



**URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER:**

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Dates to Remember

Pupil Free Day	Monday 20 July
Kidz Biz Sessions	Thurs 30 July
School Photos	Thurs 6 August

Together again

This time last term, we wondered when we would be able to gather together again. I'm so pleased to be able to announce that we are welcoming families back into the school grounds as of day 1 next term! We are looking forward to **celebrating this momentous occasion on the first Friday of the term, July 24** (weather permitting). The Parents and Friends will be setting up fire pits, and the school will be holding a free sausage sizzle to welcome you back. Mark the date in your calendar, and plan to bring your own drinks and dinner along. Check Skoolbag for details Week 1.

Our theme of Gratitude has been a great way to reflect on just how fortunate we are here at Uraidla Primary School. This week the staff reflected on what they have been grateful for at school, and here are just a few of the highlights:



Teachers highlighted students working collaboratively across year levels on tasks that challenged all ages; our wonderful Preservice teachers Ms Bowley and Bianca; high student engagement in activities like panning for 'gold' and creating machines for flight; embracing new technologies such as Green Screen and iPad apps; and students connecting to the gratitude theme at school and at home.



It was great to see this gratitude tree that Melika made at home as a response to our term focus. When students connect what they are learning at school with their life at home, you know it is really hitting the mark! 😊

I wish you all a very restful and happy time together over the holidays, and I look forward to seeing you back here **inside the gates** next term!

Margie

KidzBiz information night

On Thursday July 30th we are very pleased to be hosting a 'birds and bees' sex education evening for parents to attend along with their children. The sessions are designed to be a great way for families to begin the conversations about the 'facts of life' with their children in a safe and engaging manner.

There are 2 sessions, one for Year 2-4 students entitled "Where did we come from?" and a second for year 5-7 students "What's happening to us?". The cost is subsidised by the school, and is only \$10 per session per family. A number of families

have requested us to host this event over the past few years and we would love to have a big turn out! Please book and pay through the front office.

Round the Classes

Reception: It has been a couple of busy weeks to finish our engineering focus. Each student put together a car kit powered by a rubber band and a propeller. Even though it didn't fly, it did skim across the floor using similar power systems as our flight craft. We also made model hot air balloons. They are very colourful and are on display in the front foyer. (See photos below)
Happy holidays to everyone from the Receptions.



Year 1/2: We have been starting to learn about narratives.

We have also been learning about time.

We had a wonderful time learning about toys on Wednesday with Allan.

Year 2/3: We have been placing fractions on number lines for maths. We enjoyed having a Zoom meeting with Haydn from Uniting Church in Mount Barker. Haydn informed us about their food collecting process for needy people as part of our learning on Food Security.

Year 4/5: We are continuing to work on narrative writing. This week we have been looking at identifying descriptive language features within texts. The types of language features we are focusing on are adjectives used to describe nouns, adverbs, onomatopoeia, saying verbs, direct speech, connecting phrases and emotive phrases.

In maths we are working on capacity and volume, by measuring in millilitres and litres and working out the volume of various 3D shapes.

In history we began our final project for the Australian Gold Rush. We have to create a living wax museum person by becoming a significant person from the Australian Gold Rush era. We will be designing a costume for our character, researching information about them (discussing how they overcame the challenges faced on the goldfields) and hopefully presenting in term 3 to an audience.

Year 6/7: This term signifies the end of our 'isolation' time.... in some ways it has been fabulous. We have had a great term of just settling in and really focusing on our learning without outside distractions. I feel we have achieved some significant learning goals and we have definitely created a safe and warm learning environment (you have fabulous children). So buckle in and get ready for a term full of distractions (all fun and necessary learning in their own way). We have a number of things starting next term; Readers Cup, debating, girls and boys soccer, excursion to Urrbrae, learning exhibition, netball (girls) and basketball (boys) ...and there is term four; Canberra (hopefully) Aquatics Camp, girls' tennis....so hold on to your hats...we have a lot of catching up to do!!

Indonesian: We have finished off the term with various activities including cultural crosswords and Kahoots, mask making, stories and language games. The students have done a fabulous job this term learning all about farm animals and adjectives.

Science: For the final two weeks of term two the Reception to Year 3 students have been learning about Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. They learnt about how far these planets are away from Earth, how long the planets take to orbit the sun and how long it takes for the planet to complete one rotation. It was great to see how much information they could recall from the short videos they watched.

The year 4-7s finished researching about first explorations of the solar system- Galileo Galilei, Eratosthenes, Nicolaus Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Johannes Kepler and Edwin Hubble. They also completed a revision task on what they have learnt this term.

PE/Health: The last two weeks have focused on hockey skills and team games. The students learnt how to dribble the ball, how to shoot goals, how to weave between cones and played a game of number hockey. We discussed the hazards of the hockey sticks and how to keep safe when using them as well as how to be safe around others.

Gardening: Looking after each other and looking after our tools are the key principles when learning about safety in the garden. Students ran through some activities to get their 'tool licence' as we began a new group this week. We also dug up some earth worms and compared them to compost worms using our observation skills.

Museum of Childhood Visit

On Wednesday the 1st of July, Allan came to our school to give us a presentation on the history and science of toys. As part of his presentation the students got to learn about the science behind how some of our much loved toys have been created. They also got to play with some of toys of the past which was a great educational experience for everyone.



