

## From the Principal

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 24th July**  
**Author Visit Year 3-5**

**Wednesday 25th July**  
**SAPSASSA Basketball**  
**Year 6&7 Teams**

**Monday 30th July**  
**Pupil Free Day**  
**Writing Moderation TD**

**Wednesday 1st August**  
**Parents & Friends**  
**Meeting 9am**

**Monday 6th August**  
**Grandparents Day**

**Tuesday 4th September**  
**Parents & Friends Disco**

**Wednesday 5th**  
**September**  
**School Closure Day**  
**Show Day**

**Friday 21st September**  
**Pupil Free Day**  
**Visible Learning TD**

Dear Families,

You would have received your child's report yesterday. Please take this as an opportunity to reflect with your child on their growth, successes and areas for improvement. It has been a privilege to read these reports and acknowledge the students' growth over this semester. Thank you to our teachers for all the work they have put into these reports.

Noted on your child's report is also the number of days absent and late. Just a reminder that daily attendance is important for all children to succeed in education. The Department of Education sets a target of 95% attendance rate that all schools are expected to aim for. Our schools attendance rate is sitting at exactly 95% (Year to date), so thank you for ensuring that your child is attending school regularly.

Last Friday our teachers and curriculum SSOs went to Oakbank Area School for Visible Learning Professional Development. Every school within our area was involved in this day. The collaborative learning that occurred on this day was fantastic. We worked on our cycle of improvement, with a focus on teachers being evaluators of themselves and their impact on student outcomes. Staff looked at the types of evidence that can be used to understand the needs of our students and how we can ensure we are differentiating.

Teachers are now planning their own visible learning impact cycle, using different assessment tools, based on three questions: To what extent are my students' assessment capable, visible learners? What do my students think about learning and how we learn? What is the impact I am having on all of my students? At our next Visible Learning into Action Day we will be sharing our impact cycles with other schools.

### Staffing

We have a few staffing changes over the next two terms. One of the most important is in leadership. Margie Sarre will be acting Principal at Uraidla PS for Terms 3 & 4. This will be a big loss for our school, but Uraidla's gain. I wish Margie all the best as she spreads her wings to be a Principal in her own right for the next two terms. Please note that if this role for Margie becomes permanent we will be ensuring that Margie gets the farewell she deserves! Please see further in the newsletter for a note from Margie.

Nathan Sanders will be taking on the responsibility as Deputy while Margie is away, and Suyin McDonald has successfully won the acting Assistant Principal role to backfill Nathan. Thank you to both Nathan & Suyin for stepping up.

This of course creates a flow on effect to other classes. To ensure a consistency in classes, Courtney Graeber has agreed to replace Suyin in her reception class for terms 3 & 4. Courtney replaced Suyin while Suyin temporarily stepped up into leadership a couple of weeks ago, and did a fabulous job. This leaves a hole in Alison Bishop's class for the one day a week that Courtney has been doing. We are working on a solution to that at the moment.

A big thank you to Phil Douglas who has been working in Alison Bishop's class while she has LSL. Also, thank you to Judy Tremaine and Adel Steel for team teaching in Sue Close's class while Sue has been on extended sick leave. Ashleigh Lines has also done a fabulous job in Danielle's class, thank you Ashleigh. We are so fortunate to have a pool of regular relievers that are reliable and flexible.

Welcome back to Sue Close. Sue will be transitioning back to full time teaching over the term. Judy Tremaine and Sue will be team teaching while Sue gradually goes back to full time teaching.

As you can see, staffing at a school our size can be quite complex!

I wish you all a happy holiday. If you are traveling please take care and be safe. School returns on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Kind regards, Irene

## Centre of Democracy Excursion

On June 12th & 13th Year 5/6 students from Mrs Claridge and Ms Bishop visited the Centre of Democracy, a new attraction next to the State Library on North Terrace that showcases the evolution of democracy in South Australia. Students experienced self guided discovery activities, viewed historical primary artefacts and participated in a voting experience and art workshop. The excursion supported their learning about key individuals and events that's helped shape our democracy and highlighted the important role they will have in shaping Australia's future. Here are some reflections from the students:

*The excursion was the best I've ever been on!* **Grace**  
*Great Tour Guide. Lots of interesting facts.* **Rolie**  
*I thought it was a good experience. I enjoyed it.* **Priya**  
*I thought it was very interesting and would love to visit again soon.* **Lily**

*The State Library was really good and I like the voting machine in the Centre of Democracy.* **Thomas**  
*It was an interesting experience.* **Ariana**  
*Loved it. Will go back for a longer visit.*  
**Holly**



*I liked it because it is interesting to learning about the past.*

**Charlotte K**

*I liked the way the guide explained the artefacts to the kids. I like how we got to draw and create ideas for what we believed in.* **Georgie.**

