

# SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Congratulations to Bek Pens who is pregnant with the baby due in November. We are very excited for Bek and her family and we are all looking forward to sharing this joyful experience with Bek.

Staff, parents and students continue to busily prepare for our Japanese visitors who arrive on Wednesday 26 July. Many notes will be coming home over the next few weeks as we plan for the upcoming events. Students are creating posters and school signs in Japanese as well as practising for the Welcome Assembly and other items. Please encourage your children as they practise their use of the Japanese language and expand their knowledge of different cultures throughout this experience.

We are currently reviewing some of our policies. Two policies that have been recently updated are the Bullying and Harassment Policy and the Attendance Policy. The Attendance Policy is attached to this newsletter and the Bullying and Harassment Policy will soon be updated on our school website at [http://www.sandycrkps.sa.edu.au/policies/parent\\_info\\_index.html](http://www.sandycrkps.sa.edu.au/policies/parent_info_index.html)

*Robyn Gibbes*

## Japanese

Below are some more Japanese words for you to practice.

I am [your name]      Watashi wa \_ desu  
私は\_\_\_\_\_です

See you tomorrow      Mata ashita ne  
また明日ね

Can I help you?      Tetsudai mashoka?  
手伝いましょうか

Goodbye      Sayonara  
さようなら

## Attendance

We believe that regular attendance at school from Reception on provides children with the best start to their school life. This prepares them for secondary education and for lifelong learning and responsible participation in the wider community throughout their lives.

We ask that all students and parents work together to ensure we are doing our best to be at school on time (by 8:55am). At the moment student lateness is meaning that teachers cannot teach the first lesson of the day to the full class and that children are missing the important first instructions of the day.

If your child is ill or will be away from school for an important reason please let us know before 9am on the day of the absence. If we don't know where your child is we become worried about their wellbeing and may need to ring you to check where they are.

If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they often experience difficulties later. It has been shown that irregular attendance in the junior primary and primary years often leads to the development of poor attendance at high school. 6 days absence per term from Junior Primary to end of Year 7 equals 1 year of schooling missed. Half an hour late each day equals 5 days absence per term.

## End of Term

Friday 7th July is the last day of term 2. School will finish at 2:20pm. Term 3 starts on Monday 24th July with a very busy first few weeks. We hope everyone is fully recovered from their colds by then!

## School Diary Dates 2017

### June

**Tuesday 27th**  
Robyn at Partnership meeting

**Friday 30th**  
Year 5-7 Square Dancing Lessons

### July

**Monday 3rd**  
3:30pm Autism and Puberty session for staff and parents

**Thursday 6th**  
R-7 SRC Roller skating excursion

**Friday 7th**  
2:20pm finish  
Last day of term 2

**Monday 24th**  
First day term 3

**Wednesday 26th**  
Japanese Exchange visitors arrive

**Thursday 27th**  
9am Welcome Assembly 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 assembly

### 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 28th June**  
**Wednesday 5th July**  
**Wednesday 26th July**

Gibbs, Gregory  
Davies, Hanton  
Hoogland, Hudson

### Pizzas

Students continue to enjoy the wonderful range of special lunches available this term. Thank you so much to the parents and staff who work hard to make it possible for students to have so many options on different days. Thursday is pizza day and we are adding new vegetarian pizzas to the range available for \$2 / pizza.

### Pastoral Care Worker

I was pleased to go along to the Governing Council meeting last Wednesday evening. I was impressed with the professionalism of the group of parents, grandparents and staff involved. The volume of topics covered ranged from the upcoming Minami Aiki visit, to school lawns, our student learning and more. I shared with the group some future plans that I have been pondering.

I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in crafty pursuits to contact me, or to leave a message in the front office. Crafty pursuits include quilting, sewing, crochet or knitting. A group called "Quickest Warmth"; originally formed in the mid-north, and now active all around Adelaide, co-ordinate making quilts, toys and supplies which are donated to Families SA offices in the north to give to children and their carers in an emergency. This group also accept donations of new fabric, fabric scraps, wool, toiletries and new children's pyjamas. Lets get talking about how crafty we can be! Anyone up for a coffee and knit, or cuppa and sew! I have placed a flier on the notice board outside of the Front Office entry doors.

