

# STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Government  
of South Australia

*Thursday 25th  
November 2010 No 15*

*Diary Dates*



## December

### WEDNESDAY 1st

2011 Receptions Transition visit  
**SCHOOL PICNIC** - P/school - Yr7

### THURSDAY 2nd

Volunteer Thank You – 1pm  
Arts performance – 2pm

### WEDNESDAY 8th

Christmas Play and craft

### THURSDAY 9th

Kiwanis Assembly – 9.10am  
(Restless Dance Company space –  
Arthur Street)

### FRIDAY 10th

**EARLY DISMISSAL – 2.30pm**

## ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Athletics: Monday 18th Oct –  
Monday 29th November

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Dear Families,

Expression through the Arts has always been an integral part of our school. The Faces and Places Exhibition currently on display at the S/W Community Centre and the Arts performance next week provide opportunities for children to express their thoughts and show the skills they have developed. We are very pleased to announce that next year we will have visual artist, Laura Wills working with students as part of an Artist in Residence grant. The project "Flying Fruit" will involve several elements based on the concept of food harvest and where it takes place in relation to where it is sold and eaten. Students will explore how to visually portray these themes using the computer drawing tablets for the creation of artworks. They will use the library, digital photography and internet resources as a basis for finding imagery and experimenting with drawing, painting and collage to create a body of 2-dimensional works. Part of the project will include using materials found and collected by the school community so we will all have a chance to be involved.

### VISIT by GREEK AMBASSADOR

Mr Alexios Christopoulos, the Ambassador for Greece and other members of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA visited our school on Thursday, 11th November. This presented us with the opportunity to strengthen relationships with the Greek Government and discuss funding for a Greek First Language Maintenance teacher and bilingual resources for the library. While the Memorandum of Understanding binds our school to the provision of Greek language studies, it is important to prepare our students to take their place as global citizens working with diverse cultures and languages. Last term the Education Committee sent out a survey seeking your thoughts on introducing a language in addition to Greek. Overwhelmingly 60% of responses stated Chinese as the first preference followed by Spanish, Japanese and Indonesian. We will now investigate the sustainable provision of Chinese language studies at our school.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2010-2015

Within this newsletter you will read the objectives and priorities for our school over the next few years.

Our leadership team, Governing Council and the Education Committee will refer to the plan when making decisions and keep our community informed. We would like to thank everyone who has participated in workshops, completed surveys and provided feedback. We are very excited about the Strategic Plan and the opportunities before us.

### BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

The building is progressing well.

The Electrical 1st Fix and aluminum window frames have been installed. This week the walls and ceilings are in progress.

Regards,

**Pat Cardone** – Principal

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



Swimming skills

## EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

ELC program:

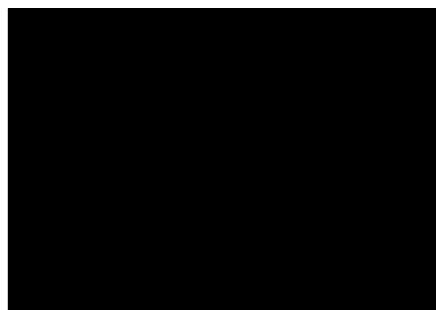
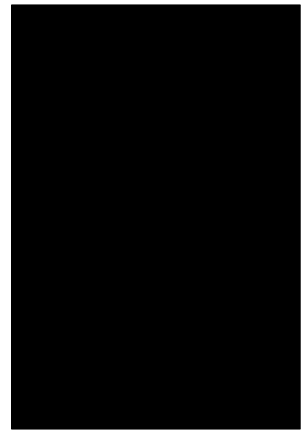
The Rosella room will be moving to a focus on physical skills in this month's program. For children 18 months and under, there is a huge amount of development that happens physically, developing tummy strength to sit up, crawl and walk – as well as the stability needed to reach, develop focus and start to manipulate smaller objects in different ways.

Caroline, our team leader in the Baby room, has also been reaching out. She has accepted a part time position with Anglicare as Family support worker, in order to extend the skills that she developed through the Infant mental health course earlier this year. We wish her well in this position and know that the skills she is gaining will be brought back to benefit our centre.

