

From John**Welcome to Term 3!**

What an amazing start it has been to Term 3. Starting face to face learning, into lockdown, out of lockdown, then online interviews!

Despite this disjointed start our school community has been fantastic in the way in which they have responded. During lockdown student attendance was around the 90% mark (online & on site), which is close to our average. Fingers crossed we don't have to go through another lockdown, but if we do, teachers are looking at ways of improving the 'remote learning' experience for all.

Masks have become a way of life for us all, however it is good to see there is a slight easing of COVID-19 restrictions. We are now able to resume school assemblies, albeit without parent attendance. This is because we are required to keep adults on site to a minimum. We ask for your support in wearing a mask when you are on school grounds, limit the time you are onsite and refrain from entering the buildings. If you need to collect your child early, pay a bill, purchase uniform etc, please phone first on 8443 7355.

Excursions and incursions (such as next week's Music is Fun Band) can now go ahead. Sports practice has recommenced, and whilst games can be played, this is dependent on the particular association.

Breakfast Club will recommence next Tuesday, with limited volunteers, doing as much as they can outdoors.

As restrictions ease in schools we will keep you updated.

Our intrepid band of fundraising parents are being creative in working out ways to run our **Father's Day Stall** on Thursday September 2nd. In regards to **Sports Day**, if there are still restrictions preventing parents/caregivers being on site, we will endeavour to find a way to provide food stalls for students.

As you are all aware with COVID-19, the situation can change quickly - for better or worse! We are planning, in advance, for a range of scenarios for these events. Once again, we will keep you informed along the way.

As I mentioned earlier, **Music is Fun Band** is being performed at school next Friday, August 13th. This travelling performance comes to Torrensville every two years, and many of our students say it was a highlight of our school year! And, of course, it is a fundamental component of our Arts programme taught by Laura Blakeby. Apologies for the short notice for getting payments in, due to the fact that we had to wait for the green light to recommence incursions. The due date for payment is next Monday 6th September, unless you have negotiated a late payment with Tracy. We need to provide

exact numbers of students attending to the performers in advance. Payments can be made directly into our bank account or over the phone.

In our staffing update, Jenny Robinson has shifted into the Band B1 Leadership position to replace Silvia. Jenny still teaches in Room 12 on Mondays and Tuesdays, then is in the leadership role for the remainder of the week. To reduce teacher changes in Room 12, Sam Carter who already teaches in room 12 on a Friday, will now be in the class on a Wednesday and Thursday. With Mark Pannenburgs return, Sam has moved back into the PE role on a Monday. Alina Meich has stepped into the PE role for Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's a bit of shuffling about, however these changes means the least disruption to learning. Sam will be continuing with the Student Voice role for the rest of the year to see through the changes he began to implement last term.

Secondary School Enrolment Offers

This term enrolment offers for secondary school will be sent to the families of our year 6 and 7 students. It is important for you to know that not all schools will send out their enrolment offers at the same time, but they will be sent as close as possible to 13 August 2021.

Most families will receive their offer via email. If you think you have not received your enrolment offer from your secondary school, you need to check your junk folder for an email from education.noreply@sa.gov.au.

If you did not provide an email address on your Registration of Interest form, you will receive your enrolment offer in the mail or it will be handed to you by your child.

If your enrolment offer has not arrived by 18 August, please contact Jen Gibson-Smith and she will follow up with the secondary school on your behalf.

If you need support to accept your enrolment offer, it is best to contact your allocated secondary school and they can step you through the process.

Reception Placements for 2022

This week we commence the process of confirming reception placements for 2022. For the first time local primary schools are following a uniform process and timeline. This Friday places will be offered to students where Torrensville Primary is the local (closest) school, or if they have a sibling already at Torrensville.

In September, any vacancies (up to our capacity of 49), will be offered to families where Torrensville is not their local school. As always, we ask families out of our area, to contact their local school and submit an expression of Interest, to ensure there is a guaranteed place for them in primary school.

Term 3 in PE has been a bit of a mixed bag so far! Thank you to the families who sent through photos and engaged with Aerobics and handstand videos from Kylie Thomas during remote learning.

