

# SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents who have already met with teachers this term about your child's learning. Please remember that Parent Teacher interviews this term are optional. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher please make a time directly with them in the next 2 weeks. Teachers will also be approaching parents for meetings if they are concerned about a child's learning.

I would also like to thank staff for the incredible amount of meetings they have had with parents this term—both formally and informally. These connections between school and home are really important for students learning to flourish.

*Robyn Gibbes*

## School times

Thank you to all the families who returned the surveys about eating lunch inside and school times. Due to not having a quorum at Governing Council last Wednesday the decision regarding this will be made at Governing Council in Week 3 of next term. Families will then be notified of any changes to school times for 2018.

## Japanese Competition

The activity I liked the best was the one when we had to say the hiragana out loud. It was cute how everyone got a little gift. I liked seeing people from other schools that I know too.

**-Ashlee McQueen**

I liked that so many schools decided to do Japanese and come to the competition. I liked the opportunity to show my skills to other schools and see the skills of other schools. The sushi was also very nice.

**-Jasper Lobegeiger**

My favourite part of the day was the final round when we had to speak the words out loud against the other schools. I also can't believe that we came second considering that it was our first time at the competition. It was a fun and enjoyable day.

**-Seth Gerschwitz**

My favourite part was when we had to stand up and read the hiragana from the projector. I liked that we got sushi and how we got the opportunity to do this competition. It was exciting!

**-Jessica Lymeropoulos**

I was really proud of how the team went last week at the competition. Even when we had some technical difficulties with one of the ipads; instead of giving up (as we had missed a small section of that activity) they knuckled down and tried harder! The other schools did an amazing job and we were very surprised and excited to have come 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 9 schools that attended.

**-Shawnee Mephram**  
Japanese Teacher

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## School Diary Dates 2017

### September

#### Wednesday 20th

Kristen Langford visiting Waratah Class  
3:35 Staff training re suicide ideation and self harm

#### Tuesday 26th

2 students at Aboriginal STEM convention

#### Wednesday 27th

2:45 Whole School Assembly

#### Friday 29th

Wheels Day  
International Food Sharing Day  
2:20 finish  
Last day of term

### October

#### Monday 16th

First day Term 4

#### Tuesday 31st

School Photos

### November

#### Wednesday 1st

6:30pm Governing Council

#### Friday 3rd

Sports Day

#### Monday 6th—Friday 10th

School Swimming Week

#### Sunday 12th

SRC fundraiser—Woolworths BBQ

#### Friday 17th

Pupil Free Day

#### Tuesday 21st—22nd

R-3 Zoo Snooze

## 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 20th September** Roberts, Sandford  
**Wednesday 27th September** Tait, Thomsen  
**Wednesday 18th October** Tregeagle, Nyenhuis

## Japanese

Students and staff continue to enjoy practising our Japanese on Fridays. The phrases we have used in the last few weeks include:

Be Quiet. (she-zoo-carny) しずかに  
 Excuse Me. (sue-me-ma-sen) すみません  
 Let's go (icky-mush-oh or ick-oh) いきましょう  
 or いこう  
 Do you understand? (wakarimaska) わかりますか  
 I understand (wakarimas) わかります  
 I don't understand (wakarimasen)  
 わかりません  
 Well done (yokudekimashta)  
 よくできました

## School Hats

Next term students will be expected to wear hats during recess, lunch and PE lessons.

Please check now that you have school hats (blue with broad brims) ready for this time and purchase a hat from Donna in the front office if you don't have one.



## Premier Reading Challenge

Well done everyone. Once again we have **100% participation!** Excellent!

## Our New Strawberry Planter

Mr Jennings came to school for five sessions to help us make a hanging strawberry planter. We made a plan, then went to Bunnings to buy the wood, bolts, plastic drain pipes and silicone. First we made the two triangles for the sides, then bolted planks to make the frame. We cut 4 lengths of pipe, sealed them and filled them with potting soil. Then we drilled holes along the top and planted the strawberry plants in each hole. Lastly we siliconed the irrigation pipe on top. Now the strawberries can hang down and stay clean as they fruit.



Sebastian, Max

## Nature Play Festival

**Wed 11th & Fri 13th October 10-2pm**

The Barossa Bushgardens becomes a nature playground for 3-12 year olds and their families and carers. Come along and enjoy activities such as making gum nut babies, flower mandalas, bush weaving, bush story nook, mud kitchen and lots more.



# Japanese Competition

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Ashlee, Jessica, Seth & Jasper attended a Hiragana competition with Shawnee Mephram last Wednesday.

## Languages Alive!

October School Holiday Program

3rd & 4th October

Discover a new culture and language with the School of Languages!

Children will choose from 8 different workshops where they can make a Carnevale mask, create a Chinese watercolour, learn to dance Bollywood style, play a traditional Korean drum, take a virtual tour around China and more.

In addition, they will come away with the basics of up to four different languages including Korean, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, and Japanese.

9.30am-3.30pm. \$30 per child per day.

3rd and 4th October 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon

For further information and to book tickets visit [www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive)