Caroline will continue to work in the Rosella room Monday, Wednesday and Friday - so she and Natalie will share the team leadership in the room for the remainder of the year.

The Lorikeet room have enjoyed their focus on stories, staff have made resources such as picture cards to use with different props to extend children's understanding of some of their favourite stories such as 'Where's my Teddy?' and 'Where is the Green sheep?'

With hot weather coming upon us, finding different active sensory games for children during the heat of the afternoon is needed. Here you can see children enjoying the shredded paper for some active play in the sleep room, after sleep time!



The Kindy room focus on the environment is progressing very well. Children have thought a lot about the different environments that we have in Australia, as well as some exciting environments, such as volcanoes that they find fascinating. Amy from KESAB came to talk about frog environments and the things that we all need to do to keep our waterways as good environments for frogs.

Our tadpoles are changing into frogs and so we will be organising some small group excursions to Wirranendi to set them free. Children have also enjoyed the short walks in the local community – here a group went to visit the community centre to see their art work. Don't forget there is still time to see the art exhibition and perhaps buy your child's painting. See staff for details.

**Anne-Marie Shin**  
Early Years Director



### MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2011

In the last newsletter, all interested parties were invited to attend the Governing Council meeting, held on Monday the 15th November, to discuss the proposed 2011 Material and Services charges. The new charges were presented and subsequently approved.

The Materials & Services fees for 2011 will be \$310 and the invoices will be sent out early in Term 1. There will be a \$10 discount if the whole fee is paid by the end of Term 1 2011.

## SCHOOL PICNIC

A reminder to parents that the school picnic will be held on Wednesday 1st December at the newly renovated Hazelwood Park Playground on Greenhill Road, (adjacent to the Burnside Swimming Centre). Children will travel by private bus in groups from 9.15am and so it is important that your child arrives at school on time on this day. Parents are welcome to meet us at the park if they wish.



# ARTS SHOWCASE

**2nd December, 2010 - 2.00 p.m.**

(Restless Dance Company Space – Arthur Street)

## Lyn's class

- "Pudding on the Hill" (instrumental)
- "Mr. Clicketty Cane" (song)

## Kerri's class

- "I Wanna CCC" (instrumental)
- "Five Wiggly Worms" (song)

## Judy's class

- "99 o'clock" (vocal & instrumental)
- "Can You Click Your Tongue?" (vocal & instrumental)

## Jo's class

- "Alice the Camel" (song)
- "Freeze" (movement)

## Nicole's class

- "Water" (drama)

## Choir (with Jan McAskill)

- "Jingle Bell Rock"
- "May It Be"
- "Rudolph"



## Ms. Brunger's class

- Greek traditional dance (with Victoria)

## Alanna's class

- "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" (drama)

## Greek Mother Tongue children (with Kathy)

- "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

## PETITION

Rachel Sanderson M.P. has sent an open letter to the School seeking support for a Bill before Parliament to have Classifications on magazines for young people. The petition will be placed on the Front Desk, and parents are invited to read the Bill.

Please note that from time-to-time petitions will be at the Front desk, though not all petitions will necessarily be supported by the School.

# SWIMMING WEEK

Synchronised swimming has taken on a whole new meaning at Sturt Street as we move 158 children with staff and parent helpers to the Unley Swimming Centre.

Our Year 3-7 students have 1 ½ hour lessons each day while Reception – Year 2 students have 45 minute lessons.

It is wonderful to see the enjoyment and enthusiasm of the students as they learn about water safety, grow in confidence and develop their swimming skills.

Here are some comments by Year 2/3 students in Room 4 about the lessons.



*I am getting better at backstroke. Now I can do a mushroom float and step in the water off the side of the pool in a life jacket. The lesson passed really quickly because we were having fun. **Aaron***

*One of the best parts about swimming is learning how to be safe in the water, how to jump in with a life jacket on and how to save other people. **Reuben***

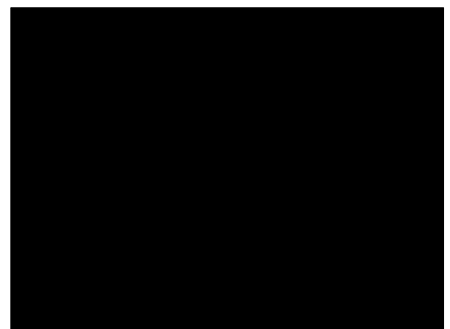
*It was fun when we had to swim with the life jackets on. It was really hard because you kept rolling over. **Lily***