## Principal's Awards

During our Week 9 assembly the following students were awarded a Principal's Award for following one of our school values:

**Kindness:** Seren Hawkins, Hayden Zadow

**Being Trustworthy:** Cameron Fuss

**Respect:** Rylan Allan, Summer Henderson, Brent Peeters

**A Positive Attitude:** Seth Oaklands, Haidee Hutchinson, Nicholas Bakker, Beau Riddle, Ella Rice, Amielle Pomery, Breanna Luxon, Theo Bell, Mitchell Bannister, Josh Zadow, Abigail Shephard, Evie Thyer, Brayden Muhlhausler, Chloe Davis, Ryder Oborn, Emma Lay, Sienna Baugh, Makayla Sander, Will Bollmeyer, Hannah Hampton, Astor Cassidy, Hanna Innes, Jonty Long-Bottom Burzacott, James Van Der Zwaag, Sebastian Gollan.



## Premiers Readers Challenge

Over the past few weeks students have completed the Premiers Readers Challenge. Congratulations to the following students:

Zara Trojan, Mia Puiatti, Imogen Metcalfe, Summer Morgan, Nikolas Sander, Brayden Muhlhausler, Niamh Hill, Caiden Metcalfe, Harry Donaldson, Mia Biddle, Izac Hooper, Bailey Holmes, Alaistair Snell, Elizabeth Whalen-Cordes, Asher Gaff, Lucy McAvaney, Patrick Jeitner, William Buckler, Bonnie Roy, Hamish Parry, Ryder Oborn, Sophie Hampton, James Petschel, Sophie Marsland, Darcy Newton, Bowie Donaldson, Charlie Raymond, Abigail Shephard, Maddie Decaux, Aiden Sanders, Maddison Davis, Eve Hartshorne, Nicha Martin, Connor Martin, Markus Lippett, Chanel Prokopowicz, Rachel Thompson, Bella Kumnick, Georgie Schultz, Sophie Durdin, Finn Wright, Liam Maple, Isabel Haylock, Emilie Haylock, Max Trojan, Emmett O'Keefe, Noah Rose, Chelsea Witt.

Well done everyone.

## Attendance and student outcomes:

As a school we monitor our student attendance carefully as daily attendance is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. The Department for Education sets a target of 95% attendance rate that schools aim for. **Last week we sat at 95%, this week we are on track for 95% again.** This is great to see. Don't forget to contact the front office if your child will be/or is absent.

## 2018 Readers Cup Teams

On Tuesday 3rd July the following keen readers participated in the 2018 Readers Cup Experience. Students have organised their own teams and have read 5 books amongst the group to be able to participate in a Quiz afternoon at Nairne Primary School. Questions were asked that challenged their understanding and knowledge of the various novels.

Congratulations to all of our teams who participated in this event:

**Littlehampton Super 7 Squad:** Chelsea Witt, Lily Brown, Charlotte McAvaney, Lucy Hong and Lily Whitburn



**Littlehampton Black Diamonds:** Annalese Gore, Abbey Gray, Abbey Carmen, Immy Carter and Ali Turner



**Littlehampton Gibly Goop Girls:** Baylee Pashley, Lucy McAvaney, Chloe Cotton, and Bethany Willis



**Littlehampton Midnight Howlers:** Charlotte Copping, Priya Samwell, Amielle Pomery, Jaime Gordon and Summer Henderson.



## Goodbye for now

As mentioned on the front cover, I am leaving Littlehampton Primary School for the rest of the year to work as Acting Principal at Uraidla Primary School. You may be aware that I have recently been Acting Principal at Meadows PS as well. I really enjoyed the challenge of this work at Meadows, which influenced my decision to accept a longer position.

I just love my job at Littlehampton; the students staff and families are so wonderful and I always feel so grateful to be in a job where I wake up every day excited to go to work. I guess that's why I have stayed here for 19 years! But new growth and challenge is important, and I believe it is so important to be a lifelong learner. I have been telling students today that I am trying to be brave and jump into the Learning Pit, just like we challenge them to do with their learning.

Thank you to staff, children and parents who have been very kind and encouraging of this move. I'm so happy that Suyin McDonald will be taking over my role as Student Wellbeing Leader, since she has a very warm and approachable manner and an excellent understanding of children of all ages. Suyin will be working as the Assistant Principal, alongside Irene and Nathan Sanders who will step into the Deputy Principal role. If I have been working with you specifically regarding your child's wellbeing, Suyin will be able to continue this support.

I look forward to seeing you all later this year at the Art Show and other school events. Have a brilliant year everyone!

