



## URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: 5 February 2021

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### Dates to Remember

Governing Council AGM 7pm

Mon Feb 8

Acquaintance Night

Wed Feb 10

Bike Ed Yr 4-7

Wed Feb 10, 17, 24

Parents and Friends 7pm

Wed Feb 24

Courier Cup swimming

Thurs Feb 25

Pupil Free Day

Tues March 9



### Our swimming stars

What a fantastic week at the Burnside pool for the Reception to year 5 students! We were so proud of the students for being brave and 'having a go' at new swimming challenges. The instructors have commented on how well-behaved and collaborative our students are. Well done everyone; you are stars! ★ Congratulations especially to our new Reception students for their participation, for their teamwork during lessons and for encouraging one another. We think you have already had a great start to school and we're so glad you are part of our school community. ☺



Our *Learn Stand Give Fly* focus for this term is **goal-setting** across the school. Students have been challenged to set their own specific challenging yet achievable swimming goals and they are making great progress towards them! You might want to ask your children about how they went with their goal.



### Acquaintance Night

Next Wednesday from 5:00-7:00pm we will be hosting an informal Acquaintance Night and your children are in charge! Please come to school with your children, and they will take you on a tour. Students will:

- Show their families their classrooms
- Introduce their families to their class teacher
- Talk about their learning program
- Explain their daily and weekly routines
- Show some work they have been doing
- Take families on a tour around the school and introduce them to all the other teachers, including their specialist teachers: Zac Richards (PE and Science) Suzie Tume (The Arts) and Susan Lewis (Indonesian)

Class teachers will remain in their own classroom throughout this period, and this is an appropriate time to ask them questions of a general nature about the learning program and routines. If you



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would like to discuss any aspects of your own child's progress, please make another time with your child's teacher, since teachers need to be available to meet a large number of people in a short time frame at this event. Parent teacher meetings will take place towards the end of this term, but of course you are always welcome to make a time to meet with teachers prior to this time if you have any questions or concerns.

This year we are organising things a little differently in keeping with COVID regulations. Families will need to book one 15 minute timeslot for the evening through the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/uraidla-primary-school-acquaintance-night-2021-tickets-139360062699> - you will find instructions for booking via the link, which we will also send via Skoolbag.

Unfortunately we are unable to invite extended family this time; parents and caregivers and their other children only please.

On the evening, please start the 'tour' at your youngest child's classroom, and then make your way to the other classrooms. Please be aware of physical distancing requirements. If there are more than 5 families in any classroom at one time, please wait outside until it clears.

The Parents and Friends will be providing a free rolling sausage sizzle following your tour, but please feel free to bring salads/nibbles for your own family (please note no sharing of food according to COVID regulations), and again please adhere to distancing requirements.

Please note that we would like children to stay with their parents at all times, since the play areas will not be supervised by staff. We look forward to seeing you here next Wednesday!

## Catastrophic fire danger days

Our school has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe in the event of a bushfire:

- On catastrophic fire danger days in the Mount Lofty Ranges fire ban district our school will be **closed** and no one is permitted on site. Whilst our school's bushfire risk rating is R3 (medium to low risk), we are in close proximity to a nearby R2 (very high risk) school.
- If a catastrophic fire danger day is forecast, we will inform you of a closure after 4pm the day before.
- If the CFS upgrade the fire danger rating to catastrophic on the day, our school will remain open for the remainder of that day. This is in line with the department's processes and allows us to more easily manage communication with parents and

caregivers in the event that a closure of the school is recommended by the department.

- We practise Bushfire drills with the students every Term 1 and 4 so that students are prepared in case of an emergency. Our Bushfire Shelter is in the school Hall (OSHC room) in the main building.
- We also practise communication with families through text messaging system in case we need to contact the whole school community in case of an emergency. It is very important for this reason that we have the most up to date mobile phone number for your family at all times. You can expect a trial message in the coming weeks.

We encourage you to read the Department's [Bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure](#) for more information on school closures and how we will act if threatened by a bushfire. Search 'bushfire information' at [www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au).



## COVID reminders

We thank everyone for adhering to the SA Health COVID requirements for physical distancing and hygiene. At school children are being encouraged to wash hands and sanitise regularly. Please note that although our drinking taps are still open, we are recommending students fill their own labelled water bottle and drink from this, rather than drinking directly from the taps.

As of Monday we would like all students to be **dropped off at the gate in the morning**, and picked up either at the gate or in the school playground. Please discuss with your child the arrangements that work best for you. A reminder that you are welcome to come back in to the school buildings with your child at the end of the school day, once all students have been dismissed, if your children want to show you something, or if you would like to speak to staff members. Some days the teachers have meetings so it is always best to arrange a chat via the SeeSaw app, which teachers check before and after school daily.

## Fruit fly outbreak

Please find attached to this newsletter further important information about the fruit fly outbreak in SA, particularly for those who live outside the township of Uraidla, eg Greenhill. Families can also keep informed of the situation and how it may affect them via the website: [www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly)

And now we look forward to our first 'normal' week of the year! I hope it's a good one for everyone. ☺

*Margie*

## Second hand uniform sales

P&F will be running a second hand uniform stall at the Acquaintance Night on Wed February 10 with all funds raised going towards the continued upgrading of the school grounds as part of the Master Plan. If you have any items that your children have grown out of please drop them, cleaned and in good condition to the front office before Wednesday. Thank you.

## Thank You

We would like to extend our very sincere thanks to Seb and Peter Geers, Alex Fry and Jo Higginson for creating new wicking beds last term in weeks 9 and 10. These have been recycled from the old rainwater tank that used to be on the big stand up near the big glass doors. Jo will now be able to plant these up with students this year in her garden classes, and we will all be able to enjoy fresh produce. How wonderful! Keep an eye out for produce you can buy from the garden staff near the front office later in the year.



