**Time is ticking along**

Here we are in week 3 already, and I think it would be fair to say that time is getting away from many of us. When I think about all that has to be done within the next 6 weeks, I can start to get quite anxious and stressed – so I try really hard not to and just continue on with my list, crossing things off as I go, and I’m sure that some of you are feeling the same way. Teaching is a job that can be quite stressful but thankfully, the students can quickly take it away and normalise us (as well as providing it at times, but that’s not today’s focus). They provide the “light bulb” moments with their learning where things suddenly switch on and they “get” what we have been trying to teach them – these are priceless! They can tell you a funny story about something that has happened in their day, or a simple joke they find amusing. They can create the best pieces of work for assessment for the whole year, and you think – “I did teach them something”!! They smile at you and say hello instead of avoiding eye contact like so many can. We can watch them problem solve through issues without adult intervention, play with nature and learn from their surroundings, they can think critically and improve – all of these demonstrate a level of learning that we as their teachers and parents should be proud of. Included below are some pictures of the students playing with some off cuts of a tree we had taken out for safety reasons – interestingly, the students divided themselves into boy/girl groups – but wow, did they have some fun playing with what nature has provided them!

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**Facebook Page**

At the recent Governing Council meeting, they voted to TRIAL a school Facebook page for this Term. It would be set up as a closed group, so only members can see posts. There will be no ability to make comments. The purpose is for teachers to share with parents what has been happening that day at school where necessary, and they would like to, and for reminders to be posted also. If we feel it is worth continuing on with in 2017, the Governing Council could review any suggestions/issues surrounding the use then. Please let us know if you would like to be invited to join the page which we hope to have up and running within the next week. Again, it is for parents only, no grandparents, siblings, aunties, uncles etc will be granted access, and we will be only posting photos of students we have permission for. Any questions pop in for a chat.

Laura Kindy students will be visiting each Friday for the next few weeks whilst they have their Friday sessions. Last week they joined us for lunch play and visited the library, in the upcoming weeks they will be using the art room and multi-purpose room for some activities. They will be joining us for our next assembly in week 4, and possibly singing a song for us, as we look forward to them becoming more comfortable with the school in readiness for them becoming students next year.

A reminder that this a short and busy term, so please mark into/onto diaries and calendars important dates now, to ensure you don’t miss anything of importance.

Have a great fortnight

*Kelly*
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Harry received this award for consistently trying his hardest and for a more thoughtful and inclusive attitude.
Well Done Harry!

Angus received this award for an excellent and hard working start to Term 4.
Well Done Angus!

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Weeks 1 & 2

Lucy Cameron – for great work with money.
Sophie Clogg – for accurate spelling in all of her writing.
Rohan Smith – for improved spelling and reading.
Eddie McCallum – for an excellent start to the term.
Jayde & Amber Duke – for settling into class well with a positive approach.
Rhys Schultz – for a great effort in Accelerated Reader.
Tate Nettle – for an amazing effort towards his reading goal.
Callum Brennan – for an excellent start to Term 4.

Hailey Zwar – for accurate answering of questions in Accelerated Reader.
Lucas Jackson & Chloe Nettle – for amazing addition of money.
Hannah Zanker – for setting a record in reaching her Accelerated Reader target.
Tanika Simic – for good time management and working hard to complete all tasks.
Tess Cleggett & Madison Clogg – for great team work in Science.
Daisy Wooley – for working enthusiastically in all areas.
Lara Zanker – for excellent work in all areas of English.
Tom Winter – for concentrating hard in Maths.
Clay Adams – for excellent word study tasks.

SRC NEWS

QUELCH BARS – for sale Wednesday lunchtimes @ 50c each

JODIE LEE FOUNDATION – Walk to the Park, Monday Week 5 (14/11/2016)
Donate silver coins to build a silver path. Money collected will be donated to the Jodi Lee Foundation.

SRC CHARITY FOR SEMESTER 2 – is the Adelaide Zoo.
Students have decided to celebrate the day on Tuesday of Week 6 (22/11/2016). SRC will ask the students to dress up as a zoo animal for a Gold Coin Donation.
Animal biscuits will also be for sale @ 20c.
Working Bee

A HUGE thankyou to those parents that came and supported our working bee, held last Sunday, and we appreciate the apologies from those who sent them through. We achieved a lot during the time we were here, and the school certainly looks much tidier and friendlier. It was also very pleasing to here that contractors currently working at Golden North factory rate our school as one of the most attractive ones they have seen throughout SA!! Thank you to Matt McCallum for organising the morning and to the following people for their time and/or loan of equipment/yard: Kristen and Leigh Cleggett, Tammie and Koby Nettle, Kylie and Nigel Clogg, Roger Clogg, Matt Staker, Leah Palmer, Liz Winter, Peter Zwar, Geoffrey Klemm, Adam Griffin, Paul Slattery and Scott Watson and Fraser Smith.

We've identified some bigger projects that we will be asking for support with early next year, to continue improving our yard and grounds – so please keep a look out for dates early next year.

We proved once again, that many hands make light work.
FREE SPIRIT OF ANZAC EXHIBITION
9 - 14 Nov. – Port Augusta Central Oval

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience travels to Port Augusta Central Oval Sporting & Community Hub, 9 - 14 November. This free exhibition is a government initiative commemorating the Anzac Centenary and has won awards for experiential design, innovation and technical achievement. Boasting the best in technological design and interactive environments, this experience immerses the viewer into a sensory journey.

You can watch a preview of the exhibition here.

It is a Free exhibition but visitors will need to register for tickets on the official website http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au or by calling: 1300 462 313

Keep your kids smiling

All babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service Dental care is FREE for clinics. Your local clinic is located at:

Port Pirie West Primary School
214 The Terrace
PORT PIRIE SA 5540

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome.
First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.
SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Sch

Please call 8632 1926 to make an appointment.

Date:……………………………………………………………………………

Time:……………………………………………………………………………

SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB A.G.M
Tuesday 8th November
At 7:30 p.m.
Held at the Laura Tennis Shed.
All New Players, Coaches and Members are welcome to attend.

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
GLADSTONE SWIMMING POOL
Monday 19th-Friday 23rd December
Enrolment: Saturday 3rd December 10-12pm
At the Gladstone Swimming Pool
For swimmers of all levels
School starters 2017 and older
RLSS Bronze awards on request
Jayne Potter: 86622338