

Newsletter

From The Principal

Dear Families

We are quickly progressing through the term. It is going by very fast.

Last week we had NAPLAN tests for our year 3s, and 5s. I have been really impressed with how well the students have managed and adapted. Overall there was a feeling of calm the children were basically very attentive to teacher and SSO requests and just let the process run naturally. Tests can be stressful for any of us, so I thank the teachers and SSO staff for making students feel comfortable as possible in fulfilling this task. There will be catch up tests this week for students that have been away.

Keep in mind that NAPLAN is only 1 form of testing and that a student's results and progress are based on a variety of tests, observations, moderation processes and teacher judgements.

I thank our Deputy Tegan Sims for the smooth operation of processes and supporting all staff and encouraging students.

Last week we also had a Pupil Free day. This particular day had a focus on School Culture. We are working with Matt Krieg from a company called Driven Within that supports schools, companies and businesses to examine their culture and performance.



TERM DATES

Term 1 Dates

Monday 30th January

To

Friday 14th April

Thursday 30/3/2023

Assembly

Rooms 20 and 9

Presenting

27/3—31/3

Dental Van visiting

3/4—6/4

JP swimming

7/4

Good Friday

10/4

Easter Monday

**Text your child's absence to:
0428149662**

Full Name/Class/Reason



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

He led us through looking at what are the characteristics that make a high performing team to best support staff work and improve student learning outcomes and well-being. We are considering our school values and purpose to support our students learning. This will be long-term and on-going work. Matt will also meet with students and Governing Council going forward. I will keep you updated on how this will look going forward.

Regards

Teresa



Grievance Procedures:

Just a friendly reminder if you have a grievance to follow processes in the grievance Procedures Document. Should you have an issue that needs discussing. You will find this on page 10 of this newsletter.

If you have an issue at school that affects your child/ children -please make contact with the class teacher initially. If you wish to meet with myself or another member of Leadership or Student Support Services – please contact the front office to make an appointment for a phone call or face to face meeting.

Leadership staff are often committed to teaching or other meetings so will not always be available immediately- however we are more than happy to meet if you make a time.

There is a complaints number attached if you wish to contact the Department for Education if you believe your need further clarification or are not happy with processes that you have explored on site.

Governing Council:

Each school has a Governing Council made up of mainly parents and usually a community representative and some staff. The bulk of members need to be parents.

Governing Council allows members to have a say in what happens on site, a look at student progress data, support for fundraising and a look at the budget, policies, OSHC processes and the Site Improvement Plans. Your input is valuable and valued.

We really need some extra members to function as a legal group. Your school needs you!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If it is too hard for you to leave home- You can phone in to join or we can zoom you in via a teams meeting.

This week we had to cancel the meeting as we do not have enough members to form a quorum.

If we cannot meet with enough members this means we cannot do things like:

fundraising, have mothers / father`s day stalls, colour runs, stalls and Sausage sizzles for Sports days All of this needs to go through Governing Council to be approved.

Your input can be as much or as little as you choose.

If you are keen to join – there are only 2 meetings a term that go for 1 hour maximum. This is essentially 8 meetings a year.

You can come along and listen in without commitment just to see if this is something you are interested in.

Your input can be as much or as little as you choose. We just need support to pass certain agenda items eg fundraising for improvement to the Gym, air-conditioning and ICT upgrades etc.

If you are interested please let us know.

Colleen Hage is our chairperson and is happy to answer any questions or give more information.

