

# URAIDLA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

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### **Dates to Remember**

Term 4 begins	Mon 12 Oct
District Athletics Day	Thurs 15 Oct
Wheels Day	Fri 16 Oct
Life Ed Van	Tues 20-Thurs 22 Oct
P&F Meeting 7pm	Wed 21 Oct
SAPSASA Boys' Basketball	Fri 23 Oct
Gov Council 7pm	Mon 26 Oct
Year 6/7 Excursion	Tues 27 Oct
Sports Day take #3!	Thurs 29 Oct

# Innovative approach to Term 4!

We've really enjoyed our *inclusive* focus this term (under the banner of STAND in our *Learn Stand Give Fly* framework). It's been just brilliant to see the students reflecting how they can increase their chances of being included by the way they approach others in play, and finding 'win win' solutions to include others. On Monday the whole school watched thought provoking video clips made by some of our students about including others.

Today in assembly I tested the students in the 'name challenge' to see if they know all 125 students' names. You might like to ask your own children how they went! Students have learned how powerful it is to greet others by name. They've done an amazing job and I'm so proud of their efforts to include others in this way.

Next term our focus will be *innovativ*e under the FLY category of *LSGF*. We will be helping students to develop their divergent thinking skills in a variety of ways. We've decided to shake things up a bit by having a cross age innovative challenge every second Friday afternoon instead of assembly. In a throwback to our term 1 theme, the teachers and I will each offer an open ended **collaborative** task to a group of students from Reception to Year 7. Stay tuned for more details next term!

In other Term 4 news, **Sports Day** will be rescheduled for **Thursday October 29**<sup>th</sup>. We will be running the day exactly as it was planned for this week, and we're asking families to keep the same catering and attendance information for ease of organisation. Thank you so much to the Parents and Friends, front office staff and the staff Sports Day committee for their hard work to get this far!

I wish you all a most enjoyable family time over the coming holidays, and I look forward to seeing you in Term 4 which is always a fun filled term of learning and special activities.

Margie

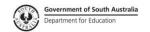


## **Round the Classes**

**Reception:** It is a sad week for us as we say goodbye to Ms Bowley. She has been in our class all year and has taught us many things. We did lots of measurement tasks with her, learning about length, weight and capacity. We also finished off our author study on Eric Carle by doing a collage of some of his characters.

We wish Ms Bowley all the best, any school will be lucky to have her!!

Year 1/2: We have been learning about 3D shapes. In HASS we have been learning about weather maps and have even made our own weather reports in our iPads. In literacy we have been learning how to write procedures. We have



loved having Bianca in our class and would like to wish her all the best in future.

**Year 2/3:** In maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions, for example that  $^{5}/_{10}$  is the same (equivalent) as  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For narrative writing our focus has been on using evaluative vocabulary to make our stories more interesting for readers.

**Year 4/5:** We are currently reading various novels in our class as part of group novel study. The novels we are studying are *Hatchet*, *Holes* and *The BFG*. The students are really engaged in these books and are enjoying many great discussions from the book, as well as some activities.

In maths we have been working on our problemsolving skills using the four operations (+, -, /, x). We are also working on algebraic problems and using BODMAS [Brackets, Other (indices and integers), Division, Multiplication, Addition, Subtraction] to help us solve equations.

In writing we are focussing on improving how we write about a particular setting in narrative writing. We are developing our sensory language by describing what we would smell, see, hear, taste, feel - emotions, touch. We have also been using similes, metaphors and personification.

Year 6/7: In the last fortnight we have fitted in Lightning Carnival, Readers Cup, and a Choir excursion. We have finished our ancient China assignments and the technology side of our laser skirmish... now we just have to work out a way for parents to see them. Our Roald Dahl novel studies are looking fabulous on our walls. We are doing a short study on mean, mode and medium using maths on-line to cement our knowledge. Everyone is disappointed about the cancellation of Sports Day but know it will be bigger, better and a whole lot drier next term. Hope everyone enjoys their break and will be ready to start our last term in two weeks. I'm getting sentimental about losing the Year 7s already!!!

