

STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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*Wednesday 2nd June
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Diary Dates



June

THURSDAY 3rd
Assembly – 2.45pm

MONDAY 7th
Instrumental Music Tutors Concert
(Rm 3) 5.30pm

MONDAY 14th
**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

MONDAY 21st
ELC Advisory Committee mtg
5.30pm
Governing Council mtg 6.30pm

THURSDAY 1st JULY
**Cyber Safety Workshop 3.30-
4.30pm**

FRIDAY 2nd JULY
EARLY DISMISSAL – 2.30pm

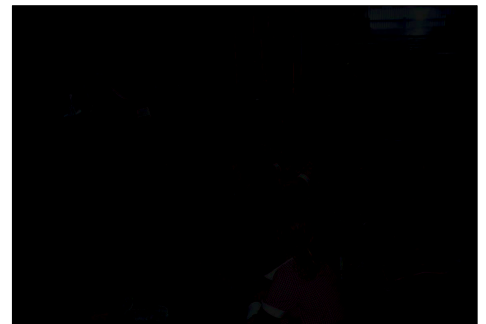
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Dear Families,

Ironically during History Week we had Reception children having their first transition visit to school while groups of elderly past scholars and teachers reminisced about their school days at Sturt Street Primary.

We were very proud of the current students who showed the groups around, answering their many questions whilst attentively listening to the stories. Gradually we are building up the memorabilia and capturing these stories on film. A big thank you to Kathleen Patitsas and Sue Langton for their organization and displays during History Week.



Moving now from the past to the future, the local South West community is concerned about environmental sustainability. A city school is limited in terms of children's access to the natural environment, making shared areas such as the parklands a precious and valuable resource.

Many of you may not be aware that "Wirranendi" is a wetland nestled within the West Parklands. Previously Sturt Street students have worked with Adelaide City Council to plant indigenous species and remove weeds in the area while other organizations have placed possum and bat boxes and monitored the water quality.

We are planning that students, in conjunction with the local community, come together to investigate the wetland environment of Wirranendi using scientific methods – observation, recording, monitoring and evaluation of changes of the turbidity and clarity of the water, salinity levels and the number of micro-invertebrates. Shortly we will hold an information session outlining the project and discussing how parents can help.

Rapid change in technology is another critical part of the future while "keeping children safe" is the present concern for many parents. On July 1st we are holding Cyber Safety sessions facilitated by Alison Kershaw, Senior Project Officer from the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, for all R-7 children followed by a workshop for parents. More details are enclosed so please register your interest.

Kind regards,
Pat Cardone - Principal

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

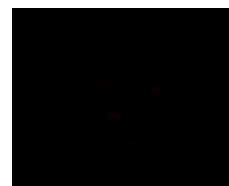
EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS



Sam explores the feel and sound of the Autumn leaves.

ROSELLA ROOM

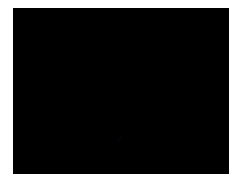
The babies have been very busy practising and extending their physical skills. The children have done this with activities such as balancing, scooting along on bikes, rolling, exploring nature (especially leaves and twigs) and lots of trunk stretching activities. Although it has been cooler outside the babies have enjoyed spending time in the outdoor environment and collecting things from the garden.



Zara is very proud of being able to balance on the bike.

LORIKEET ROOM

The toddlers have been participating in lots of ball activities - throwing, catching, rolling, kicking and cuddling the balls. These activities are also great math experiences as the children learn to count and sort the balls by colour and size.



Ariadne loves to feed herself yoghurt even though it's a messy job!



We have been fortunate to have Ali one of our parents come into the centre and do some dot painting and Aboriginal craft activities with the children, for Reconciliation Week.

Please take the time to look around the room and see all the wonderful creations your child has done.