Pupil Free Days next term

Please note the dates of two pupil free days next term, for staff professional development:

Monday July 20th and Monday August 24th.

This means that the first day of term is Tuesday July 21st, so remember not to show up on the Monday! ☺ There is OSHC available on this day of needed.

A Note from Emily

"Don't forget to find a nice tree, with a blanket near a bench or at a park or even in a nice coffee shop. Sit back and breathe, take a look around you and see what there is to see. Close your eyes and make sure it's there. Because one day, just one day you may forget to stop, look and hear the birds and one day they just might not be there..."

This passage was taken from a book I have been reading through called 'Reflections by sons and daughters of Vietnam veterans'. It is an amazing book written by the families who have grown up with parents who have fought in the Vietnam War and details their feelings, reflections and some amazing ways to help those who may be experiencing the same feelings and reflections as them. I wanted to encourage you all with this passage to also stop and take a moment in the next few weeks, as we are in the school holidays to stop, look at the things around us and take in the sounds we hear each day, the things we may normally take for granted. I encourage you to be thankful and grateful for those things in quiet times so we may look to find those special things in the busy times.

Enjoy the break! ☺

Emily Morgan

Pastoral Care Worker

OSHC News

Holidays are coming up and we have some fun fun planned! Please see Andrew or Connagh for bookings! We have plenty of space and are ready to go! Just remember we start charging for the second week as we transition back to normal payments.

Also, just a quick reminder to make sure you are messaging us on WHATSAPP for out of hours bookings or emergency messages! Any other communication or regular booking changes can be directed to the OSHC phone during OSHC hours (7-9am; 3-6pm).

We are also in the process of reviewing our ASTHMA plans, so if your child attends OSHC and has asthma or any other medical conditions,

please see Andrew for some updated legal medical forms.

In other news, we've spent the past few weeks covering some interesting topics! We explored how our bodies work in week 8 and looked at creating artwork inspired by things like arteries and veins! In week 9 we explored story-telling and we played a lot of fun games that highlighted how story-telling could work in a group setting. This week is all about art, so make sure you pop by the OSHC room to see our masterpieces!

Best Regards,
Andrew Jenkins & Connagh McNeilage
OSHC Director & Assistant Director

School Banking

Commonwealth School Banking will return in Term 3. Thank you Odette, who will be coming in from week 2 on a Monday to collect and deposit the student banking.

Kindy Enrolments 2021

The number of children wishing to attend the Uraidla & Hills Community Kindergarten who come from outside of our area is increasing and the Kindy wants to ensure that they capture all those families who live locally and do not want local children to miss out on a place for 2021.

If you would like your child to attend the Kindy in 2021 please contact them on 8390 1216 as soon as possible.

Round 1 offers of placement at the kindergarten are issued August 1st (term 3 week 3).

They are also taking enrolments for 2022.

Community News



Suncorp NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for girls and boys aged 5 - 10, proudly supported by Suncorp.

You're young, you're small, and you've got energy to burn. It's time to play netball with Suncorp NetSetGO. It's a chance to learn the netball basics, get outside and make some friends.



SEE YOU THERE

Who: You and ALL your friends
What: Woodside netball NetSetGo
When: Term 3, Wednesdays 345pm
Where: Woodside Tennis/Netball courts
Why: Because its great and super fun
Contact: Zoe Berwick 0417 809 257



DRAMA

MOVE MAKERS - Creative Movement & Physical Theatre Workshops with Jenni Lush

7-10 year olds, Mondays 4.00-5.00pm

10 sessions starting Monday 20th July 2020

Cost: \$165 Early Bird* /\$195 + \$15 Ink Pot Arts Membership for newcomers

Venue: Uniting Church Hall, 13-17 Mann Street, Mt Barker

Come & Try Session 20th May

Bookings: quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

WORD PLAY through Poetry & Story with Jo-anne Sarre

7-11 years & Family Members, Tuesdays 3.45-4.45pm

10 sessions starting Tuesday 21st July 2020

Cost: \$165.00 Early Bird* /\$195 + \$15 Ink Pot membership for newcomers

Come & Try Session Tues 21st July

Venue: Creative Hub, upstairs in the Mount Barker Town Hall 34-38 Gawler Street

Bookings: quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

THE SECRET GARDEN Performance Project

with Jessica Foster

8 years & Over, Thursdays 6-7.30pm

10 sessions starting Thursday 23rd July 2020

Cost: \$190 Early Bird* + Costume Fee \$50/\$220 + \$15 Ink Pot membership for newcomers + Costume Fee \$50

Venue: Mount Barker Community Centre, Dumas Street

Bookings: quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

MUSIC & SINGING

AHUG (Adelaide Hills Ukulele Group)

All uke workshops will be upstairs in the Mount Barker Town Hall

Absolute Beginners Sat 18th July 2-3.30pm, with Christopher Carr

All ages over 8 years

Cost: \$20

Bookings: quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

Children's Uke Workshops with Max Tulysewski

8 years & over, Wednesdays 5.15-5.45pm

10 sessions starting Weds 22nd July 2020

Cost: \$150 Early Bird* /\$180 + \$15 Ink Pot membership for newcomers *Come & Try Session Weds 22nd July 2020*

Bookings: quill@inkpot.com.au or 0429 673 327

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