Opportunity to learn Flute!

An opportunity has arisen for us to give 12 weekly Flute lessons to one 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 hire instrument for the pupil at no cost. The lessons are available to one student, during Terms 3 and 4.

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Rodney Smith
Piano Teacher, Torrensville Primary
Elder Conservatorium of Music

$67.5 million funding boost to accelerate student achievement

The State Government will provide a $67.5m funding boost to public school students who have been identified as needing more help to lift literacy and numeracy across the state. Primary school students who are not achieving expected standards or growth will benefit from dedicated intervention funds provided to their school. Under the 4 year $67.5m Literacy and Numeracy First plan, schools will use extra funds on high impact teaching strategies to lift student achievement. Schools will use a range of evidence-based teaching strategies, including extra teachers, literacy and numeracy coaches or targeted programs. Improvement strategies will be overseen by a newly-established independent panel of education experts.

The recent NAPLAN results show there has been improvement in numeracy across all year levels in the state, but more work is needed to lift achievement to a higher level for all students in numeracy and in literacy.

The targeted funding – for students in public primary schools – is designed to lift achievement and modernise the state’s public education system to prepare young South Australians for jobs of the future.

For more information visit the department’s website.
**Nude food info for families**

**What is Nude Food? Why bring nude food?**

You can help to reduce the amount of material sent to landfill to benefit the environment. It saves time and money for your school with reduced demand for disposal. Reducing the cost for disposal of food packaging at school means more money to spend on learning resources and teaching support. It also encourages better food and drink choices, as many healthy food options come with their own packaging.

**Tips for parents packing Nude Food lunches**

Help children to make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches. Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight. Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Bin audits in schools across SA show large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, uneaten apples/fruit and many near full fruit boxes being thrown away. This costs your family money as well as creating waste.

Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it’s hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It’s easier to eat a wedge of two and then reseal the container. A rubber band around a sliced apple will prevent browning.

Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don’t want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you’re not sure how much they can eat at school, start small, eg a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.

If your children have chips, savoury biscuits, or other snacks try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so called ‘convenience’ packs with lots of packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day.

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**For a Nude Food Lunchbox, try to pack ...**

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack

**Avoid ...**

- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Single use drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, & bottles
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single-serve snack items

**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.

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

**Sports News**

**Netball**

Congratulations to our year 4/5 netball team on their first win last Thursday afternoon, 26-11! Well done to the girls and to Rebecca their awesome coach. Just a reminder if you haven’t paid your netball fees, they are now due.

**Soccer**

Congratulations to Marijah K in room 10 who has been selected in the South Australian SAPSASA Girls Soccer team! The championships are held here in Adelaide, December 1st to 10th and the girls will be competing against teams from the other states.

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**Escape to Everywhere**

Dress Up Day and Assembly

**Wednesday August 23rd**

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**Recycling Tip of the Week**

**Q:** When we recycle plastic bottles do we need to remove the plastic ring from the neck of the bottle? Also what about plastic lids? Can they be recycled too?

**A:** You can leave the plastic ring where it is because it’s only a very small amount of plastic and it’s dealt with later in the recycling process. The lids should go in the general waste bin when they have been removed from the bottles because they cause problems at the recycling centres when they get loose in the machinery. However, they are recyclable so if you choose to collect them and put them inside a plastic milk bottle and when that’s full place that in the recycling bin they’ll get recycled.

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