



URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

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Dates To Remember

Start of Term 2

Mon 27 April

A term to remember

Well here we are at the end of term. I think I can easily say this is one term *none of us will ever forget*, for the rest of our lives!

I would like to thank all students, staff and families for their unwavering positivity during this strange and unsettling time. I have been reflecting on the possible upsides of this situation, and it seems to me that even though we are all physically self-isolating to various degrees, we feel somehow MORE connected during this time.

Today I watched the year 6/7s connect by videoconference through Zoom, half at home and half at school. The joy on their faces was a sight to behold. I am really looking forward to the new learning we all experience next term as we venture into the unknown in terms of new modes of learning. I will send more information about what this might look like at the end of next week via Skoolbag, so keep checking the app! 😊

At school we have been intentionally focussing on wellbeing. Here we are dancing together at one of our mini-assemblies last week.



The Year 1/2 class made worry dolls to help them process their fears about the changes at this time.



If your children are worrying about the Coronavirus, you may wish to access the free online platform Calm Kid Central (CKC). CKC is an online portal run by child psychologists, which aims to help kids feel calm, confident and co-operative. The psychologists will answer parent questions and they also provide a series of animated videos and activities for children which help them manage their worries.



This program is funded by the Adelaide Primary Health Network and at present is available at no cost to parents. To sign up, please go to www.calmkidcentral.com and use the access voucher code **FIRSTYEAR**.

Thank you

A big *Thank You* to Di Badenoch for putting on another amazing Book Fair! The numbers of sales were a bit lower due to our social distancing measures, but the children were absolutely delighted to see this bookstore set up inside their own school. Di spent a great deal of extra time setting up and packing up, and managing sales at all hours, and we really appreciate her efforts to organise this special event for the children.

We were very grateful to receive a grant from the Stirling Rotary for \$1000 towards a 'mud kitchen' for the playground. We look forward to getting one of these made up this year and installed in the Fairy Garden. This photo shows an example of what a mud kitchen might look like.



Summertown Uniting Church has also given us \$200 from their car boot sale toward a social equity fund to use at school. We thank both of these groups for their kindness and generosity towards our school!

We were very grateful that the Uraidla Pharmacy offered some of their homemade hand sanitiser to the school, when supplies were low. What a lovely display of kindness within the community. Thank you!

Happy Holidays!

I wish you all a very happy time at home with your family these holidays. I have been thinking of making these onion skin dyed Easter eggs that my family made every year when I was a child. Well, ours didn't always look as perfect as these, but we were always thrilled with the results! I wish you some fun Easter and holiday projects too.



Thank you once again most sincerely for all of your lovely emails, treats, cards and best wishes. It says a lot about this community that families have shown such generosity of spirit, expressing gratitude and care for staff wellbeing while going through such a challenging time themselves.

I'd like to finish with a quote from a parent email I received today which sums up my feelings about this community so well:

We, as a family, feel fortunate to be a part of such a close knit community and look forward to a time when the entire school - students, staff and their families - can gather together.

