

SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 of Term 1. Thank you to those parents who have already returned their booking forms. Some parents have been invited to make alternative times for NEP and IEP meetings. If you have not yet made a time to meet with your child's class teacher please see Donna as we urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to have dedicated time to discuss the learning profile of your child. If you are not able to arrange a time this term please arrange to meet with the class teacher early next term.

NAPLAN Testing

The NAPLAN tests will be held in week 3 of term 2 beginning on Tuesday 15th May for all year 3, 5 and 7 students. Tests include Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. This year our year 5 and 7 students will complete all tests online. Year 3 students will undertake the writing test in paper form and do the remainder of the tests using the online platform. Students are given opportunities to practise NAPLAN style questions using computers to help them prepare.

Remind your child that NAPLAN tests are just one of many kinds of school tests. The purpose of these tests is for parents and teachers to see how students are going. Encourage your child to put in their best effort without increasing their stress levels. Please meet with Robyn this term if you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests.

Robyn Gibbes

Big Ideas in Number

During the Pupil Free Day a few weeks ago staff were further developing their knowledge around students' understanding of the 'Big Ideas in Number'. These big ideas are "an idea, strategy, or way of thinking about some key aspect of mathematics, without which students' progress in mathematics will be seriously impacted." (Siemon, 2006)

The 'Big Ideas' build upon each other and develop over time. They are:

LEVEL 1 – Trusting the count, developing flexible mental objects for the numbers 0 to 10

LEVEL 2 – Place-value, the importance of moving beyond counting by ones, the structure of the base ten numeration system

LEVEL 3 – Multiplicative thinking, the key to understanding rational number and developing efficient mental and written computation strategies in later years

LEVEL 4 – Partitioning, the missing link in building common fraction and decimal knowledge and confidence

LEVEL 5 – Proportional reasoning, extending what is known about multiplication and division beyond rule-based procedures to solve problems involving fractions, decimals, percent, ratio, rate and proportion

LEVEL 6 – Generalising, skills and strategies to support equivalence, recognition of number properties and patterns, and the use of algebraic text without which it is impossible to engage in broader curricula expectations at this level.

If you would like to know more about how we work with the Big Ideas in Number at school please see your child's class teacher.

School Diary Dates 2018

March

Tuesday 27th
Young Leaders'
Day

Friday 30th
Good Friday

April

Monday 2nd
Easter Monday

Tuesday 3rd
-Thursday 5th
Parent Teacher
Interviews

Friday 13th
Wheels Day
Last day of Term
1

Monday 30th
First day of Term
2

May

Tuesday 15th—
Friday 18th
NAPLAN

Monday 21st
Pupil Free Day

Fruit Roster

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. Thank you for participating.

Wednesday 28th March	Gerschwitz, Gibbs
Wednesday 4th April	Gregory, Davies
Wednesday 11th April	Hanton, Hoogland

Skoolbag App

Thank you to the many families who have so promptly begun using the Skoolbag App. If you have not already installed Skoolbag, please install Skoolbag for Sandy Creek Primary School on your Smartphone. We will be using this app to send home newsletters, reminders and quick notifications such as when the school is closed for a catastrophic fire risk day. We now only send paper newsletters home to those families who have specifically requested a paper newsletter in writing.

Resource Centre

"Books aren't just made of words. They're also filled with places to visit, people to meet, and treasures to find!"

Kaye Hanton

Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday in the Resource Centre at 9:30am.

Lorri Williams

Japanese Language Day

From this week, our Japanese Language Days will be changing from Fridays to Wednesdays. On these days everyone in the school tries to use as much Japanese language as possible. This supports our language lessons and our use of Japanese for a purpose as we attempt to practise new phrases each week. Look out for the new phrases on the office door on Wednesday.

SRC—Wheels Day

On Friday 13th April (the last day of term) students may bring a bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates to school. They will be permitted to use them at specific class times in marked areas. Helmets MUST be worn and protective gear is recommended. This is our end of term 'Fun Day' organised by SRC.

Students may also wear appropriate casual clothes if they pay a gold coin donation towards the SRC 'Vinnies' fundraising.

Harmony Day

What an awesome day. Thank you very much to Kristen Langford and Christina Artini for planning this day for us. Thank you also to families for your full participation and support of the day. It was wonderful to see the range of outfits students wore and the incredible amount of food available for us to share.



Interoception

During Week 8 I spent some time with a few of the students in the Banksia Room (R-2) and asked them about Interception. These students have been part of our whole school Interception activities after recess and lunch. I asked them which activity was their favourite and how does Interception help.

Ruby - I like breathing with a feather. I like the feel of the particles on the feather. It feels really relaxing doing Interception.

Harrison - I like the big clap. You have to clap and stand up until your hand stops stinging. Interception helps me calm down but clapping your hands doesn't. It's just fun.

Georgia - I like doing the breathing activity when you feel your chest move. I like it because I want to make sure I stay calm.

Joseph - I like to do the clap one. We clap our hands and wait for the sting to go away. Interception helps me feel calm.

Anna Johnson

Nature Play News

In 2017 I applied for an NRM grant. We were successful and have won \$2000 to spend on the creation of an outdoor classroom and sensory trail. Work will begin on this project after the new shed has been built. Currently, the native plants for this project have been ordered and are being propagated. We will need to wait for some decent rain before planting to ensure they take. Planting days will likely involve the whole school and possibly the community, later down the track.

The Nature Play Team have been monitoring the use of the new mud kitchen and the equipment involved. If you look to the eastern end of the main building, you will see a new gate has been installed in the alcove. This will ensure our Nature Play items are kept safe and secure when the school is closed.

Logs wanted: the Nature Play team are interested in making a log 'stepping stone' structure which starts low and gradually rises and then falls again. We will need about 5-7 very wide logs for this. Does anyone have any contacts or know of anywhere we can source these?

Lauren McGowen

SSO spotlight

Hi Donna, How long have you been an SSO?
8 Years.

What did you do before you were an SSO?
I was a Business Manager and a Florist.

What training have you had for your work?
DECD Finance Training.

What is your favourite part of being an SSO?
Helping people and seeing smiles on students faces.

Donna Riggs—Interviewed by Osha

Basketball: Expression of Interest

Summer Season Basketball is fast coming to a close so it's time to get ready to register teams for the Winter season over Term 2 & 3 2018. These teams are registered as a school group but are fully managed by parents. Under 8s & 10s play on a Tuesday night while '12 and Under' & '14 and Under' compete on Monday night.

Registration Cost: \$45 per team
Game cost: \$39 per team
These costs are divided between players. Each player pays approximately \$50/term to cover game costs and a gift for the volunteer coaches.

Please fill out the details below and return to Michelle Tait, Kim Hughes or Anna Johnson by Monday week 11 so that we can register our teams in time.

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My childwould like to participate in Winter Basketball (children must be supervised).

Child's Date of Birth.....

- I am interested in coaching.
- Under 8s (mixed)
 - Under 10s (mixed)
 - 12 and Under (mixed)
 - 14 and Under (mixed)

Signed: _____