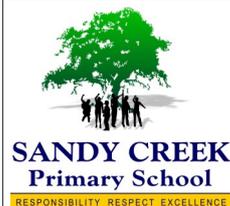


SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

It's hard to believe that we are now in the middle of Term 3!

This week we are celebrating **Book Week** with a range of activities in classrooms, based around this year's short-listed books. Today we had our annual Book Week Parade at 9.00am in the Resource Centre. This is in lieu of a mid-term assembly (so there is NO assembly this Wednesday). Thank you to Elaine Richardson for her work in 'dressing up' the library and for organising prizes for our best dressed.

In Week 6 some students in years 4-7 (depending on their year of birth) have been selected to attend the **Gawler Districts SAPSASA Athletics Day** at Trinity College. A note will go home detailing the day. As always, some parent transport and volunteer assistance on the day will be necessary, so we thank you in advance if you are able to help on the day.

On Tuesday this week year 5 and 7 students will be participating in a NAPLAN online test. This is simply to assist DECD in trialling this process for next year. We will not receive any data on student achievement from these tests.

All students in years 1 to 7 will be undertaking the **PAT Maths and PAT Comprehension tests in Week 8**. These tests are used to inform teaching and learning programmes, to enable us to support students in the areas most needed. Reports do not go home to parents, however you can talk to teachers about how your child did in these tests.

NAPLAN results from the tests sat in May by years 3, 5 and 7 students will be sent home on Thursday of this week. These tests are one way students are tested in their learning over time. When you are discussing these results with children you could ask what they notice about the results, how they feel about the results and what

they think are their strengths and areas for improvement (academically and otherwise). It is good for students to set a goal to work on around improving their learning over time (whether their results are high or low) —for example, "I would like to improve my reading skills so I am going to read every evening for half an hour". The focus of these discussions should be around improvement over time through consistent effort. If you have any questions about these now is a good time to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress.

Parent-teacher interviews are on offer at the end of Term 3 for all students. If you wish to have a parent-teacher interview, please see the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time in weeks 9 and 10 (or earlier).

Robyn Gibbes

School Times

Staff and Governing Council have been discussing our school times and supervised lunch eating times. Please see the attached note for details and return the slip with your preferences by Monday 28 August so that we can hear your views.

Students beginning in 2018

If you have a child who will be beginning school at Sandy Creek Primary School in 2018 please ensure that you have completed an enrolment form and given it to Donna. This is the time of the year when we begin to plan ahead so we need to know who are future students are. If you know of families who are considering sending a child to Sandy Creek next year please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.

School Diary Dates 2017

August

21–25 August
Book Week

Monday 21 August
9am Book Week Parade

Tuesday 22nd.
NAPLAN online
Years 5 & 7

Wednesday 23rd
Lauren meeting with
Buddy Group teachers
to plan Pupil Free
Day in the afternoon

**Wednesday 23rd &
Thursday 24th**
Chris and Chandra at
Quick Smart Training

Tuesday 29 August
SAPSASA Athletics

September

Monday 4th.
School Closure Day
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 5th
Pupil Free Day
NO SCHOOL for students

Wednesday 13th
6:30pm Governing
Council

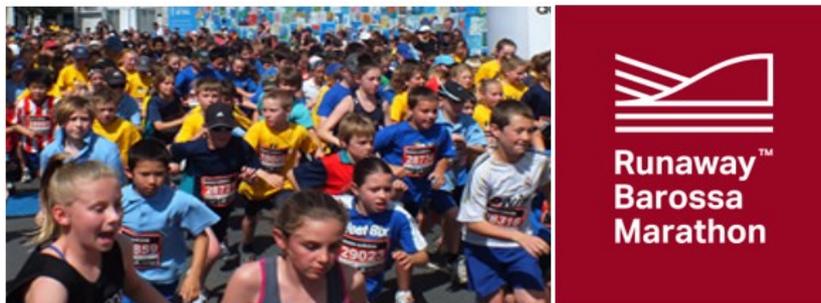
An Exciting New Kids Run in the Barossa Valley

Unlike most adults, kids are generally natural runners! Encouraging them to continue and love a sport like running can change their lives and set them on a path of a lifetime of activity. Something which is so important in this age of technology. Parents who run know that there is something truly exhilarating about moving under the power of your own body. Those who run, understand the sense of quite achievement that comes from knowing you're strong enough to handle even the most challenging terrain and have the endurance to cover the distance. There's nothing quite like the sense of mindfulness comes from just by putting one foot in front of the other and being at one with the great outdoors

People enjoy running for many reasons, however as parents who lead active lifestyles we know it can sometimes be a struggle to engage our kids in the same activities. While running a marathon might be your idea of an awesome way to spend part of the weekend it is probably not on the radar of your child.

However, that's not to say your child can't experience all the joy of a fulfilling run. Sometimes, it's just about finding an event that will show them what an enjoyable pastime running can be. Here in the Barossa we now have a brand new run giving our kids an exciting opportunity to have some fun, challenge themselves and maybe develop an interest in running. The Runaway Barossa Marathon sets a new standard for kids runs in South Australia and its right here on our doorstep. So put Saturday 21 October 2017, in your diary and get ready to enjoy an awesome running event with your kids!

Head to the runaway Barossa website to find out more or to register <http://runawaybarossamarathon.com.au> If you are not a runner but might be a start line or media assistant, a course marshal or just happy to help out wherever we need you, please contact Elaine Wilson at elaine.c.wilson@gmail.com.



THANK YOU!



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Thank you to those families that have already purchased an Entertainment Book!
This year with your support our school has raised \$182.

LAST CHANCE TO GET BOOKS

We have a limited number of Books still available before they get returned, so if you have family or friends that would like to purchase a Membership and support our fundraising they can either

Purchase online at:

www.entbook.com.au/161r208

Or

If you can't purchase online, please complete your details below and we will process your order:

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Childs Name : _____ Class/Room: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Adelaide Edition \$70 incl. GST: # ____ Book(s) # ____ Digital Membership(s) \$ _____

Payment type: c CASH c VISA c MASTERCARD

Credit Card number: _____/_____/_____/_____ Expiry date: ____/____ CVV*: _____

(Credit Card payments will incur a 1.25% processing fee)

*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card

Cardholder's Name: _____ Signature: _____