

# STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Government  
of South Australia

*Friday 29th July*  
*2011 No 8*

*Diary Dates* 

*August*

**THURSDAY 11th**  
Assembly 2.45pm in hall

**SCIENCE WEEK – 15th to 19th**

**MONDAY 15th**  
ELC Advisory mtg 5pm  
Governing Council mtg 6.30pm  
Room 7 at State Library

**TUESDAY 16th**  
Room 8 at State Library

**Year 3/4 camp 17th to 19th August**

**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 September**

**ACTIVIE AFTER SCHOOL - Netball**  
Tuesday afternoons 3.30-4.30pm

**School Closure** - Friday 9th Sept  
**Pupil Free Day** - Monday 12th Sept

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Valuing our children....  
Building their future

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to our new families and to an exciting Term 3. The school continues to grow with the commencement of a Reception class and several additions to our staff. Welcome to Tara Hore in the Preschool and Early Learning Centre, Fatemeh Shirian in Room 2 and Elaine Magias the Aboriginal Community Development Officer. Elaine will be collaborating with parents to improve learning opportunities for our Aboriginal children. Indigenous perspectives features across all areas of study in the Australian Curriculum so Elaine will be supporting staff through the implementation of Aboriginal Cultural Studies.



*Fatemeh Shirian with Room 2  
students*

The calendar of Term 3 events is enclosed for your information. The Year 3–7 students who have been investigating creative transportation of fruit and vegetables with Artist in Residence Laura Wills, will shortly have their art on display at Wilsons Organics in Market Street. We invite you to view the student's work showing their amazing use of digital drawing processes to produce this colourful and imaginative exhibition.

### Facilities

A peaceful area with seating designed by parent Tim Cichero is being constructed in front of the Blue Stone Wall. A winding path, ground covers and overhead creepers will provide a cool retreat. In contrast, the completion of the court markings in the hall and the delivery of netball, badminton and volley ball posts has opened up new opportunities for sport. It's great to see the teamwork and fun as students play netball and volleyball at lunchtime. The conversion of the Western car park to garden beds, seating and play area is quickly taking shape. We hope to have it ready for the Official opening of the school hall by Federal member, Kate Ellis on September 8th.

### Uniforms

Our school has a "uniform" policy where students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times. When we are out and about in the city the children are recognised as members of Sturt Street Community School. It instills a sense of school pride, respect and belonging. The senior student Ambassadors have requested other additional garments including a waterproof spray jacket and a knee length winter skirt. We'll investigate types and prices to discuss with parents. Meanwhile the government's announcement to change the Education Tax Refund to include school approved uniforms is a bonus for families. Please go the website [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au) for more details.

### New students

Welcome to our new Reception students: Antonia, Connor, Georges, Lily, Lyam, Nicholas, Nyidhal, Samuel, Taj, Zoevy and our International students from Saudi Arabia, Muath Yr 7 and Shumukh Yr 2.

**Pat Cardone**  
Principal



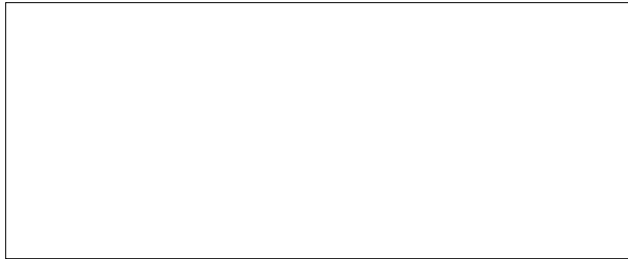
*Sturt Street Community School students and artist in residence Laura Wills present -*

**FLYING FRUIT**

## Early Learning Centre and Preschool News

At the end of this term we have farewelled Stelios, Samuel, Georges, Sadie, Lily, Jack, Mitchell, Antonia, Nicholas, Owen, Ava, Sam and Taj to school.

