

STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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and Child Development

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Diary Dates



December

THURSDAY 1st
Arts Performance at 2.30pm

THURSDAY 8th
SCHOOL PICNIC – Princess
Elizabeth Park (South Terrace)
9.30am to 12pm

TUESDAY 13th
Room 4/5 at Zoo

WEDNESDAY 14th
Christmas Plays

THURSDAY 15th
Kiwanis Assembly at 9.10am

FRIDAY 16th
END OF TERM - 2.30pm dismissal

**Early Learning Centre and
OSHC closed from Monday, 25th
December 2011, to Friday 6th
January 2012.**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As the end of year draws closer students and parents are wondering about class placements and structures for 2012. While we have completed most of this process some adjustments are yet to be made as new families move into the CBD. There are some uncertainties about our teaching staff for next year as the Education Department is still confirming placement of permanent teachers and while we have excellent contract teachers, permanent staff have the highest priority for placement. We are very pleased to announce that Claire Wood will return as she has won the position of Deputy Principal.

We will commence the year with seven classes and another Reception class later in the year. We have been notified that the modification to the former library space will proceed and be funded through Asset Services. These works will allow for two Junior Primary classes in Room 3. Next year with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the Early Years Framework it will mean that our teachers in Preschool and Reception will be planning and working closely together.

Class structures and teachers.

Maxwell St:	Jenny Harpas	Preschool
Room 1:	Kerri Southwell	Reception
Room 3:	Judy Crisp	Year 1
Room 3a:	Lyn Long	Year 1/2
Room 4:	To be advised	Year 2/3
Room 5:	To be advised	Year 2
Room 7:	Alanna Murphy	Years 4/5
Room 8:	Claire Wood	Years 5/6/7

National School Student Welfare program

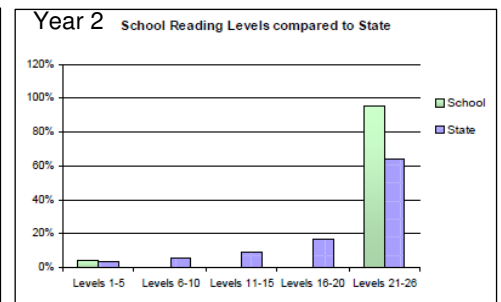
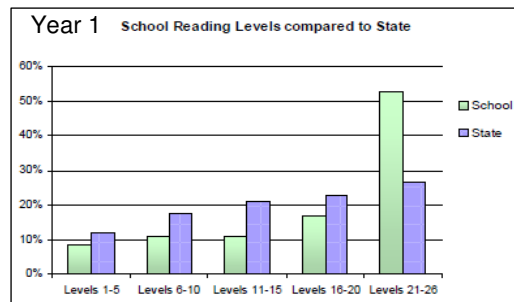
As the school continues to grow we are always looking for funding to support children and families. You may recall that earlier this year members of Governing Council, myself and Anne-Marie attended a meeting with the Hon Peter Garrett MP to discuss a number of issues. One was funding for the current School Chaplaincy Program which our school had opposed due to the cultural diversity of our community. As a result of these community consultations the Federal Govt has now introduced a National School Student Welfare program - a non-Christian based pastoral care service through an approved provider. We are applying for funding over a 3 year period and I will keep you informed of the outcome. Further information can be found at this website http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NSCWP/Pages?NSCSWP_Overview.aspx

Late for school

In our last newsletter we stated our concern about the number of students arriving late for school. It is pleasing to note that there has been improvement and we thank those families who have really made an effort to arrive before 8.55am. Figures to date (7 weeks) show 252 lates compared with 507 in Term 3 (10 weeks)

Site Improvement Plan

In Terms 1 & 3 Reading levels are assessed for every child in Year 1 and 2. This data helps us to identify children in need of further support and we can see how we are tracking against other schools. We are pleased to note that our school Running Records achievement data continues to be significantly above the State.



Next year we are introducing a Lexile framework for students in Years 3-7 to support the development of comprehension skills. Many of the texts in the library will be leveled so students may select books within their reading Lexile level and complete an on-line comprehension test when they finish the book.

To celebrate the end of term a whole school picnic will be held in the Princess Elizabeth Playground and South Parklands on Thursday 8th December. We will leave school at 9.30am, have a picnic lunch at 11am and return at 12noon. We invite all our parents to join in the day.

