

From John and Silvia

COVID-19

I am sure we all look forward to the newsletters that don't have to address COVID-19 issues, but here is our latest update:

- We ask parents and caregivers to continue to NOT enter buildings, with the following exceptions - for organised interviews/meetings or organised volunteering in class (such as guided reading). Teachers will be organising required volunteers via Class Dojo.
- Excursions will recommence. Unfortunately our Year 6/7 camp has been rescheduled to next year. Camp payments will either be held as a credit for future events or families can request a refund.
- Assemblies will re-commence next term - the exact format will be shared early next term.
- For parents with children at the Pre-School, we will re-open the side gate so that parents don't have to go across the oval in wet and wintry conditions. We do, however, ask that parents use the deck as a thoroughfare only to the Pre-School, not as a place to congregate.
- Our annual Sports Day will go ahead on Wednesday, September 16th.
- Our ethnic schools (Tamil and Greek) will recommence after school hours next term. Restrictions on parents entering the building and cleaning of rooms/tables is an expectation.

Of course it goes without saying the above is all subject to future changes by Public Health and the Government.

End of term, Friday 3rd July. Reports will be distributed and students will dismissed at 2:10pm!

Please contact OSHC if you are unable to collect your child at 2:10pm and require care.

**Casual Day Tomorrow!
No donation required**

Staffing Update

Sue Lang, our Special Ed/EALD teacher will return 3 days a week in Term 3. Mary Tsokas (who replaced Sue this term) will continue in the role 2 days a week.

Mark Pannenburg will return to teaching in Room 2 on Fridays. We thank Sam Carter for filling this role during this term. Loretta Robertson is providing additional student support for term 3. Billie Tanner, who has been working in Room 4 on Mondays and Tuesdays this term will continue in that role.

Grounds

The unsafe pathway running alongside the cricket nets has been repaired, as well as the affected fencing.

You will notice if you enter the school grounds via the oval that our nature play area is progressing well. This week the repairs to our new sandpit have commenced which should be ready at the beginning of term 3. Part of yard has been fenced off for the sandpit construction. Due to the fencing, the bike enclosure is currently only accessible from the North Parade entrance. Please remind your children to alight from their bike/scooter once through the gate.

Hats

A reminder that it's time to dig out your child's hat for Terms 3 and 4. If you need to purchase a new hat give us a call and we can organise the payment over the phone and deliver the hat to your child.

Early Dismissal

School finishes this Friday at 2:10pm, which is the case at the end of every term. Have a happy and safe school break, we look forward to welcoming your child back to school for term 3 on Monday, July 20th.

Chocolate Surprise for staff!

Last week each staff member in the school received a surprise gift from Minister John Gardner and our Chief Executive, Rick Persse.

It was a lovely gesture in acknowledging the work of staff in schools in these challenging times.



Semester 1 Reports

Reports will be going home tomorrow. Teachers have been busy writing these reports which will provide a formative assessment of your child's progress for the first half of the year. All students from Year 1 to Year 7 will be provided with an A to E grade.

Please remember that a 'C' grade is the expected achievement at your child's year level. Your child will also be given a grade for their effort and this is important to discuss with children as it will indicate whether your child is doing the best they can do.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

All schools are required to collect information about the numbers of students that they provide adjustments to under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and Disability Standards of Education. This data is used as the basis for national funding.

The NCCD involves the collection of;

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students
- the level of adjustment provided to students
- student's type of disability if known

Under the model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

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

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact [insert contact person at school] on [insert phone number]. Further information can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Literacy and Numeracy 'A Guide To The Progressions For Parents/ Carers'

Friday 19th June, at the Pupil Free Day staff were involved in learning more about The National Literacy and Numeracy Progressions.

Literacy and numeracy development influences students' success in most aspects of schooling. The National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions are a resource that describe how literacy and numeracy learning develops over time.

There are two progressions – one for literacy and one for numeracy. Each is divided into sub elements that give a detailed description of the typical developmental path in particular aspects of literacy and numeracy. The progressions may assist parents to understand the way literacy and numeracy skills develop and to identify the particular literacy and numeracy skills their children are using or are currently learning.

Please go to the below links if you would like to find out more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTMAtdMF-q0&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWCMvpfxT2Y&feature=youtu.be>

Use the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions to see where your child might be up to in their development of a particular skill. See the below examples below...

- learning to write a full sentence and the typical step of development
- learning to tell the time and the typical step of development

Term 3 Interviews- Parent/Student/Teacher

Interviews will be held for Reception to year 7 students during week 2 Term 3, from Monday the 27th of July until Friday the 31st of July. All parents/carers have an opportunity to come and have a 15 minute interview with their child's teacher to discuss their progress. These interviews are a very useful connection for families and our school. They also play a major role in our reporting procedure to parents. Information on how to book a Interview will be sent via our Skoolbag app and Class Dojo on Monday 20th July.



Holiday Activity for the whole family!