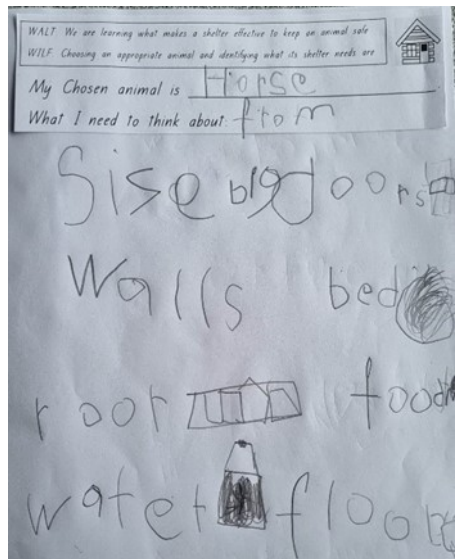
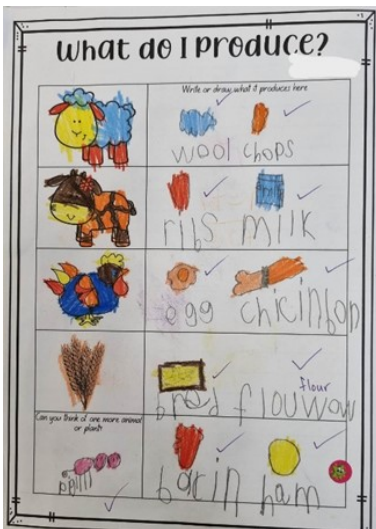
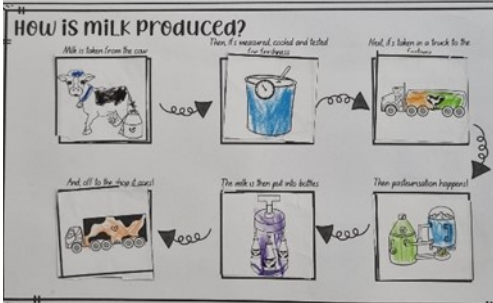
Going ahead in 2023 it is an exciting time, particularly as COVID confines (at the moment and hopefully ongoing) are not in play and there is opportunities for more family events eg Sports day etc.

If you would like more information, please speak to Dawn to access Colleen or myself for further discussion.



JP SCIENCE

In R/1/2 Design and Technology, students have been exploring how animals and plants are grown and used for food, clothing and shelter to help our community. We have discussed the basic needs of animals and plants to help them grow healthy and strong. We are now learning about different types of materials that are appropriate for building animal shelters.



In year 2 Science we have been exploring a variety of materials to see if we can change them without actually changing the material itself. We have conducted experiments and made predictions. Together we recycled our scrap paper and turned it into new paper which we have examined with a magnifying glass and compared it with new paper.

"I liked cutting up the paper into small pieces" Harrison

"I didn't like squishing the pulp, it smelt weird" Michael

"The paper felt bumpy, I thought it would be smooth" Emily

COMMUNITY NEWS



MIGHTY MINDS

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Mighty Minds aims to nurture relationships between caregivers and their young children. We help you to build secure, loving relationships and provide assistance to overcome relationship challenges.

We listen to the needs of each family, assess and work collaboratively to meet individual family's needs.

WHO FOR?

Has your child had challenging or difficult childhood experiences? Do they struggle to regulate their emotions? Would you like to learn how to respond to their needs effectively in a safe and supportive environment? Mighty Minds is a FREE service available to families who live in Davoren Park, Andrews Farm, Elizabeth North or Smithfield and who have a child aged 0-4 in child care.



HOW?

A referral can be made via your childcare centre. Or, you can refer yourself via the form on our website or by telephoning our office. Referrals can also be made by external services or supports.



AND WHERE?

Mighty Minds aims to meet the needs of the family and therefore can be adapted to suit you. Appointments can take place within the family home, external services, or located at NACYS office in Davoren Park

COST

Mighty Minds is a FREE service



ABOUT US

NACYS is a not for profit, community based organisation, located in Davoren Park SA. NACYS staff have a commitment to providing support, listening to our community and advocating for them in all that we do.



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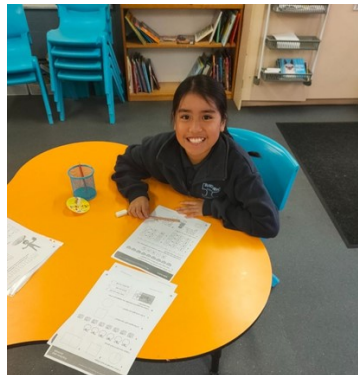
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MURRAY UNIT

We have had a great term so far in the Murray Unit. We had seven new students from Reception to year 3 start with us, all of them have settled in really. Room 31 started out with Miss Vicki for a few weeks while Mr Dunn was away. Thank you Miss Vicki!

All classes have completed class assessments to see how much we have learned and remembered over the holidays as well as year 6 students having more assessments to begin the process of high school placement. On Thursdays, all classes have a chance to cook something with Mrs C as part of their Science lesson; most students enjoy this, giving them a chance to try something a little different.

Our swimming has begun again on Tuesdays with our year 3 -5 going at the start of term and our JP students are in the middle of their block. For some of our JP students this is the first time they have done Water Safety lessons with school! Our year 6 students will join their mainstream peers next week for an aquatics day at West Lakes; our students are getting quite excited for this.



