

Principal's Message

Over the last two weeks I have noticed so many great things happening in our school,

- students working hard and trying their best in their learning.
- teachers engaging with both students and their families.
- parents engaging with each other and providing the school with positive comments and/or suggestions.
- office staff, grounds staff and our cleaner working hard to continuously improve our school.

It is great to hear all the good things happening around our school, please let me know if you notice anything.

Governing Council Annual General Meeting

On Monday night we held our Governing Council Annual General Meeting. Thank you to all of our parents and staff who are able to volunteer their time this year. I understand not all parents are able to commit to Governing Council, however your input is also important to us. The following people are members for 2021, please don't hesitate to approach a member if you have any questions.

Val Menzel, Chloe Bartel, Linda Doecke, Rachael Dittrich, Leah Linke, Kristy Sherwood, Julianne Schmidt, Jessie Mueller, Belinda Anderson, Anita Boston, Jenni Schrapel, Prue Stanbury.

Kind regards,

Val Menzel

Pancake Day

Yesterday students enjoyed some delicious pancakes that were served at recess time. We raised \$75 for Uniting Care.



Uniting Care provides food parcels for local community people in need and money raised from Pancake Days is used to support relief centres around S.A

COVID CHECK-IN

All adults (including staff and parents) entering the site (includes entering the site during school drop off and pick up) must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the [paper recording log template](#) located in the office.

Children and students (including adult students) do not need to check-in. Their attendance is recorded in EDSAS, EYS, EMS etc and can be easily made available to SA Health for contact tracing purposes.

Please note the COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace your normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office/reception on arrival.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Term 1 2021

February

Monday 22nd - Assembly at 2pm in the gym.

March

Monday 1st - Governing Council 6:30pm.

Friday 5th - Newsletter.

Monday 8th - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Wednesday 17th - Harmony Day.

Friday 19th - Newsletter.

Wednesday 24th March - District Athletics Day.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Research has proven that regular attendance at school positively affects learning, wellbeing, employment and life outcomes for children and young people.

BENEFITS OF GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY



more likely to stay on track and progress academically



opportunities to take part in social and learning activities organised by the school



more likely to have stronger social and peer connections



learning positive life skills



safe in the care of school staff with access to support and services when needed



will reach their full potential and have a range of opportunities in life

BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

Attendance matters for achievement

- Regular (90% or greater)
- Indicated (80% to <90%)
- Moderate (60% to <80%)
- Severe (<60%)

If a child misses...	that equals...	or...	From PP to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance category
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	Regular 90 % or above
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	Indicated 80 % to 90 %
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	Moderate 60 % to 80 %
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	Severe 60 % or less

Finance News

Materials & Services Fees

The Governing Council determines the Material and Services charges each year following recommendations and guidelines set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Invoices for this year's school fees were sent home on 2nd February 2021. The fee for this year's M&S charge is the standard sum of \$246/student. Unless a payment by instalment plan has been completed, fees were due to have been paid by Tuesday 16th February 2021. If you have not yet paid please do so ASAP.

Families experiencing difficulty in paying fees and other school expenses are encouraged to see the Finance Officer (Rachael) or Principal (Val) to negotiate a payment schedule. A form for the Materials & Services fee was included with your invoice. If you wish to pay your fees by instalment, please complete the form and return to the office. All enquiries of this nature are kept strictly confidential.

Forms for families eligible for school card are also available. Please see Rachael in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays for the relevant School Card forms. Alternatively, you may apply for School Card online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

SWEETHEART DAY



On Friday 12th February our school celebrated Sweetheart Day. A day that raises awareness and funds for HeartKids. At Truro PS we have 2 HeartKids - Varro and Maddie. Varro spoke to students on Friday about his journey so far and how HeartKids have helped him and his family. Thank you to everyone who bought heart biscuits that the students baked and decorated. We raised \$178, an AWESOME effort for our school. Thank you.



KOOKABURRA LEARNING AREA

We have been learning about what respect means to us and what this "looks like", "sounds like" and "feels like".

We hope to have our posters ready to share for our school assembly.



In Maths we have been exploring different number sequences and odd and even numbers. Here we are playing an odd and even game with a partner.



Cailey and Faith playing the Odd and Even game.



Ethan and Hamish playing the odd and even game.