Margie

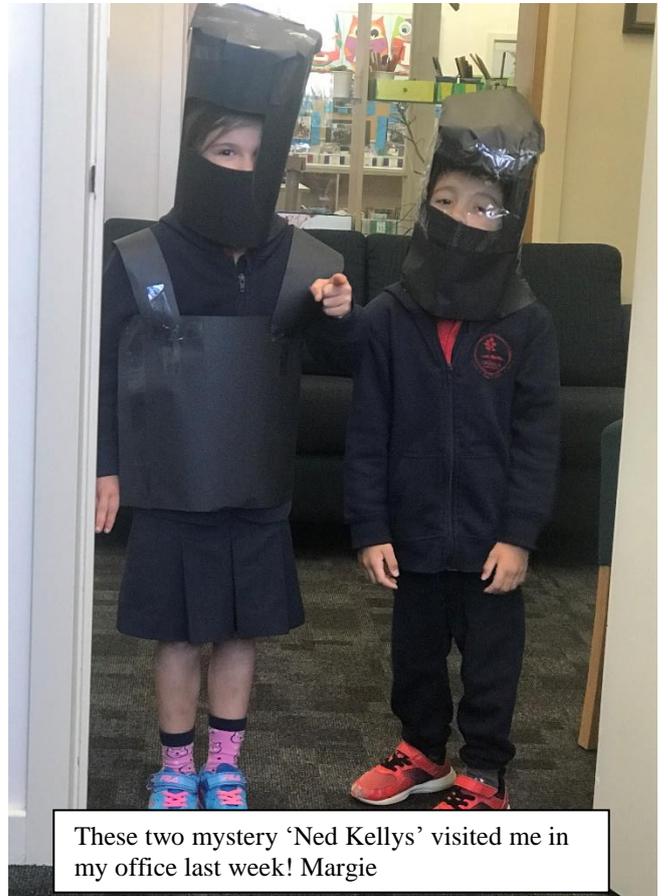
Round the Classes

Reception: As we get to the end of the term our focus is on the last few sounds to learn and being able to blend them into words. Our bank of tricky words is growing and we have been reading simple readers in class. Our number knowledge is going on to twenty, not just counting but being able to make the number with different objects and breaking them up into 10 and how many more.



Receptions sharing their artwork at assembly

Year 1/2: We have been having a lot of fun learning about Easter and how to differentiate between odd and even numbers.



These two mystery 'Ned Kellys' visited me in my office last week! Margie

Year 2/3: We have completed our learning about Ned Kelly.

In maths we started learning about fractions, specifically the $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. We have learnt to identify them and to draw them. We have started to make the connection between fractions and money.

Year 4/5: Our class has been working on persuasive writing. We have been focusing on the structure of persuasive writing, using emotive language and modal verbs.

In art we have investigated Charles Russell. Russell was a working cowboy who painted authentic western life in his art works. Our class painted sunsets using water colours and made

silhouette landscapes out of black cardboard which emulate the West.

In maths we have been working on relative size, ordering numbers up to 100 000 and number lines. We have also continued to work on addition and subtraction of large numbers.

In STEAM TEAM on Friday afternoons we run six STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) focused activities. One of the activities we are running at the moment is to design your own fidget spinner using 3D software. We have then been able to print some of the designs and they spin!

Year 6/7: We have had a lovely couple of low key weeks. Although we have been following our normal program we have been doing it with the radio on and, hate to say it, with a few sweet treats. In the last few days we have focused on using Zoom for video conferencing, so far so good. Look to See Saw for instructions of when we will be meeting. Keep safe, stay home and enjoy the break. So I'll see those of you coming next term and those not see you on Zoom!!

Science: The last couple of weeks the students have continued to learn about Biology. The Reception - year 3s have been learning about day and night, seasons and weather. We have had discussions about why we have seasons, why we have day and night, why do our seasons change and why are there time zones. We have also talked about the different hemispheres and how the hemispheres differ in time and season. The year 4-7s have continued their animal project. Their work on the iPads and laptops is looking great and I am looking forward to seeing the end product.

PE/Health: Mr Athletics (from Athletics Australia) completed his last lesson with the year 4-7 students last week. It was great having him teach and refine their skills with high jump, long jump, sprints and hurdles. I am looking forward to seeing how the students go at Sports Day later this year.

The Reception - year 3 students have been working on their skills with high jump, hurdles, sprints and baton relay. We have also been trying out some new games ready for Sports Day, which have been focusing on games using cones and working in teams.

Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Book Fair in the Library. Unfortunately having to cancel Grandparents' Day affected our sales but we still earned \$397 to go towards resources for the Library.

Library in term 2

If you are learning from home next term and would like to borrow books from the library, please ring or email Di who will organise a 'surprise pack' of books for your child, based on their age and interests. ☺ You can then collect it from the front of the school, or we can post it to you.



The Stirling Library also has a 'click and collect' service you may be interested in accessing, for all members of the family! A great time to curl up with a good book.

OSHC News

Hello everyone!

It's been a busy time in life at the moment for everyone, which includes OSHC too. We have been planning for our upcoming April Vacation Care, as well as next week's Pupil Free Days & the full day care we are offering for that! During the Pupil Free Days next week OSHC will be open from 8:30am - 6:00pm, which is actually the *same* hours we will be choosing to run this April Vacation Care too. However, during the school holidays, the OSHC room/hall is going to be painted yay!

