



Keyneton Primary School

'hand in hand'

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*We value: respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity and personal excellence
"OK isn't excellent"*



Diary Dates

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3

NHS Band here

Governing Council Meeting

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

Cyber Safety Workshops

3.30 Parent Session

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Pupil Free Day

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7

School Closure for
Adelaide Show

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10

SAPSASA Athletics
at Nuri High

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

Cyber Safety

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14

SRC Farmers in Pyjamas
Fundraiser

WEEK 9

Optional Parent Teacher
Interviews



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Another term is flying by and there has been lots to keep everyone busy and having fun while we are learning. This newsletter has a collection of photos illustrating some of the activities.

Weeks 8, 9, 10

I am going on leave for the last three weeks of term and will be heading to Queensland for an artistic escape. I am pleased to announce that Bec Jamieson will be Acting Principal in my place. She will take over my Middle Primary teaching as well as the admin role, which means as little disruption to classes as possible.

Bec worked with many local schools, including us, when we were introducing the Australian Curriculum. She taught at Lyndoch Primary when I had my first Acting Principal role there in 2003, so she and I have come full-circle. Bec is a very experienced classroom teacher and curriculum leader and has a wealth of knowledge; she has recently been working with the Department in Adelaide. I'm sure you'll all make her welcome; I know she is very excited about being here. Bec will spend the day here on Monday when she will meet everyone and I'll show her the ropes.

Book Week

Thank you, everyone—staff, students, parents, grandparents and Julie Bailey, for your contributions to our very successful Book Week. What a great array of costumes we saw at the Parade, with everyone from the 3 year olds to the 60+ year olds dressing up and having fun! I'm very glad so many of you could join us.

The Activity Day that followed had everyone engaged in a variety of crafty pursuits—we had clay dragons, an ocean made from recycled bits and pieces and terracotta pots were painted ready for some sunflowers and marigolds. Julie Bailey from the Library visited on Friday for additional activities related to the treasure theme and one of the short-listed books.

Numeracy Forum

On Monday the teachers and I attended the Numeracy Forum organised by Educators SA. The key-note speaker was Eddie Woo who was truly inspiring (check out his explanation of Pythagoras's Theorem on YouTube—it's brilliant!) Then we each attended three different workshops presented by teachers. We shared things we had learnt at our staff meeting on Tuesday and certainly came away with ideas that will help us better differentiate lessons for all of our students and challenge them to reach their potential. This is one of the main directions we were given following our External Review, so we are heading down the right path already.

New Swings

We have purchased some new swings to replace a couple with perished chains. If anyone has some spare time and can put them up for us, we'd be very grateful. Thank you, in advance.

Cyber Safety

On Tuesday the Year 4/5s and 6/7s went to Truro to learn about cyber safety. This week the focus was on being “digital citizens”. The acronym THINK helps us decide whether or not something is appropriate to post online. Is it:

True
Helpful
Inspiring
Necessary
Kind?

These lessons will continue for the next three Tuesdays (thank you to the parents who have agreed to help with transport.) I hope you are able to attend the parent session next Tuesday at 3.30pm at Truro Primary. Please arrange to pick up your children earlier if that helps you get there on time.

Primary Class—Volcanoes

In Science and Geography this term we are learning about volcanoes. We decided to create our model of a volcano out of papier-mâché. I named my volcano Mount Bumpasaurus because it is all bumpy and weird.

Firstly we had to get a jar and put some plasticine on the bottom of the jar so it would stick to the tray. Next we had to cover our jar and our entire tray with special papier-mâché glue and strips of paper. It got very sticky and sometimes would fall off the volcano shape. After that we did a lot more layers which took a few days to do because it had to dry overnight. Lastly I painted my volcano; it was very hard because all of the rocky bits of my volcano were rough. I used earthy colours and I mixed some colours together.

Later in the term we will create volcanic eruptions so keep an eye-out for more news. *By Meg*

Co-op Cash for Schools

Thank you to everyone who put their tokens in the KPS collection box at Foodland. You helped us raise \$52.50 which the SRC has decided will be used to purchase a “proper” leather football.

Meg is pictured below with Denice McPhee from the Co-op.



Assessment

We should have NAPLAN test results back any day now so parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 students be on the lookout for those soon.

Next week the Year 3—7 students will complete the online PAT Reading and Maths tests; this is a requirement of the Department. We can access the results for these as soon as they have been completed.

Teachers will analyse this and other data at our November Pupil Free Day which will help us prepare future teaching and learning programmes as well as next year’s Site Improvement Plan.





Parent Consultation Meeting Reminder

Thursday October 18, 7pm

Crèche provided

More information to be distributed at the end of term.



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 ASG NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Since its establishment in 1984, NEITA has awarded 3,500 exceptional teachers and leaders with over \$1 million dollars in grants and prizes.

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Now it's your turn - tell us all about your inspirational teacher! The 12 winners across each category will receive a \$5,000 grant and be flown in to attend a special awards event in Melbourne.

Nominations for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards are judged on examples of one or more of the following areas:

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

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Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May 2019 can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Families are encouraged to register for 2019.

For more information
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Every donation can save three lives.

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Soldiers Memorial Hall
46 Murray Street, Nuriootpa

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Tuesday 4 September	10:30 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 5 September	11:30 am – 7:00 pm
Thursday 6 September	10:30 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 7 September	7:30 am – 3:00 pm

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Books and Gifts Direct

There are items available to order in the office that some of the younger students have noticed and liked.

Pop in and have a look if you're looking for an inexpensive gift.