*I liked going under the water to get the things the teacher threw. We got rings and little balls with material on the end. **Poppy***

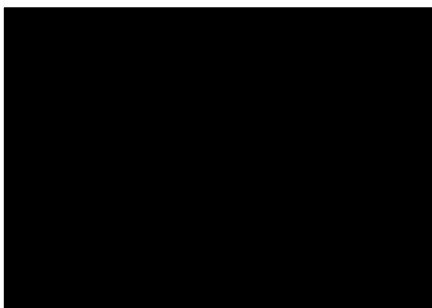
*I liked it when we had to dive to get items from under the water. I can hold my breath for a really long time. **Oliver***



*I like swimming. It was too hot and we finally got to go the pool. The pool was nice and cool. We had to float on our back and on our stomach. **Jarman***



*Swimming is fun because you learn things you haven't learned before, like doing a pin drop and how to use life jackets properly. We practised different strokes and I have got better at freestyle. **Jinny***



## It was fun!

**Please note:** Vacation Swim Care commences 5th January. Visit the following link for more information - [www.vacswimsa.com](http://www.vacswimsa.com)



## ADELAIDE CHURCHES NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Plays for Preschool to Year 7 students

The Adelaide City churches would like to invite your child or children to share in a special Christmas event. On Wednesday December 8th we will be presenting the Christmas nativity story to groups of children at Sturt Street Community School from 9.15am onwards. Last year the children enjoyed acting out the story. There will be a great storyteller to share the Christmas story with the older children and make some Christmas craft.

The presentation will be offered by members of the City churches who have all been screened through mandatory Police checks. They are a group of people who are delighted to share the Christmas story of peace, love and hope.

If you do not want your child to attend a Christmas session please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office.

### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY - Monday 8th December, 2010

I do not want my child \_\_\_\_\_ in Room \_\_\_\_\_ to attend a Christmas nativity story and activity session presented by the Adelaide City Churches.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/11/2010

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all of you who made a purchase at our Scholastic Book Fair. It was a very successful event. We sold over \$2,500 worth of books and stationery. SSCS ended up making about \$500 from the sales. That money will be put towards buying more resources for the library. I would like to especially thank our parent volunteers, Anna Dantalís, Amanda Wells, Ellie Flint, Emma Fernee, Karin Harris, Lina Stefanopoulos, Liz Nicholson, Maureen Ruciak, Melissa Connor, Panita Hirunboot, Sarah Moody and Vicki Atsikbasis. Without their help the book fair would not have been possible. Since I am only at SSCS on Mondays, Sue Langton and Mike Scoles' help was invaluable as well.

**All books are now due back in the library.** Please carefully look around your house to find any lost books. **Please note that you will need to either replace lost or damaged books or reimburse us for the cost of the book(s).** If you get an overdue notice for a book that you believe your child has returned, please contact either Sue or me.

Next Monday morning, November 29th, we will be having a Working Bee in the library. It will start after assembly and go until 11:10am. We are hoping some parents or other carers will be able to help us with covering and repairing books. Morning tea will be provided. There are so many jobs at the end of the year in the library that any help will be much appreciated. If you think you can make it for even just 45 minutes, please fill out the tear off form and send it back to school so we will have an idea of how many helpers we will have.

Even though your children will not be able to borrow from our library over the holidays, I hope you are able to make time to get books from public libraries. Swapping with friends is another great way for your child to get some books he/she hasn't read yet. Reading is a great way to relax and enjoy yourself on holiday!