KINDY ROOM

The Kindy room has had lots of opportunities to go on excursions this month. One of our excursions last week was to see a Patch production of 'Me and My Shadow'. The children really enjoyed the performance and it generated lots of ideas that we have extended on. Anne-Marie hung a large sheet of white paper from the ceiling and the children have spent lots of time making and performing with shadow puppets. Outside the children set up a puppet theatre and performed elaborate puppet shows for their friends. This was a good opportunity to extend on social interactions, turn taking and story telling.



The children built little villages that they designed and then constructed out of blocks. Each day the buildings got taller, longer and more detailed.



Naan bread with roasted pumpkin dip was very tasty.

Cooking has also featured lots in the Kindy room with the staff trying to incorporate items from the garden into the recipes that are used. We will continue with cooking as this has been a great way to practice and extend on the children's math skills.

Anne-Marie Shin - Director
and the ELC team

O'Shea brought in his turtle to show his friends and they compared the size of it to the tadpoles in the tank in our room.

CONCERT - MONDAY JUNE 7th

A quick reminder that the Instrumental Music Tutors will be holding a concert at Sturt Street Community School on **Monday June 7th** at **5.30pm** in Room 3.

Here is an opportunity to see and hear the development of our students musical and performance skills. We hope to see you and your family enjoying this fun night!

All welcome!



WALYO YERTA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Walyo Yerta Community Garden is a place where our urban community comes together to grow organic food, to socialise, and to make new friends. It is a place where people from all backgrounds are welcome, and where all is shared. You can find us in the South Parklands just south of the Veale Gardens Conservatory off South Terrace.

Gardening groups meet regularly on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and on Sundays. Members can use the garden at any other time. New members, supporters and visitors are always welcome.

We invite you to a gathering of the gardeners Winter Solstice Celebration on Saturday 26th June – Adelaide South West Community Centre 171 Sturt Street, Adelaide at 6.00pm.

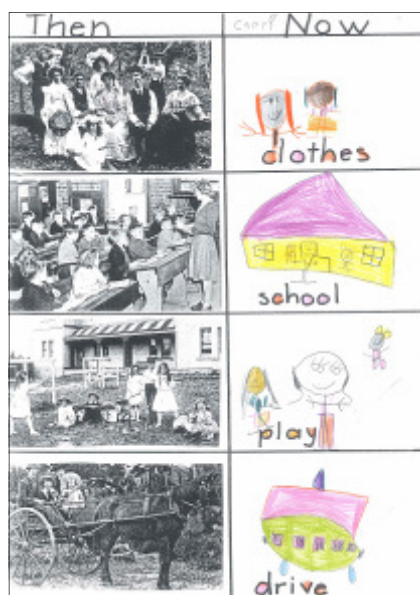
For more information, call Mij (0405 086 533).

ROOM 1 NEWS – THEN AND NOW

Room 1 children are learning about Time. To coincide with History week, we looked at various aspects of everyday life. We talked about the kinds of clothes we wear, the games we play, the transport we use and what our classrooms look like now. Then we looked at pictures and talked about how these things were either the same or different a long time ago.



By Ruby



By Capri



By James

LIBRARY NEWS

Students are very excited about all the new books that are coming into the library! We have a special display area for new books and students have learned how to reserve the books that they would like to read. Many of these books are Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) books and even if they aren't, students can still add them to the bottom of their reading record. There is still plenty of time to complete the PRC. The deadline isn't until 3 September and children only need to read 12 books. Please let me know if you have any questions. You can also go to the website www.prc.sa.edu.au where there is a wealth of information. You can even type in a book title and check if it is on the list.

I've started doing fortnightly book talks with classes during their borrowing times. I spend 5-10 minutes at the beginning of each class's borrowing time giving a synopsis and reading either the blurb or a couple pages of 2-3 books. The goal is to get students interested in and excited about reading, as well as introducing them to books they might not otherwise consider reading. It is amazing after introducing a book, how many students want to read it. The enthusiasm is contagious!

