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From the Principal

When to start reading and how to choose books

Following on from my article last week about the importance of reading to children, I wanted to share when the time is to start reading and how to choose books no matter what age of the child.

It is never too early to start the path of reading to a child. Reading to the 7 month foetus in the womb itself responds to the sound by kicking and moving. When a child is born, their brain is not completely developed and will continue to develop over the course of their first year of life. Reading to an infant helps create brain-pathways and lay the groundwork for language development. It can be started when the baby is six months old or even earlier.

Start reading aloud sooner. Make it habit. It doesn't matter when you read, but it is helpful to do it in the same time each day, for at least 15 minutes. Besides mother, children enjoy being read to by other people also like father, brother, grandfather or even friends. Today as both parents often work and may not be able to read frequently, baby-sitters, child-care providers or older siblings can sometimes help in reading. Research shows that growing up in a house filled with books often supports a child to become an early reader.

Fortunately there is a wide variety of books to choose from for young children and even for the older ones. Share different kinds of books with

children such as people, events or based on a child's interest and they can enjoy different kinds of reading experiences. Some books help children to build confidence as they join in with repeated rhyme. Books about familiar objects are reassuring to young children, while books with unfamiliar topics can excite them about new ideas and places. When choosing books for children, you should consider:

- Books appropriate to the age, interest and ability of the child
- Infants and toddlers enjoy simple picture and story books about familiar objects. Shapes and colours draw a child's attention
- Preschoolers like action books, fantasy stories, poems and tales about animals and everyday experiences
- Young readers enjoy books about their hobbies and interests
- Older children go for humour, longer poems and more complex stories

In the first newsletter of next term, I will share strategies to boost a child's reading experience.

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.

Principal Comments continued

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.

Staffing update

Kerrie Dellar, who has worked at KPS for the past 8 years as an SSO, will be finishing up with us tomorrow, to further pursue other opportunities. Over her time at KPS, Kerrie has taken on a number of roles and responsibilities, which included supporting students 1:1, small group, targeted intervention, speech and more recently significant work in resource organisation of Heggerty and Acadience resources to support classrooms. On behalf of the school community, I thank Kerrie for her passion and hard work to the care and education of KPS students and wish her all the best for the future.

Lisa Day and Jess Hahn will not be returning in Term 3 as they will be commencing their teacher final teacher placement. We wish them all the best.

Improved ventilation across the school

The past week has seen work commence on improving ventilation across the school. This work is the result of a ventilation audit that was carried out in all Department for Education schools to rectify ventilation issues.



Reflecting on Term 2

It has been another productive and rewarding term for students and staff. As site leader, it is great to see the wide range of learning programs and activities provided for our students.

Some of the highlights of Term 2 include ...

- Great team and individual performances at SAPSASA
- Targeted professional learning on Pupil Free Day to enhance InitialLit and Spelling Mastery
- A superb Sports Day, enhanced by the attendance of family members
- A successful NAPLAN online week for our Year 3 & 5 students
- Brilliant Music is Fun performance
- Concerted focus on growth and improvement for every child

I wish you and your children a safe July School holiday break. Hopefully you are able to spend some quality time together as a family. See you all again on Monday, 25th July.

Kind regards,

David Pitt - Principal

upcoming events

TERM 2

Friday 8th July

Ice Bucket Challenge

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

My SAPPS Experience

Tamara Durand (Miss Woods class)

Last year, I auditioned for and was accepted into the South Australian Primary Schools Choir (SAPPS) which represents the South Australian Department for Education at events around Adelaide. Students aged 10-12 are allowed to audition.

The first performance was at the Adelaide Dawn Service for ANZAC Day. I had to wake up at 3:30 am for a start at 6 am. We sang Spirit of the ANZACS, Remembrance Song of Australia, Recessional, The New Zealand National Anthem, and the Australian National Anthem. It was a great experience to meet the Governor of South Australia and sing for her and in remembrance of our fallen soldiers. It is a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life.

We also sang for the Sammy D Foundation at the Adelaide Oval on June 3rd. That day our repertoire consisted of 2 songs: If You're Out There and Speechless from Aladdin. It was memorable because we sang in front of a very big audience. It was important because it raises awareness about bullying, violence, drug and alcohol misuse.

On the 20th of June, we toured three different schools: Mount Compass Area School, Clapham Primary School and Bellevue Heights Primary School singing everything in our repertoire including 2 interactive songs called Mango and Oh the Grand Old Duke of York. I enjoyed this experience a lot as we toured different schools.

Recently, we sang with the AdYo (Adelaide Youth Orchestra). We sang one song with the orchestra and one from the Festival of Music.

The most interesting experience from being involved with SAPPS is getting to sing in front of people and sharing with them the joy of music.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Festival of Music.

**At Kapunda Primary School
we would like to say a BIG
Congratulations to Tamara on
her achievement.**



Congratulations!

Rotary Achiever Awards - Term 2, 2022

Junior Primary	Middle Primary	Upper Primary
Kearns Markus Stocks Sadie MacKenzie	Horne Robby Craddock Abby Stromer	Wood Michael Cowley Pippa Leslie
Schultz Liam Matthews Xanthe Jarman	Mickan/Valentine Lewis McCarthy Matilda Pratt	Wells/Brady Isaac Chappell Layla Valentine
Ryan Lucas Mickan Lily Hannam	Conway/Travers Eddie Valentine Annabel Wendt	Haywood Dylan Allert Fiona Ryan
Meaney Lennox Barclay Eliza Chappell		
Applebee Alfie Leslie Ivy Matters		

Winners Junior Primary

Alfie Leslie

This young man has been chosen by his peers for the RAA award as he is kind and caring. He is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who is in need. He has shown great persistence and resilience this year and is always excited to be challenged academically. It has been an amazing start to the year! Great work and keep it up! Congratulations Alfie Leslie.

