Ready to lay siege to a small castle!

Joshua Morrall as his class home project this term decided to build a “trebuchet” – a machine designed to throw large rocks at castles. After many hours of design and building work with his dad, Joshua brought his trebuchet to school this week and demonstrated it to us using softballs. Extremely dramatic!

Musical Triumph

On Wednesday our Festival of Music Choir braved the elements to rehearse then perform at the Festival Theatre. It was a wonderful performance by over 400 students of whom our students were a small part. It followed our own Music Evening last Thursday when conductor Aerlie Wildy led the larger choir and Ellen Mitchell conducted the drum ensemble through some wonderful performances. We are very proud of our students and their hard-musical-work this year.

Fix It Hopscotch!

At a special assembly this week students were introduced to our new Fix-it Hopscotch conflict resolution plan. We’re using it as a scaffold for our peer mediators to work with younger students to resolve issues in the yard and to develop a common language across the school that all students and staff understand. It looks like this so ask your children about it.

Working Bee & Morning Tea

Thanks to the folk who turned out last Sunday morning for the Spring Working Bee and stayed for the morning tea. A lot of planting along the Showgrounds fence and brush cutting and blowing done. It is a credit to Uraidla families that across the years so much has been done by them at school working bees that has had a long lasting effect for families and students coming behind.

Lightning Carnival sunk!

To much disappointment we’ve had to postpone the Lightning Carnival next week as our ovals are too wet for mowing and line marking. We will remake a date mid next term to try again. Thanks to all our helpers who offered to help with the canteen. We’ll be in touch!
October Vacation Care
If your family needs Vacation Care please book in quickly. Director Emily Willsmore has prepared an exciting and fun program for the fortnight of the school holidays.

OSHC fees
No, they’re not going up! Our OSHC service attempts to operate on a break even basis to support our families but we have had to tighten up on cancellations and bookings as extra staff are employed on the basis of bookings and we have to cover costs.
From now on cancellations will need to be done one working day prior to avoid the fee. Bookings can be made at any time but if staffing ratios have been reached late bookings may not be possible. So book early or have permanent bookings!

James Parkin
Principal

Round the Classes
Rec/Year 1: We have been working on our theme ‘identity’. Our class is looking at how we are the same and how we are different. We have discussed and illustrated our favourite place at our house. Have a look at our eyes near the Library door and see if you can work out who is who!
Year 1/2/3: We have started learning about Civics and Citizenship. In particular, we are focusing on rules; Why do we have them? Who makes them? We have made up our own cities in art and drawn up some rules for people to live in them.
Year 4/5: This week our class has been looking at the art works of Kandinsky. We have looked at how he used colours, shapes and layering to create abstract works of art. From our investigation of Kandinsky we created our own interpretations of his work. Our art pieces look amazing and will be on view in the passageway soon. Please come and admire.
Year 5/6/7: I have heard lots of interesting stories about the successes and challenges of home projects and am looking forward to the home project exhibition on Thursday night in Week 10. We are all enjoying discovering facts about our favourite authors – and next week we will investigate what makes them good writers.

Indonesian: The junior primary children have been adding new pages to and re-writing our story ‘Kancil dan Buaya’. They have been very clever and creative. The older students are consolidating their learning with translation writing and comprehension tasks as well as enjoying the new topics on Zondle which include strange facts about Indonesia.

Science: The year 4/5 and 5/6/7 classes enjoyed going on the Wingfield Recycling Depot excursion. They learnt a lot about how materials are recycled and reused. The R/1 and 1/2/3 classes also enjoyed the incursion, particularly the recycle relay. They have been creating red back spiders using recycled materials.

A Note from Mary
I was reading last night about children managing difficult emotions. I thought I would share with you some of the main points.
Some emotions can be very strong and difficult for children to learn to manage. Emotions such as anger, anxiety, disappointment and jealousy can all create big reactions in children. These reactions can be frightening for a child, especially if they make them lose control. If parents are able to treat these strong reactions as opportunities for their children to learn rather than behaviours which need to be punished, children can be helped to do it better next time.
When a child has experienced or is experiencing a big emotion, it can be helpful for the adults around him or her to name the emotion and normalise it (that is confirm that everyone feels that way sometimes). The child can be taught that the feelings are OK, it is not OK to use the feelings as an excuse to hurt someone or something. If that child can then be taught to calm down and eventually to learn to calm themselves by saying “OK I feel angry, everyone feels angry sometimes, I will be OK. I can talk about the problem with someone and sort it out, I can breathe slowly and deeply, I can relax my body.” Or if anxious, “I feel worried, everyone gets worried sometimes, I can relax my body and breathe slowly, I have lots of people who love and care for me, I can talk to someone about this”.
And if there is a specific issue that keeps provoking that emotion, perhaps it would be useful to rehearse the self-talk in a calm moment. For example if losing a game makes a child angry, rehearsing saying, “That’s OK, maybe I’ll win another day”, or if going for a sleepover makes them anxious, “I’ll just read my book with my torch until I get sleepy”.

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There are a number of books in the parent library to help you parent children who find these areas difficult. See me if you need help.

Mary

Uniform Orders
A reminder that uniform order forms are due back by Monday 19th September (week 9). As stated on the form this will be the only uniform order until term 1 so please plan ahead to ensure you have sufficient uniform supplies.

OSHC News
We have been a very busy bunch of bodies at OSHC the past fortnight! Our before school care weekly program has been a hit for getting the children moving and their brains ready for the school day. Learning the Ice Age Continental Drift has been a favourite for the mornings so if your child/ren has been at BSC I’m sure they would love to show you their dance moves! We have also been learning new yoga movements and mindfulness to kick start the day. Last week we enjoyed fun show activities such as face painting, crazy hair, pancakes and foil art. Since the wintery weather has returned, our camping afternoon was a great success! We roasted yummy marshmallows over the fire and learnt how to pitch tents. We have received some fantastic feedback about our OSHC Seesaw application and are glad lots of families have connected to their child/ren’s journals! If you have not yet connected and have your unique code, feel free to pop by the OSHC room for some assistance, you can also connect to receive messages/photographs of your child/ren via email if you’d prefer (as opposed to smartphone application). Our October Vacation Care program has been sent out on Skoolbag for your convenience and a hardcopy was sent home with the last newsletter, it is already looking busy and we look forward to receiving more bookings!

Casual Day
The last day of term will be a casual dress day (with neat casual dress) so that Carmen Llewellyn can take photos for the Xmas fundraising calendars/diaries etc as in previous years. If you have children who are not at school but you would like included in the photo please ring Carmen on 0417 858 258 to arrange. More information will come home next term regarding ordering the calendars and diaries. If you don’t wish to order calendars/diaries etc there will be an option this year to purchase the image for your own use from the school.
ACCM presents

Two Adelaide seminars by **Steve Biddulph** (family psychologist and one of the world's best parent educators)

Concordia College Chapel  
24 Winchester St  
Highgate, SA 5063

**Raising Girls** Tuesday 1 November 2016 - 7:30pm

Based on his best-selling book. Steve discusses babyhood to womanhood - and how to help your daughter grow up wise, warm and strong.

**Raising Boys** Wednesday 2 November 2016 - 7:30pm

Based on million copy world wide bestseller. Steve will talk about why boys are different and how to help them become happy and well-balanced men