



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

WEDNESDAY AUG 15

Year 1 Phonics Screening

NEXT WEEK BOOK WEEK

WEDNESDAY AUG 22

R-2 Kindy Visit

THURSDAY AUGUST 23

9.00am

Book Week Parade
Crafty Activity Day

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

Julie Bailey from
Barossa Library
Activity Sessions

MONDAY AUGUST 27

Teachers at Numeracy
Forum in Adelaide
normal day for students

TUESDAY AUGUST 28

CybersafeME at Truro
Year 4-7
Parent session
3.30pm

We are off to a good start and everyone is right into their key topics for this term. The Primary class is learning about volcanoes using the science topic *Creators and Destroyers*, and they will be researching and presenting projects on a particular volcano and its country. The JPs are studying *Night and Day* and have a real focus on recycling, which they have introduced across the school.

Raelene probably feels like she hasn't been away, Shari survived the earthquakes in Bali and Lauren is doing a great job in the JP Class while Kate is away. Kate will be back in SA on Thursday but has the rest of the term off.

They're Engaged!

We have exciting news! Kate O'Connell and Garry Clothier became engaged last week. Evidently Garry timed it beautifully, whilst paddling in a canoe with Kate on Lake Louise in Canada. Lucky they didn't topple over in the excitement! We all wish them the very best for the future.

Cyber Safety

Truro has organised four CybersafeME sessions for the small schools Year 4-7 students. They are also running a parent session on Tuesday 4th September at 3.30, which I highly recommend. A note will go out shortly, asking if you're interested in the Parent session, and we will need one extra driver for each student session, so please help if you can.

End of Year Concert Date

So that Mr and Mrs Adler can attend each other's concert "swan songs" before they retire we would like to make the date for our concert **TUESDAY DECEMBER 11**.

In recent years our concerts have been on the Wednesday night – I hope this change doesn't pose a problem for any families.



Dealing with Concerns Brochure

Please find attached to this newsletter our Dealing with Concerns brochure. It is very important that we do address any concerns (no matter how small) that may arise from time to time. Often just a chat with the teacher or with me is all it takes to set people's minds at ease. Please refer to the brochure for the process for raising any concerns, whether they be to do with students, or curriculum, or classroom queries; we will always make time to talk with you.

2019

At Governing Council last night we discussed some creative possibilities for managing our classes next year. We are very keen to connect with all of you to hear your thoughts. Please watch for more information about how we will organise this process—we'll be in touch soon.

Next week is Book Week

Parade

*Thursday August 23, 9.00am
All welcome.*



There will be lots of activities related to the shortlisted books throughout the week, including a full day of literacy and crafty fun on Thursday August 23.

This year's theme of "Find Your Treasure" opens up all sorts of possibilities for costumes for the parade—your treasure could be a special book, it could be a pet, or a toy, or there is the obvious pirate theme—use your imagination for your costumes, but keep it simple and creative.

Work Health Safety

I am very grateful to Mel Donohue who has agreed to work a few hours here when I need help with all of the WHS safety checks and documentation. She was here on Friday and did a couple of hours to get all the "tasks" up to date. Thank you, Mel!

Year 1 Phonics Screening

You may have seen the ad on TV about this. This screening was trialled last year and this year all Education Department Year 1 students will be tested.

The phonics screening check takes between 7 to 10 minutes per child and assesses a child's ability to match letters to sounds and then blend them together to form words.

This screening will be useful in helping teachers to identify students who need additional help with their phonics skills, and inform their own judgement on what approaches to take with individual students to help them progress.

Wellbeing Survey

Last week the Year 4–7 students completed the online wellbeing survey. This anonymous survey provides the Department with information about children's social and emotional wellbeing; school relationships and engagement and learning in school; physical health and after school activities.

We will receive our collated school results, without names, later in the year.

New Technology

Our interactive whiteboards have seen better days and have not been reliable for some time now. We have ordered two BenQ interactive flat panels which are far clearer and more user-friendly than whiteboards ever were. They can be used in a similar way but, with multi-touch capability, several students can use the panel at one time.

We are hoping they can be installed on the Pupil Free Day.

Thank you to the P&F who agreed to help us with the purchase of these major pieces of equipment.



Everyone had a great time on **"Fantastic Friday"** - look at the smiling, proud faces! Thank you to Jeff Bellman, Natalie Seelander and Tanya Henke for organising the afternoon of woodworking, chocolate making and scrapbooking. The next Fantastic Friday is in Week 9, starting at 12.00pm.

Happy Healthy Families

Saturday 18th August 2018
9am - 1pm Mannum Football Oval

Free Activities for Kids
Jumping Castle
Wildlife Display Face Painting
Create a Playground **Fun for Youth**

OPAL Smoothie Bike Information Stalls

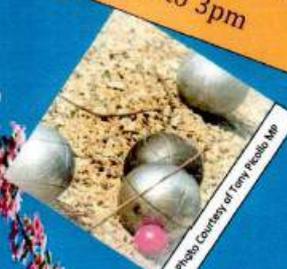
Entry fees to football ground apply
Adults \$8, students/pensioners \$5
Entry before 9am is \$4 for all adults with under 17s free

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Spring has Sprung
The Grass has Riz
Wondering where the ACTION is?

COME & TRY PETANQUE AT GAWLER PETANQUE CLUB
HALLAM DRIVE GAWLER
Bring the Children, Grand Children and the Grand Parents. All Welcome!!

Saturday 8 September
11am to 3pm

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Hosted by Gawler Petanque Club
Equipment and Training available
Free Lunch and Prizes
Call Glenis or Stan on 0488910294




OFFICIAL OPENING Dementia Friendly Community Garden

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2018
11.30AM TO 3.30PM

AT BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS, RESEARCH ROAD, NURIJOOTPA

A Family fun day for everyone...

- Food stalls
- Children's activities
- Music by local artists
- Garden tours and more

Come and hear the 'Dementia Friendly Communities' childrens book - 'Grandpa's Lost The Plot' authored by Barb Storey & illustrated by Greg Haar



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Community Investment Program

With the construction of the Keyneton Wind Farm now approved there is the opportunity for the whole community to contribute to developing a "master plan" that will maximise the benefits of significant, on-going investment from Pacific Hydro.

At its core, the program aims to empower local communities to identify the initiatives and projects that Pacific Hydro should support. A range of methods is used to meet this aim, tailored to the specific needs of each locality.

A community engagement session is being held next Sunday August 19, 2.30—4.30.

Please register your interest here so that as many people as possible have input ...
<http://www.pacifichydro.com.au/english/projects/development/keyneton-wind-farm/>