Welcome to Term 3!
It is, as usual, an action packed term. We have in week 4 the Music is Fun performance for the whole school (a highlight of the year whenever we have this), then later in the term Book Week, our Choir performance and Sports Day, plus much more. We have only one pupil free day this term, Monday September 4th.

Today the Music is Fun forms have gone home. Our students play a key part in this performance, which really is fun. Students will learn a few songs before the performance and be actively involved and engaged.

This Saturday it is our school’s turn to run the Bunning’s sausage sizzle at Mile End. If you are out and about on Saturday please come and buy a sausage or a cake from the cake stall.

For parts of this term we have some different staff on board. Terez Mukics is replacing Sue Lang who is on Long Service Leave for the term. Helena Kyriacou is in for Jenny Stavropoulos, also on Long Service Leave for the first six weeks of this term. This week Jill Annicchiarico is on leave and Elese Wolstencroft has been in Room 20. In the second half of this term, Silvia McMullen will be on Long Service Leave and we soon will be going through a process to see which teacher will be replacing her during these five weeks. Lynn Smart will also be on Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of the term.

Although we’ve tentatively said this before, it appears the building of our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) facility will finally commence in the week beginning August 14. (Fingers crossed!) This will mean that the third corridor in the main building, plus half of the outside asphalt area will become a fenced off building site.

As always we’d like to remind you all of the possibilities to be actively involved in Torrensville Primary School. Whether it be supporting children’s learning, on committees, Governing Council or Parents and Friends, it all assists with the smooth running of the school and better education for your child.

A message regarding the possible commencement of Greek School
Dear Families,
Further to our original discussions in relation to after school hours Greek Classes at Torrensville on Friday nights in term 3 & 4 of the 2017 school year it would be appreciated if you would attend a meeting on MONDAY evening 31 July 2017 at 5.30pm in the school library to discuss the progress of this class and any other issues you as parents may have in relation to your son or daughter attending an after school hours Greek Class. It is advisable that all parents attend this information night even if your child cannot attend Friday classes as there may be an additional class convened in the new year if there is demand for it on a separate night.

Kind Regards
Nick Kyriazopoulos
General Manager Greek Orthodox Community SA

Opportunity to learn Flute or Saxophone for two students!
An opportunity has arisen for us to give 12 weekly Flute lessons to one student, and 12 weekly Saxophone lessons to another student during Terms 3 and 4.

The lessons would be supervised by me with a university music teaching practice student as is the case with my current piano students. The cost would be $5 per lesson. We would provide a hire instrument for the pupil at no cost. The lessons are available to Year 5, 6 and 7 students. Please contact Jen in the school office to register interest. First in best dressed, as we can only offer two spots!

Rodney Smith - Piano Teacher, Torrensville Primary
Elder Conservatorium of Music

Reminder: People’s Choice Raffle books and payment are now due!
**Nunga News**

**NAIDOC Week morning tea**

Last term as part of NAIDOC week celebrations a morning tea was organised by Becc O’Gorman ACEO from Plympton International College for Aboriginal families and students. Torrensville P.S had 16 students enjoy the morning tea and numerous activities. Silvia and Nicole joined us for the morning.

Student art activities were;
- Adding student/adult own painted hand prints to a large wall hanging this will be hung in the Hamra library.
- Paper bark painting/Clap stick designing/Decorating animal boards & making Aboriginal head bands & friendship bands.

Judging from the smiles on the all the students faces at the large selections of food for morning tea along with all the activities it is safe to say all the students had a great time. Our Aboriginal students had the opportunity to meet up with cousins and friends from other schools and enjoy the morning tea together.

City of West Torrens Council Hamra library supported this event by providing the venue, transport and the morning tea. Once again, the council has demonstrated their commitment to Reconciliation. Thanks to Emma Pursche & Thomas Campbell.

Elaine Magias - ACEO

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**Schools Tree Day**

**Schools Tree Day** is this Friday July 28th. On Wednesday some of our Aboriginal students with a buddy got their hands dirty by planting some trees and plants for “Schools Tree Day”. Indigenous plants to Australia were planted in the garden bed near the school entrance on Hayward Ave. It is important to conserve our indigenous/native plants because of their ecological uniqueness and beauty. Once lost these plants can never be replaced.

In the near future we are hoping to redevelop this area into a ‘Yarning’ area, for outdoor learning and nature play. Thank you to Bunning’s Mile End for donating the plants and some wonderful new gardening tools. A huge thank you to Dina (Mile End Activities organiser) for organising this and helping us with the planting and to Elaine [ACEO] and a group of students who assisted with preparing the garden bed, planting and re-organising the garden shed. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to have fun and also help the environment at the same time.

Silvia McMullen - ACEO

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**Ambassadors news**

Recently Hamish and I have been doing a lot of STEM related activities, one being going to the NYSF Mylor adventure Camp in the term 2 school holidays.

Whilst there we got to learn a lot more about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) we got to experience tasks in which we had to communicate with our team and travel on bus to different areas to do things like exploring the museum, going to SAHMRI and visiting different universities where we were presented with tasks to be completed.

As STEM Ambassadors we have the role of representing Torrensville Primary School and soon we will be doing more projects and sharing more of our adventures.

Amie - room 12

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**STEM**

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**Sports News**

**Soccer**

Congratulations to Franco M (room 12) who was selected in the Adelaide City team participating in the Kanga Cup, a week long tournament held in Canberra each year. The tournament was held during week 10 last term. I asked Franco about his trip...

For a week I went to Canberra to play soccer for Adelaide City, we were the only team from South Australia. When I was in Canberra we had to play against some of the best teams from Australia and Asia. My team went to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) and got to look some of the best athletes in Australia. We also came 2nd in the cup out of 250 teams. There were 500 hundred teams in Canberra competing for the cup.

Well done to Franco and team, sounds like a fantastic week!

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**National Consistent Collection Of Data On School Students with Disability**

We have commenced the annual national consistent collection of data on school students with disability. This will involve the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to their learning; the level of adjustment provided to students; and the level of school support and consistency in the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to their learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year’s data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Silvia McMullen on 84437355. Further information about the Collection can be found at http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Silvia McMullen

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**Bunnings BBQ TOMORROW!**

The Parents and Friends group are running the Bunnings, Mile End sausage sizzle this Saturday the 29th of July as well as a cake stall.

This will be a great opportunity to raise funds for our school. Many thanks to the many families who have offered their support, we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

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**Woolie’s Earn & Learn**

Earn & Learn is on again 26 July to 19 September. Start collecting today!

Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:
- Earn one sticker for every $10 spent at Woolworths
- Complete Sticker Sheets
- Drop your sheets in the collection box just outside the school office.

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**Tired of fighting with your teen?**

**Worried about their behaviour?**

Free Online Program for Parents of Tweens and Teens!

Parents want to raise teenagers who are respectful and responsible, happy and confident. But, helping your teen navigate adolescence can be stressful and unpredictable.

Researchers at The University of Queensland are excited to offer Australian parents of pre-teens and teens (aged 10-16 years) the opportunity to try a brand new online parenting program for free as part of a research trial. The program is based on the successful Triple P – Positive Parenting Program.

We are looking for parents who are experiencing conflict with their teenager or have concerns about their behaviour. You will be asked to complete questionnaires to help test the effects of the program.

To find out more: https://esp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/online

Email: parentingteens@uq.edu.au