



## URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

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### Dates to Remember

Lightning Carnival	Mon 14 Sept
SMG Support Meeting 7.30pm	Tues 15 Sept
Chess	Thurs 17 Sept
Choir Excursion	Wed 23 Sept
Sports Day	Thurs 24 Sept
Term 3 ends 2.10pm	Fri 25 Sept

What a busy time we are having at school. It reminds me well and truly of pre-COVID times! We feel so lucky to be able to still gather as a community in some form, when others around the world are still in lockdown.



### Music Showcase

Last night we held this year's Music Showcase, one of my favourite nights of the year. I was so impressed with the students' confidence and progress, especially considering for a portion of the year we were not able to hold musical instruction at school due to COVID. I was proud of our new band students who performed for the first time since starting to learn an instrument this year and also was impressed by those who were brave enough to perform solos in their instruments!

I well remember when I first started learning trombone at 10 years old, how exciting and challenging it was... not to mention heavy! ☺ Of course the biggest challenge in learning an instrument is having the discipline for regular practice at home. There are no shortcuts when it comes to learning an instrument, and we thank all of the parents for encouraging their children to practise regularly and for sitting through the



occasional inevitable wrong notes. There is a great deal of research showing that learning an instrument can enhance verbal memory, spatial reasoning, and literacy skills... plus it's just so rewarding and fun!

For those who may not be aware, we have the following music opportunities available for our students:

- Free instrumental music lessons for Year 4-7 students (there is an instrument hire fee if you do not have your own), with the opportunity to learn trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, alto or tenor saxophone, clarinet and flute, and to be part of our school band;
- Private guitar, piano and drum lessons which take place at school, starting from the early grades, with drum students forming part of the school Drum Ensemble;
- and Festival of Music Choir for all Year 4-6 students and Year 7 by choice.

Junior primary students this year have been learning music with their class teachers and we are hoping to reinstate our Junior Primary choir next year, COVID willing.

### Green Team

Are you interested in helping our school to be more environmentally sustainable? We are looking for parents to join our staff 'Green Team' and give us a hand to make us a more environmentally aware school. Please let me know if you are interested!

### Nut Awareness Policy

You will find enclosed with this newsletter our new Nut Awareness Policy, endorsed by Governing Council on Monday night. We have a number of students with a severe allergy to nuts, and for their safety we ask families to not send any food to school for their children which contain nuts or nut products. Many parents have already adopted this as a matter of course in consideration for these students, but we have decided to formalise and



## Art Gallery incursion

On Thursday Jessie from the Art Gallery visited our school to work with the R-3 students. They were given the opportunity to respond to works of art through the medium of dance, manipulating movement to create meaning individually and in collaboration with their peers.



## A Note from Emily

Hope everyone has had a good week!! It has been great to explore our term's theme of inclusivity and challenging myself with the names of both students and parents. If you see me around the school, please introduce yourself so that I can learn some more of your names. This week Margie and I have started running our year 5 girls group which will run till the end of the term. We are really excited to have this opportunity to work alongside these girls, strengthening them as individuals and as a group. I will be continuing to give out bread to families as long as it is available to us. I have also been made aware that there are some families who do miss out on some bread and really rely on it each week. If this is you, I am happy to put a loaf aside, just contact myself on Mondays and Fridays or let me know in the yard. I do also want to say a big THANK YOU to the staff and students for all the birthday wishes and making me feel very special. It is so wonderful to be part of an inclusive and caring school community and I am very thankful and grateful I get to work with each and every one of you.

Take care ☺  
Emily

## OSHC

VAC is nearly upon us! We have included the program with this Newsletter, so let us know what bookings you would like and we'll start putting them in the system. This time around, we have reverted back to our traditional starting times, which we implemented late last year. Vac will run from 7:30am to 6:00pm. We ran a shorter program during the COVID months, but this term we are back to 7:30am starts for Vac.

We might have a few new teacher faces in these holidays, as we farewell some of our staff who are moving on to cool and exciting new places! Ainslee

won't be around as she's scored a cool new job in the health world, and Ruby's moved up in the education world - so she won't be around as much during the term, but will be back in the holidays!

In other news:

- Watch out for OSHC emails regarding our upcoming fee change that is taking effect from Term 4. We will be updating OSHC parents in the coming weeks!
- Remember to only use the OSHC Whatsapp for emergency bookings and cancellations. If you would like to contact the staff on shift, the OSHC phone is still the best method of communication.
- If you can organise a spare hat for your child in OSHC as we come into the warmer months, that would certainly take the pressure off our lost property hat bucket!