Valuing our children.... Building their future

SWIMMING

Swimming week is always exciting for students with a change to usual class routines and fun to be had while learning new skills. The program funded by the Education Department assist students develop water confidence, survival in the water, swimming technique, rescue of others, water safety, endurance and fitness. This week every student will receive a Development Record showing evidence towards meeting a Standard in the Health and Physical Education learning area.

We really appreciate the many parents who helped classes on public transport and with supervision at the Unley Pool. The decision to use public transport had been based on the high cost of private bus charter \$60 per student compared to a multi-trip ticket for \$10.30 and a further \$18.00 for entrance to the pool. Our staff are discussing any changes to the program for next year as we are looking to improve the swimming week experience in 2012. Please take time to make comments on the form enclosed.

Regards,
Pat Cardone

Preschool News and Early Learning Centre News

This term we have been focusing on what our bodies can do with the main focus being on physical and social development. Many activities have encouraged building and strengthening individual muscles such as obstacle courses, ball games, balancing games, cutting, manipulating play dough, clay, plasticine, drawing, painting, sign language, bike riding etc. When we had practiced our new skills we had a go at team games and partner games. We have worked together to create art work, play team games and create a sign language book.



Playing team games in the school hall

15 Hours of Pre-school for 2012.

Thank you to the parents who have indicated their preferences for session times next year, when we start to offer 15 hours of Pre-school at our centre. I will be approaching families to confirm their session times before the end of the year.

Anne-Marie Shin - Early Years Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 29th November:

1.30pm - Lift the lip Dentist visit; Dentist from Cowandilla dental clinic

Wednesday 30th November:

3.30-4.30pm - After school family activity
Obstacle Course "Our Bodies Can"

Wednesday 7th December:

3.30-4.30pm - After school family activity.
Christmas decorations "Our hands can."

Thursday 8th December:

Morning - Whole school picnic - Princess Elizabeth playground.

Tuesday 13th December and Thursday 25th December:

3.00pm - End of term celebrations: to Farewell children going to school and to show some of our learning from this term.

Friday 16th of December:

5.30 - 7.30pm - ELC End of year family twilight picnic

COMMUNITY NEWS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FAMILY PLAYGROUP

Saturday 3rd December, 2011

10.00am-12pm: Making kites in the ELC and walking to the playground to fly them.

Please bring a snack and drink.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

PICNIC IN PRINCESS ELIZABETH PLAYGROUND

Monday 12th January, 2012

11.00am -2.00pm. Meet at the school 10.30am if you would like a walk. Bring your lunch and drinks. Activities include a Nature Hunt, face painting and games.

TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Monday 19th January, 2012

2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Meet at the North Terrace gate.
Snacks provided, BYO drinks.

OF INTEREST

BILBY BUS PLAYGROUP children 0-5 years.

Mondays in Whitmore Square 11.00am -12.30pm.
Providing toys, craft activities, lunch, tea and coffee.

THE PLAY GROUP WILL ALSO
RUN IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.
For more information call **81591400**.

For any information regarding activities or services call **Kat Ochan 0417142556**

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OSHC NEWS

The up and coming Vacation Care Program is now available on the school website. Some of the highlights during December & January will be the Ice Arena, North Adelaide Aquatic Centre, Marion gymnastics, movies at Noarlunga, Adelaide Botanical Gardens and the Popeye to the Zoo! All you will need to do is print off the booking form and send it in to OSHC, please note the early bird booking fee and get in early to avoid disappointment as places are bound to fill fast! Feel free to encourage other families from the wider community to utilise our service, we welcome families from all over!

Please note that some of the fees for vacation care will increase slightly from 1/1/12. Further details are displayed in the OSHC foyer and on the school website under OSHC news.

Kate Kenny - OSHC Director

LIBRARY NEWS

We had a very successful Book Fair. We sold over \$3,000 worth of books and stationary. The school profited by \$600. Thank you to everyone who supported us by making purchases. I want to especially thank our parent volunteers: Susanna LaFratta, Michelle White, Liz Nicholson, Sarah Moody, Maureen Ruciak, Penny Dally, Tom Barnwell, Jon Cross, Anna Dantalis, Belinda Stachowiak, Alison Booth, Ling Tan, Madeleine Marin and Sue Fewster. I also want to thank our room 7 volunteers: Emily, Daria, Maddie, Jai, Hannah, Sam and Delys.

