



School Newsletter No 09
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We had a visit from the 'Music is Fun Band' last week, all staff and students had a wonderful time!

From the Principal

Importance of reading to children at home

Research has found that reading storybooks to children is one of the most important activities for developing the knowledge required for eventual success in reading. Reading to pre-schoolers has been found to be related to language growth, emergent literacy and reading achievement. In addition, reading to children also stimulates them to read books themselves and further develop their cognitive skills.

Reading teaches sharing and involvement. Reading brings closeness and supports the child and the reader to develop relationships. When someone reads to a child, they are exposing that child to more than just the words on the page; they are demonstrating proper speech patterns, the basics of how a book is read (from left to right, top to bottom etc.) and the excitement that reading can bring. Other benefits include:

- Active reading stimulates language development and encourages original thinking
- It contributes in enhancing speech and communication skills
- Repetition improves vocabulary and memory
- Helps in understanding concepts, applying logic, develop judgement skills
- Improves attention and concentration which helps in school

In the final newsletter for the term, I will provide tips about when to start reading and the books to choose.

Mid-Year Student Reports

Written reports will be provided to families at the end of the term. These reports provide a graded assessment for each curriculum area as well as a description of strengths and areas for improvement in English, Mathematics and Science. The Mid-Year Student Reports complement information shared at during Parent/Teacher interviews and support conversations and updates throughout the year. As always, parents/carers are welcome to contact their child's teacher to make a time to discuss the written report as required.

Volunteers back on site

Recently we allowed parents/carers back on site to drop and collect their child. As our case numbers continue to remain stable, I'm pleased to announce there will be a staged return to volunteers back on site, from the commencement of Term 3. This does not mean we will have volunteers on site for every volunteer role, rather it will be in the school where volunteer support is of greatest need.

Principal Comments continued

COVID-19: Staff absence

COVID, flu and staff absence continue to cause significant complications throughout this term. This is no different to many schools and as a result we are experiencing an increase in staff absence and problems finding relief teachers to cover classes. Our teachers plan for and provide term, week and daily overviews to support curriculum delivery, however this can be compromised when a range of different teacher(s) cover a class. Our priority is to maintain the same teacher(s) and appreciate where this is not possible the continuity of learning and classroom routines can be impacted. We thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,
David Pitt
Principal

A word from
MR RYAN...



Upcoming events

TERM 2

Starting Monday 27th June

SAPSASA State Netball Carnival

Friday 8th July

End of Term – Early dismissal 2.10pm

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July

24Hr Motorbike Trial Fundraiser

TERM 3

Monday 25th July

School returns – start of Term 3

Starting Monday 22nd August

Book Week

Friday 26th August

Book Week Parade

Monday 5th September

School Closure

Tuesday 6th September

Pupil Free Day

Friday 30th September

End of Term – Early dismissal 2.10pm

Please note that these dates are subject to change

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Congratulations to Mrs Schultz's reception class for being the first class at Kapunda Primary School to complete the 2022 Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done!



Also, congratulations to all of the students who have completed the challenge so far this year. Please note all completed PRC record forms need to be returned to me by **Friday 9th September, 2022**. If your child needs another student record form, please ask them to see me in the library and I will give them a new form.

Thank you - Davina Holthouse

What has been happening in Room 16?

Working together to solve problems
and practise skills



We went on an array hunt in Maths.



English-information reports on Colin Thiele



Our Sports Day Teams

