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# NEWS LETTERS

Hi All,

As you are aware we have been looking into changing our sports teams. To enable equity amongst our teams we have split the students into three new teams with all students finding out last week what colour they are in. In addition we also wanted to change the names of our sports teams to reflect the significance of the area the school is located in. We have been waiting for permission to use Kurna words to show the importance of the hills, creek and beach to the history of this area. I am excited to announce that this came through this week, our sports teams will now be called the following:

- Karnu – meaning hill, this team will be green
- Pari – meaning creek, this team will be blue
- Wauwa – meaning beach, this team will be yellow

Each year students in year 1 undertake a phonics screening check that enables teachers to see how students are progressing in phonics. Phonics is vital in learning to read and is about children understanding the relationship between letters and sounds. The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment that takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require. This year all Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in weeks 5- 8 Term 3.

Finally, just a reminder that we are now taking enrolments for 2021. If you know of a family who will be enrolling their child in Reception in 2021, our transition program has started and is open to children turning 5 before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

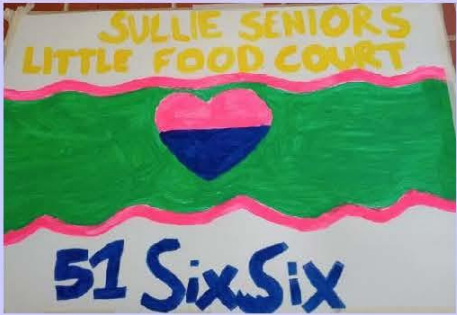
Kind regards,

*Mandy Hackett*

Principal



*I worked with Taj and Syrus in the group TTS. We raised around \$100 from lollies, chips and cookies. Thanks to your support we stayed open until Covid, but then had to close the canteen.*  
- Thomas



*The canteen was fun but stressful since you had to multitask but it felt like I was a part of a business and I got to work with my friends.*  
-Jakob



In Week 3 this term, the students from the purple room ran their own Pop Up Food Court companies raising money for a great graduation at the end of the year.

Students chose and worked in their company to develop food ideas, budgets and a working roster.

We also investigated the sustainability of the food and packaging items. We found out that it takes 945L of water to create 1L of milk and plastic bags will be around for at least 20 years.

Everyone enjoyed the week and met all the challenges that came up. The whole class would like to thank everyone in the school for their encouragement and support.

Before we started, the purple class had a goal of making between \$300 - \$500. We were surprised to make nearly \$600 in profit so it looks like a great graduation for our Year 7's, some Year 6's and some money left over for next year too.



*Thomas, Taj, Syrus and I made cupcakes and put lollies in small ziplock bags to put at the stall. We sold chips that were \$1, the bags of lollies were 50c and the cupcakes were \$2. The thing I enjoyed the most was making the cupcakes.*  
-Jasmine H

*Scarlette, Claire and I worked on Wednesday, Monday and Friday. On recess and lunch we served warm mini Hawaiian pizzas, smoothies and jelly cups. It was a very fun and interesting experience. I liked making the foods for my stall and buying others's food.*  
- Lila



*In the canteen I worked with Lila, Scarlette and me. We worked at recess and lunch. We made fruit smoothies, Hawaiian pizzas (mini) and rainbow jelly cups. It was hard to work quickly but it was heaps fun.*  
- Claire



## FATHER'S DAY STALL

Stall will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 during class time. Students will be able to visit the stall and purchase something for a special person. Maximum \$10 per student. Items are priced from \$1 to \$5.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Individual student envelopes were sent home on Monday this week 17<sup>th</sup> August. Family/sibling envelopes are available at front office. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENVELOPES AND MONEY BACK TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.** All envelopes and money are given direct to the photographer on photo day.

Photos can also be ordered online using this link <https://www.kidzpics.com.au/>

Please note that we are unable to provide change on photo day.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

Governing Council have approved a Student Free day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Staff will be working with Noarlunga Downs School staff. OSHC will be open if you require care for your child/ren. Please contact Melissa or Deb on 0414 262 284 by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/event/australian-animal-track-identification/bridgewater/>

Arbury Park Outdoor School are holding an Australian Animal Track Identification Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 2pm till 4.30pm. It is a free event. See the link above for details if interested.

## VISION SCREENING

Screening will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at school. Consent forms were sent home in Week 2 this term. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have returned the consent forms.

## SECOND HAND SIZE 5 AND 6 TRACK PANTS

Do you have any old size 5 and 6 track pants that you no longer need that could be donated to the school? We need donations to boost our stocks. We get lots of wet muddy small students from puddle jumping. Thanks in advance.

## PHONICS SCREENING CHECK YEAR 1

Most children start school with some understanding of reading. Some can already read. Children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds—known as 'phonics'— will be at an advantage. Phonics is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read. It is important that these children are quickly identified so that teachers can plan for any specific support they may need. When this is done early, children have the best possible chance in life and learning. The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. It takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require. All Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in weeks 5- 8 Term 3. To ensure high quality and consistency, Year 1 teachers and leaders have been trained to use the phonics screening check during Term 2. The phonics screening check is one important element of the Government of South Australia's Literacy Guarantee, ensuring that all students have the best possible start in reading. The Literacy Guarantee is central to the improvement of literacy and numeracy for all students.





## WEAR GREEN OR DRESS AS A TREE FOR PLANT A TREE DAY

When: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

As part of Plant a tree day which our school is participating in on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, our YELP committee are asking students to wear some green or dress as a tree/wear casual and bring a gold coin donation. Funds raised will go to the Wildlife Recovery Fund who help to re-establish habitat for wildlife in SA's bushfire affected landscapes. YELP students will collect gold coins from classrooms.



## DIARY DATES

<b>Week 5</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>National Science Week</b> <b>Kindy transition to School session 5</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wed 26<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Father's Day stall</b> <b>Vision Screening</b> <b>Plant a tree day-dress in green, gold coin donation</b> <b>Kindy transition to School session 6</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Zoo Snooze Green 1 and 2</b> <b>School photos</b> <b>Student free day</b> <b>No kindy transition</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Kindy transition to School session 7</b>