Consequently we will be running April Vacation Care out of the school gym and transportable classroom, so during that time please remember to come sign your child in & out from there.

As some of you may have heard, we are going to be trialling using WhatsApp for out of OSHC hours quick communications.

All families will need to do is download the WhatsApp app, then add the normal OSHC mobile number as a contact, and message us through that! Otherwise for messages that aren't time-sensitive, the usual OSHC mobile & email work just fine.

We wanted to say thank you to everyone for being so understanding & being such a great support to us at OSHC during this time, we are all working together to make it work and you've all been a great help!

Thank you very much & see you around,
-OSHC team

A Note from Emily

I can't believe it's already the end of term 1! How time has flown in my first term here with you all.

I have loved every moment of being here at Uraidla and getting to hang out with so many of you. Although these times are uncertain, I am certain that I will be available and here to help support you through this time. I recently found this resource called '5 ways to wellbeing' and I have found that it can be used no matter our circumstances. The 5 ways to wellbeing are - connect, be active, keep learning, be aware and help others.

1. **Stay connected** – Be with your family, connect with friends and other family via email, phone or video chat if possible. Let's use this time to get to know our families more.
2. **Be active** – Do some gardening, have a dance party, make an at-home obstacle course! There are so many ways creative ways we can be active by ourselves and with our families.
3. **Keep learning** – We learn something new every day! Be curious about the world around you. Learn how to do a new skill or try a new language.
4. **Be aware** – Finding time in your day to reflect on how you are feeling. What do you feel good about and what brings you joy? What things bring your family closer together?
5. **Help others** – Even the smallest acts of kindness help! Send someone a warm message, write someone a letter, draw someone a picture, ask if someone needs help and help even if they don't ask.

Most days we could do all these things without noticing! But it is important to be mindful about them to check in with ourselves and learn what we may need help with or to ask ourselves why we are doing these things. If you want to look more into the '5 ways to wellbeing' you can easily find the Australian website online. I encourage you all this Easter and when you are spending time with your families to think of these 5 ways to wellbeing, or even just focus on a couple of them at a time.

I hope you all have a peaceful break! 😊

Emily Morgan
Pastoral Care Worker

Community News

Maria's Kitchen

Maria's Kitchen is offering home-cooked meals, fresh or frozen, to all local Hills families.

Please visit our website www.marias-kitchen.com.au and click on 'Catering', then "Ready Made Meals" on the Options menu.

Children's meals also available.

Free local delivery.

Ph 0403 163 576.

A message from Imagine Uraidla

The Imagine Uraidla Sustainable Action Group has organised a special bulk purchase deal for solar panels and batteries. This is a great result for local families. See the information below to take part in this great deal!

LAST CALL
TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY BULK PURCHASE SCHEME OF SOLAR PANELS & BATTERIES
with Shine Hub

To join our group bulk buying scheme and benefit from the SA Government and Federal Government rebates go to the Imagine Uraidla Facebook page and click on the Shine Hub link.

Register ASAP as applications close April 14th.

After you register on-line, Shine Hub will give you a call at the time/day you specify to give a personalised quote (please have recent electricity bills ready)

<p>SYSTEM</p> <p>Solar Panels: LONGi 315 watt Half Cut</p> <p>Inverter: Alpha ESS Smile Hybrid</p> <p>Battery: Alpha ESS Smile 10.3P</p>	<p>PRICING*</p> <p>Estimated price for a 5kw solar and 10kw battery purchase will be about</p> <p>\$ 7,000</p> <p>While a 10kw battery retrofitted to your current solar will be about</p> <p>\$ 3,000</p>
<p>LOAN OPTION</p> <p>Remember, you will be able to opt for a loan option (so you don't need to pay upfront!), just ask that during your phone call.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BENEFIT</p> <p>The more people registered, the higher the grant to our Community at the end of the process (e.g. free solar and battery for a community building)</p>

* Indicative costs, pricing will vary on individual set up

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