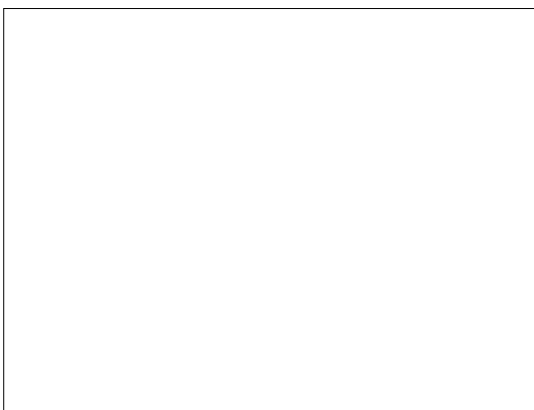
Children performed songs and dances that they had rehearsed for our end of term celebration, and also shared the books they had made or the movie about the bear hunt that they had contributed to. Mitchell C, Isaac and Albert are also leaving our Early Learning Centre to attend their local pre-school. We wish all these children the very best for their future learning.



*Children performing Scooby doo at the end of term performance.*

We have also enjoyed the performance of Boom Bah that children in Kindy room have attended in the last week of term. This has been a great culmination for our term focus on Play, Pretend, Act and Perform.

Next term we will be shifting focus for a term of Thinking Scientifically, where we will be observing, predicting, sorting, experimenting, describing and recording our experiments and also natural phenomena to build children's interest and knowledge in the area of science. We welcome your contributions to our program. We also welcome new children to our program; Chloe, Charlie, Holly, Oliver, Nicholas, Hudson, Isabella, Jayden, Olivia, Mia, Gordon, Wurud and Raghav.



*We loved the Boombah performance!!*

### **PRESCHOOL NEWS:**

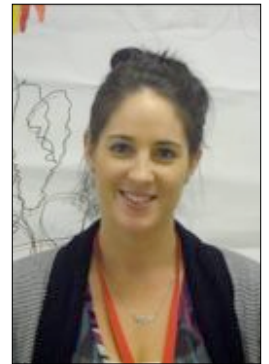
This term our program is focused on Thinking Scientifically. We will be following children's interests in a scientific way, helping them to make predictions, ask questions, observe and describe and record their findings.

Specimens from home such as interesting seeds, leaves and mini beasts from the garden would be most welcome for us to explore.

Welcome to Tara Hore. We welcome Tara our new child care professional, she will be working in the Kindy room and supporting our program including documenting children's learning. Tara will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mardi will be undertaking some leadership duties with release time on Tuesdays, as part of the restructuring of roles during Jill Richardson's leave of absence.

**Anne-Marie Shin**  
Early Years Director



*Tara Hore*

## Does your child have a sleep problem?

The Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University is providing treatment for children and adolescents (aged 7 to 18 years) who are experiencing at least one of the following:

- **Having trouble falling asleep**
- **Waking up and cannot get back to sleep**
- **Having trouble waking up/getting out of bed in the morning**
- **Often sleeping in their parents' bed or bedroom**

Places are limited, so for more information please call 8201 7587

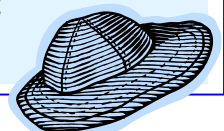
## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

A new stock of school uniforms has arrived in school. Please see staff at the Front Office if you would like to purchase uniform items for your child.

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## **SCHOOL HATS**

Please note that new, non fade hats are available for sale at the school for students wear. Cost: \$12



**Sturt Street Children's Centre presents  
a parenting information session:**

**Well Being and Brain Development**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August  
5.00-6.30**

**Child care available  
Light meal provided**

Facilitated by Lee Duhring (DECS) and the SMART team, this session will provide you with an insight into the events and experiences which effect the development of a child's brain. There will also be time for you to ask your own questions about the physiological and emotional changes during brain development.

Please indicate your interest in attending and return to the school or phone Kat Ochan on 0417142556 by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of adults attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number and age of children requiring care:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Suggested topics you would like covered in the future:**

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**Dad's morning:**

Dads, grandpas and other family members from the Early Learning Centre took part in the Dads morning on July 9th. For this, our second Dads morning, we used the Kindy room as the base. Children enjoyed using the space and enjoying building blocks, using the whiteboard, painting and doing puzzles with their dads and grandpas. At the morning, we talked about future possibilities for family community gatherings, including getting out to the local playground for a play and picnic day. The next Dads day is scheduled for 20th August. We hope you can be involved.



**Community Development Coordinator update:**

**Parent session:** Tuesday the 9th August is the date set for a parent information session on children's brain development and the impact that life style and experiences have on the developmental pathways. The session starts at 5.00pm and will run until 6.30pm. Child care and a light meal will be provided. We hope to provide parent sessions on various topics on a six weekly basis.

