

# STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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*Thursday 5th May*  
*2011 No 4*

*Diary Dates*



*May*

**10th – 12th May**  
NAPLAN testing

**SUNDAY 15th**

Go Back in Time – History Week  
Event, 12noon to 4.00pm

**MONDAY 16h**

ELC Advisory mtg – 5pm  
Governing Council mtg – 6.30pm

**THURSDAY 19th May**

History Week Open morning  
Assembly – 2.45pm

**SATURDAY 14th**

Fathers and children's playgroup

**MONDAY 30th to WEDNESDAY 1/6**

Room 7 Camp

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Magnificent warm weather during the Easter holidays allowed us to enjoy time with family and friends. At Sturt Street the sunny days allowed plenty of outdoor work to be completed. We are absolutely thrilled with the play opportunities provided through the installation of the rubber play safe surface under the verandah. Climbing equipment, tumbling mats, hopscotch and the four square court have all been in use. New bag hooks in the passage, kitchen cupboards in O'Brien Street and library shelving have also been installed. The best news though is that the multi-purpose hall can now be used. While replacement of some of the vinyl and the marking of courts is still to be done, we are able to safely use the facility. The netball and soccer teams have booked in after school team practice and several groups have signed "Joint User Agreements" for after 6pm use. This is an exciting phase for our school.

### Student Representative Council 2011

Congratulations to the following SRC members:

- Room 1** Luca, Jela
- Room 3** Lysander, Fridriki
- Room 4** Eleanor T, Eli H,
- Room 5** Taya , Zeke, Antuco
- Room 7** Sang
- Room 8** Poppy, Kirsten

SRC have already organized a casual day which raised \$136 for sports equipment.

### DIAF Validation

In the last week of term we had a panel visit to validate our school (birth to Year 7) against the DECS Improvement and Accountability Framework and to discuss improvement processes and programmes. The feedback from the panel was very positive and a formal report will follow. I'd like to congratulate our staff who shared their planning and practice and demonstrated their high skills. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to meet with the panel - Bengy Paolo, Wendy Riemens, Tim Cichero, Emma Hosking, Joe Cullen and Vivien Giamarelos.

### NAPLAN

Next week throughout Australia, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will sit the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. The aspects of literacy that are assessed are reading, writing, and language conventions including spelling, punctuation and grammar. The aspects of numeracy assessed are number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data, and space. This year all students will be expected to write an Exposition. Students have been learning the structure and language of this text type. Please read the expositions written by Room 8, Year 3/4 children where they were asked to state the reasons why students should enroll at Sturt Street Community School and where they should incorporate the school values of Respect, Diversity, Integration and Excellence.

Kind regards, **Pat Cardone – Principal**

### Welcome to the following students to the School:

Emily, Jude, Rose, Christopher, Filippa, Kyan, Leo, Tayla, Rachel Kayla and Alexia.

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



**SRC representatives**  
Absent: Sang, Poppy, Antuco

# EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

## STAFFING NEWS:

**Rosella Room:** Natalie Lewandowski, who has worked in our Babies room since July 2008, has accepted a position at Forbes children's centre. Sad news for us, however good news for Forbes which is a centre which has recently opened and so will really welcome experienced staff. We thank Natalie for her work at our centre and wish her all the best for the future.

Erin Gleeson has been appointed as the Child care professional in the Rosella room. Erin has been working casually for our centre while she has been training for her qualification. She has recently completed her Diploma and we are pleased that she has accepted this position.

## Children's centre:

As our centre has become a Children's centre as part of a Department of Education initiative, we are able to have a community development coordinator to support families in the community. Kat Ochan has been appointed as our coordinator; she will begin at our centre on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. Her role is to work with parents in the community to provide support and information about children's services and the role of parenting.

During the holidays, work was undertaken adjacent to the pre-school to lay a rubber play safe surface to the western end of the verandah. The pre-school equipment shed, at present in a temporary position in the middle of the verandah will be engineered so that it runs along the south fence of the verandah. This will enable tables for activities and dining, to be positioned in the front of the verandah. Thanks for your cooperation and support during these building works.

## Rosella room:

It is great to see the bonds developing for new children to our centre as they settle into routines and build trusting relationships with staff.

## Lorikeet room:

Thanks to parents who came along on the picnic to the Botanic gardens last week. It was a great excursion and culmination to the program about 'life outside of child care'. Thanks also to staff for their great organisation and planning. Trips to the central market were also a highlight.

## Kindy room:

This term in the Kindy room, our focus is pretend, play, act and perform. We will be focusing on stories that children can retell and act out as well as other pretend scenarios.

**Anne-Marie Shin – Early Years Director**

## NAPLAN

*"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.*

*On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests.*

*NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.*

*NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.*

*All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.*

*An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.*

*More information is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)".*

## FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

### Challenge 1, Term 2

Here is a challenge for students and families to work on together.