**Indonesian:** Wow! What a busy term. All the students have impressed me with their use of family words and focus phrases for this term. Many children can respond confidently to rehearsed questions and can use a fantastic Indonesian accent. *Bagus!* Well done!

**Science:** This fortnight we finished off our physical sciences with some fun challenges for the students. Their first challenge was to see how far they could move a straw on a piece of string. At first, it took the students a while to work out how they were going to get the straw on the string, but once they worked this out, they were able to complete this challenge. The record was made by Kyle, Louie and Ellie with the straw moving 10.2 metres on the string using a balloon! Well done!

The second challenge was with the 6/7s. They had to make a marble run, but the marble run had to be the slowest moving. It was great to see what ideas they came up with. These will be completed and tested the first week back at school. You will be able to see them displayed in the hall next term.

The Rec-Yr 3s' challenge was working with the circuit boards. They had to follow instructions to complete the circuit board activities. It was great to see their resilience and persistence with the task.

**PE/Health:** The last fortnight we have been focused on Sports Day revision. The students practised high jump, long jump, sprints and hurdles. It was disappointing to delay Sports Day, however the weather hasn't been great. Fingers crossed for next term.

Gardening: The 1/2s now know more about worms than they used to! Each student now has a tool licence and know how to use our garden tools. They know as they look after each other and themselves they will be safe in the garden. As the temperature increases we are hoping our veggies also sprout and grow. We have also scattered some flower seeds to encourage bees to help with pollination.

# Chess

Chess went rather well. Phia managed to get 5 games. Aidan snagged 4 wins, Marley managed to win 3. Although some people didn't get any wins, they tried their best. We all put 100% effort into our games.





Oli – "I think it was really fun and we put a lot of effort into it."

Marley – "It was very fun because we often won."

Sebastian – "It was great and we all had fun."

Margie – "It was exciting to see them so engaged in their matches! It has inspired me to organise some lunchtime chess sessions next year for those who are interested."



Thank you to Ashley Hosking, Danny Ullmer, Ian Hockham and Heidi Bailey for helping out with the driving. By Aidan

**Lightning Carnival** 



#### Basketball

On 14 September the Year 6/7s went to St Francis de Sales College to compete in the Lightning Carnival. The basketball team was made up of Year 6 and 7 boys and they were William, Blake, Axel, Corey, James, Zane and myself. We had a couple of players who had never played basketball before. We played very well as a team and everyone scored and passed the ball evenly. Even though our games were not scored we are pretty sure we won all our games by about 10 points. We played against Gumeracha, 2 Crafers teams, St Michaels and Stirling East Primary. By Alastair

### **Netball Team 1**

For the Lightning Carnival on Monday last week the 6/7 class went to St Francis de Sales College to play netball and basketball against other schools in the area. The netball team I was in was made up of Abby, Jessie, Kaylah, Charlotte, Esther, Lily and Phia.

The team played well against all the different teams because we didn't lose a game against Upper Sturt, Crafers or Stirling East primary schools. Thank you to Abby's mum Tenille Douglas for coaching us and making sure everyone had a position that we liked, and also to Taylah's mum Shelley Hunter for doing a terrific job at umpiring. By Emily

#### **Netball Team 2**

On 14 September the 6/7 class went off to play netball and basketball at St Francis de Sales College. We were undefeatable when we played all games and cheered each other on for support. There was 1 basketball team and 2 netball teams. I was in the netball team with Miley, Molly, Jade, Lucy, Marcheline, Lachlan and Jayda.

There was no negativity on the courts which was good. We played against Upper Sturt, Meadows and Crafers.

Special thanks to our coach Mel Hunter and to Shelley Hunter for umpiring. Thanks to Shane for driving us and for cheering us on. By Taylah

# SAPSASA District Netball

Earlier this term, Jessie and I were chosen to be in the Hills SAPSASA netball team and to participate in a carnival from the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September at Priceline Stadium.