Best Regards,

Andrew Jenkins & Connagh McNeilage  
*OSHC Director & Assistant Director*

## Can you help?

As part of the redevelopment of the garden near the Kidney Street entrance of the school we are going to remove the wire fence currently there and are looking for helpers to remove it. If you are able to assist please let Margie or the Front Office know asap.

## Lost Property

We have a huge amount of clothing, lunch containers and other assorted items in our Lost Property rack. Could you please come and have a look and see if any of it belongs to your child. Much of it is unnamed or has the name of a child who has long since left the school so could you **PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ITEMS WORN TO VACATION CARE.**

All unclaimed items will be removed at the end of the term.

## Found Books



These books were found in the Library but do not belong to the school. If either of them belong to your family please come and see Di before she claims them and adds them to the Library collection!

# Community News



Please check back soon for more information about additional, fun things to do in the school holidays! Also, other Hut programs will slowly begin to start-up again so keeping checking our website for more information.  
<https://www.thehut.org.au/workshops/school-holiday-program/>

	<p><b>Lego Animation with GooRoo</b>                  When: Monday, 28th September                  Time: 10am – 2pm                  Where: The Hut Community Centre, Cost: \$ 10</p> <p>Calling all budding animators! Bring your still characters to life! Join us an action-packed workshop and learn how to make your own Lego animation movie.</p>
	<p><b>Gymnastics &amp; Ninja Warrior</b>                  Session 1 – 7+                  When: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 9:30am – 10:30am – Cost \$12                  Session 2 – 2 to 6 yrs                  When: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 10:45am – 11:45am – Cost \$12                  Where: Aldgate Oval Hall, Churinga Road</p> <p>Come join 22Too and their holiday programs exploring the world of gymnastics and circus acrobatics with fully accredited coaching staff.</p>
	<p><b>The Art of Kokedama</b>                  When: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 10am                  Where: Woorabinda Education Centre, Woorabinda Dr, Stirling                  Cost: \$15 (subsidised by The Hut) includes materials kit</p> <p>The <i>Kokedama</i> is a botanical beauty – it literally means ‘moss ball’, having its origins in Japan – sustainable and a very unusual plant. So join Jade Fechner and learn the art of creating your own moss ball.</p>
	<p><b>Kids Gym and Circus Skills – Term 4</b>                  Commencing: Wednesday 21st October                  Time: 9:30am – 10:30am or 10:45am – 11:45am                  Where: Bridgewater Hall, Carey Gully Rd                  Cost: \$ 96 for 8 weekly sessions (\$12 p/session)                  2-5 Year age group</p>
	<p><b>Claymation – Mixed Media Animation – Term 4</b>                  When: 16th Oct-4th Dec. (8 weeks – each Friday)                  Where: The Hut Community Centre                  Time: 4pm – 6pm, Cost: \$25 per session</p> <p>Participants will try their hand at a whole range of animation techniques including claymation, Lego, mixed media, flipbooks, whiteboard, pixilation and skittles animation. Each week the short films will be screened to the group and uploaded to YouTube, so you can share your creative talent with friends and family.</p>

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## HOLLOW HABITATS – WHO LIVES HERE?

**WHEN:** Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:**

Hills Environment Centre  
 4 Crescent Drive, Norton Summit

**TIME:** 7pm

**COST:** Gold Coin Donation

Presented by James Smith, author of “Wildlife of Adelaide”

- Investigate the importance of naturally occurring hollows.
- How are they formed?
- What makes Australian species unusual?
- Which species rely on hollows?
- What should we do to provide these essential resources in the short, medium and long term?



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### 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.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 10am – 11 am**

**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](mailto:valhunt@ahnrc.org)



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## LinkSA School Holiday Special

Between September 26th to October 11th 2020  
 receive 1 free child bus ticket with every bus ticket purchased.

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**Available On All LinkSA Bus Route Services in these Regions**

☒ Murray Bridge   ☒ Barossa  
☒ Victor Harbor   ☒ Adelaide Hills

Mention this special to the driver in order to receive 1 free child bus ticket (4-15 years).

For timetable information check out our website at  
[www.linksa.com.au](http://www.linksa.com.au)