

# STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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of South Australia

Thursday 18th August  
2011 No 9

Diary Dates



August

SCIENCE WEEK – 15th to 19th  
BOOK WEEK – 22nd – 26th  
Year 3/4 camp 17th to 19th Aug.

FRIDAY 19th

Mr McGee and the Biting Flea  
performance. Preschool,  
Rooms 1,2,3,4,5

TUESDAY 23rd

Rooms 1,2& 3 at SA Maritime  
Museum

THURSDAY 25th

Internet Safety workshop for  
parents @ 1.00pm

HALL OPENING – 8th Sept.  
SPRING FAIR – 24th Sept.

ACTIVIE AFTER SCHOOL - Netball  
Tuesday afternoons 3.30-4.30pm

School Closure - Friday 9th Sept  
Pupil Free Day – Mon. 12th Sept  
(OSHC available on both days)

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Valuing our children....  
Building their future

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
Many of our great teachers are still being quoted in 21 Century Education.

Confucius wrote:

I hear – I forget  
I see – I understand  
I do – I remember

In the lead up to Science Week students have been engaged in hands on learning with scientist Kerry Wilkinson, from the Scientist in Schools Initiative. Students have conducted different experiments with flavour chemistry, making slime and bath bombs. Plants in action is another topic that classes have been investigating. The integration of this topic across a wide range of year levels has provided opportunities for students to work in shared learning situations. Students have enjoyed growing their own plants from seeds and planted trees in the local parklands where they learnt how to act to protect the natural environment.

Several staff have been involved in a funded project exploring the impact of brain development on children's learning and engagement.

All classes have learnt about the parts and functions of the human brain. Students have discussed where the brain is, what the brain does, what it looks like, and how it works. They are discovering that the brain controls their thinking and emotions. That they can "grow their brain" in other words that brain function can change to promote optimal learning.



Studying the  
Human brain



## OFFICIAL HALL OPENING

Significant progress has been made with the transformation of the Western car park into a very green play space with a hand ball court, several large trees for shade, citrus trees and vegetables in pots. The area will be ready for the Official Hall opening by the Honorable Kate Ellis, MP on **Thursday, 8th September** at 2.30pm-3.30pm.

The celebrations will commence with an Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony. There will be performances by the Year 3/4 Recorder class, Greek dancing by the First Language Maintenance students, several drama vignettes, the unveiling of the plaque and a celebration cake for afternoon tea.

We hope that many of our school community can join us for the celebrations.

## "Flying Fruit" SALA Exhibition Opening

Congratulations to the students who have presented their original ideas about transport and fruit & vegetables, in a digital format. The exhibition opens this Friday evening at Wilson's Organic Store and all works will be for sale. Proceeds from sales will help fund the Wacom drawing tablets which the students used during the project. Please wander down to Market Street to look at these extraordinary pieces of work.

## Staff and Classes for 2012

The school is already gearing up for next year, planning our teacher vacancies and classroom structures. We are very pleased that Kathleen Patitsas has been appointed as the permanent Greek LOTE teacher for two days each week. Other staff vacancies depend of student enrolments so we are keen to confirm enrolments to assist with planning. Could you please inform the school via email or the enclosed slip if your child will not be attending Sturt Street Community School in 2012.

At the beginning of Term 4 we'll provide more details about proposed class structures e.g. why we have composite classes, what year levels we'll have and parents will have the opportunity to request preferences in relation to their child's placement for the next year.