ROOM 23

H a r m o n y D a y 2 0 2 3

In Room 23 we have been learning about Harmony Day and what it means to us all. We had discussions about the meaning of discrimination and how we can contribute to creating a safer and more inclusive environment for all. Each student picked 5 things that make them unique and wrote them within their hand. We spoke about these things and some students learned they had similarities in what makes them special. This task created some really beautiful conversations within the class and has helped us to build an incredibly positive class culture.



2023 BELL TIMES

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.		Thursday	
School starts	8:50	School Starts	8:50
Lesson 1	9:20—10:10	Lesson 1	9:20—10:10
Lesson 2	10:10—11:00	Lesson 2	10:10—11:00
LUNCH PLAY	11:00-11:30	LUNCH PLAY	11:00-11:30
Lesson 3 <i>Eating time 11:30—11:40</i>	11:30-12:20	Lesson 3 <i>Eating time 11:30—11:40</i>	11:30-12:20
Lesson 4	12:20-1:10	Lesson 4	12:20-1:10
RECESS PLAY	1:10-1:30	RECESS PLAY	1:10-1:30
Lesson 5 <i>Eating Time 1:30—1:40</i>	1:30—2:20	Lesson 5 <i>Eating Time 1:30—1:40</i>	1:30-2:20
Lesson 6	2:20—3:10	Early Dismissal	2:20

UNIFORM PRICE LISTS

SIZE	4-6-8	10-12-14 -16	S,M,L
BOMBER JACKETS	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
QUARTER ZIP JUMPER	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
POLO SHIRT	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$27.50
UNISEX TRACKPANTS	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
SCHOOL DRESSES	\$45.00	\$45.00	n/a
BUCKET HATS	\$10.00		
COMMUNICATION BAG	\$10.00		

We support clothing bought from other suppliers if in school colours and without logos. We accept Cash and EFTPOS



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for healthy kids

Parenting Workshops

Learn parenting strategies from expert psychologists.

You're invited to these unmissable free parent events!

The Parenting Success Formula (Transition to School) - 15th March 2023 | 10am - 11am

Healthy Sleep Routines for Kids - 22nd March 2023 | 10am - 11am

Helping Children Cope with Divorce & Separation - 29th March 2023 | 10am - 11am

How to Have a Healthy Mind (For Parents) - 5th April 2023 | 10am - 11am


Understanding & Overcoming Anxiety in Kids - 12th April 2023 | 10am - 11am

Each workshop is a 45-minute presentation plus 15 minutes for Q&A.

Venue

Playford Uniting Church
232 Curtis Road (Cnr Douglas Drive),
Munno Para SA 5115

How to book

To book, please visit: 
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGFYB>

Meet your facilitators



Dr Tom Nehmy
Clinical Psychologist



Dr Neralie Cain
Clinical Psychologist



Dr Kaitlin Harkess
Clinical Psychologist



Jacinta Durrand
Clinical Psychologist

Questions & further information

Leanne at Healthy Minds | 0457 999 706 | leanne@healthymindsprogram.com

An event for adults. Children under 12 months welcome. Registration forms are available via our booking system or at the school reception. Please submit prior to or on arrival - if you are attending more than one of the five sessions, only one registration form is needed.

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Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES



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Good relationships within the school community give children a greater chance of success. However, in the event of a grievance, the following guidelines should be used.

Key Principles

- Everyone should be treated with respect.
- It is everyone's responsibility to offer to support an aggrieved person to follow these procedures.
- Meetings to discuss grievances will be suspended if any person(s) behave in an insulting or offensive manner.

If you have a grievance or concern, please follow the following steps:

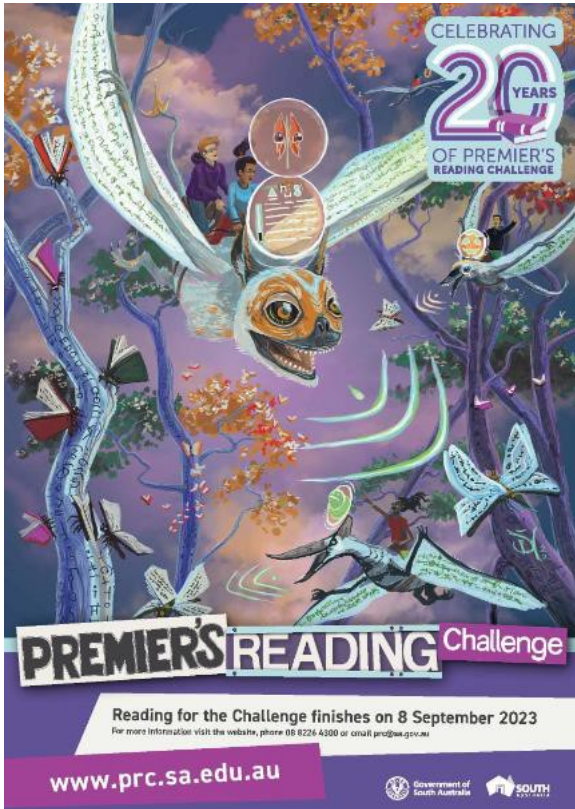
STUDENTS	PARENTS	STAFF	VOLUNTEERS
<p>STEPS:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk to the person about the problem. 2. Share your concern with a friend you trust. 3. Talk to a Grievance Contact Person or another teacher / S.S.O. who you trust about the problem at an appropriate time. 4. If issue unresolved speak to your parent(s) caregivers. 5. Your parents will speak with the Principal. 	<p>STEPS:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange a time to speak to the relevant teacher(s)/leader about the problem and complete the Grievance Report. 2. Please Do Not enter school classrooms or offices about a major grievance to see staff without an appointment. 3. Let the teacher know what you consider to be unjust or unfair action. 4. Allow reasonable timeframe for issue to be addressed. 5. If the grievance is not addressed arrange a time to speak with the Principal. 6. If you are still unhappy, please arrange a time to resolve the issue with the Education Director. 	<p>STEPS:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are encouraged to arrange a time to speak to the person concerned with a support person if needed and complete the Grievance Report. 2. Allow reasonable time for issue to be addressed. 3. If the grievance is not addressed, either speak to - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your Line Manager • a nominated grievance contact person • H&S rep, Union rep. And/or Complete an ED155 (Ask their support in addressing the grievance by - speaking to the person involved on your behalf - acting as a mediator in a meeting.) 4. If you are unhappy arrange a time to speak to the Education Director. 	<p>STEPS:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange a time to speak to the relevant person(s) about the problem and complete the Grievance Report. 2. Please Do Not enter school classrooms or offices about a major grievance to see staff without an appointment. 3. If the grievance is not resolved, arrange a time to speak with the line manager who oversees the area in which you volunteer. 4. Allow reasonable timeframe for issue to be addressed. 5. If the grievance is not resolved, arrange a time to speak with the Principal. 6. If you are still unhappy, please arrange a time to resolve the issue with the Education Director.

Note: Parent(s) with a grievance about School Policy: • arrange a meeting time with the Principal to discuss your concern. • Allow reasonable time frame for issue to be addressed. • If you are still unhappy arrange a time to resolve the issue with the Education Director 8207 3700 or the Parent Complaint Hotline 1800 677 435.

Employee Conduct resources can be found at <https://myintranet.learnlink.sa.edu.au/hr/working-in-decd/employmentconditions1/staff-conduct/employee-conduct>

Employee Complaint Resolution resources can be found at <https://myintranet.learnlink.sa.edu.au/hr/working-in-decd/employmentconditions1/staff-conduct/resolving-complaints-and-requesting-reviews>

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



The 2023 Premiers Reading Challenge has begun and will finish on the 8th September. This year is 20 years of PRC, so please encourage your child to participate. Each participant is required to read 8 books from a variety of categories and 4 free choice. Each year children who complete the PRC receive certificates or medals.

Certificates and medals are awarded for each year of participation. Some students may skip a year of participation, but the PRC office has a record of the award they are due and only issue medals as listed.

- 1st year = Certificate
- 2nd year = Bronze
- 3rd year = Silver
- 4th year = Gold
- 5th year = Champion
- 6th year = Legend
- 7th year = Hall of Fame



NOTICEBOARD

Swimming

In week 10, our R-2 students will be travelling to the Elizabeth Aquadome for their annual swimming lessons. Swimming is an important part of the school curriculum as well as being a great life skill. It is really important that we keep ourselves and others safe when in and around water.



KISS AND DROP

We ask parents move forward as much as possible rather than stopping in front of the kiss & drop gates. Blakeview staff will check in with cars waiting and walk students to their cars.

Be aware the council monitors this area and stopping or parking on the solid yellow line can result in fines being issued.



CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen service is run by Rory's School Lunches.

Please ensure you are using the new 2023 Menu for Blakeview Primary School available on their website at: <https://rorys.com.au/menus/Blakeview-primary/> and ensure you update your child's class for this year.

Orders online need to be placed by 8.30am on the day of require. For further information visit www.rorys.com.au or call their support line on 0413 575 800.