We played 9 games all together, we lost 2, drew 1 and won 6 which placed us 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of ten teams. We met lots of new



people and had an awesome time and we would certainly do it all over again. By Kayla





# **Readers Cup**

Our Readers Cup event was held on Tuesday 22 September with 2 Uraidla teams participating. Uraidla Team 1 (the year 6 team) was Abby, Molly, Taylah, Lucy, Emily and Jade. In Uraidla Team 2 (the year 7 team) was Charlotte, Kayla, Jessie Esther and I. There were 8 other schools: Kangarilla, Nairne, Norton Summit, Hahndorf, Stirling East, Littlehampton, Crafers Bridgewater competed against us, with 20 teams all together. We were quizzed on the 6 books we had read which were Everything I Never Said, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Blueback, Pax, The Giver and Liar and Spy. Each question was worth 1 – 2 points. We all had heaps of fun and met many new people.

The second part of Readers Cup will be held in Term 4 when teams have to do a presentation on the book *Hip Hop Barn* by Phil Cummings and Mandy Foot. By Lily

# Thank You!

A big thank you to Ian Makings of Ben Wye Engineering for the fantastic job he did repairing our old school bell. We are looking forward to having it on display when our new front garden is completed.

We'd also like to thank Ashley Hosking and Ian Hockham for helping us to remove a section of our

fence in preparation for the front garden project. It was so lovely to have a prompt offer of help when we asked last newsletter! This is a great example of our strong school community spirit. ©

# **Base Materials Required**

Our school loves to build bases on the oval and in the playground however the equipment we use to build these bases gets broken over time. Bases are becoming more popular at this time of the year and we would like to ask you to bring pieces of wood, pallets, old tarps, outdoor curtains and any other things that can be stacked or stand on their edges. Thank you on behalf of the SRC.

### OSHC

In OSHC this past week, we've been looking at family - and how family looks a little different to everyone. We explored how family could mean grandparents and friends and pets and uncles and aunts and step-parents and half-siblings and stepsiblings and mums and dads and the list goes on! We also talked about how a group of friends could sometimes feel a little like a family too. We all had a go at drawing our family and you'll see some of our finished family portraits on the front page of the newsletter!

In other news, Vacation Care is coming up very quickly! As this is the first Vac since we have started charging full fees again, a reminder that our cancellation period to avoid full charges is three business days in advance.

We are also starting at our old time at 7:30am, instead of 8:30am like last holidays.

We can't wait to see you all soon! Andrew Jenkins & Connagh McNeilage OSHC Director & Assistant Director

## Lost and Found

Is this your lovely basket? It has been sitting in our staff room for quite some time and we're wondering if a parent



left it there one day. Please let us know if it's yours! There are lots of items in our Lost and Found area near the classrooms, come and have a look if you are missing jumpers, drink bottles, etc.

#### Free Bushfire Legal Advice

The Legal Services Commission of South Australia (LSC) provides free legal advice to people impacted by the bushfires.

LSC provides a free legal clinic at the Lobethal Recovery Centre at:

Fabrik Arts + Heritage, Old Woollen Mill, 1 Adelaide, Lobethal Road, Lobethal SA on Mondays between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm

If this is not convenient free telephone appointments can be scheduled Monday to Friday

LSC can provide legal advice and information on most legal matters including:

- contract matters
- debt issues
- family law

For free and confidential legal advice, please make a booking on 1300 366 424 Monday to Friday, between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, or visit <a href="www.lsc.sa.gov.au">www.lsc.sa.gov.au</a>.

# **Community News**





#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Get up close to some fascinating creepy crawlies. Kirsten will introduce the children to a variety of invertebrates so they develop an understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

Wednesday October 7th 10am - 11 am WHEN:

WHERE: Hills Environment Centre,

4 Crescent Drive, Norton Summit

COST: \$5 per child. Bookings are essential

> Suitable for ages 5 – 12 yrs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book, email valhunt@ahnrc.org



The Hills Environment Centre is proudly supported by the Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board and Green Adelaide