



URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: 5 April 2019

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Dates To Remember

Sports Day	Thurs April 11
Term 1 ends @ 2.20 (assembly 1.50)	Fri April 12
Pupil Free Day – 1 st day of Term 2	Mon April 29
First school day of Term 2	Tues April 30

Buddy Class Learning

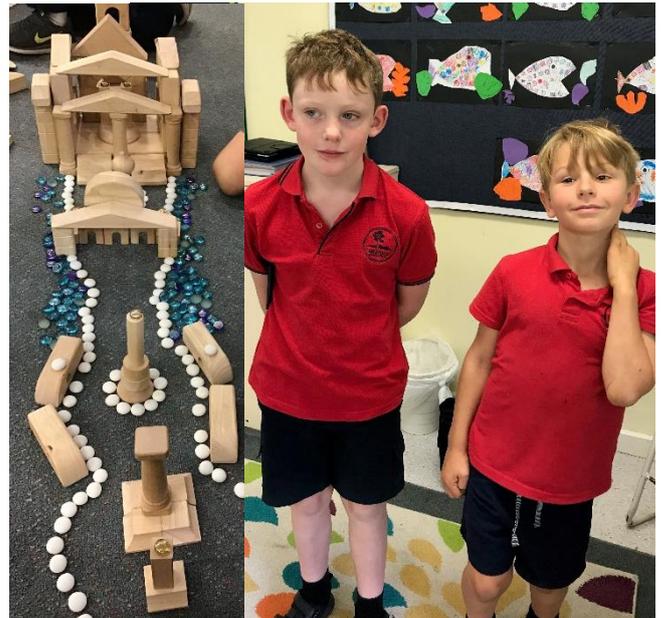
One of the things I really value about our school is the work that happens across classes. This term the Reception class and the 2/3 class have been studying mapping together. They have studied maps, made their own maps of the school, used a compass for direction and looked at landmarks around the world. You may have seen some of their maps around the school, and even mapped where you live!

For their final session they built their own model landmarks using different equipment. They talked about the difficulties of having them free standing and then problem solved. This was a terrific lesson in Design, Engineering and Technology, linking in History and Geography as well. It was an exciting lesson to observe; I was so impressed by their group skills, the way they included others and their total engagement in the task!

This photo shows the 'landmark' that Finn and Aidan created together. I think it shows a terrific understanding of the concepts taught, strong teamwork skills, creativity and aesthetic beauty too. Here's what they had to say about it:

Aidan "We were learning about building our own landmarks. Landmarks are important to know where you are and they also make great tourist attractions. We made the **Mogowal Hall**. I designed a castle monument in my head and then Finn made it even better. He made a storage room full of gold! There's a liberty torch which

means freedom, there's a podium and a grand entrance. It's really a walkway. There's a fountain at the entrance to the building."



Finn "It's an old ancient landmark. It's in Egypt. It used to be a building that kept gold for the rich people. People can come and walk around but they can't go inside because it's been fenced off by big brick walls to protect the gold."

We think any place in the world would be proud to have our landmarks! Shall we build this one at Uraidla Primary? ☺

Working Bee Heroes

We'd like to sincerely thank our very own Working Bee 'heroes' who came out to help last Saturday March 30. Together we were able to consolidate the compost bays, relocate all the beautiful soil donated to us by Imagine Uraidla from the Show grounds to the school, shift the rainwater tank, and prune the front garden area.



A HUGE thank you to:

Alyssa & Steve Howells, Aerie Wildy, Bec Smith, Peter Schroeter, Greg Sarre, Tim Moore, Ruth Donovan and Brad Wilksch.

Thanks to the Howells for the use of their bobcat to move all of the soil, which saved us hours of work!

Thank you also to Ashley Hosking and Barry Gadomski who came in to work on their normal day off... above and beyond the call of duty!



Book Fair

I join students, staff and families in thanking Di Badenoch for hosting a wonderful Book Fair in the library this year for the first time. It was a huge success and together we raised almost \$800 worth of books for our library. Thank you Di!



Pupil Free Day

Just a reminder that the first day of next term, Monday April 29th, is a pupil free day for staff professional learning. OSHC will be available for families on this day.

Learning discussions

It was great to see so many students and families here having discussions about student learning this week. We can feel really proud of our students' ability to articulate their strengths and their next steps in learning. There is a great deal of research showing that students who set their own goals, reflect on their progress and seek feedback about their goals achieve higher academic results. Our real aim though, is that by helping students to become self-aware, they will

take ownership of their learning and actively seek challenge.

Well done students for leading the discussions around your own learning! ☺

Margie

Round the Classes

Reception: With our buddies we built our own model landmark buildings. It was a great time to share ideas and build together. We also visited our Kindy buddies to share a story and plant sweet pea seeds together. We are hoping to get even more flowers than last year.

Year 1/2: Our class has been finishing off our recount writing. We have been learning about doubles and our "friends of 10" in maths. In our Kimochi lessons we have been learning how to be brave with Bug.

Year 2/3: We have had a bigger focus on Growth Mindset this week, trying to understand what it really means and how it applies to us and our everyday learning. We have also started looking at "Big Questions" without a right or wrong answer.

Last week we looked at whether it's ok to tell lies.

Year 4/5: What a fantastic week it has been with the Student Led Conferences. It has been great to hear and see the students talk and reflect on their learning with their parents.

In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction of large numbers. The year 5s have been working on decimal numbers, fractions and ordering these on number lines.

We are continuing to work on our book reports. We have researched the author's history and completed character profiles on the main characters.

Year 6/7: Volleyball at Heathfield, Athletics Day at Oakbank, boys' tennis...busy times for the upper primary students!

