It’s Science Week

It’s been a busy week in the Science classroom this week with lots of exciting smells and concoctions emanating from the room. Play dough made from scratch, chemical mixtures brewed; there’s been some good science going on.

Science teacher Kelly Charlton is also planning excursions to visit the KESAB recycling plant at Wingfield for the older classes and a visit from KESAB for the younger students in the next few weeks.

And it’s Book Week...

Next week will be exciting as we celebrate our shortlisted books and dress up as our favourite book characters.

On Thursday we’ll be joining the kindy at 9am for some shortlisted book activities and having a parade of our own dress ups as our favourite book characters (avoid super heroes please!)

On Friday after lunch we’re having campfires around the oval and have invited local story tellers to sit by the fire and tell us stories. We’ll also share our own favourite books with a buddy.

Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us for all these activities. (If any family happens to have a brazier we can borrow we’d be pleased to hear from you.)

Thanks Ben Wye

A favourite activity for students across the years has been the “9 Hole” dove cote on the basketball court. In the last month some of our dads at Ben Wye Engineering have repaired and repainted it so it should be good for another twenty years!

Choir to the Magic Millions

On Wednesday our Festival of Music Choir goes to their first big rehearsal at the Morphettville racecourse in the amphitheatre where they sell the thoroughbred racehorses - an ideal venue! They’re working towards the concert on September 14th.

Also on Wednesday they will be performing at Summertown church for a seniors club.

Congrats to…

Mitchell Makings and Jordie Beauchamp who are off with the district SAPSASA football and netball teams this week.

Closure Day for the Royal Show

Don’t forget the School Closure day on the 9th of September for the Royal Show!

Curriculum Matters

Teachers worked hard last Friday during our Pupil Free Day spent examining in some detail the process for teachers to develop student writing from curriculum documents to the student writing page with Bron Parkin. We think it was a very useful day and expect some good outcomes for our students.

Cool Ensembles

Each Friday our woodwind, brass and drum students get together to start learning how to be a band. At their first rehearsal they rushed out afterwards saying “You should have heard us. We
were awesome!” Thanks to Ian Matear and Aaron Lipp from the Instrumental Music Service and Ellen Mitchell our drumming private provider for their support of this. Ellen and guitar teacher Guy Philips also are developing a drum and guitar ensemble for us.

**Lego League learning**

Imagine a table tennis table with boxes drawn on it. Then put strange objects made from Lego on top of the boxes. Then a little robot that has to navigate its way through the obstacles to get to the other end - but it can’t be helped by people! Our Lego League team “Built From Uraidla” is now learning to program and build the robot for our November Competition. Watch this space!

**Governing Council update**

The GC met last Tuesday and decided:
* To have a working bee on Sunday 11th of September ending with a wood fired pizza for lunch. Please note the changed date from the 5th of September. (It’s hard to compete with Fathers’ Day!)
* To offer a direct debit service to parents to help pay for ongoing OSHC fees.
* To review our 10c recycling containers so they can be more easily collected and returned.
* To ask the school to review the school brochure and where it is made available to prospective families.

**James Parkin**

Principal

**Round the Classes**

**Rec/Year 1:** We have been keeping a close eye on the Olympics and using the medal tally in our Maths lessons. We have also been looking at the different countries and their flags. Our class has researched and answered many inquiry questions but still have some to find out.

**Year 1/2/3:** We are learning about graphs in Maths. We are looking at Bar, Line and Picture graphs. We have made a selection in class by interviewing each other on favourite foods, colours and pastimes.

**Year 4/5:** In Maths the year 4/5 class has been designing and pricing ‘shoeboxes of love’. ‘Shoeboxes of love’ contain items which are given to children at Christmas time who are less fortunate than us. They contain; something to love, something to wear, something for school, something special, something to play with and something for hygiene. We have already had many donations, if you would like to donate please drop items off at the year 4/5 class.

**Year 5/6/7:** This is Cara’s last week!! We have enjoyed having her in our class. Working on our own invented health food snack has been fun and our brochures for these are nearly finished. We continue to learn through our mixed maths mental group – by discussing and sometimes arguing our point of view. Readers Cup has finished, one more debate to go, online NAPLAN almost over, Book Week activities to look forward to….busy busy.

We have missed Jordan B and Mitchell who have been off representing the Hills at netball and football.

**Science:** We have been experimenting with solids and liquids these last two weeks. We have made slime, playdough and goo. We have had some messy fun!

**Indonesian:** Last week we had a fantastic workshop with the Adelindo Angklung Indonesian music group. The children learnt how to hold and play traditional angklung instruments. It was great fun and we sounded pretty good too! This week the 4/5/6/7s have been learning about the Indonesian coat of arms to coincide with Indonesian Independence Day on 17th August. We celebrated with some Indonesian sweets.
Gardening: Denise from “The Owl and the Elephant” invited some students to come and hear about the sustainable practices used at the café. The students were prepared with some questions of their own to ask Denise about recycling, the use of palm oil and shopping locally. I was proud of their enthusiasm, enjoyment and thankfulness to Denise and myself for the experience.

