



STURT STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Diary Dates



May

**WEDNESDAY 12TH &
THURSDAY 13th**
NAPLAN testing

TUESDAY 18th
Zoo Snooze Camp – Room 7

MONDAY 24th
Patch Theatre at Maryatville High
Preschool to Year 4 at 1.00pm

TUESDAY 25th
History Week tour of school –
9.30-11.30am
Mathletics parent workshop –
3.30pm to 4.00pm in Rm 3.

WEDNESDAY 26th
History Week tour of school –
9.30-11.30am

June

THURSDAY 3rd
Assembly – 2.45pm

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

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Dear Families,

We have exciting news about the Multi Purpose Hall. As you may remember due to heritage constraints, relocation of air conditioners and the removal of significant trees, the costs exceeded the funding allocated through the federal Building Education Revolution (BER). DECS has agreed to fund the additional costs for the hall so we expect the project to commence next term. The leadership team is preparing a Risk Assessment of the impact of the construction on access to the O'Brien Street facilities - library, art area, and OSHC. The loss of the S/W hard play area and the staff car park will mean other accommodations. Once a timeline has been produced by the builder, Marshall and Brougham, we will let you know the details.

NAPLAN TESTS PROCEED

This week many of our primary students are sitting the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia are doing a series of tests at the same time. The tests comprise language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing a narrative, reading and numeracy.

While ongoing assessment is part of all students learning at Sturt Street, the recent media attention about NAPLAN has created some anxiety levels amongst students. We need to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment about student achievement. The Rudd Government will ask the Australian Curriculum, Reporting and Assessment Authority (ACARA) to set up a working group including literacy and numeracy specialists, principal organizations and representatives of the Independent Education Union and the AEU to provide further professional advice on the use of student performance data. This information will assist ACARA to develop additional improvements to the My School website which will include the 2010 NAPLAN test information.

Our school is currently introducing Mathletics. It is a web-based learning program, which integrates home and school learning via the internet. At Sturt Street, Mathletics will cover Year 1 to Year 7 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 4000 Australian Schools

The benefits of Mathletics include:

- Students are engaged and motivated to learn.
- Mathletics is adaptive, it responds to your child's individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Students instantly know if they are on the right track and can work through the curriculum at their own pace.
- Animated support guides students through concepts.
- Live Mathletics fosters a stimulating and exciting on-line learning community.

We look forward to hearing students' thoughts about the programme.

Kind regards,
Pat Cardone - Principal

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EARLY LEARNING CENTRE and PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to two new staff members at our site:

Dianne Leak is our new cook in the early learning centre. We are very pleased to have joined our team, and her food is delicious.



Daphne Sun is a new casual staff member who is working for us to cover some leave for our regular staff; Brenda, Megan and Gill during May and June.



PROGRAMME

In the Rosella room children have been making use of both indoor and outdoor areas for physical play such as crawling through tunnels or exploring the trikes. On Fridays Barbro has brought in her guitar so that children can explore music and movement.

In the Lorikeet Room children have really enjoyed the new tastes that they have brought from home – many children brought in foods grown in their garden – or unusual foods such as pomegranates, feijoa, limes and capers for their friends to try in Food Week. Thanks to all of the families who contributed.

Maths, science and giant pumpkins have been a feature of the Kindy room program. Children have been watching the school pumpkins grow on the vine and then were amazed when Hudson brought in his giant pumpkin. We found lots of different ways to measure it and also have been exploring recipes such as pumpkin bread, pumpkin dip and pumpkin pizza.

Anne- Marie Shin
Early Years Director

FINANCE

A reminder that the Materials and Services Fees and Excursion Levy are well overdue. Please help the school by finalizing them soon. If there are any difficulties in meeting this deadline please see Mike Scoles (Finance Officer) to arrange a repayment plan. You are eligible for school card if your family income is below approx \$31,000. A new form must be completed each year. Forms are available from Reception or Mike.