A few girls from Room 7 approached me several weeks ago about starting a book club. I've invited all year 3-7 students to join us.

We've had a few planning meetings this term with anywhere from nine to five students present. Instead of everyone reading the same book at the same time, we've decided to start in pairs or threes, as it is very expensive and difficult to get multiple copies of books. Next Monday during second lunch we will have our first meeting with the books in hand.

Since we are just getting started, let your child in Years 3-7 know that he or she is welcome to join us. We will start out by meeting fortnightly on Mondays during lunch. The group will be guided by the students' reading interests.

If you are interested in purchasing a birthday book in honour of your child's birthday, please let us know. We have a great selection of books for you to choose from. It is a great way to support the library.

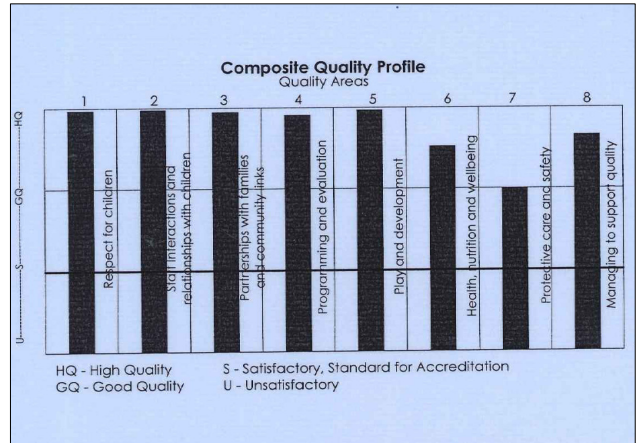
Because we are a small school Sue and I have very limited hours in the library. We would appreciate any volunteer time from parents. We especially need help with shelving and book covering, both of which we will provide training for. If you have a spare hour or two once a week, please let either of us know.

Andrea Kipperman
Teacher Librarian

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

OSHC received the fantastic news from the National Childcare Accreditation Council that we are accredited. The OSHC Staff are continually working towards providing a high quality service to families and this is absolutely evident in the fantastic results achieved in all eight quality areas. We are busy planning the vacation care program for the up and coming July holidays & this will be sent out early week 8 to all school children.

That's all for now,
Kate Kenny – Director, and the OSHC Staff.



CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOPS – Some Practical Advice

The internet is an amazing place, but just as in the real world, children can be exposed to people and material they and you don't like, they can be the victim of bullying. If your children are using the internet there are a few things you need to know.

You don't need to be a technical wizard to help protect your children, just a few simple rules and tools will help you and your children use the Internet safely. Come along and find out more about what your children are doing online and what you need to know to help protect them from the nasties on the net.

Alison Kershaw has been researching Online Safety for children and adults in South Australia and will provide some straight forward non technical advice on how you can protect your children online. Alison fondly remembers when her dad brought home their family's first Commodore 64 and she has had a love/hate relationship with computers ever since. In her professional career she has set up and run an accessible internet café, delivered ICT training and spent ridiculous amounts of time online.

Over the last few years Alison has been researching and presenting about E-Engagement and Cyber Safety, looking particularly at new users of the internet and the issues we all need to consider when using the internet. Alison has a special interest in those who are marginalised by not being able to access and confidently use new digital technologies. Alison delights in busting myths about using the internet and helping people understand how to safely and effectively make the most of new digital technologies.

One of Alison's latest projects is examining the real and perceived risks of using Web 2.0 tools such as social networking to better engage citizens with Government and Government programs and services. Please join us at the workshop.

If you wish to participate please fill out the slip below and return it to the Front Office.

CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP
Sturt Street Community School Library – Thursday 1st July
Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Preschool and school children will be supervised in the yard.

I will be attending the Cyber Safety Workshop on Thursday 1st July.

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____ Rm: _____
 (please print)
 Child's Name: _____ Rm: _____