Jhett looks like he is enjoying the game!

Isabelle and Amelia figuring out what strategies they need to use to win the game.



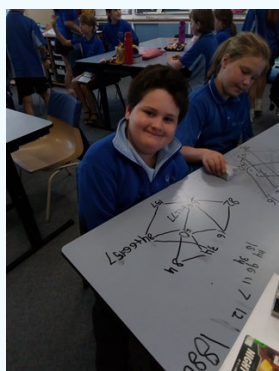
Varro was very proud of his sequencing number work. He enjoyed showing how odd numbers have a "gap" when constructed but even numbers do not have a gap.



When visiting the Kookaburra room, the Reception to year two class have been exploring emotions. Here Eli has cut out some magazine pictures which show people expressing different feelings. He was very proud of his cutting skills. Well done Eli!



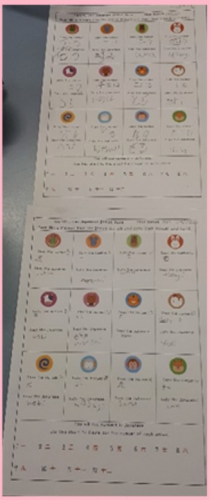
Seth's amazing number work! He was working out how to reach his target number.



JAPANESE VISIT

We were lucky enough to have our first visit from Minori Sensei ready for our Japanese lessons. The Year 3-7 students completed a quiz to find out the order of the Japanese Zodiac. They discovered that 2021 is the Year of the Ox.

The Reception – Year 2 students also looked at zodiacs and made their own paper Ox (cow) that had pop-sticks to help it bow.



YEAR 3-7 P.E

The Year 3-7 students have been working on their skipping skills. They have been practicing forward and backward skipping, and skipping using a long rope. There have already been some goals set.



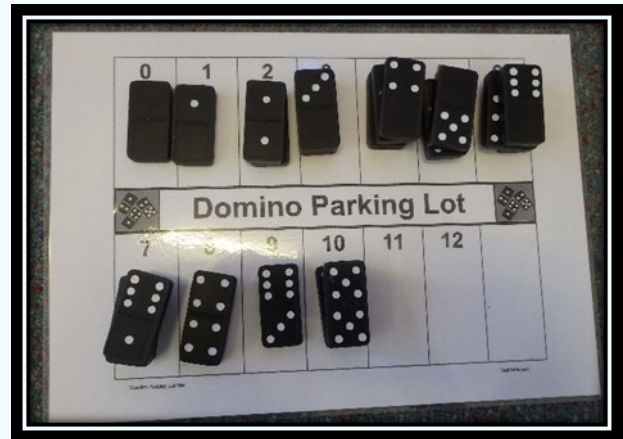
ECHIDNA LEARNING AREA

R/1 class

The students are learning Natural Maths strategies which will assist them in mental computation. This week, our focus is on **Counting On**.

When we count on, we can start from the number we know. We do not need to count all.

The students have played games together to practice counting on.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

TERM 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 5	22 Assembly at 2pm in the gym	23	24	25	26
WEEK 6	<u>March</u> 1 Governing Council at 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 Newsletter
WEEK 7	8 Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday	9	10	11	12
WEEK 8	15	16	17 Harmony Day	18	19 Newsletter
WEEK 9	22	23	24 District Athletics Day	25	26
WEEK 10	29	30	31	<u>April</u> 1 Newsletter	2 GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday
WEEK 11	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9 End of Term 1

Bluey's Big Play the Stage Show

This is Bluey's Big Play! And it's really for real life!

Friday, 26 March, 2021
6:00pm

Saturday, 27 March, 2021
10:30am

Saturday, 27 March, 2021
12:30pm



Tickets on sale: Monday, 22 February at 10am
Brenton Langbein Theatre



GO (formerly Netta's) training will commence initially on Tues March 2nd from 4.15 to 5 pm at the Angaston Netball Courts.

**** Training will move to Thursday nights as courts become available. ****

GO is suited for girls born in 2012 & 2013.

Registration is via mynetball website and sports vouchers from www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au will be accepted.

ANC junior co-ordinator will be at the netball courts on Tuesday 23rd February between 6 - 7 pm for any uniform enquiries.

Parents will need to check in their child with the QR code provided upon arrival.

For any enquiries please contact
angastonnetballclub@gmail.com