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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COMING UP...

We welcome Tara Andrews to our team this term. Tara has won the SSO position to support our preschool students. Having Tara working with these students will provide more opportunities for differentiated and supported learning. We look forward to Tara being with us for the rest of the year and hopefully beyond.

This term we have been engaged in a number of activities including planting plants to celebrate 'Tree Day'. We have planted a number of native plants in the area adjacent to our playground in the hope they will thrive and provide some greenery, and bush tucker. Thanks to Ms Fowler for organising all of the plants. We already have some quandongs ready to pick in our yard so keep a look out for what the students will be doing with these.

We have also had the Phonics Screening Check for our Year 1 students. This is done across all schools in South Australia and shows how students are progressing with their phonics. Reading with your child at home also helps them develop these skills. Highlighting rhymes and talking about sounds and letters etc. helps consolidate the learning they do at school and how it can help them. If you look at the link below you will get some more ideas on how to support your child with literacy. This can start from as young as 3 but reading is something that benefits all children for many years.

<https://www.letsread.com.au/getmedia/29df2211-d405-4a73-8974-9b0000c38d44/LR-reading-tips-3-5-years.pdf.aspx>

15-19 Aug	Science Week
22-26 Aug	Book Week
23rd Aug	Pyjama Day for Book Week
26th Aug	Wear it Purple Day
9th Sept	School Closure Day
13th Sept	Governing Council Meeting
19th Sept	Talk like a Pirate Day
30th Sept	Last Day of

We have many great books in the library for you to borrow and share with your child. All Junior Primary students are bringing home decodable readers which support their phonics as they learn. They benefit every time they read to someone else and this consolidates their learning so please find a few minutes every night for them to read to you.

This week is Science Week so watch out for the activities with a focus on glass coming up. We follow Science week with Book Week. This year the theme is 'Dreaming with your eyes open'. We will be celebrating this all week with Tuesday being a dress up day with everyone welcome to attend in their pyjamas and ready to share their dreams. We will be looking at the shortlisted books and doing activities with them throughout the week.



Next week is also SSO week where we celebrate and thank all the work done by our SSO's to support our students, staff and families. A big thank you to Kara, Carol and Tara for all of the support you offer everyone. Feel free to thank them when you come into the school.

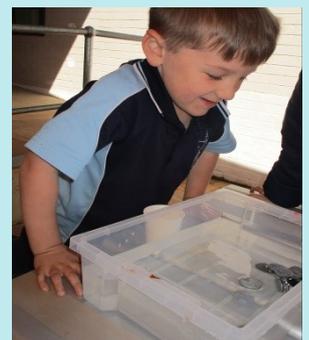
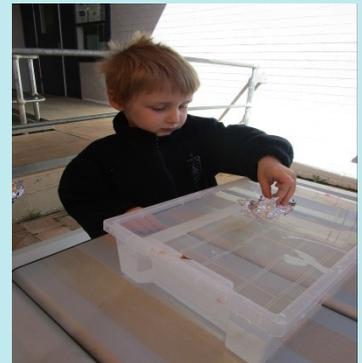


Tuesday
23rd August
Wear your
pyjamas
to school
for
Book Week



STEM with Ms. Parsons

The junior primary class was read the book, 'Who Sank The Boat?' and then all students were busily involved with making an alfoil boat that would hold their predicted amount of coins. Each student had two pieces of alfoil and they had to make a boat that would float with their coins. Some students wanted to use glue and sticky tape but with some deliberation each student made a boat with just alfoil. We tested each boat and some sank and some floated. The boats that sank, the students had to analyse, make adjustments and re-test to see if their boat would float a second time with their coins.



Kitchen Garden

This term STEAM will have a focus on the theme "Garden to Gourmet". Students will continue to develop skills such as observation, prediction, independence and communication. Students will also work on their problem-solving skills to develop STEAM based solutions to Kitchen Garden Challenges.



As well as native food we have also been growing fruit and vegetables in the orchard and veggie garden. We have already harvested spinach, carrots, and radishes. Our lettuces and broccoli are forming nice heads and our strawberries have flowers. We cooked with the spinach from our garden making



We have started with planting some native plants between the small playground and gym. In this mix of plants there are edible native plants including muntries, pink midgem berries, native thyme, river mint, pig face, bower spinach and lemon myrtle. As these plants become established we will look to expanding our native produce. Already growing in our school yard are quandong trees whose fruit is beginning to ripen. In our green house we have some young sandalwood seedling we are tending to.

savoury muffins. Miss Fowler's mum also donated oranges from her tree. With these we made orange and wattle seed cake and orange juice. We all got a chance to juice the oranges and many of us had more than one glass. The fresh orange juice was not as sweet as what we are used to but still very nice. We made sweet seasonal muffins with apple as well.



