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FORTHCOMING DATES:

Wed 1st Nov- Rockin' Readers

Thurs 2nd Nov NO KINDY

Fri 3rd Nov

Kindy R/1 excursion to Ceduna

Tues 7th Nov

Preschool transition starts

Mon 13th & Tues 14th Nov

External school review

Tues 7pm Review officers meeting with parents.

Wed 15th Nov- Rockin' Readers

Wed 15th-16th Nov

Year 4/5 camp to Whyalla

Mon 20th- 24th Nov

SAPSASA Cricket & Tennis

Tues 21st Nov **Student Free Day**

Mon 27th Nov- 4th Dec

R-5 swimming

Mon 4th-Fri 8th Dec

Beatboxing workshops K-10

Wed 29th Nov-Rockin' Readers

Wed 6th Dec Assembly 1.40pm

Fri 8th Dec Presentation night

CONGRATULATIONS Simon Petty for achieving his 20 years of service to education certificate; we are lucky to have such a high quality teacher here at school. Congratulations also to Baylee Coleman for successfully completing his Certificate 3 in Media course a few weeks ago. This was an intensive, industry standard online animation course that was a huge work load. Baylee handled it all, as well as another certificate 3 course and year 11 subjects and produced some amazing work! Well done!

HUGE THANKS to staff who completed roles in my absence in the last two weeks of term 3. Special thank you Simon for taking on the acting principal gig. Thanks Heidi for running the successful Parents in Education webcast session. Well done Pedal Prix student team, staff and supporters –a fantastic combined effort!

SINCERE condolences to Wendy & Bronte on the passing of Wendy's Dad, Reg recently -our thoughts are with them at this very sad time.

FAREWELL to Corrina Poole and Josh Burford who have both moved interstate –we wish them well in their new schools.

THANKS to students and parents who attended the student learning plan review meetings last week. You are invited to give feedback about the value of the meetings or any improvements on a return slip in this newsletter.

2018 The configuration of classes next year will be preschool, R/1, year 2/3, year 4/5, year 6/7, year 8/9 and the 10/11/12s will have lessons together and sometimes with middle school classes.

Staffing update- Wendy O'Brien is returning 4 days a week into the year 4/5 class. Tim is going to have a year off next year so a 0.8 Science/Ag position will be advertised. A permanent SSO2 position for IT/Student support will be advertised in the next couple of weeks as will some other temporary SSO positions. We are hoping to have Rachael, Bob and Sonia back again but are still waiting to hear confirmation.

Please complete your **PARENT OPINION SURVEYS** by this SUNDAY 29th October. Details were emailed to you.

Student 'I want help forms' –please remember that students are able to fill in these forms which they have and are in their class, if they need help to deal with a problem. Parents can help them fill it in. The forms can be given to a staff member or put into a box in the library and staff will follow up the concerns.

You are invited to be part of a **parent group discussion with the external school review officers** in a couple of weeks time. There is a return slip in this newsletter if you are interested. It will take an hour and the maximum group size is six. It is a busy term and we look forward to finishing the year off well.

Louise Watson

Whole school attendance
Target 95%



Year to Date (2017)

“To improve is to change;
To be perfect is to change often.”
Winston Churchill

This quote made me think.....and then think some more. Scientists are discovering how amazing our minds are. They can make new pathways daily and can change old pathways till they are gone. Moment by moment we are faced with the choice of changing. We often think of perfect as being a place that we've come to and then no more needs to be added or done, but this quote challenges us to think of perfect as being the ability to change often. To have a course correction, heading towards a goal.

In the last week of term a group of parents came in to hear Dr Justin Coulson speak on “9 Ways to a Resilient Child”. He was great to listen to and gave examples of how to talk to our kids and help them feel empowered to make good choices in life. This was a chance for us parents to take what we heard and apply them at home. To make a conscious effort to change and it really is rewarding. If you would like to watch any of his sessions you can Google him. It is so good to learn and feel confident in relating to and helping our kids.

If you have any things that you do in your family that is helpful, building relationships, caring and you would like to share them with others please let me know as it may help someone else. We can always learn from each other.

The 2/3 camp went well last week with some exciting stories that you might of heard from it. The kids living out here have such an advantage that they are use to travelling long distances and enjoy looking out for animals. Electronics were not missed as the creative stories that were told out-do some of the best movies!!!! There should be some awesome photos of the students that were taken by Liz on camp.

Happy Birthday Zarla Tomney and Sophie Lynch. I hope you had an awesome day and know how valuable you are.

Heidi Coleman
Pastoral Care Worker



CARDS FOR SALE



The R/1 class has a range of greeting cards for sale-Christmas, Birthday and Thankyou. The cards feature the children's hand drawn designs and computer designs on the front and the names of everyone in the class on the back. Please contact the Front Office or Justine or Alicia to purchase the cards for \$1 each.

Library

Lowdown



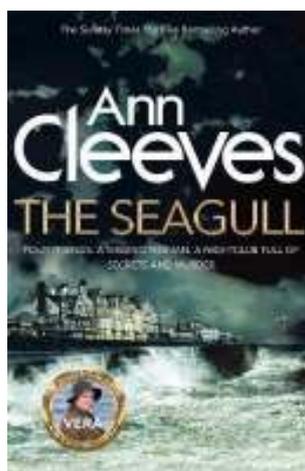
Opening Hours

Monday	9:00am-4:30pm
Tuesday	9:00am-4:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am-5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am-4:30pm
Friday	9:00am-4:00pm

New Resources

Adult Fiction

The seagull-Ann Cleeves
A country girl-Nancy Carson
The baby doctor-Fiona McArthur
Don't let go-Harlan Coben
The Glovemaker's daughter-Leah Fleming



Rockin Readers Dates for term 4

Wednesday 1st November
Wednesday 15th November
Wednesday 29th November

10am in the library

DVD

The Mummy (M)
Wonder Woman (M)



New Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool

A Guide for Families

Parents are encouraged to access a new brochure which provides important information about what our schools/preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise.

