

STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Thursday 22nd April
2010 No 5

Diary Dates



April

THURSDAY 29TH
Zoo Snooze Camp – Rm 8

MONDAY 26TH April
ANZAC DAY - Public Holiday

TUESDAY 27th April
PUPIL FREE DAY – OSHC
Available

May

MONDAY 3rd
ELC Advisory mtg 5.30pm
Governing Council mtg 6.30pm

THURSDAY 6th
Assembly 2.40pm

FRIDAY 7th
Walk Safely to School Day

MONDAY 10th
OSHC Advisory mtg 5pm

TUESDAY 11th, WEDNESDAY
12TH & THURSDAY 13th
NAPLAN testing

TUESDAY 18th
Zoo Snooze Camp – Room 7

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Dear Families,

Welcome to all our new families joining us at Sturt Street Community School! Term 2 will be an exciting one as Year 3–7 students head off on an overnight camp to the Zoo, we enter a team into the Adelaide South East - South Australian Primary Schools Sports Association (SAPSASA) Athletics Day, enter a team into a Year 4/5/6 Netball competition at ETSA Park, prepare Year 3,5,7 students for the National Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing, commemorate Anzac Day, Colonel Light's Ceremony and students lead tours during History Week. No wonder school holidays are a time to relax, rest and prepare for a busy term ahead.

My April holidays were not exactly restful but I had a wonderful experience. I was fortunate to join a School Leaders Delegation to China, organized by the Adelaide University Confucius Institute. We traveled from the past into the future visiting the 2000 year old Confucius hometown, the 1000 year old ancient town, Xitang along the Yangtze River, Beijing which used to be the capital of three dynasties and take in Chinese history while visiting flourishing Shanghai.



Apart from the artistic, philosophical and historical aspects of China the realization that 1.5 billion people live in the country was for me the most overwhelming fact. The necessary infrastructure to support the rapid growth of new accommodation and enable mobility of people and goods through efficient transport systems was most evident with construction happening everywhere.

At several counties we met with Chinese school leaders to discuss educational policies and curriculum, exchange ideas and learn from each other. I toured three schools – No 1 Middle School in Sishui which has 4,000 Year 10-12 students, The Lichen Experimental Primary School of Jinan City which has 2,200 students aged 6–12 years and the Shangdong University Affiliated Primary School. All Chinese students learn English and principals were very interested in setting up email contacts with classes in Australia. On my return to Adelaide on Sunday evening I was delighted to receive an email from one of the teachers to whom I had given some Mem Fox books. Her students said they loved the story of Koala Lou.

The Maths and Science strategy is a State Government initiative which will be rolled out over the next 3 years. At Sturt Street all teachers will receive additional training in science this year and mathematics next year.

Next week Preschool and School teaching staff will attend a science training day. They will have time to work with the Primary Connections Science resources and explore some science concepts. We thank parents in supporting this professional development opportunity.

Kind regards,

Pat Cardone - Principal

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

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS TO OUR SCHOOL

School: Thomas, James, Kairo, Georgina, Sonny, Althea, Scot, Charlie, Meg, Shyanne, Jarman.
International students: Hamed, Ahmed, Sarah, Yasmeen.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

We welcome the following children and their families to our centre:

Rosella Room: Toby Herring and Ariadne Louca

Lorikeet Room: Sophie Kenny and Bowen Zhang

Kindy Room: Rachel Deng, Nicholas Diamandou and Taj Varnaam

Several children have also moved to the next age group and room and we are pleased with how these transitions have progressed.

Farewell Lyn:

Lyn Langtry, who has been our talented and dedicated cook since the Early Learning Centre started, is leaving us to pursue her career closer to her home. We thank her greatly for the fantastic work she has done for our centre in establishing a menu to meet high nutritional standards with excellent diversity of food.

Lyn's last day is this Friday 23rd April.

Anne- Marie Shin – Early Years Director



WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MINI BEASTS – BY ROOM 7



Do snails really need their shell?

What does insect's blood look like?

Why do scorpions glow under infrared light?

Do any have warm blood?

Why are ladybirds colourful?

Why are all insects small?

Can you keep poisonous bugs as pets?

What are the stages of an insect?



ROOM 8 SCIENCE

We have been investigating micro-organisms.

We have been working in cooperative teams with a manager, director and speaker so that our investigations run smoothly. We used a think board to organize what we know and what we want to find out.

