



Snowtown Primary News

Week 3, Term 1.

15th February 2017

TRUST RESPECT HONESTY KINDNESS LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

Thursday 23rd February
Governing Council AGM at 7pm

Friday 24th February
Swimming Lessons

REMINDER

During Term 1 & Term 4 in the case of catastrophic fire danger, the school will be closed and the school bus will not operate. On all other days, the school has a Bushfire Action Plan that sets out what we do in the event of a fire front approaching the town. Part of this plan is an identified Refuge (School Activity Hall) where students and staff stay until the front has passed.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at **2.40 pm** in the Common room on Fridays.
Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.
ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats outside all year round.

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Principal News



Week 2 certainly brought us some amazing weather – from heavy rain to extreme heat. We are so fortunate to have a well maintained pool and lucky to have Des and Simon as our efficient pool operators. Students finally had the opportunity to have swimming lessons in the warmer weather with Julie McEwin as the instructor. It was amazing to see how quickly students pushed themselves to try something new in the water and take themselves out of their comfort zone. I certainly saw lots of students being brave and enthusiastically participating last week.



3D Printer Training



Last Friday we hosted Maker's Empire 3D Printer training for teachers from the local area. Students had the opportunity to see many of the printed objects and also to see adults in a learning space. Miss Krieg and Mr King will be designing and delivering a unit of work to share with other teachers across the state as part of the 3D printing project. This is an exciting innovation at our school and I am looking forward to seeing not just the finished designs but the whole creative process that is involved using the technology and collaborating with others.

School Captains



On Friday our aspiring school captains will deliver their speeches at Assembly. The students involved have all been spending a considerable amount of time planning their speeches and thinking about the qualities they have that will make them not just a good but an outstanding school captain. If you would like to see the speeches please come along to the assembly on Friday this week. We will be starting a little earlier at 2.30pm so that there will be time for students to vote and for the results to be tallied.

Year 7 Laptops

Our Year 7 students received their laptops this week. I have been very impressed by the level of responsibility they showed towards having their own device and they are appreciative of how much this will help with their learning.



Playgroup



The first playgroup for the year was held on Friday last week. It is a great opportunity for children to socialise and join in play in our preschool facility. For a full list of playgroup dates for the term please see Katrina in the front office or Anne Jones at the kindy.

Thank You



Thank you IGA - Nigel and Nicole, for the regular support you give to the school. The community chest donation will help us to build a new structure for the pool covers.



DRUM and BASS GUITAR Lessons



Limited places are available in Term 1 for private Drum and now Bass Guitar Lessons.

Lessons held on Fridays at SPS and are 1/2 hour in length on a 1 on 1 or group basis for Year 2 - 7 students.

Further information and any inquiries are welcome anytime.

All inquiries please to Paul Gibson - 0417 873 016 or

Governing Council

The School Governing Council meets twice a term to talk about the direction for the school.

Meetings are a big part of being on a Governing Council, but it's not only that. In your role on the Council, you might:

- be on an interview panel to select the site's principal or director.
- need to deal with media in response to an event or a good news story.
- get to have your say on important school issues and future direction of the school.

You can be as involved as you want to be e.g. secretary or treasurer or just be a part of the committee. Please speak to a committee member for more information.

HEAT UP LUNCH DAY ON



TUESDAYS

If your child would like to use this service they will need to bring their lunch in an alfoil container or wrap their food in alfoil so the food can be heated in the pie warmer ready to eat at lunchtime.

Please avoid sending your child to school with food that needs to be microwaved on other days of the week.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives. In 2017 the following Councillors will be continuing - Jemma Michael, Kerry-Ann Cocks and Hayley Flynn..

Bernie Altmann, Katrina Ebsary, Kelly Freebairn, Simon Hickman, Nicole McCauley and Megan McGregor have completed a two year term and are available for re-election.

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I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School Governing Council. I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more than the required nominations, elections will be convened at the AGM of the Governing Council to be held on **THURSDAY, February 23rd, 2017.**

Further details about the Governing Council Constitution and Code of Practice for Councillors can be obtained by contacting the school.

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of an offence of dishonesty or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Name

Signature

Seconded by (Name)

Signature

Date / / 2017

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY, 2017.

SPS CONCERT & PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD ORDER



If you would like to purchase a copy of the SPS Concert and Presentation Night the Governing Council are selling them for \$5 each.

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Name -

How Many Copies -

Cost -@ \$5 each = \$.....

Payment must be enclosed with above slip to place your order by 20th February 2017.

