of programs for parents and students. Join us for **Jump Rope for Heart** next Monday morning or the **Science Week** workshop facilitated by Amy Blaylock – in the afternoon.

All families are invited to **KIDZ Biz Education** sessions on 25th August for Rec-Year 4 covering “Where do I come from?” and for year 5-7 “What’s Happening to us?”

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Regards,
Pat Cardone – Principal

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Building their future**

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

Staffing News

Erin Gleeson will take up the Thursday and Friday position in the Rosella Room when Amy goes on maternity leave and will be full time during Raji's leave in October. We wish Amy all the best with the last part of her pregnancy and look forward to hearing happy news.

Holli McLeod will be working for Lucy in the Lorikeet Room during the period of Lucy's leave from the 14th August to 5th October. We welcome Holli to our staffing team.

Developments and future plans.

Due to some renovations in our kitchen we now have a pantry cupboard and a bench top freezer, we have a single door fridge and full size upright freezer to sell for a small donation. If you are interested, please speak to Anne-Marie or Jill.



The plans for the outdoor area development are in the front foyer of the Early Learning centre together with the plans for the school hall.

Accreditation:

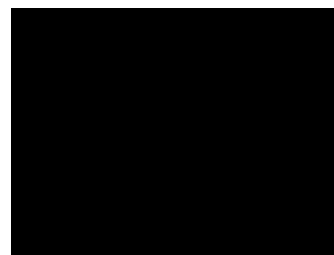
As part of the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood, there will be a linking of the requirements provided by the State Licensing of Child Care Centres and the National Accreditation of Child care to make a cohesive quality framework for all Early Childhood Services. Our centre has been approached to trial this new system of quality assurance, which will occur in the next few months.

Program information:

Rosella Room

We have been very busy inside practicing our physical skills playing with balls in the ball pit, putting our dollies to sleep, building tall towers with different types of blocks and getting very messy with different art mediums such as coloured markers, crayons and paint.

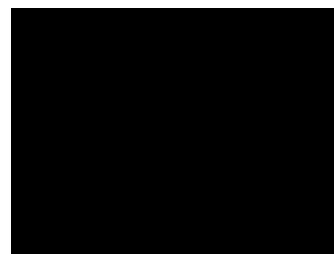
Picture: *Scarlett creates a picture while Liem is watching.*



Lorikeet Room

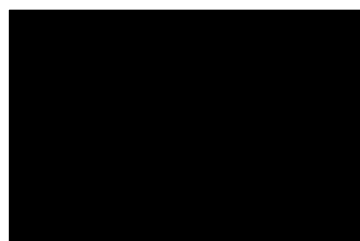
It has been a fun time in the Lorikeet room and the children have enjoyed a variety of activities over the last month. We have been enjoying outdoor gross motor activities, had walks around the school and post office, taken part in pretend play through setting up a post office in our home corner area, and enjoyed lots of cooking experiences

Picture: *Bowen, Zara and Mitchell stirring the biscuit mixture*

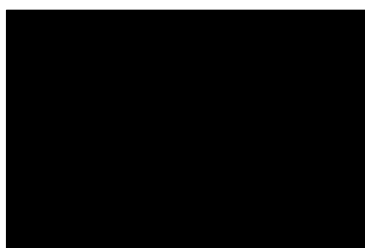


Kindy Room:

Over the last couple of weeks in the Kindy room the children have been very busy exploring and extending their knowledge of our big idea - 'Being Human'. Small groups of children have gone to the market to get ingredients for our cooking activities. Some of the recipes the children have made are pizzas, spring rolls, dumplings, banana muffins and scones. Sensory exploration has included having various herbs, plants and smelling containers for the children to explore, making feely boxes for children to touch and describe what they felt, making shakers using different materials to hear the different sounds they make and using a sound lotto for children to listen to different sounds and describe what they are, as well as making binoculars and telescopes with coloured cellophane to extend understanding of sight.



Market shopping



Making Spring rolls



ADMINISTRATION

Receipts

When payments are made to accounts parents have been provided with blue and white handwritten Spike / Centre receipts. CCMS Helpdesk has advised us that handwritten receipts are now obsolete due to changes in the statutory rules. As payments are electronically receipted (on the Tax Invoice) we will no longer be preparing handwritten receipts from 4th August, 2010. Please continue to check your payments, charges and future bookings on your fortnightly tax invoice.

Fortnightly Credit Card Deductions

For those families who avail of the automatic credit card deductions, we are now able to backdate the fortnightly deductions so that they appear on the invoice they relate to. This should make accounts a lot less confusing as you will now receive an account with a nil balance once your credit card payment has been processed. Please do not hesitate to contact Administration should you have any questions.

Thank you
Administration

MEDICATION

A number of parents have asked for medication to be given to their child during the day. Would you please read the enclosed DECS Health Support brochure, particularly the sections on [Medication](#) and [How families can help with safe medication management?](#) For children who need essential medication and attend OSHC we will work together to ensure the hand over of information and medication.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is just around the corner, during week 6. This year's theme is 'Across the Story Bridge'. Classes have been introduced to several of the short listed books during their library sessions this term. As part of our celebration of Book Week, students will see a musical performed by a touring theatre company that puts on an annual Book Week musical. It incorporates the themes and ideas of several of the short listed books. The show is on the morning of September 2nd at the Restless Dance Company space at the Community Arts Network on Arthur Street.

Students have until September 3rd to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Many students have already completed the PRC. Please remind your child(ren) to return their recording sheet to school so that they are able to get either a certificate (first year) or the correct medal.