**Singing Circle:** Another group getting underway will be the Singing Circle, an informal singing and music programme for parents/carers and children beginning on the 18th of August at the South West Community Centre from 5.00pm to 6.30pm, with snacks provided if you get hungry! This is a great chance to be creative and have fun together and you really don't have to be a rock star to join!

**Breakfast programme:** This term senior classes will be engaged in a breakfast programme which involves the children in choosing menus, shopping for food, preparing, serving and cleaning up breakfast. This will run in conjunction with a Transition to High School programme with the focus on building children's independence and life skills in preparation for the adolescent years.

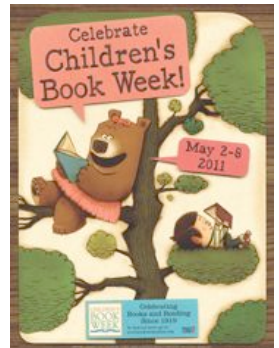
**Tree of Life:** Room 3 will be embarking on The Tree of Life art activity which is focused on connecting with nature, family and community and building the well being of each child. Parents and members of the community are invited to share in any of these activities. Call Kat on 82313100 or 0417142556 for further information or if you have any other ideas for topics you would like addressed in parent sessions.

# LIBRARY NEWS

Many children have reported that they are near finishing their PRC recording sheet. The deadline this year is 9 September so still plenty of time to finish. It was wonderful to hear that so many children spent time reading over the holidays.

We now have three magazines in our collection for children to borrow: two science magazines from CSIRO - *Scientriffic* and *Helix* and the third is called '*Wacky...but True*' which is very appealing to children as the information is unbelievable and surprising.

Hopefully you have received the letter I sent home on Monday asking you to share a traditional story with your child(ren) from your culture or country of origin. Please return the cut off sheet to your child's teacher by next Monday at the latest. This way your child will be able to join in on next week's library lesson when we make story squares for our Book Week display. Each story square will connect back to the part of the world (on a large map) where the tale is from. If for some reason you did not get the letter, please write down on a piece of paper the name of the story, where it is from, who the characters are and a brief summary of the story.



We are doing plenty in the library to gear up for Book Week. Please talk to either Sue or myself if you have some spare time to volunteer.

Regards,

**Andrea Kipperman** - Teacher Librarian

## **FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE**

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

### Pocket Money

In my pocket I have 75c. What coins might I have?

I am a coin with an animal on me that does not swim. What might I be?

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.

Have fun with your Coins

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

### **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

# SPRING FAIR

Saturday 24th September – 10:00am to 3:00pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are asking for a donation from each family towards prizes at the school Spring Fair in September.



## SILENT AUCTION:

Donated goods and services will be auctioned off to raise money for the school. Each service or product will be on display with a bidding list.

Donations to be used for prizes may include:

- Vouchers, basket of goodies, services etc.

## WHEEL OF FORTUNE:

Try your luck at winning a prize on the Wheel of Fortune.



Donations to be used for prizes may include:

- Jars of preserves, bottles of wine, oil, olives, jam etc

Please note that homemade products will need to have all ingredients listed on the jar.

A box will be placed in the Front Office for your generous donations.

With thanks,

From the **Fundraising Committee.**

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## OSHC NEWS

Our July vacation care program went very quickly. We kept busy with activities such as bowling, Hahndorf Farm Barn, Movies & playing the organ at the Capri Theatre, Sports day at the Cross Rd Indoor Sports Centre, Patch Theatre show "The happiest show on earth", kids quiz & disco day, a science show and many other great hands on learning experiences!

Both children & staff had an enjoyable & fun filled two weeks and we are looking forward to the September Vacation care program which will be available later in the term.

### 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

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**NATIONAL TREE DAY** – Sunday 31st July 2011 (11am to 1pm)  
Adelaide Park Lands, River Torrens, Linear Park.

On street parking is available along War Memorial Drive, Mackinnon Parade and Bundeys Road.

Come and Plant native seedlings and get your environment growing..  
Rubber gloves, tools, refreshments and barbeque will be provided.  
Wear appropriate clothing.

Organised by the Adelaide City Council