Now that we are physically back at school, our focus this term is on Invasion Games (such as football, basketball, soccer, netball etc.). For the first few weeks of term we will look to learn some of the skills of Invasion Games (such as defensive/attacking tactics, off the ball movement and teamwork) through a series of modified mini games. This will be followed by a tournament that will be run over multiple lessons where students will be in teams and can showcase the skills they have learnt.

The Early Years classes will be focussing on Fundamental Movement Skills (for example, running, jumping, dodging, throwing and kicking). Students will practice these skills through various games that focus on specific skill. This skill development will form a base to be successful in a range of games and activities in the future!

PE in lockdown!



Parent engagement survey

Nothing is more important to us than your child's education. To help us give your child the very best, we would like your honest feedback on a few key topics. Such as, does your school provide you with useful feedback about your child's school work? Do you find it useful to be given ideas about how to help your child learn at home? Does your child's school respond to your input about your child's learning? How does your school communicate with you? This short survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will provide your school and the Department for Education with valuable information. Your feedback will help us understand the things we're doing well, where we can improve, and what's really important to you as a parent. The Department for Education is coordinating this survey centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on your child's school. Your answer to the survey questions will not identify your name or your child's name and only collated feedback will be provided back to the school.

For more information follow the link below.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/parent-engagement/survey-parent-engagement-schools>

Thank you. We know your time is valuable and we appreciate it.



TORRENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUSKICK CENTRE

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS @ TORRENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

3:30PM – 4:30PM

10/06/2021 – 21/09/2021

Get the entire AUSKICK program FREE with use of ONSR SPORTS VOUCHER

To use your Sports Voucher, select 'USE VOUCHER' when on payment page. Select 'SPORTS VOUCHER' from the drop-down. Your Voucher number is your Medicare Card no. plus the position of the child you're registering.

(Only available to use once per calendar year, if already used in 2021 must use another form of payment)

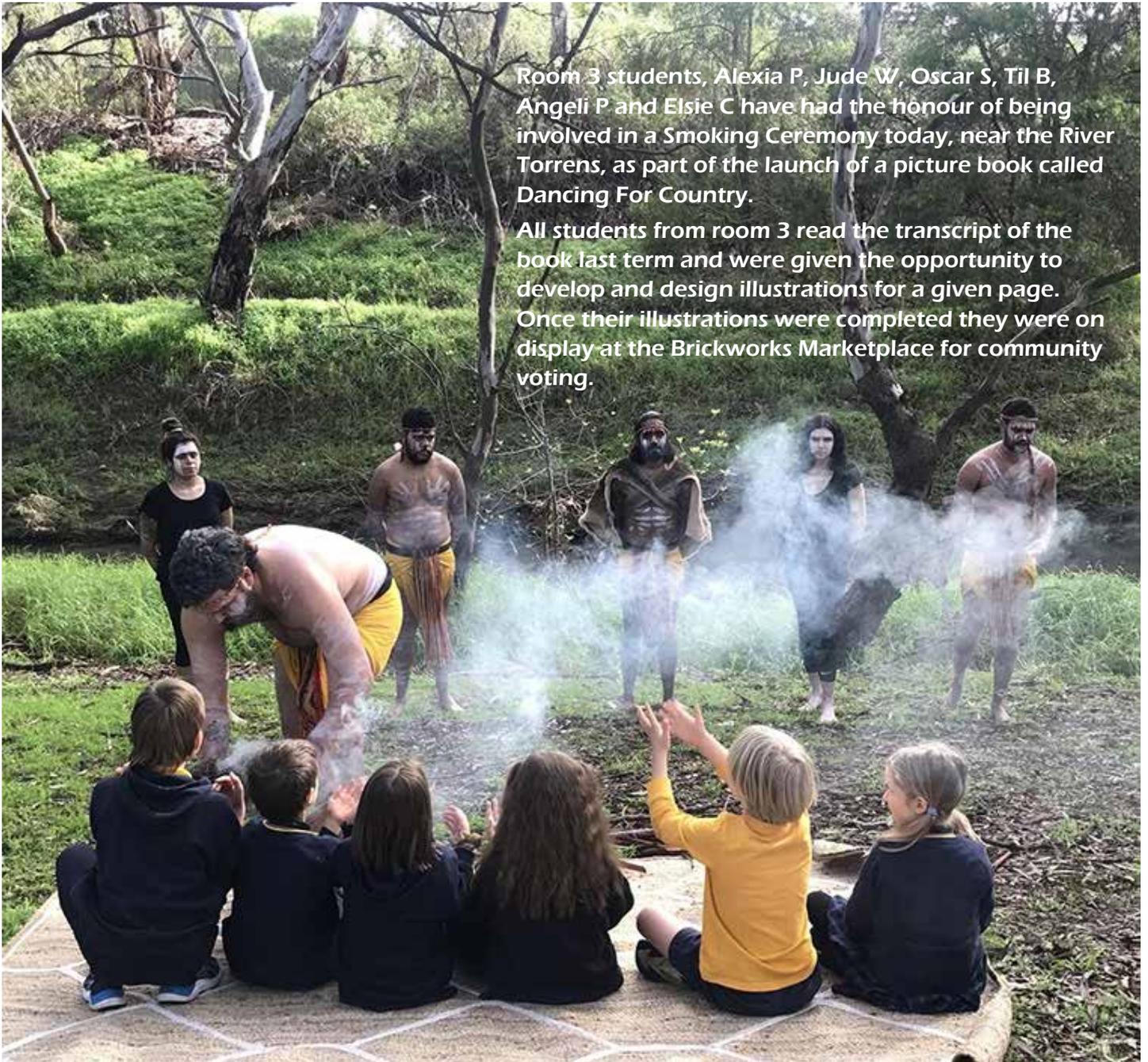
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