Our school has been involved in the 'Our Big Back Yard' (OBBY) project which aims to discover and highlight the outdoor spaces in our local community for children and families to visit and engage with nature and each other. Student participation, voices and ideas are an essential component of this project. Torrensville Primary School, Lockleys North Primary School and Cowandilla Primary School all have student working groups who are involved in the project.

In April the OBBY working group had planned for a student excursion to parks and outdoor spaces in the suburbs of Underdale, Brooklyn Park, Cowandilla, Lockleys, Hilton, Mile End and Torrensville. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this excursion was cancelled.

As it is unknown when an excursion might be possible, students in the working group are instead being asked to visit some of these locations with the help of their families.

Students not involved in the working group can also help out by going to our website. <https://torrensvps.sa.edu.au/events/>

You will find a list of parks and outdoor spaces, a map, a list of activity ideas, and a table to provide feedback on these activities.

Please return feedback documents to Deputy Principal Silvia McMullen by Friday 24th July (Week 1).

This essential feedback will be used to develop a final list of locations and activities to be included in the OBBY resources that will be distributed throughout the community.

To find out more about OBBY go to:

Instagram: [ourbigbackyardwesttorrens](#)

Facebook: [our big backyard west torrens](#)

Alliteration in Room 23.

We have been having a great time learning about alliteration. Alliteration is when you repeat the same beginning sound in more than one word in a sentence.

We have made alliteration ice creams, written sentences about ourselves and about animals. Here is some of our work.

'Understanding unicorns using underground umbrellas'. *Coralie*

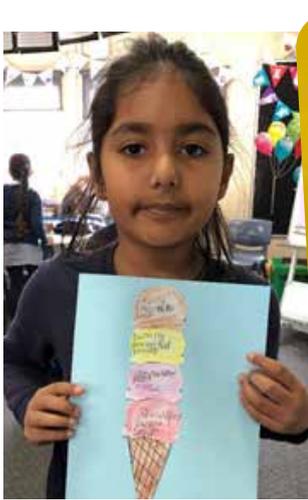
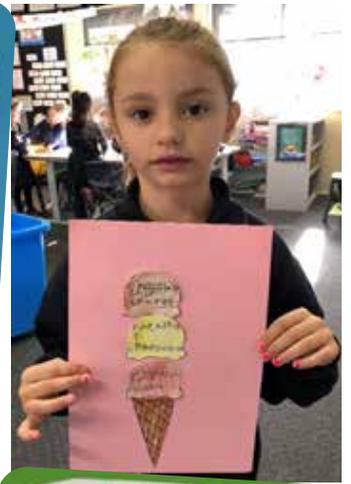
'A poor panda plays with paper'. *Charlotte*

'Six stupid snakes swimming, slithering and sliding to the sea'. *Til*

'Hungry hippos helping happy hyenas hunt hogging horses'. *Adon*

'Six selfish sneaky snakes stomp on stones'. *Vaniya*

'The tired tiger talks to the turtle'. *Indi, Victoria, Joycee*



Ice cream flavours:

Marshmallow mint magic (*Mariyum*)

Chocolate chip charge (*Leksija*)

Sweet strawberry smile (*Barleen*)

Chocolate cookie cake (*Max*)

Banana berry boss (*Alex*)

Crusty Kiwi crumbs (*Vaniya*)



Literacy Pro Challenge Celebration!

On Wednesday this week, we finally had the chance to celebrate last term's win in the Scholastic Literacy Pro Challenge, where we competed against 80 other schools and emerged triumphant!

Students who significantly contributed to our success were invited to have a pizza lunch on the lawn to celebrate their efforts. Angie from Scholastic presented us with a 'cheque' for \$300. She's pictured here with Katerina, who read 2,077,574 words and Audrey, who read 1,777,702 words during the 9 week competition.

The competition runs annually and we are looking forward to going back to back in 2021!

Georgia Allen - Teacher Librarian



Xplor App Bookings & Software Update

We have some great news. The new Xplor App and desktop software are operational!

Please download the following and start booking your sessions for Term 3.

**** ALL FAMILIES USING OSHC WILL NEED TO LOG IN AND AGREE TO CWA****

Phone & Tablet Xplor Home App

Download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Laptop & Computer

home.myxplor.com

Families will need to have this information to check OSHC account, make bookings and confirm CWA's.

For further information about the software:

<https://ourxplor.com/parent/>

The old Xplor Care App and Web Page will no longer work for bookings and notifications.

If you require further assistance please call the OSHC service on 8354 0837

Judo 4 Kids

for ages 7 to 10

fun + fitness + respect

Mondays 4.30pm - 5.30pm in school terms
AUJC Training Centre,
Winwood Street, Thebarton.
Cost: \$12 a session or \$100 for the term.



Adelaide University Judo Club is hosting Judo 4 Kids - a 10 lesson introduction to this Olympic sport for children of all abilities.

Each lesson involves learning judo techniques such as falling and throwing through game play, plus certain Japanese terms. Judo has a strong ethical framework that teaches children about safety, agility, discipline, friendship and respect.

