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Our Governing Council - have your say
This Saturday at the school from 9.30-12noon the Governing Council is meeting to have input into the school plans for next year. They’ll see information about student achievement, community opinion and our successes and challenges for the year. They’ll then have time to help set some directions for 2017.
This event is not restricted to Governing Councillors, so if you’re an interested parent please come along.

Welcome to…
River Careswell has enrolled in the year 4/5 class and has settled in really well. We wish him and his dad Paul a happy time at Uraidla Primary.

Don’t like to harp but…
Thanks to those families that have been able to take a turn on the Lightning Carnival canteen roster in the clubrooms next Tuesday to Thursday 10am till 2pm. There are still spaces for helpers if you can find some time.

Classes 2017
Next year we move to five classes made up of two R/1 classes and a 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 class. Our school numbers grow to about 110 students.

Curriculum Matters
The art and science in teaching is in knowing when to teach what to students. We have an Australian Curriculum to guide us but different students need different learnings at different times and pitching the teaching correctly is a measure of a good teacher.
Good teachers think about this a lot and at Uraidla we spend a lot of time talking about it and about your children and what they need.
Teachers focus on both the big ideas that enable students to do “big” thinking and the explicit learning that lets them engage with the big ideas. If you’d like to know more about big ideas please ask your child’s teacher.

How’s your Bushfire Action Plan? A bit damp?
Summer will be on us and with all this rain there’ll be plenty of growth to become a fire risk. Michael Coulson from the CFS will be at school on the evening of Wednesday 2nd of November from 7.30pm to help families plan their Bushfire Action Plans. Please put it in your diary so you can be ready.

Being safe online
Dr Tess Opie will talk about the horrifying data about students’ safety on line and what practical measures parents can put in place to support their children when they’re on the computer and out in the cyberspace. Tess will be with us on the evening of November 16th in the school hall.

Uraidla Cherries and Berries Picnic
This date has got to be in your diary!! Please be part of the fun at the picnic on Sunday November 27 at this all-local clubs, churches, schools and businesses event. Food stalls, bbq, bands, games including bowls, golf, tug of war, vegetable races and finishing with the great Rusty Boys from the Uraidla Show this year.

Wheels Day Washout
Our attempt at Wheels Day was washed out last Friday but we’ll have another attempt on Friday the 18 November.

James Parkin
Principal
Round the Classes

Rec/Year 1: We are excited to be back for a busy term 4. We are finishing our topic on identity by making life-size dolls of ourselves. In Maths we are starting to look at measurements using informal units.

Year 1/2/3: In Maths the year 3s have been learning about decimals. They have placed decimal numbers from least to greatest. The year 1s and 2s have been ordering whole numbers based on their knowledge of place value.

Year 4/5: This term for History the year 4/5 class are investigating Australian migrants. We have been finding out where our ancestors have come from. In Writing we have looked at how other authors write “sizzling starts” and we have been stealing their ideas to inspire our own “sizzling starts”.

Year 5/6/7: Our exhibition was fantastic… so many parents, grandparents and even neighbours!! Such a high standard and lots of creativity – well done to everyone.

Halloween has been a great catalyst for us to revisit some narrative writing…lots of fabulous vocabulary being explored. We are paying a lot of attention to planning our writing.

In Maths we are focusing a lot on the “why?” We often know how to get an answer but communicating the nitty gritty of how we get there can sometimes prove difficult.

Canberra for year 7s is only a week away…very exciting.

Indonesian: Ibu Susan is on long service leave and so we have been looking at Indonesian Geography with years 4-7. The R-3 students have learned about the myth of the Tigers of Kalimantan.

Gardening: Observation (1/2/3 class) and sustainability (4/5 class) are the main topics for this term integrated with spring gardening activities. The sun has been shining so we have begun to plant summer fruiting seeds and seedlings.

Science: This term students are focusing on physical science. The R/1s are looking at how things move, 1/2/3s - light and sound, 4/5s - sound and energy and 5/6/7s - different forms of energy.

Year 7 Graduation date change

Please note that the year 7 Graduation is now to be held on Wednesday 30 November.

Year 6/7 Aquatics Camp

Just some advance notice that the year 6/7 Aquatics Camp will be held on Mon – Wed in Week 1 of first term 2017. Further information will be sent home shortly.

A Note from Mary

At the end of last term, I attended a meeting at Littlehampton Primary for local school counsellors and pastoral care workers. We heard from Baptist Care SA: Family Mental Health Support Services, who support children aged 0-18 years and their families, and have just moved into the hills district.