Daring Debating!
Last week three debating teams headed out to Pulteney Grammar to compete against Belair Primary, Burnside Primary and East Adelaide. The first team included Olivia W., Austin and Olivia B. Unfortunately Olivia B. was sick on the night and KT was roped in at the last minute and filled in for her. Their team was negative.
The second team was Jordan B., Jordan S. and Angus. They were the affirmative. The final team was Joshua M., Ben and Scala. They were the negative team. The topic of the night was “Children on the naughty List should not get a Present”.

Sadly, all the teams lost but Ben and Jordan B. both won best speakers of the night.
By KT

Readers’ Cup
On Friday the 5th of August the Readers’ Cup Team (Olivia B., Olivia W., Josh M., Yasmin and Jordan B.) went to Crafers Primary School to perform their act on the book “ANZAC Biscuits”. They had been making props for the previous two weeks and putting together their act. At the end of the night there had been 13 acts from different schools. There were many ideas used to represent the book and they ranged from paintings to songs and even a puppet show. The scores were combined with the quiz that was held on the 5th of July. We also had Phil Cummings, the author of ANZAC Biscuits there and he gave the award to the winners and runners up. After the two weeks of work the Uraidla team were runners up in the competition.
By Olivia W

Shoeboxes of Love
The year 4/5 class are designing and making up ‘shoeboxes of love’. ‘Shoeboxes of love’ contain items which are given to children at Christmas time who are less fortunate than us. They contain; something to love, something to wear, something for school, something special, something to play with and something for hygiene. Any extra items are most welcome so if you would like to donate an item or two please drop them off at the year 4/5 class or leave them at the Front Office.

A Note from Mary
With Sallie’s class, we have been looking at the book, “The Mouse, the Monster and Me” by Pat Palmer. This book helps children to understand there are different ways of reacting to things that go wrong and different ways of asking for things. We learn that we are all different, but there are things which we are uniquely good at, and which we uniquely enjoy. Knowing these strengths helps us to be stronger and more resilient. We spent several sessions thinking about our strengths, and telling others the strengths we noticed that they have.
In later sessions, we have been learning to express ourselves not like a mouse (whining or whinging or hoping someone will read my mind) or like a monster (shouting and raging), but like ourselves – stating what we would like in an honest and assertive way, and accepting the answer. I’m sure we all need more practice at this, but understanding the concepts is a good start!
We have a few more weeks to go, in which we will be looking at when we should say “No”, and how to say it, and how to cope with criticism (and with compliments).
Mary
OSHC News

OSHC has had a fantastic start to Term 3! We are really enjoying that the days are getting a bit longer and we can be active outside again. Farewell to Alex as she commences her final year teaching practicum next week, we wish her all the best and look forward to having her back in the last week of term. During this time Connagh will be assisting our service and we are looking forward to seeing her about OSHC a bit more than usual! Our Seesaw communication application is up and running but we have been experiencing some difficulties with internet connections in order to send home pictures, great work to those who have connected to their child/ren’s OSHC journal. Hopefully you will receive a photograph soon! If you need any assistance connecting your device to our Seesaw application, please don’t hesitate to pop by or give us a call.

The children have brainstormed their ideas for our Term 3 program and have really enjoyed the specific nature of the planned activities to suit when they are likely to be attending OSHC. MasterChef was a hit! We had some very clever little chefs who created homemade cakes which we also shared with families. We have also enjoyed engaging with new Science experiments, making lanterns and circus challenges! The children love our new before school care weekly focus too which has involved lots of modified Olympic Games! As usual, if you have any questions please contact us via email, phone or in person.

Fathers’ Day

The fantastic fundraising committee will be making up bags of biscuits to sell for $5 on Friday 2nd September for Fathers’ Day. They are looking for donations of sweet biscuits so here’s a great opportunity to get baking with your children! Homemade are preferable but any donations will be welcome! Donations can be dropped at the Front Office on Thursday 1st September in time for the committee to make up the bags.

Community News

WANT COURT TIME?

come along to the
Uraidla Tennis Club
JUNIOR & SENIOR PLAYER
Registration Day

Friday 26th August
3.30 pm – 7.30 pm, at the club

Juniors wishing to play matches this coming season can come along with family members and register for teams and coaching squads. Meet the new junior coach, enjoy nibbles, refreshments and a hit of tennis.

Mums, dads and friends can get together, register and submit their own teams to play Saturday afternoon comp, Tuesday night comp or mid-week Tuesday morning comp, or join one of our existing teams, and make use of our wonderful facilities!

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