Eliza Chappell

This student was voted for by her peers as someone who always tries their best and is a good leader. She is respectful, reliable and a good friend to others. This term she has challenged herself and worked hard to improve in her learning. She has shown persistence and determination along the way. Congratulations Eliza Chappell!

Winners Middle Primary

Robby Craddock

This student is a kind, helpful and organised student. He regularly looks out for others, likes to tell jokes and makes everyone feel included. He enjoys being challenged with learning tasks and uses his persistence key readily. This student is a well deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Robby Craddock!

Matilda Pratt

This student is always striving to do her best, she is always more than happy to help out others in the yard with friendships or concerns. She is a striving student with fantastic leadership qualities. She shows persistence through seeking and acting upon feedback while assisting others that may need help in any form. She is a trustworthy and honest role model for others across the school and displays the school values at all times. She is always organised and ready for learning at the start of the day, regularly checking in for any updates. She happily works with and offers help to all members of the class and always displays her ability to get along with others in the yard.

Congratulations Matilda Pratt!

Winners Upper Primary**Michael Cowley**

This student is a respectful and friendly member of our class who always shows enthusiasm for learning. He has a great sense of humour, gets along with everyone in the class and always makes sure everyone is included. He is a team player, a good sport and is a role model in the class and out in the yard. His peers said that he is always kind and respectful, puts lots of effort into his work, and is organised for lessons.

Congratulations Michael Cowley!

Fiona Ryan

This student is a hardworking and enthusiastic member of our class. She works hard to ensure she gets her work finished and always gives 100% to everything she does. She is always willing to help out her friends and staff, if there's a job to do she's the first to volunteer. She is respectful to all around her, showing kindness and compassion. She happily supports new students in our class, showing them around and making them feel comfortable at our school. Her peers wrote about her friendly and happy nature and commented that she always has a smile on her face. They said that she could always be relied on to help them or take care of them if they were hurt or sad. We have all enjoyed watching her confidence grow this year as she takes learning risks and has branched out to make new friendships. She is definitely a very deserving recipient of the RAA award.

Congratulations Fiona Ryan!



Congratulations!

24 Hr Trial Fundraiser

9th and 10th JULY 2022



Hi Everyone,

On **9 and 10 July 2022**, Kapunda Primary School will be responsible for the **BBQ and some catering** at the **24hr Motorbike Trial, Kapunda Trotting Track**.

This is always an **EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER** for our school.

The BBQ will be open for lunch and dinner on Saturday 9 July and breakfast and lunch on Sunday 10 July.

It is a very busy event but great fun!

If you or someone you know can help (friends, grandparents, high school age students or older) **by working a shift (about 4 hours) or donating money towards purchases**, please fill in the slip below and return it to the front office OR put your name down on the roster at the front office.

Please contact Alison Hughes on 0439 316 122 if you have any questions.

Your generous assistance is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Alison Hughes (Governing Council)

24 Hr Trial Fundraiser 9th and 10th JULY 2022

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

I can help with: (Please tick)

- ☐ **Working a shift (approx 4 hrs)**
(Please circle all the times you may be available and we will contact you to organise a suitable shift.)

Sat: 9am - 1.15pm	Sat: 1pm - 4.15pm	Sat: 4pm - 8.15pm
Sun: 5am - 9.15am	Sun: 9am - 1.15pm	Sun: 11am - 4pm

I am flexible-ring me
- ☐ **Monetary Donation included** Amount: _____

KAPUNDA PRIMARY ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE



If the fundraising goals are reached the teachers will get a bucket of ice water dumped on them on the day!

Teachers	Fundraising Goal
Mrs Schultz and Mrs Kearns	\$2000
Ms Conway	\$1500
Mr Pitt	\$1000
Mrs Giles	\$950
Ms Amalie	\$900
Mr Ryan	\$800
Mrs Wells and Ms Wood	\$750
Ms Haywood, Mrs Mickan and Mrs Valentine	\$500
Ms Cummins	\$400
Mr Applebee	\$250
Mrs Ryan	\$100
Mr Horne	\$10

Kapunda Primary School is taking the plunge to help freeze MND by raising funds. All donations raised go directly to FightMND who funds vital research to help find a cure for MND.

Teachers are nominating fundraising goals and if we reach these goals the teachers will be taking the plunge with some ice cold water!

You can donate by giving a cash donation on a student's sponsorship form, to the front office or by donating online by following the link or scanning the QR code

<https://hub.fightmnd.org.au/div-big-freeze-8/kapunda-primary-school>



The funds will be counted up on the last day of school, **Friday 8th July**, with the teachers getting the water dumped on them at the assembly on the day. We will make sure to post plenty of videos and photos on the school Facebook page afterwards.



The Parents & Friends Committee would like to invite all parents and caregivers to a social Morning Tea at the beginning of Term 3.

When: Monday, 25th July (first day of Term 3)

Time: 8:45am to 10:00am

Where: Activity Room



The Morning Tea will be a great opportunity to meet our Principal, David Pitt, explore more of the school and get to know other parents/carers and current members of the P&F committee and Governing Council.

We can also help with connection to the schools electronic communication platforms (e.g. Skoolbag, Dojo, Seesaw, Facebook etc.) on your phone or laptop if you need, just bring it along with you on the day.

If you're new to the school, come along to meet others and find out more about what is happening at our school. If you have been around a bit longer, come along and enjoy a chance to chat and connect.

All are welcome, look forward to seeing you there!

Do we have your most up to date details?

It is very important that We always hold the Correct information for you and your child/ren if we need to contact you.

Please therefore let us know if any of your details have changed.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?