We also heard about the a.c.care Family Support program who will work with parents or carers of children 0-18 years in their own home especially in early intervention, supporting parenting skills in managing challenging behaviour, setting boundaries, communicating effectively and budgeting. This service too has recently extended into the hills region.

I was also able to collect resources from organisations: “Children of Parents with a Mental Illness”, Domestic Violence supports, and Headspace. A speaker from Headspace shared resources for helping a child experiencing anxiety and we all got to share some of our favourite resources we use in our schools.

If you would like to know more about any of these topics catch me and I’ll give you copies or web directions to help.

Mary

What’s the Story? Values Seminar

This seminar/workshop was presented by Schools Ministry Group last Tuesday. The content fitted really well with the work we have been doing this year to foster social inclusion and teach conflict resolution hopefully adding greater depth to students’ understanding.

I was most impressed by a video of the end of a soccer match in which we saw boys from the winning team showing empathy for the losers. (ask your children)

The presenters looked at the meaning of empathy, and why it’s such a significant part of fostering positive relationships. They focused on the use of story as a powerful tool for learning the art of empathy because when we understand the feelings attached to our own stories, we have a greater capacity to relate to the stories and feelings of others, allowing for greater connection and the ability to ‘walk in someone else’s shoes’.

The students listened to and watched stories unfold, and created some of their own to help them develop a greater understanding of the role emotions play in cultivating positive relationships.

Mary
OSH C News

We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 and the children have been sharing their ideas to contribute to the upcoming program. The before and after school care programs have been uploaded to the Skoolbag application and are displayed around the OSHC room/school for your reference. Just a reminder for children to please either bring their school hats to OSHC or have a different hat in their bag to wear at OSHC as we enter the warmer months and the UV rating is generally above 3 after school now! Some of the OSHC staff participated in a SunSmart professional development workshop this week to update our knowledge in this area and ensure that we are implementing sun protective practices at our OSHC! We had an exhausting but successful vacation care, our favourite days were visiting the Farm Barn to feed and hold baby animals, trekking over to our local Red Shed to making wooden planes with the elderly volunteers, in addition to a PJ party/disco, just to mention a few!

FOUNDATION CUP 2016

In the first week of school holidays we went to Foundation Cup which was held in Berri. Foundation Cup is a Tennis SA state tournament held once a year. We had to trial to make it in to the Hills/Murray/Fleurieu team and there were five other district teams representing the state. The competition was very hard but at the end of it all we both went well. Tate’s great effort helped his team come first winning the Super 10s Regional team champion and a gold medal. Ben was ranked number one in his Super 10s team. Our local tennis club is Summertown and Trent, our mate from school and footy, is in our team.

By Ben and Tate
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Linden Park Primary School
5 Highfield Avenue
ST GEORGES SA 5065

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call 8379 8707 to make an appointment.

Ink Pot Arts...
Ink Pot Arts Workshops... ARTS for LIFE
TERM FOUR 2016

CIRCUS
STILL WALKING & JUGGLING for 9 - 15 year olds with Tony Hannan
Juggling 2 sessions starting Monday 31st October, 4pm - 5pm
Mount Barker Town Hall
Sitz 2 Saturdays 12 & 19th November, 2-4pm School oval (venue to be)
Cost: $100 + $6.25 Ink Pot Membership for newcomers

Do you like performing outdoors or would like to try it? Ink Pot Arts is offering skill-building workshops to enable participants to join the kids of the Street Theatre group performing community events. Learn to juggle balls, clubs, rings etc. Get physical with our Street Theatre drama workshops and the offer for developing a dynamic combination of skills?

CIRCUS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:
Ink Pot Arts invites families to register for our workshops for 4-6 year olds and 7-9 years, to take place Monday afternoons after school with Jess Pearce.
E: mail@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

Wildlife of Greater Adelaide is the most comprehensive publication of local wildlife. From the smallest ant to wedge-tailed eagles, this book contains detailed information and photographs of the major groups of animals found in Adelaide - all in a single volume.

Every family needs to own a copy of this wonderful book!

Let me know if you wish to pre-order a copy of the book when you register for the talk.
Registration is essential. To book please email valhunt@ahnrc.org

HELD AT ADELAIDE HILLS NATURAL RESOURCE CENTRE, 1 CRESCENT DRIVE, NORTON SUMMIT
The workshop is partially supported by the Adelaide Hills Ciy Council and the Department of Environment and Heritage.