At the end of the term, children will be eligible to grade to yellow belt level for an additional cost or the use of their sports voucher.

AUJC Judo 4 Kids coaches:

- Matthew Freeman 1st degree black belt, qualified PE & science teacher
- Meera Verma, 4th degree black belt, AUJC beginner and technical coach.

Term 2 training starts 27 April, **term 3 training from 20 July**, and term 4 training from 12 October. To enrol your child, contact AUJC on the details below.



AUJC Adelaide University Judo Club



Phone 0409 740 733
Email admin@aujudo.com

Web www.aujudo.com
Facebook.com/aujudo



School Holiday activities July 2020

Due to COVID-19 our school holiday program is a bit different, but there's plenty of ideas to help you get active, explore the local area and try something new. Bookings for online activities where bookings are required will open at 10am Monday 29 June at westtorrens.sa.gov.au/gwp

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Get with the Program



NASA Climate Kids
A great resource for learning about climate science with activities too!
Recommended ages: 8 - 12 years
Go to: climatekids.nasa.gov

Online connection

Lego Club
You've been invited to join the library's Lego Club! Enjoy the challenge of creating, designing and building.
Time: Weekly challenge videos released on Mondays at 3.30pm. Share your creation on our Facebook page and join in the fun!

Lego Club Zoom Meet Up!
Catch up with other Lego Clubbers, complete our challenge and show off your creation! Book to receive a Zoom meeting invitation.
Recommended ages: 6 - 12 years.
Time: Monday 13 July, 3.30pm.
Bookings required.
To register, go to westtorrens.sa.gov.au/gwp

City of West Torrens Community Cookbook
Do you have a great recipe which has helped you get through isolation? A family favourite passed down through generations? What about an accidental discovery that has now become a regular on your plate? If so, we want to hear from you!
We are putting together the City of West Torrens Community Cookbook so everyone can share their favourite foods and get inspired by others.
Recommended ages: All ages
To submit your recipe, go to: westtorrens.sa.gov.au/cookbook



Fun stuff to learn

Chess School of SA
Join Matt for a workshop and chess tournament online. All abilities are welcome. Via Cisco Webex meeting. Access to a home computer or tablet and internet access is essential. All information including set up will be emailed to the parent before the first session.
Recommended ages: 6 - 12 years.
Time: Tuesday 14 July, 11am - 1pm.
Bookings required. To register, go to westtorrens.sa.gov.au/gwp



Learn a new card game!
Garbage is an easy-to-learn card game that can be enjoyed by two or more players. Be the first player to get your cards in the right sequence to win this game! Find the video tutorial and written explanation for how to play garbage here.
Recommended ages: 8 and above.
Go to: getwiththeprogram.com/garbage

The Crash Course
Awesome fast paced learning for older kids on a variety of subjects.
Recommended ages: 10 - 17 years.
Go to: thecrashcourse.com/

National Geographic Kids
A great resource for learning about a range of topics as well as activity ideas.
Recommended ages: 5 - 14 years.
Go to: nationalgeographic.com/

Being outdoors and getting active

Soccer skills video workshops
Join Emanuel from State Soccer for a series of videos that will be released over the school holidays, all about improving and maintaining your abilities to play with a soccer ball. You'll learn everything from juggling to shooting to trapping the ball with style.
Recommended ages: 5 - 17 years.
Time: Each video will release on our Hanna Centre Library Facebook and YouTube channel at midday on Sunday 5 July, Sunday 12 July, Saturday 18 July and Sunday 19 July.

Footy Fundamentals with AFL Max video workshop
Join AFL Max for a video all about the fundamental skills used in Australian rules football. This video will cover topics including kicking, handball, marking, ground ball takes, bouncing and tackling. You'll understand the importance of learning these skills properly, and the correct techniques required to execute them effectively.
Recommended ages: 10 - 14 years.
Time: The video will release at our Hanna Centre Library Facebook and YouTube channel at midday on Tuesday 7 July.



Health Hustle video workshop
Tune in with Criste from Proactive for an energetic and fun fitness routine to get you moving and feel good.
Recommended ages: 5 - 6 years.
Time: The video will release at our Hanna Centre Library Facebook and YouTube channel at midday on Thursday 9 July.

WHO'S in CHARGE?

Does your child hurt or intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Do you want to handle conflict better?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family

The Who's in Charge? group is a 7 week program for parents or carers of young people (8-18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

This is a FREE program.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame that parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Help in understanding power in relationships and coping with stress
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being

Next group: Tuesdays starting 4 August 2020 for 7 weeks 9.30 to 12noon
Where: The Lights Community & Sports Centre, Upstairs Community Meeting Room, Cnr East Parkway and Hampstead Rd, Lightview

An initiative of Reconnect, City of Port Adelaide Enfield and Cenitacare Catholic Family Services

Enquiries and Referrals: Trevor: 8405 6862 Centacare: 8215 6700

The activities above are just some of what's available during holidays. Head to the West Torrens Council website or facebook page for more info.
<https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au>