#### Finding Number Pairs

**Your challenge is to work out how many 'compatible' numbers you can find in the number grid on the back of this page. 'Compatible numbers are numbers that when you add them together they make a sum ending in zero.  
For example  $3 + 7 = 10$  OR  $75 + 15 = 90$**

Record your working out and answers. 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.

**Claire Wood** - Maths/Science Coordinator

**Have fun with your calculating!**

## FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ I am in Room: \_\_\_\_\_

You can do any grid you choose or you can try all of them!

#### Level 1

4	3	9	6
1	5	0	2
8	10	1	5
2	7	9	8

#### Level 2

60	56	88	44
67	71	33	40
12	96	4	29
25	30	70	75

#### Level 3

25.72	13.51	6.7	44.008
23.18	5.992	5.28	3.3
6.82	1.72	5.63	0.18
25.1	4.9	4.37	86.49

Notes:

## NURSING ASSESSMENT

The Clinical Placement Unit (CPU) is seeking Year 2 – 6 students to undertake a health assessment activity by Second Year Bachelor of Nursing Students on Friday 13th May, 2011. The nursing students will attend the School with University Lecturers and undertake a non invasive assessment. If you would like your child to participate please fill out the consent form and return to the Front Office as soon as possible.

## CANTEEN LIST

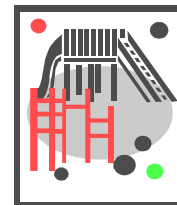
A new canteen list is now available to students ordering lunch at school. The menu has been developed using the 'Right Bite – Eat Right' guidelines. We ask the parents support the SRC's work in reviewing our lunch order menu and only order items from the lunch order list. We would also like to thank Sturt Street parent, Rachel Sanderson and Adella Corrieri from Bambacas for their help in coordinating the new menu.

## DIVERSITY – Sturt Street Community School

Sturt Street Community School is a lovely school with kids from all over the world. Your kids will love our fantastic playground and our fabulous garden. Kids have a chance to get awards such as Star awards, Premiers Reading Challenge and Kiwanis awards for doing their best work. The classrooms are a wonderful place for learning. And the youngsters get a lovely place to play and have fun. Our garden has lots of shady trees to play around. There is buddy reading for Receptions done by the Year 3/4/5/6/7's. We have a range of activities to help the Receptions in learning.

The Child Care is a wonderful place for your youngster. The baby room is for babies 6 weeks to 18 months to enjoy.

Your child will love our sensational playground with two long slides, monkey bars, two spider webs and a lovely garden with lots of grass. The trees are as brown as logs. The leaves are as red as blood in autumn. There are lots of excellent trees in our yard.



There are many cultures in the school including European and Asian cultures.

Our teachers make our work more fun than ever. The teachers do fun activities outside and inside the school. Our older students are perfect role models for new students. Buddy reading is done by Year 3/4/5/6/7 for our young intelligent students at this school. The school is a nice place for kids from 6 weeks to Year 7.

That's why we think your child should go to Sturt Street Community School which is awesome.

By **Maike, Fatima, Dain, Maia, Cassidy and Cooper**

### OLD SCHOLARS AND FRIENDS OF STURT STREET SCHOOL

**REMINDER: History Festival - Celebrating SA's 175th birthday.**

The first event **Go Back in Time** will be on **Sunday May 15th** at Sturt Street from **12 noon to 4pm**, at which we will have access to the schoolyard and you will be able to see our new hall and rebuilt stone wall. Part of the main School building will also be open for you to view the historical display of the School, including the old admission registers. If we have sufficient volunteers available, you may be able to look up names. These registers are old and fragile so access may be restricted. We can certainly supply information for you to search them via State Records.

In the historical display we will also have an old school desk at which you, or your grandchild, may like to sit for a photo, or have a photo taken ringing the old school bell. We also hope to have old-fashioned refreshments for sale (not lunch). School memorabilia will also be available for purchase on the day.

Old scholars will also receive an invitation to the official opening of the hall by the Hon. Kate Ellis, Federal MP for Adelaide, later this year.

The second event will be an **Open Morning** at the School on **Thursday 19th May**, from 9.15 - 11.30 am. Visitors can see the School with classes in operation on student-led tours. Afterwards morning tea will be served (for a small donation). We hope you will be happy to help the School raise funds on the day by giving a small donation for some activities.

Please let the school know if you are able to attend or help with either of these History Festival events at the school.

**Contact:** Kathleen Patitsas

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### DEVONSHIRE TEA

The school is looking for donations of **jam** and **cream** for Devonshire tea at the '**Go Back in Time**' event on **Sunday 15th May** and the **Open Morning** at the School on **Thursday 19th May**. If you are able to supply the school with any of these items please drop them off at the Front Office. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Please check the School Notice Board for more details.

**Come and Join the Zumba Party!**

**History Festival**