Talking of wool...The children absolutely loved a visit from my gorgeous woolly dog in Term 1. Maggie is 18 months old and is a miniature labradoodle. She is curly and woolly! She is fleecy, and the breed is known to be low-allergenic, (not non-allergenic) so ideal for wide ranges of people. She doesn't shed hair but needs a haircut (shear!) every 6 months or so. She is very active, but well behaved. I will be bringing her for a visit to school on my day off on the Wednesday of the last

week of this term.

The children in the Waratah room have been accruing reward points for good behaviour, and have choices on how to 'spend' their points! I have been busily helping them cook things like focaccia, small cakes, rocky road and red-velvet cake. It's wonderful cooking with children as it is great to spend time with small groups and chat as we work.

*Christina Artini*

### Talent Show Report

On the fourteenth of June Sandy Creek's got Talent was held. Congratulations to Corey who came first, Jess and Elisha who tied second and Jasper, Jaye and Seth who came in third. Corey sang Rip Tide, Elisha did a lovely jazz dance and Jess did a fast Alphabet Aerobics. We all had a great time and had a lot of fun. *By Sienna, Publicity Officer, SRC*



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# ONESIES & PJS Theme Skate

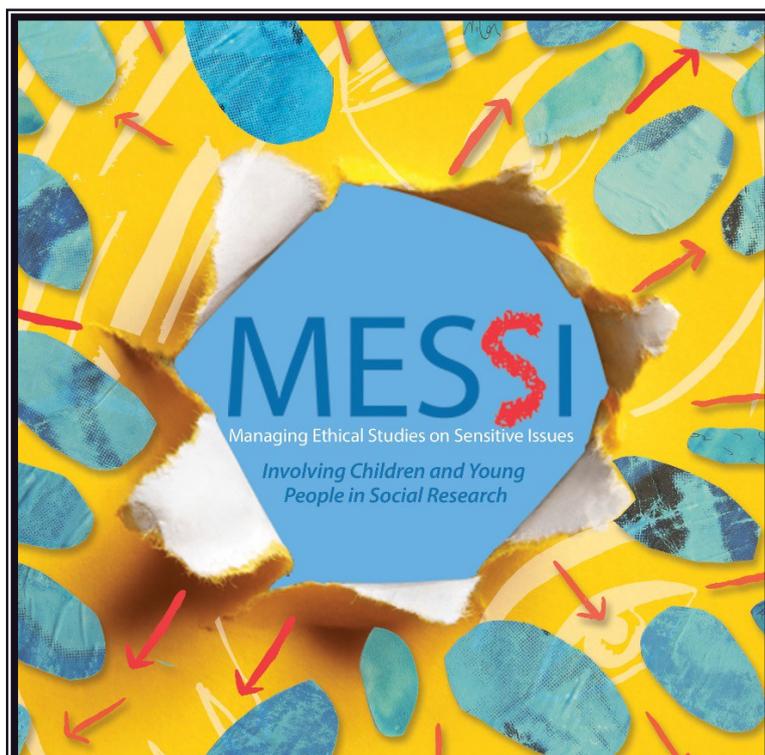
**FRIDAY 7 JULY 7.00PM-9.30PM**

- ★ FANCY DRESS
- ★ DISCO LIGHTS
- ★ VARIETY OF MUSIC
- ★ LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS
- ★ PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED
- ★ WHOLE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**\$8 + \$2.50**  
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**Take part in the MESSI Survey: Managing Ethical Studies on Sensitive Issues**

Researchers from the Institute of Child Protection Studies are inviting young people, parents and teachers to participate in an online survey about children and young people's participation in social research about sensitive issues. They need help from:

- Young people aged 12-17 years
- Parents of children aged 7-14
- Teachers, school counsellors, teacher aides and Principals of children aged 7-14

The 10-minute survey is voluntary, anonymous and you can go into the draw to win a \$200 vouch-