



# Saltia Times

Stirling North Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Respect - Responsibility - Resilience

A note from the Principal - Adam Wilson

## Australian Curriculum, why do we need to teach it?

Have you ever wondered where teachers get their ideas from? Well, what they have to teach is the Australian Curriculum and this can be found on the Australian Curriculum website. There were also pamphlets that were given to students last week providing information on what it is. How they teach it and when they teach it is totally up to them. As you can understand, this is the hardest part.

In the Curriculum there are things like "be able to count to 100" and "students read aloud with fluency". These areas are extremely important, however I also feel that there is another set of skills that are just as important and not given as much emphasis.

One such area is "Personal and Social Capabilities". This is where students must be able to "explain the influence of behaviours on emotions" and "identify a community need and attempt to solve it". Another area is "Critical and Creative thinking" and this is where students must "Connect information from one setting to another" and "describe what they are thinking and why".

So what am I getting at? I feel that schools are changing from being places where students are taught a whole lot of information and expected to learn it, to being a place that shows students how to learn skills that are not simply counting and reading. Please watch the clip <https://youtu.be/W1K2jdjLhbo> and it will show you what I mean. After all, more than 75% of our kids will be going into jobs that aren't created yet.

### Super Impressed

We have some great kids at our school. Most of the time they treat others with respect, are responsible for their behaviour and persist with challenging tasks. There are a few "speed bumps" that occur and we can help out those students to do the right thing next time.

The reason why I am so impressed is because students generally want to "treat others the way that they would like to be treated". It is a simple but effective rule that is underrated and needed more in society today.

It is also great to have students help each other, remind each other to follow the Golden Rule and to respect our school environment.

A story...

I was walking between classes the other day and my phone rang. I was deep in conversation and I started to walk on the retainer wall bricks. The 6/7 class close to me stopped playing their game in the basket ball court and proceeded to tell me off for not respecting our school. I picked up papers at lunchtime...

Mrs Bailey was playing chasey with a few students at lunchtime the other day but she forgot her hat and she ran on the pavers. Almost 50 students had great pleasure in telling me that she had broken some school rules, and they were not impressed. She also picked up papers.

What other school can boast that their students can remind and assist others to follow the school rules regularly? Shame about the naughty leadership team though.



## DIARY DATES:

- 8th May: Photos due back soon
- 9 - 11 May: NAPLAN
- 12th May - Mother's Day Stall
- 12th May - NO High School Bus Run after school
- 16th May - DMC 4.15pm
- 22nd May - Assembly
- 22nd May - Finance mtg
- 22nd May - Governing Council
- 23-25 May - Book Fair
- 24th May - Year 3 Camp
- 25th May - Year 2/3 Camp
- 25th May - Community Breakfast
- 25th May - Grounds 3.30
- 30th May - DMC
- 5th June - Assembly
- 12th June - Public Holiday
- 13th June - Pupil Free Day
- 19th June - Assembly
- 19th June - Finance Meeting
- 19th June - Governing Council
- 22nd June - Community Breakfast
- 22nd June - Grounds 3.30
- 27th June - DMC
- 30th June - NO high school bus run this afternoon
- 7th July - End Term 2 2:15pm dismissal

## Office News:

School Fees are now overdue unless you are on a payment plan or have made alternative arrangements with the school. If you believe that you may be eligible for school card you can obtain the form from the front office

## Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May

Students may purchase gifts for their mother at recess & lunchtimes. Items range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00

next to rear admin door)

If you have hand made gifts for donation please drop them into front office.

## Monday Lunch Special:

Nachos

## Tuesday Lunch Special:

Ham/Cheese Croissant

## Wednesday Lunch Specials:

W2. Lasagne

W3. Quiche

W4. Bacon & Egg Roll

W5. Spaghetti Bolognese

**All specials \$3:00 each**

We held our SNPS Quiz night on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. The night was held at the Stirling North Progress Association Hall who kindly donated the hire of the hall for our major fundraising event.

The night proved to be a success with \$1660 raised; these funds will assist in the on-going development of our wonderful outdoor classroom which the students have already enjoyed utilising throughout Term 1. It will be great to see some more positive additions that will assist with their learning.