I want to remind all families that you are able to purchase a book in honour of your child's birthday that will become part of the Sturt Street Community School library collection. I have a selection of books for all year levels, including Preschool. This is a great way to support the school library.

Andrea Kipperman - Teacher/Librarian

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 INDOOR SOCCER ON SUNDAYS

We are looking to field a team this term for the Reception – Year 1 competition at the "Life Be In It" venue behind Unley High School, Kitchener Street, Netherby.
Please complete the expression of interest and return to Front Office.

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER - Terms 3 (2010)

I am interested in my child/ren: _____ in Room _____
_____ in Room _____
participating in the Junior Indoor Soccer competition.

Parent Signature: _____ Phone: _____

ROOM 5 NEWS

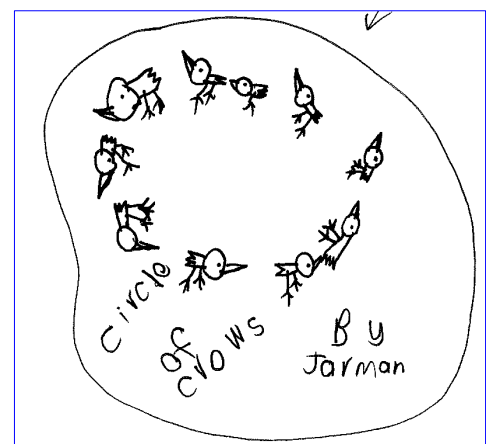
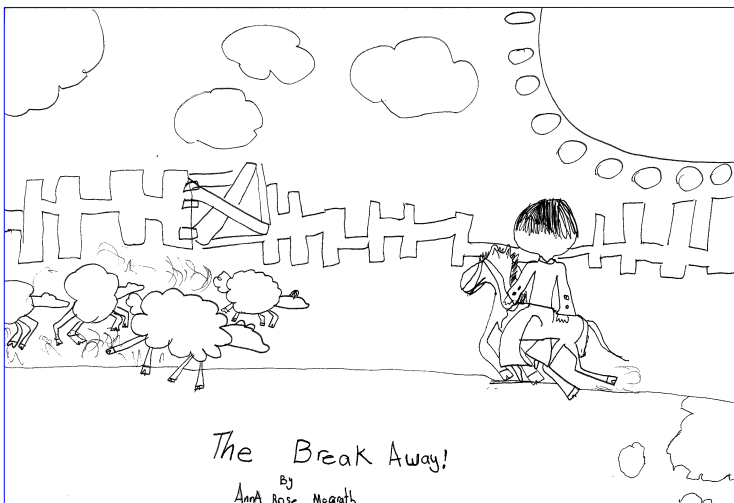
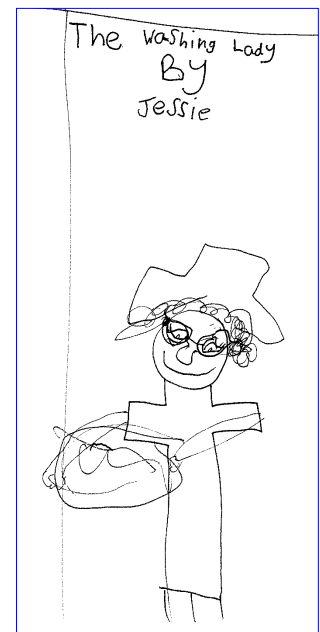
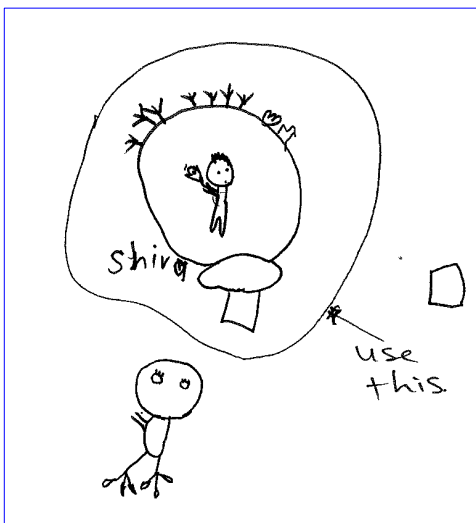
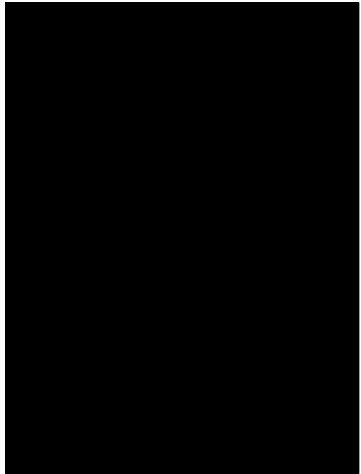
WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES.

On Wednesday afternoon we have activities I enjoyed tie dye. We tied lots of things in material. We tied it tight so the dye could not get in. We put them in the dye. We put them down to the bottom for half an hour. We took the material out. We cut the string. We put them out to dry.

By Lan

ART GALLERY EXCURSION – 2nd August

Last Monday we went to the Art Gallery. I had two favourite parts. They were Big Mother and Shiva. The actors made up stories about the art work. Shiva was amazing because he had four arms and had a snake on his arms. Sheba – Room 4



SSCS ART EXHIBITION - Wednesday 20th October – 1st December

An exhibition held at the South West Community Centre where all Preschool to Year 7 students will showcase their skills and styles.

The Fundraising Committee is seeking donations of artwork (in any medium) from artists within the school for a Silent Auction at the Art Exhibition. Please let Sue know if you have a donation; either big or small. Proceeds will support an Artist in Residence Project in 2011 and enable the purchase of digital drawing tablets with computer software.