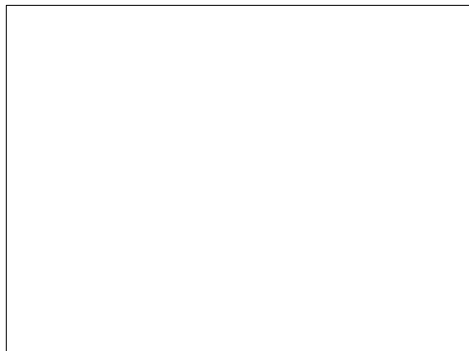
Regards,

Pat Cardone - Principal

# EARLY LEARNING CENTRE AND PRESCHOOL NEWS

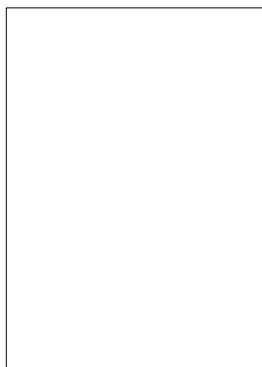
## Literacy in the Lorikeet room:

Over the last month, the Lorikeet room has focused on reading books, including some small group bus trips to the West Torrens library. Children love going out and seeing that there is a library at school and a library in the community, and reinforces the idea about care of books and enjoyment of stories. Thanks to the West Torrens library for accommodating our groups in their sessions. This would be a great opportunity to follow up with your child - to discover your local library and see what it has to offer.



*Lorikeet room children browsing books in the West Torrens library*

*Right: Joining in with a storytelling session.*



## Science in the Kindy Room:

Children are really enjoying our thinking scientifically focus. Recently a small group of children has visited the museum, and we have been doing experiments with feeling different materials and looking at what happens when we drip water on different materials and different kinds of leaves – does the material get soaked or does it repel the water?

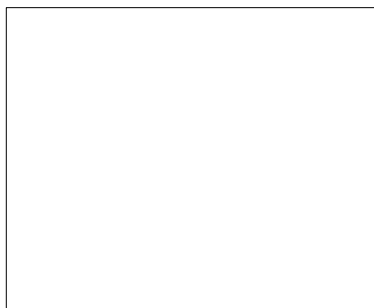
*Sharing books back at child care.*



*Children investigating at the museum.*

## Rosella Room out and about:

Recent warmer weather was a great chance for children and staff in our babies room to get out and about, providing different experiences and views. We have bought another double stroller which will enable further small group outings to make our children's worlds bigger when they are at child care.



*Happy Feet children learning about materials through their sense of touch.*

**Anne-Marie Shin**  
Early Years Director

Don't forget the Dad's morning this **Saturday 20th August** from 10 – 12 noon.

Kat will be on hand to host the session for Dad's to visit child care with their children and see what children like to do. If the weather is kind we will also walk to the local playground.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

This year the school will be having the students photographs taken by Advanced Studio on Tuesday 20th September. Envelopes for each student will be sent out soon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SINGING CIRCLE:

an interactive musical activity for children and parents/caregivers.

**WHERE:** South West Community Centre

**WHEN:** Thursday 18th August 5.00pm-6.00pm  
*Refreshments provided*

### DAD'S MORNING:

Time for Dad's, grandpas, uncles and siblings to engage with their children.

**WHERE:** Sturt Street Early Learning Centre

**WHEN:** Saturday 20th August 10.00am-12.00 midday. *Picnic food provided.*

Parents and staff attended a very successful parent session with Lee Duhring from DECS on the 9th August. The topic covered was "Kids have stress too..... and they learn Resilience from you!"

Lee presented information on brain development in young children, the ways in which stress can impact on their well being and the important role that parents play in their child's development. A crèche was provided and parents, children and staff shared a meal and chat afterwards.

More parent sessions are being planned! If you have any suggestions for topics that you would like covered, and the times most suitable for you, then please fill in the return slip or contact Kat Ochan on 82313100 or 0417142556.

## PARENT SESSION SUGGESTION SLIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Age of child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

TOPICS	TIMES
	Morning
	Afternoon
	Evening
	Weekends

Please return this section to the Early Learning Centre or Front Office.