Superhero learning goals



This year we have been learning about superheroes and we have been busy making our own super learning goals. We all wrote about something we needed to get better at in our learning. When we get closer to our learning goal we fly over the city. There are 18 of us and we are each battling our fixed mindset at times. These are the things that tell us that we can't do it and that we need to give up. We had to make sure we had measureable goals so we knew when we achieved them.

By Skye, Alyssa, Matilda, Madison and Brooke.



Be Brave to Participate

We had to make a poster of a time when we were being brave. Sometimes you have to be brave and participate to come out of your comfort zone and succeed. Austin was brave when he said a speech in front of the R\1\2 class. Riley was brave when he touched the bottom of the pool when he was doing a duck dive. Nick was brave in swimming lessons when he did side stroke. It was hard but he kept trying. We are starting a being brave wall. Every time we do something brave we write it on the wall.

By Austin, Riley and Nicholas.





Swimming



“Last week we had swimming. At the beginning of each lesson we talked about survival skills. My favourite stroke is the survival side stroke. For our arms you have to pick the apple and put it in the basket and for the legs you have to bend your legs and open them apart and push them straight.”

By Ocea

“In swimming we did chicken, aeroplane, soldier. For chicken you have to pull your legs up and put your hands under your arm pits. For the aeroplane you would put your legs and arms out like a star fish and a soldier you just stand straight”.

By Ava



“We have been taught how to glide. To glide you have to put your arms like a rocket and push off of the wall”.

By Heath

“We went swimming and we practised an accidental fall. We fell in and then we turned over onto our backs and kicked our legs and put one arm out and kept kicking until we touched the wall.”

By Trinity



Noah's Murray Magpie Visit



Maggie is a Murray Magpie. She is a cute little bird that was shown to us by Jemma and Noah Michael. They bought her in for a visit to the school. The class loved her. When Jemma found her she was covered in ants. Noah feeds Maggie worms and slater-bugs. She is still young but is learning to fly. Once when she was flying she landed in Noah's pool!



By Noah, Saffron and Seth.

Do you think feet first?

Being active is important for everyone's health, especially kids.

Walking, riding or scooting to school is a great way for kids to start the day, and parents can enjoy the benefits too.

Studies around the world show that active children are healthier, happier and more socially connected. Some children have emotional and behavioural problems that are mild, short lived and can be resolved with minimum help and support. Others may have difficulties that seem more serious, and interfere with everyday life. Their emotions or behaviour seem to be different to other children of their age. When problems occur for more than a few weeks and interfere with school, home, friendship or daily life, it is probably time to seek help.



Check out our new Kids Matter Help Resource Posters around the school!

Active travel can also help kids develop their coordination, balance and flexibility.

It takes time for active travel to become a habit but you can start by going part of the way at the ***Snowtown Bikes, Brecky and Being Safe Ride or walk to school event on in Week 5 Thursday, March 2nd*** (see advertisement). Increase your activity from there until it becomes a part of the daily routine for your family.

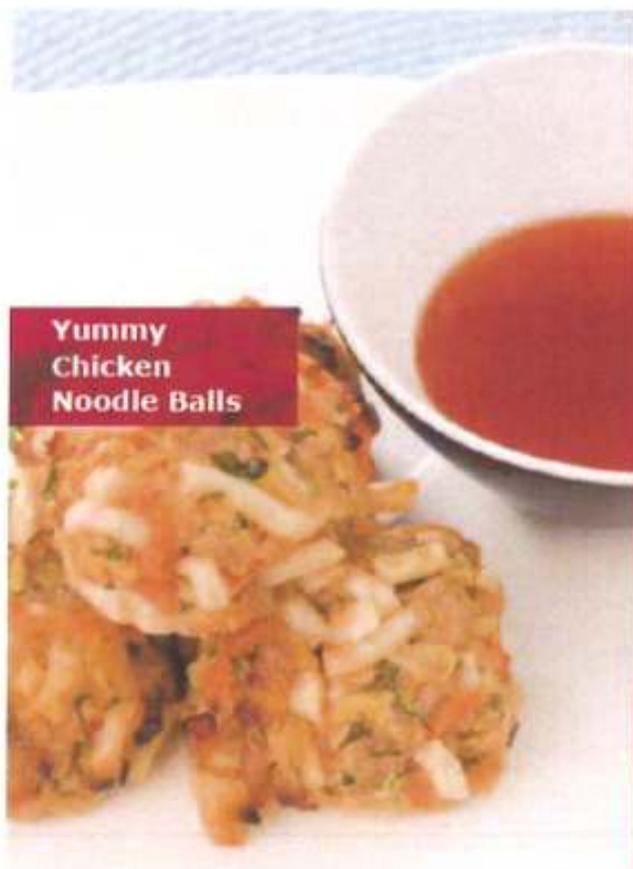
If you want to be healthier and happier, it's time to Think Feet First!