We would like to send a huge thank you to the 13 teams who attended our Quiz Night and a special congratulation to the winners of the night; your continuous support is what helps us make our school so great! A particular thank you to Denise & David Riding for organising games and being our official scorers, Adam Wilson for hosting the night as our MC, Chris Deslandes for setting up our computer and speakers, Amanda Fullerton for all her hard work preparing the questions and a huge thank you to our parent volunteer Kylie Gill for working tirelessly in making sure everything was prepared and collecting all of the great prizes.



## Literacy News:

Kate McNamara

Literacy Coordinator

Oral language is a huge predictor of future reading success. A common saying among reading professionals is, "If a child doesn't hear a word, that child won't say that word. If they don't say it, they won't read it." You can help your child grow their oral language with easy and fun games. Try this at home with the family.

### Which animal?

Say to children: I am thinking about an animal. Listen carefully until I am finished then tell me what animal I am thinking of. Describe an animal for example: "This animal is bigger than a car. It has grey hide with no fur. It has large floppy ears and a short tail. It is strange looking it seems to have a tail at both ends. What animal am I thinking of?" ( elephant) The first person to reply correctly becomes the leader and it is their turn to describe an animal of their choice.

Other variations could be:

- Places
- People
- Feelings
- Characters in a book or movie
- An object in your house or garden.

### PARKING

Reminder to Parents: The staff car park is for **staff parking only**. The kiss and drop zone out the front of the school is **not** a parking space, it is to be used to pull up and drop off only and for the bus to pick up students. The bus is currently having to park on the road because parents are parking in this area. Please encourage your children to use the school crossings when crossing the road.

### Library News

PRC Finishers: Leteasha T, Alissa B, Amalie M, Alyssa B, Brooke S and Taylah N.

### BOOK FAIR

Week 4, Tuesday-Thursday, 23-25 May.  
**CASH SALES ONLY.** Sales before and after school and Thursday morning only.  
The profit from the fair helps to buy library resources.

DMC Proposals	When	Approved
MS Fundraiser - PJ Day. Students & staff wear PJ's to school & bring a gold coin donation.	7th July	Yes
Mother's Day Stall - Students able to purchase gifts for their Mums. Prices ranging from 50c - \$5:00	12th May	Yes
Float in Pt Augusta Christmas Pageant - Fundraising Committee design and make a float for students to participate in the pageant.	Early Dec	Yes
Tennis Clinic for ATSI Students. Students in Year 3-5 to be offered to go to a free Indigenous Tennis Come and Try Day. Talk by Evonne Goolagon Cawley.	12th May	Principal Approved
National Walk Safely to School - Teachers meet at set locations to walk to school with students	19th May	Principal Approved
Information report exhibition about novel study - showcasing student independent reports to parents and staff members	5th July	Pending
Reception classes excursion to Wadlata Outback Centre & Arid Lands Botanical Gardens to study the history & Geography of Port Augusta - transported by bus. \$12:00 per child.	21st June	Pending

### Counsellor's Corner with Ryan Morris

Some of you may be aware of a current TV series '13 Reasons Why' on Netflix which has seen some air time within the Australian media over the past few weeks. The show has a rating of MA 15+.

Since the series was released in March, many organisations and medical professionals have raised concerns over the content as the series does not meet the national media guidelines. The content is extremely graphic, with disturbing scenes of an adult nature.

The school does not recommend that students watch the series as it conveys unhelpful and dangerous messages and no references are made to seeking help.

It is essential as a parent to have open and honest conversations with your child particularly if they express an interest in the series.

If you have any concerns about your child/ren's wellbeing, more information can be found at <https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Resource-library/Family-and-friends/Information-for-parents-and-carers-FAF-web.pdf>

Or you may like to contact me on 86 436 020 or email at [ryan.morris242@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:ryan.morris242@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Student Absences

You can only reply to the SMS text message that you receive re: student absences/lateness.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development



For the benefit of students and staff at Stirling North Primary School, we would like to remind you that the school is strictly a non-smoking area.

### Messages

When ringing the school with a message for your child; please do so before lunch. We cannot guarantee that we can pass on messages after this as students may be out of the classroom and unreachable by phone.

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# Harry Potter

Book Fair



J.K. Rowling  
is the Author

Times 8:15-  
8:45 am and  
3:15-3:30 pm



Three days  
only Tuesday 23  
May and  
Wednesday 24  
May. Thursday 25  
of May in the  
morning only 8:15-8:45 am

Cash Sale  
only

**By Bryce Hewett**