



17 March 2016  
Week 8 Term 1

## Principal's News

Easter is just about upon us and I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable break. Friday 25, Saturday 26, Sunday 27, Monday 28 is the Easter break and students return to school on **Tuesday 29 March** for a further two weeks. Our school holidays do not coincide with Victoria this term. Our last day of school for term 1 is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April and students return to school on Wednesday 27 April. Enjoy the break with your family and friends.

### **The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Week 9

Monday 21 March

Kinder photo for Sunraysia Daily

Thursday 24 March

Easter Celebration / P&C lunch

#### Week 10

Friday 25 March

Good Friday Holiday

#### Week 11

Monday 28 March

Easter Holiday

All week

Parent /Teacher Interviews

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## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held during week 11.

Class teachers will send home booking sheets. Please return the sheet with your preferred time to enable us to organise an efficient day, where we don't keep other parents waiting.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress at school and have input into their learning priorities as well as providing insightful information for teachers.

Often we are able to tailor the learning opportunities offered to your child with added success when we have increased knowledge from home.

Developing positive and honest relationships between school and home, where we are working together to achieve common goals, means better educational outcomes for your children.



We look forward to seeing at

**Parent Teacher Interviews**



## Assembly News

Congratulation to students receiving awards this week at our assembly. It is great to see so many students getting recognition for such diverse achievements. It reinforces the idea that we all have strengths and working together as a learning community, with our combined skills we are a successful team.

Star of the Week students enjoyed a delicious morning tea on Friday to celebrate their achievements. Yum!!





## P&C News

The P&C is off and running and I would like to personally thank those who have taken on roles within the committee. I am looking forward to another great year!

Hot Cross Bun orders were due today and will be available to pick up on Wednesday, March 23rd.

Easter raffle tickets are due back by Monday, March 22nd. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday, March 24th.

The P&C is planning a working bee on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday April 10th at school. Start time will be 9am. We will be fixing up the picnic tables and painting them, as well as removing the bricks and garden between the fake grass and where the picnic tables sit. Anyone who is able to help, even if it is only for an hour, would be greatly appreciated! We will be putting on a BBQ lunch for the volunteers, and running some activities for the kids!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 30th at 1pm. All are welcome!

Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns that you feel I might be able to help with, don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I am always at school for afternoon pickup, or drop a note in the P&C box.

Have a great week  
Sarah

## For Sale

We have some school equipment for sale. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please come to the front office. The items will be for tender, so simply ask for a slip to fill out, mark the price you are prepared to pay and return to the box. The highest bidder receives the goods on payment. Purchased goods will require pick up.



### MINIBALL REGISTRATION 2016

Miniball is an introduction and skills based basketball program for primary school aged children. The program is player-centred, fun-focused and affordable to all. It provides opportunities to learn, play with your friends and to develop important social skills in a convenient safe and friendly environment. Miniball caters for ALL, girls and boys who are currently attending primary school from Kinder to Grade 4. Games are played at the Mildura Hot House on Saturday mornings. To register simply attend registration day. Registration: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Times: Kinder to Grade 1 – 9.30am    Grades 2-4 – 10.30am.

Location: Mildura Hot House Stadium    Fees - \$50 per player with a \$5 per week door charge.

Contact Fiona on 0408 535 830 or email: [alcheringabb@gmail.com](mailto:alcheringabb@gmail.com)



## The Internet & Social Media

As you would be aware social media an ever increasing presence in our lives and unless, managed to be used in a way that enhances our lives, can cause serious and ongoing issues.

NSW Department of Education Schools all operate under a Code of Conduct, where we are obliged to follow policy in relation to the use of technology and social media in association with our school. These policies are developed to protect students, staff and the school community as a whole. I have include information from these polices and toolkits for your information. If you would like further information, please contact the school and arrange a time to meet to further discuss any issues you may have.

When we use social media, everyone has the ability to publish online. With that comes the same responsibilities as commenting in a newspaper or any other public printed material. In relation to our school we need to consider that any negative sentiment, even those that are isolated, out of context or personal may be the first thing that the general public might see about our school when they do a search online for information.

We also need to be mindful that no information should be published if that could “reasonably identify a student, staff member, community member or any other person unless they have permission from that person or those people.”

Defamation is yet another issue related to the inappropriate use of social media in relation to the school setting. “Defamation is the publication, declaration or broadcast of material that is capable of lowering a person in the estimation of others.”

Whilst is easy to recognise the pitfalls of social media in certain situations, it can also be a valuable and effective form of communication and a great way of connecting with people when used in the right way. Along with the advantages of using social media comes the responsibility of following expectations and guidelines.

If we are able to model and teach our students/children these expectations, hopefully their experiences on social media will be positive ones.

### Keeping Kids Safe Online

You can monitor and supervise your child’s use of the internet in several ways:

- Talk with all family members about internet access. Monitoring works best if you can have calm and frank discussions with your child about his/her internet activities.
- Keep your desktop computer in a family area, or make sure your child uses tablets, phones and hand-held devices where you can see her/him. If possible, avoid online activity in a study or bedroom. This helps you keep an eye on how long your child is online as well as what websites they are visiting.
- Turn off all internet-accessing devices at night, including mobile phones, and keep portable devices in a common family space.
- Together with your child, set up some simple and fair rules about internet use. For example, set a reasonable limit on your child’s screen time. Discuss how these rules apply outside your home.
- Let your child know that social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram don’t allow children aged under 13 years to set up accounts. You can direct your child to more age-appropriate sites such as Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin instead.
- Check the websites your child has been visiting by using the History tab in your

browser.