We have spent time problem solving in maths and revising punctuation and grammar.

Indonesian: We are spending the last 2 weeks describing body parts as well as revising Indonesian numbers. The older children are counting up to one million which involves lots of thinking!

Science: The students have worked very hard finishing their dioramas and environmental projects (we have two completed 3D models) for Science during the last two weeks. They are looking fabulous and we hope to have them go home next week.



Mac with his Science diorama

District Athletics Day

On Wednesday 3 April the year 5,6 and 7 students went to the District Athletics Day at Oakbank Area School. There were lots of schools there ready to compete in both field and track events. We had such a great time participating in all the events. Phia came 3rd in the 100 metre sprint and Tilly came 3rd in the 800 metre.

The sports were split into age groups, we had people in 11yo, 12yo and 13yo. At the end of the day we had relays. If you placed in the top 4 for relays you got to make it to the finals. Unfortunately some of our teams didn't get into the finals but some teams did. If you placed well in the track races you got to the finals. Tilly and Phia made it into the finals for 800 metres and 100 metres.

There was a canteen that was full of delicious food that we could buy between our races. We all enjoyed the food.

We all had fun participating in the Athletics Day and it got us moving.

By Izzy

PE/Health: We have been working hard on getting ready for Sports Day with our skipping routine, marching, team cheers, health hustle and athletic activities. If you have borrowed a skipping rope, could you please return it as we need it for our whole skipping performance for Sports Day. It is only six sleeps away and everybody is ready for the day.

Jump Rope for Heart - We have till the last day of school this term to enter all the donations made to the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation (Friday, 12th of April) as the program finishes on the last day of term 1. We have raised just over \$2,000, which is amazing! If your child is aiming for a goal, it would be great if you can get it in before the end date as our school goal is \$3,000. Once the program is finished, I will notify the foundation and the prizes will come mid term 2.

MiniRoos We have had five families show interest in the ALDI MiniRoos program for next term. We need **10 families** to participate otherwise it will not go ahead until Term 3. So if your child is interested in the after school activity, go see Sara and Di for an enrolment form before the last day of term 1.



School Sport SA - Swimming

Last Friday I was lucky enough to go to the SAPSASA state swimming carnival at Marion Aquatic Centre, as part of the Hills district team. I was in the 11 year old female freestyle relay team. I swam with Charlotte from Stirling East, Julia from Crafers and Zoe from Hills Christian College School. I swam second and had to swim one lap of the 50m pool. Our team came 4th out of 8 other teams. I felt proud to represent my school and Hills and look forward to competing next year.

By Jade



Lunch and Crunch Volleyball

In week 9 the year 4/5 and 6/7 classes went to Heathfield High School to play volleyball. The students played on the various courts that Heathfield offer; these were grass, indoor and beach courts. It was a fantastic morning; we got to improve our volleyball skills and meet lots of new kids from other schools.



Boys' Knockout Tennis

On Tuesday 26 March Riley, Alastair, Lachlan and I went to the Uraidla tennis courts to play in the School Sport SA knockout tennis competition for two rounds. First we went up against Lenswood Primary. We equalled them in sets so winning went down to the games, it turns out that we beat them by 5 games at 23-28. We ate our lunch and were pretty happy with ourselves until we had to compete against Crafers who we also equalled in games. It was very tight but in the end we worked out that we had lost by only 1 game and were out of the competition.



It was a good day nevertheless and we were all happy that we had been given the opportunity and had actually beaten a team in the process. Thank you to Shane Irvine for coming out to the tennis and helping us and to Lachy in year 5 for stepping up to play in the year 6/7 competition.
By Sam M

Sports Day

We are all very excited about Sports Day on Thursday next week. We have been practising for our events and working on our team cheers. We look forward to seeing all the parents and grandparents cheering us along on the day. Don't forget to bring along your cake donations on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out on the day. The program will be put on Skoolbag shortly.

The **Easter Raffle** will be drawn at the end of the day. **We are still missing quite a few books so if you haven't returned yours please do so as soon as possible.**

A Note from Mary

Holidays are almost here! I think all the staff and students are ready for a break and a bit of relaxation.

Maybe you can brainstorm with your children what is relaxing for them. Some kids love to relax with a movie or a good book, whereas others may find that more stressful, and would rather bounce up and down on a trampoline or play quietly in the sandpit or with construction toys. If you help your children to each find their "relaxation thing", maybe you could then set a relaxation hour for all the family, sit back and enjoy whatever you like to do to relax!

I find it is always a bit of a juggle fitting in all the things I really want to do in the holidays, but it is good to leave some space for just being – I find the most creative things happen when children are left for a while to get bored! Whatever you do, enjoy spending time with your children!

If you are planning a trip away in the holidays, I wish you a safe and happy time.

Mary

OSHC

The April School Holidays are nearly here and that means so is Vacation Care with OSHC! We have an awesome program planned and we already have so many of you booked in, however there are still plenty of spaces available at this stage. Please do not hesitate to contact us and book your child/ren in for any of our sessions!

Also! The first day back of Term 2 (Monday 29 April) is a **Pupil Free Day**, so the school will be closed. OSHC will be running a full day Vacation Care style session (8:30am-6pm) and if you would like to book your child in please do so ASAP as spaces are limited.

As per normal you can book in and contact us via email, text, phone call or in person! Also you can always book your child/ren in via the front office, either with Sara or on our Vacation Care sign-up sheet near the printers ☺

We have also been having heaps of fun in the last few weeks with plenty of creative crafts, music & movie making, as well as cooking yummy snacks and lots of laugh all around!

See you around, -OSHC team ☺