For more information, please contact SANFL Game Development Coordinator Haydn Ward (haydn.ward@safl.com.au)

play.afl/auskick   

Room 3 students, Alexia P, Jude W, Oscar S, Til B, Angeli P and Elsie C have had the honour of being involved in a Smoking Ceremony today, near the River Torrens, as part of the launch of a picture book called *Dancing For Country*.

All students from room 3 read the transcript of the book last term and were given the opportunity to develop and design illustrations for a given page. Once their illustrations were completed they were on display at the Brickworks Marketplace for community voting.



Room 3 Published Artists!

We are so proud to announce that Alexia, Jude, Oscar, Til, Elsie, Angeli and Barleen were selected to be co-illustrators of this special book.

The story *Dancing For Country* is about Nana Ruby and her shadow, her Grandson Claude, and their relationship with the land and their desire to help heal country when they see the land is hurting. This story is dedicated to Kalang (Imelda Melamurrk Wood), Warrawu's mum, who is also the inspiration for the character Nana Ruby.

Maree Yoelu (Warrawu) is a published author of the children's book "Brother Moon". She is a Wadjigany woman, from the Western Wagait region in the NT, who grew up in Daly River and now lives in Darwin where she works in radio. Maree traditionally writes stories passed down from her grandfather, Liman, to keep his stories and the Batjamalh language alive.



Term 3, Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Week 4						9/8 to 13/8
Week 5	Assembly hosted by Room 6					16/8 to 20/8
Week 6	Bookweek! Book week assembly hosted by Room 9 Rm 5 excursion library 1030-1230 Room 6 excursion library 12-2 8:30 – 5:00	Choir rehearsal 1-4pm Room 12 excursion library 12-2	Room 8 excursion library 1030-1230 Room 10 excursion 12-2		Bookweek Parade!	23/8 to 27/8
Week 7			Parent Tour of the school	Olympian visit Years 4-7		30/8 to 3/9
Week 8	Pupil Free Day	7:00 Governing Council	Choir performance @ entertainment centre 12:30-9:30pm	Room 10 Hamilton School Mission to Mars		6/9 to 10/9
Week 9	Assembly hosted by Room 23		Sports Day	Room 12 Hamilton School Mission to Mars STEM Aboriginal Congress	STEM Aboriginal Congress	13/9 to 17/9
Week 10						20/9 to 24/9

Lost Property

Once again our lost property mountain has it's own postcode! Next Tuesday, 10th of August, the mountain will be on display under the shelter shed.