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No 6  **HAPPY EASTER**

Thursday April 13 2017

Cherry Blossom Festival Picnic

As part of our Japanese cultural learning a Cherry Blossom Festival Picnic was held on the school front lawn for the Junior Primary students. This event was organised to coincide with Cherry Blossom Season in Japan.

The atmosphere was fun and festive and what a fabulous time we had! The weather was perfect. The students looked bright and beautiful with their head bands and necklaces which they made for themselves in class.

Parents and Caregivers turned out in large numbers, enthusiastically showing off their creative Cherry Blossom Special Bentos (lunch boxes) made for their children.

Entertainment included a lovely music performance by Room 7 with our music teacher Mrs Moore as conductor and a very impressive Karate demonstration by Nina from Room 5 and her instructor.

Thank you to all the parents/carers, teachers and students involved.

Hanh Parton, Japanese Teacher



Children using Social Media Sites

Social Media sites that are interactive allowing for commenting online are being used by children in our school as young as Year 3.

Please continually monitor your child if they go online no matter what age to ensure their involvement with others who are using the same web site is appropriate and safe.

Adult monitoring is important because:

- All sites can attract people who are not who they portray.
- Your child can be subject to inappropriate comments from other people (even people they know) and this can be alarming for them.
- Computers/laptops/devices should be in a communal space (not in a child's bedroom) so that they can be easily viewed and monitored by an adult.
- We have heard of upsetting interactions via comments between same age children that have been made online in recent times to upset others.
- "Musically" is an online interactive site which uses a Karaoke/Singalong forum which kids love to use but also needs monitoring like any other online site.

Kym Steele, School Counsellor

DATES

Monday May 1
PUPIL FREE DAY

May 8-12
R-2 Swimming

Tuesday May 2
SAPSASA Knockout Netball game

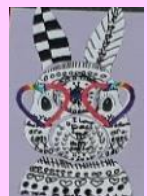
May 9-11
Yr 3,5 & 7 NAPLAN Testing Program

Friday May 12
Disco Rec—Year 3
4:30-5:45pm
Yr 4-7pm 6:00—7:30pm

Tuesday May 16
RAN training 5:30-6:30
(bookings essential on 8386 1144)
Governing Council 7:00pm
SAPSASA Knockout soccer

Wednesday May 17
Assembly Room 19 hosting at 9am
Urrbrae House Excursion Room 9

Notices Distributed this Week
Urrbrae House / Adelaide Gaol Rooms 7,8,9,10 \$23



Respect, Friendliness, Caring, Responsibility, Tolerance and Cooperation

Buddy Class

Room 5 and Room 19 are buddy classes. We meet once a week and work together on different aspects of our learning. This term we have been focusing on Digital Technologies and 'Coding'. Today we worked with the 'Bee Bots' to follow a code and move around obstacles.

I enjoyed learning about my left and right. I liked moving the Bee Bot around obstacles—Nina, Room 5



I learnt how to use and move the Bee Bot. We had to make up a code and press the buttons on the Bee Bot for it to move—Taj R, Room 5



Before School

The yard opens at 8:30am and classes open from 8:35am. Please wait near your class room until your teacher opens the door. This is not the time for playing with balls or on the playground. Thank You.

Can you please check and treat your children for headlice over the holiday break. It would be great to have a headlice free school next term when everyone comes back!

NAPLAN Testing Program

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

The testing program is as follows:

Tuesday May 9 *Language Conventions (Spelling and Grammar) and Writing*

Wednesday May 10 *Reading*

Thursday May 11 *Numeracy*

It is important that parents ensure that students are at school and on time each test day. If a student is absent due to illness on any of the test days, arrangements will be made for the student to complete missed tests on Friday May 12.

How to support your student:

- Offer encouragement and reassurance to reduce any anxiety.
- Ensure that students have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast every morning.
- Assist students to be at school in plenty of time so that they are not rushed and/or miss the commencement of a test.
- Contact the class teacher or school leadership with any questions or concerns.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be provided to parents later in the year, usually in September. If you would like any further information, or have specific concerns that need to be addressed, please contact your child's teacher or member of the school's leadership team through the front office.

If you are aware that your child will be absent for any of the testing program please contact the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks, *Cindy McGarry*

After School messages

While we endeavour to get messages to students during the day with 500 children moving around the school sometimes this is not possible.

It is best that all students have an after school meeting spot that they can go to and be met by family members or family friends.