If there is a bushfire emergency while children are onsite we will keep them safe until the danger has cleared even if this is outside of normal school hours.

For a copy of the brochure visit www.decd.sa.gov.au and search 'bushfire brochure'.

Emergency Management Plan

Information for families

Alert is identified

This could be by visual observation, contact from CFS/DECD/families, monitoring CFS app/website.

Invacuation/

Shelter in place

Evacuation

Short burst sirens



Continuous siren



Move to the middle primary class

Move to the oval

Access to toilet, water, radio, satellite phone

if required move to the middle primary class

Phone: 86263 097

Families will be contacted

The safety of our students and staff is paramount in any emergency situation. We will remain at school while it is safe. If evacuation from the school is required, students will be transported by bus and private cars to either Poochera or Minnipa oval.

Catastrophic fire rating

If a catastrophic fire rating has been notified prior to the school day, our school and preschool will not open and buses will not run.

If a fire rating has been upgraded to catastrophic during a school day, school and buses will operate as normal unless exceptional circumstances apply.

If a bus route is cancelled, students will be supervised at school until it is safe to resume the travel or families collect them.

Bus drivers will make decisions to ensure the safety of the children if an emergency emerges en-route.



DECD
Emergency
Information
Hotline

1800 000 279

KON PAUL & SONS P/L
CHRISTMAS PRAWN ORDERS

VENUS BAY PRAWNS

Orders in by

5pm Thursday 9th November

Collect between

9am-5pm Monday 4th to

Thursday 7th December

Call Nick on 0428 255 012

Student Learning Plan

Parent feedback

Name (optional): _____

- I think the meetings are valuable
- I do not think the meeting are valuable
- I think the meetings are valuable and suggest the following

Improvements;

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Any other comments;

External school review

Parent input

The review officers who are coming to do our external school view would like to meet with parents and ask questions about how our school processes have an impact on student learning. If you are interested and available, can you please return this slip by Tuesday next week. They prefer a maximum group size of about 6.

Name: _____

YES I would like to be part of the parent discussion with the review officers.

I would prefer Monday 13th Nov 7-8pm or Tuesday 14th Nov 9-10am. (please circle)

Signature: _____

R to 5 Instructional Swimming

School instruction swimming lessons will commence Monday 27th November (week 7) and conclude Monday 4th December (week 8).

Hayley Hutchings will once again be our instructor. Parents are most welcome to come and observe. A JP swimming carnival is programmed from 1:40pm onwards on Friday 1st December.

Students who are having scheduled swimming lessons in lesson 1 or 2 may wear bathers under school uniform when they arrive in the mornings. The school will provide sunscreen for students. All students are required to swim in either a t-shirt or a rash vest.

Please ensure that towels, bathers, goggles and rash vests or t-shirts are clearly labelled.

Below is a timetable of scheduled swimming lessons. Please note a few changes from 2016:

- Lessons are scheduled for 40 minutes.
- A whole class group goes to scheduled swimming lessons.
- Our facilities are being shared with Miltaburra (10:20am to 1:40pm) on Monday to Thursday.

SWIMMING timetable term 4 2017, week 7 – Monday 27th Nov. to Friday 1st Dec. and week 8 Monday 4th Dec.

Lessons and times	Monday 27 th	Tuesday 28 th	Wednesday 29 th	Thursday 30 th	Friday 1 st	Monday 4 th
9 to 9:40 (40min)	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise
9:40 to 10:20 (40min)	2/3 Simon to supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise
10:20 to 11 (40min)	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	4/5 Reema to supervise	4/5 Reema to supervise
11 to 11:40 (40min)	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	RECESS	RECESS
11:40 to 12:20 (40min)	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	2/3 Simon to supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise
12:20 to 1 (40min)	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	2/3 Simon to supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise
1 to 1:40 (40min)	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	Miltaburra	LUNCH	LUNCH
Lunch for Hayley 1:40 to 2	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	JP Swimming Carnival Justine to supervise	R/1 Justine supervise
2 to 2:40 (40min)	R/1 Justine supervise	R/1 Justine supervise	R/1 Justine supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise	JP Swimming Carnival Justine to supervise	R/1 Justine supervise
2:40 to 3:20 (40min)	R/1 Justine supervise	R/1 Justine supervise	R/1 Justine supervise	2/3 Simon to supervise	JP Swimming Carnival Justine to supervise	R/1 Justine supervise

2/3 Gawler Ranges National Park Camp



Similes: a simile compares two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'. The year 2/3's task was to select an object that we saw, did or experienced on camp and write a simile about it.



Orienteering with Mr Petty was like going through a maze with your eyes shut.

Zarla thought that sliding on the rocks was like an avalanche.

Megan thought the tents were like homes.

Elisha thought that the snake at Old Paney homestead was as fast as a cheetah.

Lilly thought that the sleepy lizards were like crocodiles.

Ruby's hamburger for tea was like the smell of freshly crushed garlic.

Breea said that Liz's story about the haunted house was like my worst nightmare.

Talon said that the cabins at the shearing quarters were like a hotel from the movie "The Resorts".

Tarryn described the spider like the spider that bit Spiderman in the movie.

Eamon said that the old meat safe at the shearing quarters was like a cool room.

Brodie described the wombat holes as a giant underground maze.

Simon said spotlighting was like playing hide and seek.

The kangaroo's at the Gawler Ranges National Park are like a class of kids on pogo sticks.

