

SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's difficult to believe we are already half way through 2017!

The next few weeks will be very busy and exciting. This Wednesday our Japanese exchange visitors will arrive after school and the homestay families will meet them in the Resource Centre at 6pm for introductions and a snack before taking their tired visitors home for a meal and sleep.

On Thursday morning at 9am we will have our whole school welcome assembly for our Japanese visitors in the school Resource Centre. Everyone is invited as both schools will be singing their school songs, the Japanese students will introduce themselves and the Mayor of the Barossa will be visiting. Throughout the day on Thursday each class will spend some time hosting the Japanese students for a class activity.

On Thursday evening our Taiko players will perform and the Minami Aiki students will do a Cultural Presentation. This will be followed by the Family Bush Dance. All school families are invited—please arrive at Curdnatta Hall at 6:45pm and remember to bring food to share for supper.

On Friday all of the Year 5-7 students will be on a full day excursion. Notes have already been sent home and should have been returned last term.

On Monday 31st July there will be a farewell assembly for our visitors at 9:20am at Curdnatta Hall. All families are welcome—please bring some simple healthy food to share at an early morning tea.

On Wednesday 2nd August our External School Review begins. The purpose of the review is to support our school to raise student achievement and sustain high performance. This will be a 2 day process with a

small review team speaking to staff, students and parents. Governing Council members are invited to meet with the Review team at 2:30pm in the Resource Centre.

On Thursday 3rd August some SRC students will be able to take the Review team on a school tour at 8:30am, sharing their extensive knowledge of the school. A note is part of this newsletter with further information about the review. Please see me if you have any questions about the External School Review Process.

Robyn Gibbes

Japanese

Below are some more Japanese words for you to practice and some reminders from earlier newsletters..

I'm sorry, I don't understand
Sumimasen. Wakarimasen

すみません。わかりません

Please say it again
Mo ichido itte kudasai

もう一度いってください

Good morning
Ohayo (gozaimasu)

おはようございます

Hello
Konnichi wa
こんにちは

Good evening
Konban wa
こんばんは

I'm sorry
Gomenasai
ごめんなさい

School Diary Dates 2017

July

Monday 24th
First day term 3

Wednesday 26th
Japanese Exchange
visitors arrive after
school

Thursday 27th
9am Welcome As-
sembly and Mayor
Visit
6:45pm Taiko and
cultural presentation,
Family bush dance

Friday 28th
Year 5-7 Excursion
Day to Gorge Wildlife
Park

Monday 31st
9:20 Farewell assem-
bly

August

Wednesday 2nd
External School Re-
view begins
2:30pm Governing
Council meeting with
External School Re-
view team

Thursday 3rd
External School Re-
view continues

Friday 4th
Chris at NAPLAN
online training

Tuesday 8th
Robyn at Partnership
meeting

Wednesday 9th
6:30pm Governing
Council meeting

Fruit Roster

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. It is very helpful to us if this fruit is pre-cut and ready to serve. Thank you.



Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 2nd August
Wednesday 9th August

Hoogland, Hudson
 Hughes, Hughes-Page
 Johnson, Mitchell

External School Review

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools. All government schools will be externally reviewed every four years. The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal. The review will occur on 3rd and 4th August.

We will find out the aspects of the school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- »» individual interviews
- »» group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- »» meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- »» visits into classrooms.

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this external school review process.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office if you do not want your child to participate. If you would like more information please contact Robyn on 85244164.

EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS – return by Tuesday 1st August

NAME:
 I do not want my child in room to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Pastoral Care Worker

Just in case week 1 in term 3 isn't busy enough... I have a compulsory 2 day conference run by Schools Ministry Group, which is my employer, (in agreed partnership with Sandy Creek Primary School). This yearly conference is an opportunity to meet with nearly 200 other Pastoral Care Workers from around South Australia, who work in schools with from 25 or so children to over 1000 children.

This years' conference is being held at the Edwardstown Baptist Church at Dorene Street St. Mary's, on Wednesday and Thursday, and the Theme is "Celebrating the Value of Community". On Wednesday evening at 7 pm everyone is invited to Celebrate Community with us! See me if you are interested in attending.

Christina Artini

Aussies of the Month

Congratulations to Alex B, Izaak and Keira who received Aussie of the Month Awards at assembly in the last week of last term.

SRC Roller Skating Excursion

Thank you to the SRC for organising the R-7 Roller Skating Excursion where students were able to display their Character Strengths in different ways. A special thank you to Talana for organising roller skating games and to Sienna for arranging games and activities for those who needed a break from skating.