Thank you to Sue King and the Summerhill Clayton Church Homes management for donating 2 large planter boxes to us, which were no longer needed as part of their redevelopment (and Peter Geers for asking them!). We hope to have a number of other planter boxes made by the members of the Red Shed this year as part of the next phase of our Masterplan. Thank you to Sam Barlow for donating the much-coveted IBCs necessary for the construction of these wicking beds.

Thank you to Tara and Richard Cobbledick for collecting these boxes from Summerhill and delivering them to us at school during the school holidays!

We would also like to thank Darren Bond for doing such a great job with numerous jobs over the school holidays: freshly painting our front door, enclosing the outdoor area next to Katie and Kelly's classrooms to protect it from the weather, and for keeping our oval watered while Kieran was away on holidays.

## Round the Classes

**Rec/Year 1 – Mrs Measday:** Our first 2 weeks back at school have been fabulous. All of us are working on our goals and have reached some already. We have decided to review our class goals every 3 weeks and add a new one each time. Swimming has been a fun learning experience. Everyone has listened to the instructors and learnt new water skills. We have had the best bus driver who has safely driven us down windy Greenhill Rd each day. Thank you!!

**Rec/Year 1 – Katie:** We have had a very exciting start to the year! So far this term we have been learning about the rules of school and exploring our classroom. We have been reading the book *Possum Magic* and have done some possums. This week we have started swimming lessons at the Burnside Pool where we have been learning how to swim as well as the safety rules around water. We are looking forward to starting our maths and phonological awareness programs next week.

**Year 2/3 - Stephen:** We have enjoyed swimming this week. We have started to learn our new class routines and are getting to know each other in our new learning environment.

**Year 2/3 - Kelly:** What a fabulous start to the year I have had so far, getting to know all the wonderful children I have in my class. In week 1 we discussed and wrote about our school holidays, did some handwriting, played some number maths games, talked about class expectations and how the class will look and discussed some learning goals. This week's biggest focus has been on swimming. It has been lovely chatting to the children on the bus to and from swimming and watching them participate in their swimming lessons. We have also been doing a daily journal writing about what skills we have learnt in swimming each day. The students have begun maths mental each day this week which we will continue for the rest of the year.



**Year 4/5:** We've had a great start to the year. We have moved the 4/5 class to the transportable classroom and we are loving our new space. We have a library corner, a couch and flexible seating. This week we have enjoyed swimming lessons and learning how to perform various rescues. We have also started to set up our classroom routines with maths mental, reading and writing. I look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday at acquaintance night.

**Senior Class:** Welcome to a new year. What an exciting time with lots of firsts ...and lasts for our senior class. I am loving our class and how they are tolerant, patient and kind to each other (must reflect their parents!). We are into the full swing of learning. We have started some work in place value for maths and I have enjoyed watching our maths mental groups get to know each other's strengths and weaknesses and how they support each other to come to a better understanding of the questions asked.

In English we have started regular grammar activities and are already being challenged with new ideas and concepts. We are also unpacking the poem *My Country* (I love a sunburnt country) by Dorothea Mackellar so please look out for our display (when we finish) in the hallway.

I have also written an article about the senior council which explains the roles and responsibilities of this new group. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Acquaintance Night.

**Senior Council** As you know this is the last primary school year for the Year 6s and 7s so, Margie, Emily and I have put our heads together to come up with a different but important role that can lend itself to leadership and roles of responsibility for both year levels. Each term we will have 6 students (one term of 7) that will run a Senior Council. All students will have a turn and the groups have already been predetermined (a mix of gender and year levels). The council will meet once a week with Emily and have a formal meeting. In the meeting they decide who is getting the senior awards, they discuss playground issues, and they talk about ways to show leadership within the school. There is a roster for who are mentors in the yard and these mentors (they wear fluoro vests so they can be identified by the younger children) help the yard duty teachers by sorting minor incidents and giving out Band-Aids etc. Each group will have the responsibility of organising one whole school activity (such as a lunch time disco) to raise money for a charity that they will decide on. The Council members will be relied upon for any jobs of responsibility around the school.

Our members for this term are: Corey, Tilly, James, Jade, Marcheline and Sebastian. Please see their picture below.



**Indonesian:** We have started the term well and most classes have now been introduced to our new topic 'Binatang-binatang di Hutan (Animals in the jungle). The students will be learning about native Indonesian animals and using these words in many different contexts.

**Science & PE:** The start of the school year has seen an enthusiastic approach to both Science

and PE. In Science, we have started our unit on Physical Sciences and in PE, participated in a range of team building games within class groups. With such a positive start to the year, I am excited to see what the rest of the term holds.

## A Note from Emily

Hello and welcome back! It's so good to be back with the students for the start of 2021 and lovely to see our new students settling in so well and looking so at home already. For those of you who don't know me, I am the Pastoral Care Worker at Uraidla Primary. In my role, I am here to provide support for anyone in the school community – students, staff and families. Some of that involves checking in with students who might be finding things difficult at school or at home or resourcing families who might need support. I often attend excursions, camps, school events and facilitate our Student Senior Council and Student Representative Council (SRC). We currently are giving out bread on most Thursday afternoons which is graciously donated to us from the Summertown Uniting Church, we just ask that you bring your own bags. If you would like to find out more about my role, or just want to stop and chat, I would love to catch up. ☺ I am at school Mondays, Thursday afternoons and Fridays. Please come up and say hello or you can contact me via the school number or email me at [Emily.morgan474@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Emily.morgan474@schools.sa.edu.au).

Wishing you a wonderful term 1! Emily Morgan

## School Lunches

We remind families that school lunches can be ordered for Thursdays by Maria's Kitchen through the Qkr app.

