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TEAMWORK

HONESTY

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

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NEWSLETTER 2019

ISSUE 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 6! Firstly, thank you to all families for your patience, and my sincere apologies for the delay in the Newsletter being distributed this fortnight. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties and upgrade of the wireless access points throughout the school, we were without our curriculum server and internet access for most of last week. We appreciate your understanding.

Last Monday and Tuesday, I attended the Department for Education Leaders Day and Literacy Summit in Adelaide. These were a great two days of learning and provided a wonderful opportunity for me to network with other Principals from across the state, and to be a part of our continuing ambition and focus to build a world-class education system in South Australia. An important message for all Leaders was the need focus on the implementation of the new 3-year School Improvement Plans. Our plan has an unwavering emphasis on growth in Literacy and Numeracy for every student at our school, led by the following areas of practice for improvement to reach our goals:

1. If we develop a rigorous whole school approach to teaching and assessing elements of reading instruction including oral language, vocabulary and reading comprehension strategies, then we will increase student achievement in Reading in Years 3-7.
2. If we develop a common evidence based approach to sequence student learning in trusting the count, place value, multiplicative thinking and partitioning, then we will increase student achievement in Numeracy in Year 3.
3. If we develop teacher's skills to collaboratively design student learning ensuring the provision of challenge and stretch through a guided inquiry approach, then we will have students that think and act like mathematicians to solve Numeracy problems in Year 3-7.

If you would like to ask any questions about our School Improvement Goals, Targets or Actions, please do not hesitate to approach any staff member. We are proud to talk to you about our directions for the teaching and learning at Kingston-on-Murray Primary School, and excited for the journey ahead.

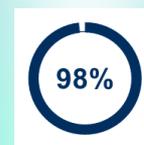
On Thursday 28th March (Week 9, Term 1), our Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be required to sit an online practice test for NAPLAN, similar to last year. This practice test is to ensure that our ICT infrastructure and administrative systems can successfully facilitate the online tests scheduled for Week 3, Term 2. Please note that student performance will not be assessed or reported on. The actual online NAPLAN test will be held on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May.

Kindest Regards, *Natalie Coote*

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to inform the school of any planned or unplanned student absences. This may be a written, verbal or phone explanation prior to, or 'on the day' and a follow up note in your child's message book/diary the next day. This will help the school to maintain accurate records.

Our 2019 Attendance target is 96% or greater



Year to Date (2019)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 1/03/2019



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 1/03/2019



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2019

- Wednesday 6 – Assembly 3:00pm
- Friday 8 – CoKoMo Sports Day
- Monday 11 – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 12 – Pupil Free Day

MARCH 2019

- Wednesday 20 – SAPSASA Athletics
- Thursday 21 - GRIP Leadership
- Thursday 21 – Assembly 2:00pm
- Thursday 28 – NAPLAN Practice Test

APRIL 2019

- Monday 1-3 – Year 3-7 Camp
- Wednesday 3 – Assembly 3:00pm



Each week is getting busier and we have managed to catch up with many of our Playgroup friends. Last week we celebrated Ivy's birthday and read Giraffes Can't Dance. We made standing giraffes with pegs. We also picked some plums out in the orchard and visited Mr Scott to see his lawnmower. Playgroup runs each Tuesday 9-11am. ALL WELCOME for a gold coin donation and a piece of fruit.



Breakfast Club will run from 8:20 – 8:30 each morning in the Admin kitchen. A bell will ring to signify that it is open – late comers will have to try the next day!

Homework Club will be available in the Library every afternoon from 3.15– 3.30pm, for any students requiring assistance with reading or their homework. Staff are rostered on as below.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sam	Miss. Hale	Mr. Lawson	Mrs. Bevan	Mrs. Coote



Wednesday 6 March – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 21 March – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 3 April – 3:00 p.m.

Term 2

Wednesday 8 May – 3:00pm

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Our annual AGM and Acquaintance Night held on Tuesday the 12th of February was a great success. Thank you to all the families that attended, it was a fantastic evening for our school community. Thanks to all members and those who have taken on positions for the year.