**Margie**

## Wipe-out Waste Forum

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are finding too much single used packets in the students' lunchboxes. So we encourage you to put your children's food in containers and instead of buying small packets of snacks buy a big bag and put them into reusable plastic bag or containers. We are also finding too much reusable plastic bags in our schools soft plastic bin so we would like students to bring them home and keep reusing them.

Thank you for your support  
Wipe-Out Waste Forum Leaders



# Australasian Expo 2018

On Monday 2nd July James Murray and Brigitte French's Year 3 class set up and ran an Australasian Expo for their class to explore location of neighbouring countries and their climates. James and Brigitte dressed up as Flight Attendants who assisted students on and off the plane flights.

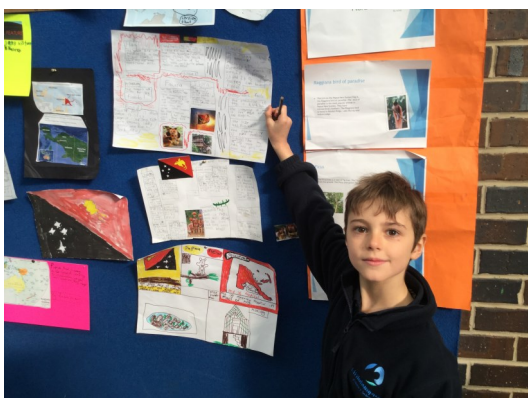


Students were given the experience of having to book in and board their flights to each of the countries they visited getting their passports stamped. The Year 3 students shared with 4 other classes as well as their parents.



Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and below are some of their thoughts about the event:

**Cameron Copeland:** *I liked learning about our neighbours, it was interesting to find out how many square kilometres the countries were. I was Creative when we made a flag with a stick, and had to work out how to attach it. We tried three different ways! I was Brave because we had to stand in front of a lot of people and present our information.*



**Amalia Sampson:** *I liked learning about the clothing, as it was fun to read and had lots of pretty pictures. I was engaged, as I think i was the only one in the group concentrating, and I was gritty because we had to research some really hard things.*



**Zara Trojan:** *I enjoyed learning about different populations, because it was interesting to learn how many people there were in really small countries.*

*I was creative when I made a model of a house, as I was going to use sticks but changed to this foam stuff. I was brave as I tried out some new things I had never done before.*



**Hayley Raymond:** *I liked learning about the food and comparing it to what we eat. I was engaged as I liked learning about what they do in Samoa, it was enjoyable.*

**Hannah Innes:** *Some groups brought some food from their country. Groups put their information into their own words. Other classes were allowed to come and parents were allowed to come as well.*

**Tyler Johns:** *I enjoyed learning about other countries and looking at what people did and made in the groups. I liked finding all the info about my country. It was fun presenting the work and what we did.*

## SAPSASA News

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent the Barker District in SAPSASA Soccer and Hockey during Week 9 of this term:

**SOCCER:** Kye McDonald **HOCKEY:** Matilda Schmidt, Coben Marsden, Noah Dunn and James Myatt-Green. They had a great week competing at State Carnivals in Adelaide. Well done.

## 2018 Term 3 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	23rd July First Day Term 3	24th July Author Visit Yr 3—5	25th July SAPSASA Basketball Year 6/7 Teams	26th July	27th July
<b>Week 2</b>	30th July Pupil Free Day Writing Moderation TD	31st July	1st August Parents & Friends Meeting 9am	2nd August	3rd August
<b>Week 3</b>	6th August Grandparents Day Governing Council 7pm	7th August	8th August LAP Fun & Games Meeting 2.30pm: Staff Room	9th August Whole School Assembly 2.25pm	10th August SAKG Soup Day
<b>Week 4</b>	13th August Year 3/4 & Yr 4 Excursion	14th August	15th August	16th August	17th August
<b>Week 5</b>	20th August Book Week Performance: 9.45 and 11.35	21st August Book Week	22nd August Book Week	23rd August Book Week	24th August Book Week Parents & Friends Hot Food Day
<b>Week 6</b>	27th August Parents Positive Ed Session: Curiosity	28th August	29th August	30th August Whole School Assembly 2.25pm	31st August
<b>Week 7</b>	3rd September	4th September Parents & Friends Disco	5th September School Closure Show Day	6th September	7th September Parents & Friends Casual Day
<b>Week 8</b>	10th September LAP Fun & Games Meeting 2.30pm: Staff Room Governing Council Meeting 7pm	11th September	12th September	13th September	14th September Soup Day SAKG Date Night Fundraiser
<b>Week 9</b>	17th September	18th September	19th September	20th September Whole School Assembly 2.25pm	21st September Visible Learning TD Pupil Free Day
<b>Week 10</b>	24th September	25th September	26th September	27th September	28th September Last Day of Term 3 Assembly 1.45pm Early Dismissal 2.15pm