- We started by investigating different types of breads, some with yeast, and some without.
- We discovered that yeast causes bread to have some air bubbles.
- We conducted an experiment using principles of fair testing and found that yeast is activated by warm water and sugar and produces gas.



What we think we know.	What we want to learn.
Makes air bubbles in the bread.	Where does it come from?
Reacts to yeast.	How does the yeast make bread rise?
Makes bread rise.	Is it living? Is it mould? Is it fungus?

SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN

Bevan Baker, the school grounds person, has been busy in the school garden tending a plethora of vegetables and herbs planted by the Preschool and school children.

Children in the Early Learning Centre have helped pick some of the Silver Beet and beans for Lyn Langtry to cook.



Bevan in the garden with rock melons and hanging pumpkins.

Herbs and vegetables include:

- Silver Beet
- Bertolli beans
- Pumpkins
- Rock Melons
- Cucumbers
- Basil
- Bay leaf
- Oregano
- Mint
- Thyme
- Rhubarb
- Sage

UV RATING

Staying in line with the recommendations from the Cancer Council, Sturt Street will be accessing the UV Alert daily to ensure that children are wearing a broad brimmed bucket hat when the UV rating is above 3. It is recommended that children also bring and apply 30+ sunscreen on those days.

When the rating is less than 3 children are able to play outside with no hat or sunscreen as it is important for children to have limited exposure for Vitamin D absorption.

This information can be accessed on the following web site:
http://www.bom.gov.au/products/UV/Adelaide_SA.shtml



In South Australia alone last year, more than 30,000 primary school-aged children took part in the event that promotes good habits such as safe pedestrian behaviour and healthy exercise and eating starting young.

This important initiative asks children to walk with their parents and carers all or at least part of the way to school.

We are very excited about national Walk Safely to School Day because we see it as an opportunity to develop healthy sustainable, habits, not only for one day, but for life. Children develop lifestyle habits when they're young. Encouraging them to walk regularly, instead of jumping into the car is an easy, effective and achievable way to forge their pathway to becoming healthy adults.

A walk in the morning also prepares students mentally for an active day of learning and playing. And it's great for parents too!

Active kids are healthy kids

Friday 7 May 2010

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

walk.com.au

Sponsored by Australian Government

Supported by all State, Territory and Local Governments and Heart Foundation Cancer Council PLANETARK Diabetes Australia beyondblue

FUNDRAISING

A combined total of \$450 has been raised through the Kyton's Hot Cross buns/lamingtons and Easter Raffle fundraisers in Term 1. Congratulations to the following winners of our Easter Raffle: Sue Fewster, Eleanor T and Aki A.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

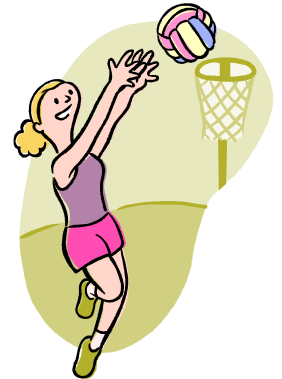
This term our Active After School programme, will be **Netball**.

These free sessions will be held on a Wednesday afternoon commencing **Wednesday 5th May** and finishing on **Wednesday 16th June**.

The sessions are 3.35-4.30pm in the school yard. It is important that you collect your child at 4.30pm. The front door of the school will be **locked at 4pm** however to collect your child you may **enter through OSHC or the double gates**.

Accredited coaches will run the sessions.

Places are limited to 30 participants. We would like to encourage our students playing in the school netball teams to participate in this term's programme.



Please return the attached consent form as soon as possible to reserve a place. A confirmation of your child's place in the programme will be sent home.

STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL TERM 2 ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CONSENT FORM

I give permission for my child: _____ in Room _____ to participate in the afternoon **Netball** sessions from **3.35-4.30pm** commencing **Wednesday 5th May**.

Reminder:

Children will be taken to Out of School Hours Care if they are not picked up by a parent/caregiver by the end of the sessions at 4.30pm. Charges will apply.

Parent Signature: _____

Contact Details:

Home _____

Mobile _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2010

(Office Use Only)

CONFIRMATION OF PLACEMENT – Active After School Programme

This is to confirm that your child has been included in the **Netball** programme.

Signed: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 2010