All borrowed books need to be returned to the library by Friday. Please help your child search for any books that may be under beds and other furniture. If you have received an overdue notice this week for a book that you believe has been returned, please let us know as soon as you can so we can search the shelves.

I will be sending out accounts next week to any families whose child still has overdue books. We ask that you either pay for lost books or replace them with the same titles. Please contact either me or the front office if you have any questions.

Although your child(ren) won't be able to borrow books from our school library, I encourage you to visit your local public library or Adelaide Council Libraries so that your child(ren) can continue with their book borrowing and benefit from the other fantastic services that our public libraries have to offer.

Kind Regards,

Andrea Kipperman
Teacher Librarian



GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Sturt Street Community School believe that good relationships between the school and community give children a greater chance of success. However, it is only natural that from time to time grievances can arise. In the first instance please make a time with the staff member to discuss the problem. In this way a concern can be addressed before it escalates.

Please follow the link to the school's website for the grievance procedure policy document <http://sturtstcs.sa.edu.au/parents/grievance-procedure/>

ADELAIDE CHURCHES NATIVITY PLAY

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The Adelaide City churches would like to invite your child or children to share in a special Christmas event. On Wednesday, December 14th we will be presenting the Christmas nativity story to groups of children at Sturt Street Community School from 9.00am onwards. There will be a great storyteller with us to share the Christmas story with and we will then have time for some Christmas craft.

The presentation will be offered by members of the City Churches who have all been screened through mandatory Police checks.

If you do not want your child to attend the Christmas session they will be provided with an alternative activity. Please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY

Wednesday, December 14th 2011

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: ____ / 12 / 2011

PMI on our Swimming

By Room 2

P stands for plus. The pluses were;

- ☒ The pools were big
- ☒ We had fun.
- ☒ We went by bus.
- ☒ The pools were clean and big
- ☒ We cooled down on hot days.
- ☒ There were nice plants around the pools.



M stands for minus.

The minuses were;

- ☒ We didn't get to dive.
- ☒ We couldn't use the other parts of the Centre.
- ☒ We weren't allowed to take money to buy chips and other food from the canteen.
- ☒ Bus was late
- ☒ It was cold when we got out of the pool



I stands for Interesting.

The interesting things were;

- ☒ Other people were around.
- ☒ We saw trains going on the same time every day



Its cool in the pool



Did someone say three?



1st December 2011

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As we start thinking about Christmas and the holidays, we would like to organise a collection of

- non-perishable food products
or

- new toys and books

to donate to charities for distribution to needy families.

If you can donate an item or two of non perishable food or unwrapped new toy or book and place them under the Christmas tree in the Front Office, we will go a little way to helping some families not as fortunate as ourselves.

Thank you

The staff of Sturt Street Community School, Preschool and Early Learning Centre.



STURT STREET SPORTS TEAMS in 2012

What	Year	When	Where	Contact
Netball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3 • 4/5 	All year Terms 1 -4	Unley Life Be In It	Suzi Pavlos
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/7 	Terms 2 & 3	ETSA Park	Liz Nicholson
Kanga Cricket Mixed team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R -3 	Summer Terms 1 & 4	Glandore Oval	Lyn Long
Soccer Mixed team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R/1 • 2-6 	Winter Term 2 & 3	Unley Life Be In It	Joe Cullen
Basketball Mixed team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3/4 	Winter Term 2 & 3	Wayville Sports Centre	Nicole Spencer
Aussie Football Combined with Goodwood/Unley PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/6/7 	Winter Term 2 & 3	Various	Pat Cardone 8231 3100

2012 SPORT TEAMS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to register interest in my child/ren playing a team sport in 2012.

Name	Date of Birth	Sport/s

I am interested in managing a team. Yes No

I would be willing to assist with training. Yes No

I am interested in introducing another team sport: _____

LISTEN AND RESPOND: Swimming in 2012

Do you support the Reception to Year 2 classes travelling by chartered bus which incurs an additional fee:

Yes No

Do you support Year 3-7 classes traveling by chartered bus: Yes No

Do you have any other comments:

Please return tear off slip to the Front Office – Thank you