Having plans in place early reduces anxiety for children and also means less phone disruptions to classrooms during the day.

SAPSASA Cross Country

Last Thursday we had 20 students from years four and five visit Noarlunga Downs Primary School for the combined Onkaparinga North and South SAPSASA Districts Cross Country Carnival.

Students born in 2007 had to run 2 laps of the 1km course and the older students had to complete the circuit 3 times. The weather was a change from the rainy and overcast conditions of many previous years. It was very warm which certainly tested the runners' fitness and endurance levels, particularly up the hill climb section of the course. All of our participants represented our school well, by both their excellent behaviour, strong support of all runners and in their efforts towards their events. We didn't quite manage to have any of our runners qualify for the District team to compete at the State Championships at Oakbank later in the year.

A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supporting our students. These events wouldn't be possible without that support. *Luke Remfry*



SAPSASA Softball Tournament

Last week I played for the Onkaparinga District Softball Team. We played a weeks tournament at West Beach and had 9 games of softball overall.

We won 5 of our games and I played catcher and pitcher.

A highlight of the week was hitting a home run.

I got to meet lots of new people. It was nice to meet kids who love softball as much as me.

There is a state team that will play here in South Australia later in the year.

There are two more trials before I find out if I make the State team.

Koby, Room 18



Room 6

Our class have been working on using our senses to enhance our writing. We think it as made our writing much more interesting. *Mr. Josh*

The Cherry Blossoms

I smell chocolate, sushi, seaweed and rice.

I see bright flowers and wooden bridges over the river.

I hear relaxing drums, xylophones and people walking on wooden bridges.

I taste sushi, rice, dumplings and seaweed.

It feels fun, happy and busy.

Class Poem



The Fair

I taste chocolate. I see

a merry go-round. I hear music everywhere and games. It smells like hot donuts and chocolate. *Skye*

I love the fair. It is beautiful. It smells like chocolate. It looks like fun. The fair sound like magic. The fair tastes like fairy floss. The fair feels like it is safe.

Sophie

I see toys and I see fairy floss. I smell ice-cream. I feel dirt under my feet. I smell fairy floss. I hear kids screaming louder than a werewolf. *Jovi*



Absences

Thanks to all of the families that use the text message service to let us know when their children will be away. Can you include the name of your child. Room number and reason for absence. (illness, family)

The text line is 0428 937 348 and only works if we have your current mobile number.



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	May 1 Pupil Free Day Staff T & D	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
2 NAPLAN Week	May 8 R-2 Swimming 	May 9 R-2 Swimming SAPSASA Knockout Netball Game 	May 10 R-2 Swimming 	May 11 R-2 Swimming 	May 12 R-2 Swimming DISCO R-3 4:30—5:45pm 4-7 6:00—7:30 pm 
3	May 15	May 16 RAN training 5:30-6:30 (bookings essential) Governing Council 7:00 SAPSASA Knockout Soccer	May 17 Assembly Room 19 hosting 9:00am Urrbrae House Room 9	May 18	May 19 SAPSASA Yr 6 & 7 Knockout Football at Woodcroft PS
4	May 22	May 23	May 24 Assembly Room hosting 9:00am Urrbrae House & Adelaide Gaol Room 7	May 25 	May 26 Market Day Rec-Yr 3 for Cancer Council
5 Reconciliation Week	May 29 	May 30 	May 31 Urrbrae House and Adelaide Gaol Room 10 	June 1 Principal's Tour Bookings Essential 8386 1144	June 2 Market Day Yr 4-7 for Cancer Council
6	June 5	June 6	June 7 Assembly Room 18 hosting 9:00am Urrbrae House & Adelaide Gaol Room 10	June 8 	June 9 Excursion Year 3/4 Museums
7	June 12 PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY  Elizabeth	June 13	June 14 Police Band 10am	June 15	June 16 Excursion Year 3/4 Museums
8	June 19	June 20 Governing Council meeting 7:00	June 21 Assembly Room 16 hosting 9:00am	June 22 	June 23
9	June 26	June 27	June 28 Special Canteen Lunch	June 29	June 30
10	July 3 Seaford College 9- 10:35 Guided Tour	July 4	July 5 Assembly Room 5 hosting 9:00am Report Cards	July 6 	July 7 Last Day of Term 2:05pm Dismissal

Term 3 commences Monday, July 24. Yard Opens at 8:30am