**Andrea Kipperman** - Teacher Librarian

### LIBRARY WORKING BEE – Monday 29th November

I am able to help with the Working Bee, in the Library, on Monday morning, 29th November, 2010.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

## 2010 – 2015 Strategic Directions

Objectives	Priorities	Strategies
<b>1. Quality Teaching and Learning</b>	1.1 Improving learners' outcomes through effective teaching. 1.2 Ensuring the quality of teaching prepares individuals for lifelong learning. 1.3 Incorporating emerging technologies into teaching and learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build the capacity of educators to implement a coordinated approach to teaching and learning, and improve early years, middle and upper primary teaching.</li> <li>○ Personalise and connect learning to individual needs and styles.</li> <li>○ Align curriculum to reflect the National Curriculum Goals and Achievement standards.</li> <li>○ Develop ICT capacity to support innovative approaches to teaching and learning.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Learner Engagement and Wellbeing</b>	2.1 Creating safe conditions for challenging learners to achieve high standards. 2.2 Improving learners' effectiveness in social and learning environments. 2.3 Improving learner attendance and engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build the capacity of educators to implement a consistent approach to classroom practice; this includes social competence and teaching social skills that support an engaging and productive learning environment.</li> <li>○ Develop partnerships with parents to support all learners to fulfil their potential.</li> <li>○ Raise awareness of the diversity of physical, emotional and learning needs.</li> <li>○ Provide access to quality services.</li> <li>○ Promote fitness and nutrition.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Future Opportunity</b>	3.1 Developing leadership skills in learners that prepare them as global citizens working in diverse communities. 3.2 Improving retention, transition processes and learning pathways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase partnerships with secondary schools, tertiary institutions, business and social service agencies to provide support and pathways for learners, parents / caregivers and the community.</li> <li>○ Set up systems of communication within the site to support induction to the site and movement between areas of learning.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Building Community Connections</b>	4.1 Planning for future building and infrastructure requirements. 4.2 Promoting partnerships with parents, communities of interest and stakeholders which are mutually beneficial. 4.3 Building sustainable school growth, investment and resource management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop sports capacity and outdoor learning spaces.</li> <li>○ Promote and support access to school and community services.</li> <li>○ Enhance community engagement and partnerships in future schooling needs.</li> <li>○ Adopt sustainable practices in energy usage, use of resources and recycling.</li> </ul>



# Start Street At Your Service!



## Silent Auction Items ENDS THUR 2 DEC.

### **Prints Alive** - Warren Darker.

Custom Canvas Print.

Turn your favourite image or photograph into art for your walls with a canvas print. Value \$200



### **Design Bite** - Liz Nicholson

Graphic Design.

Does your business or organisation need a business card, flyer, smallish ad or DL brochure? My work will include the design and layout of your supplied words, photographs, logos into artwork ready for printing. My work doesn't include any actual photography or writing, nor does it include the actual final printing of the artwork but I can arrange that as well if needed at an extra quoted cost. From initial meeting to discuss your needs and establish a brief, I will then present you with a couple of design options; following up with the final design as a print ready Indesign File and a PDF. Offer covers 8hrs of design and related work. Value \$600



### **Windsor Calisthenics Club** - Kelly Drake Brockman. 2011 Fees and Registration.

Calisthenics is a uniquely Australian Team Sport which consists of a dynamic combination of gymnastics, dance, apparatus (clubs and rods) marching, singing and acting. Calisthenics helps develop discipline of mind and body, team work, a competitive spirit and a sense of commitment. Calisthenics competitions are held in a theatre and participants perform routines choreographed to music, on stage with costumes and lighting. Windsor Club is supported by dedicated qualified Level 1 coaches, assistants and parents who strive to maintain a high standard with their teams. Windsor Calisthenics Club is for all ages, whether a beginner or experienced! Value \$290-\$390



### **Thornypixels** - Belinda Stachowiak. Portrait Drawing.

What about a drawing of your child/children? Up to A3 size, unframed. Value \$300-\$500

### **Studio Flamenco** - Emma Fernée

Flamenco Dance Classes-One Term for Adult or Child.

Flamenco dance is an exciting dance form for adults and children and uses graceful movements of the arms, hands and upper body, rhythmic hand clapping and hard shoes to make rhythmic sounds with the feet. Flamenco dance is suitable for males and females of all ages, no prior dance experience is necessary and you don't need a partner. Studio Flamenco runs courses for children from 4 years and adults from Beginners to Advanced. Classes are held in a mirrored studio on weeknight evenings, Thursday mornings and Saturdays. Value \$80-\$120

Studio Flamenco

### **Digital Print Australia** - Steve Kounnass. 1 x Photo Book voucher.

Online photobook creation. Voucher to value \$30