Daina McCormack

Pastoral Care Worker

I'm here Monday and Tuesday

Kids Matter
Australian Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative



Makes 18 balls
Preparation time: 20-30 minutes
Cooking time: 25 minutes

200g fresh Udon or Singapore noodles
300g lean chicken mince
1/2 cup sweet potato, grated
1/2 cup zucchini, grated
1 onion, finely chopped
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
Canola spray
Water (boiling)

Pre-heat oven to 220°C. Place the noodles in a bowl. Cover with boiling water and stand for 2 minutes. Drain well and cut the noodles into short lengths with scissors.

Put all other ingredients (except Canola spray) in a bowl. Using clean hands, mix well to combine, then add the noodles and mix.

Shape heaped tablespoons of the mixture into balls. Place on a non-stick tray or a tray lined with baking paper. Lightly spray the balls with canola oil. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Hint - Find fresh Udon noodles in the refrigerated area of supermarkets near the fresh pasta. They will freeze, so take advantage of any specials.

Variation - Use grated carrot or finely chopped celery instead of the sweet potato.



THINK FEET FIRST. BREKKY, BIKES AND BEIN' SAFE.

Families and community members in the Mid North are invited to enjoy a time to chat together at a **FREE** healthy brekky and community bike ride to school. Bring your bikes to participate in your local Mid North Safe School Drop-off Ride

Thursday 2nd March

CLARE 7:30AM
BREAKFAST
LENNON STREET
CARPARK CLARE
Ride 2 School



BLYTH FOOTBALL OVAL
SNOWTOWN
FEDERATION SHED
Ride or 8:15AM
Walk



BREAKFAST
@ SCHOOL



THINK FEET FIRST. BREKKY, BIKES AND BEIN' SAFE.

We need community mentors with bike maintenance knowledge and tools! Monday and Tuesday 20th and 21st of February Snowtown Primary School will be inviting students to bring in their bikes to get ready for the MidNorth Ride to school event on Thursday March 2nd.

If you have knowledge in bike maintenance; fixing chains, flat tyres or faulty brakes please contact PCW Daina McCormack to get involved in a rewarding experience!





COME AND JOIN US AT THE SNOWTOWN SCHOOL

At 10.30 – 11 am Baby Bounce

&

Rhyme Time

We have babies, little people, caregivers and grandparents all enjoying the fun!

Baby Bounce and Rhyme time is full of singing, bouncing, smiling, clapping and giggling!

WEDNESDAY'S

Term 1

15th February

1st March

15th March

29th March

12th April.



Its Premier's Reading Challenge time again.

This year's challenge has started, and it finishes on the 8th of September 2017.

Calling all caregivers, can you help us to complete the Challenge!

1. Encourage reading - in class, at recess, at lunch, at home, in the park or anywhere!
2. After reading each book, help your child fill in their Student Reading Record and to get it signed by your teacher, teacher librarian, public librarian or parent/carer.
3. Choose your next book!
4. Keep children reading until you've finished 12 books and then keep going. See how many books you can read!
5. Support your children to talk about your books with their friends and suggest a few that they might enjoy too.

Are you and your students up for the Challenge?

Students are also encouraged to have a look at the PRC KIDSPACE page

Click Rate-a-read.

The best Rate-a-read of each month (February to September) will win a book prize.



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Term 1 Planner 2017

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3			15 Baby Bounce Newsletter	16	17 Assembly 2:30pm Playgroup
4	20	21	22	23 Governing Council AGM 7pm	24 Swimming Lesson Playgroup
5	27 Playgroup with Kindy	28	March 1 Baby Bounce	2 Ride or Walk to school Day 8:15am	3 Assembly 2:40pm Playgroup
6	6	7	8 Newsletter	9	10 Playgroup
7	13 ADELAIDE CUP	14	15 Baby Bounce	16	17 Sports Day No Playgroup
8	20 Back up Sports Day	21	22	23	24 Harmony Day Playgroup
9	27	28	29 Baby Bounce Newsletter	30 RAA Road Safety Lessons	31 Assembly 2:40pm Playgroup – Lead by Anne Jones
10	April 3	4	5	6	7 Playgroup
11	10	11	12 Baby Bounce	13	14 GOOD FRIDAY

SAVE THE DATE - SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 17TH MARCH @ PT BROUGHTON