### KidsCount

Information that can help parents to raise happy and confident children – **in many languages.**

**Please click on the following links:**

[DECS Child & Student Wellbeing](#)  
[Australian Childhood Foundation](#)  
[KidsMatter sheets for parents](#)  
[Sensory stimulation](#)  
[Resiliency resource centre & Embrace the future](#)  
[Yoga in schools](#)  
[The Australian Child & Adolescent Trauma.](#)  
[Loss & Grief Network](#)  
[Child & Youth Health \[SA\]](#)  
[Zero to three](#)  
[Child Trauma Academy](#)

### **COLES Sports for Schools**

A reminder to parents that again this year the school is collecting vouchers which can be redeemed by the school for free sports gear.

Vouchers can be collected for every \$10 spent at Coles , Coles Online, BI-LO, Pick'n'Pay supermarkets.

Please drop your vouchers in the collection box located in the Front Office.

### **FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE**

**This is the next challenge for students and families to work on together.**

#### **Footy Dreams**

In the history of AFL football the Adelaide Crows have never kicked 30 behinds. How many different ways are there for a team to score 30 points?

Record your answers on a sheet of paper with your name on it. Then drop this example of your amazing maths skills in the feedback box in the front office so that I can have a look at your great ideas.

### **WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS:**

A reminder to parents to send their Woolworths receipts in to the school by no later than September 18th. Earn & Learn points will be redeemed by the school for educational resources. A collection box is located in the Front Office.

## SMART=ER BRAIN FUNCTION PROJECT

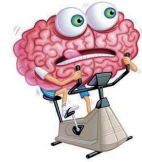
In Room 8 the students were keen to make their own plasticine models of the brain to represent their learning. Room 4 created their own puzzles of the brain for the parent information session that was held on Tuesday night and Room 5 used balloons to draw their own understandings of the lobes of the brain. Rooms 3 and 1 have also discussed what the brain needs to help it develop such as exercise, water, sleep and diet. The junior primary students have explored learning about the brain through music, rhythm and movement.

**Nicole Scrivener** – Teacher

## HEALTHY EATING AND BRAIN FUNCTION

The brain is only as healthy as the body that carries it!

The importance of good nutrition, healthy eating and physical activity, particularly for children and students, is well recognized. *Right Bite* plays an important role in providing an encouraging environment for healthy food choices. But does this also contribute to brain function? Research by Dr John Ratey, Harvard Clinical Psychiatrist provides compelling evidence linking brain function, exercise and learning.



Dr Ratey's research provides evidence that:

- Exercise prepares the brain for learning through molecular change, boosting brain function and creating a learning advantage
- A high fat, high sugar diet impedes the brain's ability to uptake its glucose
- Obese children generally have a lower IQ than their peers and are at increased risk for disease, hypertension and Type 2 diabetes.

The good N.E.W.S for healthy brain function involves **N**utrition, **E**xercise, **W**ater and **S**leep.

**Please note:** The Adelaide Central Market is selling 3 kg bags of oranges for \$1 this week.

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

The school has two closure days coming up in the immediate future, **Friday 9th September (School Closure)** and **Monday 12th September (Pupil Free Day)**. We wish to remind families that OSHC is available on both days from 7:45am - 6:00pm. Please speak to OSHC staff to book your child/ren if you should require care.

If your child is NOT already enrolled at OSHC and you wish them to join us on either of those days, again please speak to OSHC staff who will provide you with an enrolment form. We always welcome new families to OSHC here at Sturt Street.

### IMPORTANT:

**Please note that for future vacation care programs we will have a cut off date & will not accept bookings for vacation care after this date.**

**This cut off date will be advertised on the vacation care program information. To avoid disappointment, please book into vacation care before the cut off date ends.**

**Kate Kenny** – OSHC Director

## BOOK WEEK 2011 Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August

Next week is a big week in the library. It is [Book Week!](#)

Read on to hear about all the exciting happenings in the library.

