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Mini-Newsletter – Week 10 Wednesday, 5th July, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for our term and all that it has encompassed:

starting with ANZAC last holidays; Catholic Education Week, Mother's Day Picnic, Kernewek Lowender, Sapsasa sports, class excursions, Dance Concert planning, report writing, Reception transition, Assemblies...

As well as all of the visible events and activities we have staff and parents working away in the background week in week out on:

Friday Lunches, financial matters, newsletters, supporting with student wellbeing and learning, keeping regular contact between school and home, attending P & F and Board meetings, promoting our school presence positively in the community, fixing and maintaining, mowing ovals, cleaning, caring for our families and our students. This list that by no means covers everything you do in a term.

Thank you all so much. I hope that you are able to enjoy a very well-deserved holiday break.



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WEEK 2-9 JULY

Bless our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters and bless us.

Help us to join our hands and hearts together.

Help us to heal one another and the land, so that our lives may flow with harmony and that we may live with love and deep respect.

Amen.



THANK YOU, CHLOE BACHER AND YEAR 1s

Thank you to Chloe Bacher and the Year 1 students for their Assembly, class visit and morning tea on Friday. The students were very excited and did a great job sharing their prayer song and actions, their learning in Music and Technology. There was a lovely buzz as family and special friends visited the classroom. Thank you.

THANK YOU, JENNY GEYSER AND MARCUS KERIN

Thank you to Jenny and Marcus for Term 2, for supporting our school, picking up new and varied teaching roles. In Term 3 Marcus will return to 0.8 PE, R-5 Science, 3/4 and 4/5 Health and Jenny will be our much-appreciated TRT. Thank you, Marcus and Jenny.

REPORTS – THANK YOU

We have almost finished the new reporting process through Marksbook in SEQTA. Thank you to all of our teaching and ESO staff involved in working through the new reporting requirements. Thank you to all teachers for writing reports; Karen Westlake for administration; Francesca Tully and Lisa Caffyn for the massive job of all of the behind the scenes work in set-up, formatting, trouble-shooting, printing, archiving. We have learnt so much and this will stand us in good stead for Semester 2.

As mentioned last week, student reports will be coming home on Friday, 7th July. If your child will be away on this day, you may collect their report from the front office at 3.00pm or their report will be posted to you that afternoon.

WORK EXPERIENCE – WEEK 10

Thank you to Ellie Lane and Shann Hanson, KMS students who have joined us this week for Work Experience. We hope you have enjoyed your week with us.

STUDENT AND STAFF WELLBEING PLEASE STAY T HOME IF UNWELL

The end of term and winter are combining to affect many families and staff with illnesses. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or are still not fully recovered from illness. This helps to minimise the spread. We are reminding students to wash their hands, sanitise, cover their mouth when they cough, drink plenty of water – all of the good health reminders.

CESA LEADERSHIP TEAM VISIT

We are looking forward to welcoming the Catholic Education SA Leadership Team as they visit our school this Friday. Our visitors will have a look around our school, visiting classrooms and speaking with students about their learning. Student Leaders will be assisting with our visitors.

There will be classroom visits 10.00-11.00am and then morning tea will be provided in the Sacred Heart Centre, prepared and served by the 6-9 students.

The guests will include:

- Dr Neil McGoran (Director)
- Nichii Mardon (Director Port Pirie Diocese)
- John Favretto (Assistant Director Governance Quality and Assurance)
- John Foley (Assistant Director School Performance Leaders)
- Dr Jill Gowdie (Assistant Director Catholic Identity and Mission)
- Sue Kennedy-Branford (Assistant Director- People Leadership and Culture)
- Liz Keogh (Deputy Director Port Pirie Diocese)
- Nigel McPhee (Assistant Director Finance and Infrastructure)
- Phil Proctor (Assistant Director ICT)

UNIFORM FRIDAY

This week, students are to wear the uniform that would usually wear for a Friday. Formal uniform unless the child has Dance lesson as usual on a Friday.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to students who were recipients of the School Value Award at our assembly on Friday, 30th June. The awards include RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.



SUBWAY LUNCH – NO FRIDAY SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS



A reminder that this Friday will be Subway Lunch for those who have put in orders, the P & F Friday Lunches will not be available.



REMINDER

Pupil Free Day, Monday, 24th July - Monday, Week 1, Term 3.

Michelle Miller

Principal

ICAS COMPETITION

In the Week 8 Newsletter, a letter and an information sheet was included for ICAS Competition. ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

The cost for Digital Technologies, Science, English, Mathematics and Spelling Bee is \$19.25, Writing \$23.65.

Students from Year 2 – Year 9 are eligible to enter.

Entry to the competition closes on Friday, 28th July.

4/5 CLASS EXCURSION

Thursday, 29th June, the Year 4/5 Class went on an excursion to Kadina to consolidate their learning in Mathematics and Design and Technology.

First stop was Woolworths where they were given a behind-the-scenes tour of how the fresh fruit and vegetable produce make it onto the shelves. Students then went on a shopping experience where they had a pretend \$50 to spend in Woolworths. Students had to buy one item each from the meat, fruit, vegetable, dairy and breads/cereals sections. They could then buy miscellaneous items and add it altogether to spend as close to \$50 as possible.

The class then wandered to the Kadina Newsagency where students had a real \$10 each to spend. Purchases ranged from magazines and fidgets to scrunchies, textas and, of course, lollies.

Next stop was the Kadina Train Park where students shared what they purchased, before having a play and enjoying a Subway lunch together before heading back to school.

Thank you to parent volunteers Mrs Dennis and Mrs Donald as well as Mrs Griffits and Mrs Morphett for joining us, and to Mr Dennis for driving the bus for us.

