Shane May – **Chairperson**

Paul Brattoli – **Vice Chairperson**

Amy Kelly – **Secretary**

Leanne McKinnon – **Treasurer**

Members

Noni Mader

Chris Marks

Kirsten Ogle



SAPSASA SWIMMING

On Monday the 18th of February week 4, 5 of the students from the Bilby Learning Area (Jackson, Jarrod, Grace, Wesley and Trent) went to the Renmark swimming pool to participate in the school sport swimming. Everyone put in an amazing effort throughout the day and encouraged one another.

By Trent Ogle – Year 7

Congratulations to **Trent Ogle** and **Wesley Marks** who have been selected to represent in the Riverland Swimming Team in March.

Trent Ogle – 50mt Free And 4x50m relay

Wesley Marks – 50mt Breaststroke



BRENTON'S NEWS

Last time I spoke about the importance of teaching children that their brain is like a muscle that can be developed with exercise.

This means (for adults and children) we now know that we are all on a learning curve, and naturally we will have failures on the way to succeeding. Instead of being devastated by setbacks, people become resilient - they use failures as learning opportunities. Instead of worrying about whether they're "smart" enough, these kids know they can get smarter, just by working at it.

When they have the experience that every child has while learning something new- "This is hard; I'm not getting this, maybe I'm not that smart?" these kids are able to manage their anxiety by reassuring themselves that learning things can be hard but they can do it. They become perpetual learners who can learn what they need to in new situations and are motivated and curious to learn more.

By contrast, parents who tell kids "you're so smart!" undermine this positive mindset of learning. When the child finds herself challenged, she assumes that if she was smart, the task or lesson wouldn't be so hard. She wonders if she isn't so smart, and she may give up rather than look bad. Feeling challenged becomes too uncomfortable.

Parents who want to facilitate a more positive mindset to learning might say "You are working so hard at that; slowly but surely you are getting it". The child learns that her own determination will determine her success. Feeling challenged begins to feel motivating.

Cheer
Brenton



SPANISH

Bethany Lawrie



Trent Ogle

Sameika Wright

STORM BOY



On Thursday the 14th of February the year 3-7 students went to the Chaffey Theatre to watch the retelling of Colin Thiele's classic Australian tale 'Storm Boy'. This film is now being used as a platform for learning tasks in Literacy.

COMMUNITY NOTICES AND EVENTS

RIVERLAND GIRL GUIDES

Are having a free
come 'n' try
night

Be prepared to get WET
Bring a drink bottle and a towel

Contact Girl Guides SA
For our details
08 84180900

MAR 4 2019



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Barmera 6.30 - 8pm
Berri 5.00 - 6.30pm
Renmark 5.30 - 7pm

Find us on
facebook for more
details



All intended players must register to trial.
Please visit our Facebook page Barmera Netball Club for the link to register.

TRIALS

20 February

27 February

6 March

BARMERA OUTDOOR COURTS

queries or apologies to
barmeranetballclub@gmail.com

Year Born 2008 and up - trial dates to come

U15's (year born 2006 to 2004)	5:45pm to 7:30pm
<i>(year born 2007 can trial but must play morning netball as well)</i>	
U17's & Seniors (year born 2003 up)	7:15pm to 9:00pm

ALL team trainings will be on Wednesday Nights as a Club

WANTED

- Plastic bottles for worm widdle
- Plastic packing tape for an Art/Technology activity
- Tins with metal lid for Riverlinx and recycling
- Cardboard boxes ie. cereal boxes

April 2019

NEXT STEP PROGRAM



5-8 year olds | \$90

Monday 15 April, Adelaide Oval
9am - 12pm OR 1pm - 4pm
Restricted to 120 registrations per session.

9-14 year olds | \$110

Tuesday 16 April, Adelaide Oval
9am - 2pm
Maximum 125 registrations.

Each participant will receive:

Personalised Guernsey, football, drink bottle, SANFL Statewide Super League Grand Final Family Pass & other awesome goodies.

Register before 25 February, for your chance to be one of the 2019 SANFLW Grand Final Medal Presenters



REGISTER NOW

These clinics will sell out fast - DON'T MISS OUT
Registrations close Monday 4 March

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