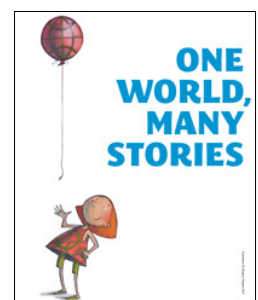
**Monday 22nd August:** Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite story character or in traditional dress. We are asking that children do not dress as a superhero. This is a time to celebrate literature and our world cultures. All classes will be coming to the library on Monday and Tuesday for a special Book Week Lesson. Preschool and Junior Primary Classes will be focusing on the Early Childhood shortlisted book, *It's Bedtime William*. Middle Primary Classes will be making family trees after reading the shortlisted Picture Book, *Family Forest*. Room 7 will be exploring the shortlisted Picture Book, *Mirror*. During lunch time play (2nd lunch), students can choose to come to the library for mask making, a Book Week quiz or other activities.

**Tuesday 30th August:** Students will see the Book Week Musical Performance, 'Totally Amazing' in our new hall.

You are welcome to come into the library and browse the shortlisted books and look at our display of traditional stories from around the world.

Kind Regards,

**Andrea Kipperman** - Teacher Librarian





**Saturday 24th September**

(10.00am to 3.00pm)

**STALL CONVENERS**

We are looking for conveners to set up the following stalls. Other volunteers will be rostered during the day.

<b>STALL</b>	<b>NAME</b> (Please print)	<b>CONTACT No:</b>
<b>African cuisine</b>	_____	_____
<b>Cake Stall</b>	_____	_____
<b>Sushi Stall</b>	_____	_____
<b>Children's Enclosure</b> (craft activities, Animal Farm)	_____	_____
<b>Sausages, onions</b>	_____	_____

Thank you to the following parents who have nominated as a convector for the following stalls:

<b>Chicken Wings</b>	Paul Cardone
<b>Pancakes</b>	Jill Smith & Michelle Barnes
<b>Sausages, onions, bread</b>	Kiwanis
<b>Chinese Food</b>	Ethnic School
<b>Drinks - juice, water etc</b>	Margaret Bok
<b>Toys &amp; Books</b>	Emma Kruszynski
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Marcia Medina
<b>Watermelon</b>	Tom Barnwell
<b>Wheel of Fortune</b>	Sofi Paolo
<b>Bungy Trampoline</b>	Bryce & Michelle Langman

**STALL HOLDER INVITATION**

If you would like to set up your own stall with produce or have items to sell we will charge \$25 for the day.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) **Contact number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in setting up a \_\_\_\_\_ stall at the Spring Fair.

(The school will provide a trestle table).

**Volunteers - Spring Fair**

Please indicate what time you will be available

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) **Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Time:</b> 9.00 - 10.00am	_____ (Set Up)	1.00 - 2.00pm	_____
10.00 - 11.00am	_____	2.00 - 3.00pm	_____
11.00 - 12.00noon	_____	3.00 - 4.00pm	_____
12.00 - 1.00pm	_____		



Kerry, a scientist, came to our school to talk about the chemicals that have particular smells.



Meg is recording the names of the vials. Yasmeen

# Scientist in Schools

Rooms 1 & 2



For our experiment there was a box full of vials containing different liquids.

It is Akaylah's turn to smell the liquid. Joshua  
She is trying to recognize the smell. Farhad  
She is asking Claire what the scent was like. Nicala

Antonia is holding a vial full of a special liquid. Capri

Nicala is trying to figure out what the smell is. It was tricky because it was perfume. Angelica

Shyanne is holding a vial. Xanthe

## INTERNET AWARENESS AND SAFETY – Presented by Jane Tan (SA Police Department)

### Reminder: Free Parent information session:

**Thursday 25th August** at Sturt Street Community School at 1.00pm for approximately 1 hour in the schools Resource Centre.

The presentation 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.

The presentation will cover:

- Cyber bullying
- Safety issues
- Security
- Learning Resources.



Please note: This information session is for adults only.

### INTERNET AWARENESS AND SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday 25th August at 1.00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) will be attending the workshop on Internet

Awareness and Safety.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip to the Front Office