Full Year - \$385
(\$295 M&S Fee and \$90 Excursion Levy)
Installment Plan
Term 1 \$130
Term 2 \$110
Term 3 \$ 90

SCIENCE

On May 27th, teaching staff attended the first of a series of science professional development days where we were introduced to the Primary Connections Science resources. Staff enjoyed the work shops which enabled them to actually experience inspiring practical examples of everyday science. Kathleen Patitsas is our science focus teacher who will set up the science area in Room 3, organize resources for Primary Connections units of work and take two classes for Science NIT. We are all excited about the Science focus. Just have a look at children's investigations in the Reception area.

SPORTS NEWS

SAPSASA Athletics

On Thursday April 29th, ten eager students travelled to SANTOS Stadium, Mile End, to participate in the District SAPSASA Athletics Day.

The students competed in 100–800 metre events as well as the high jump, discus, shot put, and long jump.

Congratulations to Samuel who threw 7.39 metres and came third in Shot Put.

Hope, Ayden P, Tahlia, Holly, Aiden W, Samuel, Isaiah. Not pictured – Elijah, Bethany and Hannah.

NETBALL STURT STREET CYCLONES

The team competes in a schools competition on Thursday afternoons 4.00-5.00pm at Santos Stadium. They had their first win last week.

Team: Delys, Megan, Tahlia, Jordana, Cassidy, Taylor and Trinity. Not pictured – Holly and Emily.

Coaches: Alanna Murphy, Sherri Dawson.

Manager: Darryl Russell

U/9 TEAM

The team competes at Marleston on Friday evenings. Coaches are happy with the development of skills in the team.

Team: Maia, Reuben, Luella, Lily S, Trinity, Charlotte, Aiko, Lily, Lucie, Dain, Kirsten. Not pictured - Fotini

Coaches: Melissa Connor and Suzie Pavlos

INDOOR SOCCER – Year 2 – 6

Matches are held on each Sunday at the 'Life Be In It' Centre, Unley High School.

Several of our players are in Year 1 so we have been playing against more experienced teams. The enthusiasm level is very high. Training is held on Monday afternoons.

Team: Anna, Eleanor, Maia, Jakob, Tahlia, Aiko, Imogen, Maxwell, Maaike. Not pictured - Jai

Coach: Paul Champion

Manager: Joseph Wearing

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS



We had a great time during the recent April school holidays. The photos show some happy memories from the Noarlunga wooden fort playground, the Aviation Museum at Port Adelaide. We also visited Funi & Wang Wang at the Adelaide Zoo.

FUNDRAISING

The Committee members have planned a number of projects for the remainder of the year.

TERM 2

MOVIE EVENING

A film evening for students will be held at the South West Community Centre on 30th June. A session will be held for the young children held at 3.45-5.15pm and one session for the older students at 5.30-7.00pm. Drinks and nibbles will be available for sale.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Prize for children to the value of \$50-100 will be wrapped in a BIG box and on display for a month at the front desk. For a \$1.00 students can write down a guess as to what is in the box. Winner is the first correct answer drawn.

TERM 3

‘STURT STREET AT YOUR SERVICE AUCTION’.

An auction where we sell peoples service e.g. babysitting, provision of a meal, a decorated cake.

Participants will be sourced from family and school parent’s businesses to offer their skills to the highest bidder. The person donating the service can set a reserve and also a brief outline of what they will/wont do in their service. More information about this fundraiser will be sent out later this term.

TERM 4

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Reception to Year 7 students will have their work displayed at the South West Community Centre from October 13th for an eight week period. This will depict many of the skills and styles introduced in art lessons. We will combine this exhibition with a business enterprise where individual student canvases can be sold. An Official Launch will be held on October 20th where parents will have the opportunity to purchase art work.

Invitations will be also be sent out to any adult artist who would like to donate works for sale e.g. paintings, pots, jewellery, drawings.

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Contact us

Call for general information about local community supports and opportunities for families with young children. Please ring for an appointment if you would like to visit us.

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