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# Primary Years

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 6  
30 AUGUST 2018



Pictured (from left): Book Week; PY Wellbeing; Science Week

*“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”*

- Aesop

## DIARY DATES:

**September 6**  
STUDENT FREE DAY



**September 7**  
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

**September 13**  
R U OK? Day

**September 19**  
B-12 Exhibition  
of Learning  
4-5:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!



**September 28**  
Last day of Term, 2pm dismissal  
Reports given to students

**2 November**  
EY/PY Sports Day

**5 November**  
Children's University Graduation

## A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS LEADERSHIP

We are almost three quarters through the 2018 school year and it doesn't seem long ago that I was writing a newsletter article about our students and teachers just starting a new year back in Term 1. We have high expectations for student efforts towards learning and in developing their ability to get along with others. In the Primary Years, children are always encouraged to follow what we call "The 4 Bees": Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Kind". We also use the language of "Green Choices Vs Red Choices" and a "Growth Mindset Vs a Fixed Mindset". Having 325 children in Year 3 to Year 6 aged from 8 to 12 this is sometimes a challenge. Many children have developed their abilities significantly in these areas.

As well as teaching the National Curriculum subjects, our school participates in many extra curricula events such as Harmony Day, Science Week, Sports Carnivals and of course the recent celebration of Book Week.

Thank you for supporting your children to enter into the spirit of Book Week by helping them with costumes – it seems to get bigger and better every year!

A lot has happened across the whole College over the past 27 weeks and there are a number of important events coming up including:

- PY Assembly this Friday at 11:30 hosted by Mr Verner's Year 5 class
- Whole College Exhibition of Learning in Week 9
- EY/PY Sports Day Term 4, Week 3 – Friday 2nd November
- Transition visits for 2019 on Wednesdays Weeks 6, 7 & 8

Kind Regards

Ella Ailmore & Barry Solomon

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## PRIMARY YEARS WELLBEING

Term 3 in Primary Years has had a great start. We have two programs running at the moment that are supported and funded by RASA (Relationships Australia, SA). Drumbeat and Circus Gig have been developed to support children with developing resilience and problem solving skills.

SRC students have been very active in their roles across the school running lunch time activities, such as Wheels Wednesday, Tunes Tuesday and Thinker Space Thursday and helping leadership to present at building meetings and assemblies. They are all actively developing their leadership skills and will continue to be involved in decisions that help improve students' sense of belonging at the College.

### Children's University

Many students are engaging in the activities we have running during and after school and can look forward to graduating from "University" on November the 5th. More details will be coming soon so please keep an eye on Facebook and notes from school.

*Lisa Glanville, Primary Years Student Wellbeing Leader*



## SCIENCE WEEK

Week 5 this Term was Science Week and students across the College were involved in some fantastic experiments and activities. In the Primary Years, students looked at different optical illusions, and had the opportunity to do many different experiments, some student directed, and some teacher directed. Some of the favourite activities were the fluffy slime, the growing balloon, the lemon volcano, the fizzy sherbet, and of course, the exploding bags.



**"We liked the team work, and we really enjoyed making the fluffy slime."**

- Marciano & Declan, Year 4

*Sarah Russell, F-6 STEM Coordinator*

## SAPSASA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 24 August Mr Verner, Miss Evans and Miss Adams took a group of 40 students across Years 5,6 and 7 to compete in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival. Students participated in a range of events including; shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, 800, 200 and 100 metre running events. All students represented the school exceptionally well and a large number won ribbons for their events. It was fantastic to see so many students out there having fun and encouraging others. Some highlights were Maenda Maenda who placed first in the 200m race and 2nd in the 100m. Marisa Barbaro who came 1st in all of her events, Jonathan Turner who finished 2nd in the 200m final and the 2007 boys Maenda Maenda, John Butoyi, Damien Stewart and Jayden Borg who stormed home to win their relay event. For Year 7 students who came 1st, there will be an opportunity to try out for the district athletics team at the Athletics SA stadium, students will be notified of this soon. Congratulations to all the students who attended on the day!

*Taylor Adams*



## BOOK WEEK

During Week 5 we celebrated Book Week at MOC. Primary Years students enjoyed reading the short-listed books in their class, completing a school-wide treasure hunt and attending the book fair in the library. The highlight of the celebrations was the much-anticipated Book Week parade. There were many wonderful costumes on display! The photos (pictured above and on the front page) show the winning costumes from each class. Thank you to all of our families for attending the event and making it even more special for our students.

*Larissa Schinella*



## PARENT CONFERENCE

Getting the right fit

Wednesday  
12 September 2018

Hosted by the Department for Education, *Getting the right fit* is a conference which will inform parents and carers about the services and support available for children and young people with a disability.

Parents and carers of a child or young person with a disability are invited to listen to information and strategies from key note speakers and participate in workshops. The conference will be opened by a performance by students from Kilparrin, Errington and South Australian School for Vision Impaired (SASVI).

**When:** Wednesday 12 September 2018

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Level 1 Hilton Adelaide

Victoria Square

Adelaide, SA 5000

**What:** Key note speakers

- Kirsty Russell, parent, Positive Special Needs Parenting, Newcastle NSW
- Dr Emma Goodall, Manager Disability and Complex Needs, Interception for all

### Workshops

- Finding the right fit for my child
- Transitions throughout the preschool/school journey
- The Parent Role: Empowering parents within the educational team
- Inclusion Research Project
- Natural environment and play for children with a disability
- Mindfulness and children with anxiety

**How:** Register [online](#) and select your workshops

Maximum participants 150. No cost to participants. Morning tea and lunch provided.

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