## Class News

### K/1 News

The class appear to be enjoying the work we are doing on fairy tales, reading many that have not been heard before. If you have any fairy tale collections at home, have a look at them together and see which stories we have learnt in class. We are still working on reading and writing numbers to 10 or 20. Please practice counting at home, not just from one, but any given number and also counting backwards. This can be done easily as you go about regular household activities. Keep reading to your child regularly, displaying good reading habits. Something to think about, Mem Fox, children's author believes that Children are not ready to read until they have had at least 1,000 books read to them.

Thanks, Louise

Mrs Olofsson

### 1/2 News

Year 1/2 have been extremely busy in our classroom. All the children seem to have settled in as the term has progressed! In Literacy we have been learning about common and proper nouns. We have been using these in our written stories. During Mathematics this week, we have been working on addition and subtraction. Last week I sent home a times table sheet for your child to start practicing! We are working on our 2's, and some children are working on 5's and 10's. Thank you to the wonderful children who have been reading their take home readers on a regular basis. Children who practise reading more, become better readers. If you have any concerns about your child's learning please feel free to make an appointment to see me. Have a great week.

Bernadette Hogarth

### 3/4 News

Wow it's week eight already! We have been very busy this week completing our self-portraits for our room display and finishing painting our Australian icon models. Thank you to Mrs Slade for her help with these while I was away. They look amazing! The ones that weren't quite finished will be at assembly this Friday. In literacy this week we are looking at compound words and punctuation. We are also working on a competition for the school magazine writing a descriptive story in 80 words. Looking forward to reading the finished pieces. We are also completing an Easter colouring competition with some great prizes! We have been learning about multiplication and division in maths and looking at volume and capacity. We have also cooked some delicious pasta and tomato sauce this week, which we really enjoyed preparing, making and eating. It also gives us the opportunity to try to apply some of the things we learn in maths into real life, which is great! Just a reminder that if you have any issues, please make a time and come and discuss them with me. It's probably best to call and make a time when I can give my undivided attention.

### News from Casa del 4/5/6

Week 8 already!!!

We have a couple of short weeks due to the Easter break coming up. During the last two weeks of school I will be scheduling Parent/Teacher interviews for all students. Please keep an eye out for the note that will be coming home. Hopefully the hot weather will be leaving us soon and we will be doing some afternoon sport. It has been great for swimming but 40 deg is too hot to be playing games.

Have a great week  
Greg Stewart



## Cooking with Mrs Cock

3/4 made their own pasta on Wednesday and then served it with a fresh tomato and basil sauce. A huge thank you to Brenton Frahn, who has a fresh vegetable stall on Pitman Avenue, who generously donated the tomatoes for this session. . We really appreciate your support Brenton- please support his stall everyone!  
Enjoy the easy tomato pasta sauce every one.



## Recipes of the Week

### Fresh Tomato Sauce

From the Cooks' Champion by Stephanie Alexander

500g ripe tomatoes, cored, seeded and roughly sliced

1 onion

2 cloves of garlic, sliced

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil, salt, freshly ground black pepper

Tumble tomato, onion and garlic with oil and put into a saucepan

Cook over moderate heat for about 15 minutes, for a thicker sauce, simmer for longer

5 minutes before serving add shredded fresh basil leaves and stir through. Check for seasoning.

### Fresh Pasta

For a meal allow 1 egg per person. Use 000 flour for best results, although you can use plain flour.

Make a well in the flour, add the egg and mix with your finger, coating the egg until combined and then work with your hands.

Use a rolling pin to roll into sheets, folding and refolding until it has the correct look and consistency. Cut into ribbons and allow to dry for about half an hour.

Cook in well salted boiling water.



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## General Reminders

**Early to School** – Teacher supervision at school begins at 8.30am. Please do not send students to school early as there is no teacher supervision before this time and this becomes a duty of care issue.

**Valuables at School** – Please do not send valuables/precious toys/expensive technology to school with your child. These items are often lost or damaged in the school setting. Students are responsible for these items at school.

**Road Works** – We have received information from Roads and Maritime letting us know that there are roadworks scheduled on the Sturt Highway at Buronga between the Silver City Highway/Sturt Highway roundabout and just east of Rose Street from May 2016. This may affect your pick up and drop off arrangements.

**Attendance** – Please ensure you children arrive to school in time for their first lesson. The first session of the day often sets students up for a successful day of learning. Arriving late can not only disrupt the learning for your child, but also the learning of others. When parents pick students up in the afternoon it would also be appreciated if you can wait outside classrooms so teachers can finish their last lesson without interruption. Thank you for your cooperation which assists us to optimise learning for your child.

**Lunches** – If you order lunch for your child from the Caltex you will need to let the school know so we can pick them up ready for lunch.

## Bus Zone

3.00pm – 3.15pm

Please remember the Bus Zone out the front of the school.

We have had some instances where the bus has had difficulty pulling into the kerb due to cars parked in the way.

Police regularly patrol school zones, especially during drop off and pick up. Fines do apply if you are parked in the bus zone at these times.

## Reward Day

Student reward day will be held during week 11 for eligible students. We will let you know about the activity organised for your child closer to the date. We look forward to some exciting and enjoyable events to celebrate a great term of learning.

