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Echunga Primary School



Together we will strive for academic, social, emotional and personal achievement,
working within a positive culture that promotes the pursuit of excellence and the understanding of others

Week 6, Term 1, 5th March, 2020

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DIARY DATES

Mon 9/3—Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday

Thurs 19/3—Sports Day

Fri 20/3—Harmony Day

Mon 23/3—2:30pm
Assembly

Mon 23/3-Fri 3/4—
teacher/parents/student
interviews

Tues 24/3-Wed 25/3—
Yr 6/7 Aquatics at Port
Noarlunga

Thurs 9/3—End of Term
2:20pm early dismissal

View the newsletter on
our website at
www.echungaps.sa.edu.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, here we are at the midpoint of Term 1! They do say that time flies when you're having fun.😊

All British Day

Thank you to all of the parent helpers at the All British Day event. It was a much quieter day than it has been previously so our fundraising was a little less than usual.

However, we were fortunate to be the recipients of a \$5,000 donation from the All British Day committee to help us to expand our vegetable beds and provide new wicking beds. We are very grateful to the All British Day committee for this generous donation.



Year 7s to high school in 2022

In 2022 Year 7s will be transitioning to high school. There is information on the Department for Education website on how this will work and what the benefits are.
<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/year-7-high-school/year-7-high-school-information-parents>

Learner Dispositions

Developing powerful and effective learner dispositions is important for our students to be successful in their learning.

Our learner dispositions are:

- ◆ I am Optimistic
- ◆ I am Reflective
- ◆ I am Brave
- ◆ I am Creative
- ◆ I am a Problem Solver

These are explicitly taught in our classrooms and are referred to regularly as part of teacher practice. Teacher awards at assemblies are based on our learner dispositions.

SCHOOL NEWS

Talk for Writing

All teachers have participated in a 2 day workshop on Talk 4 Writing. So what is Talk for Writing?

“Talk for Writing, developed by Pie Corbett, supported by Julia Strong and the [Talk for Writing team](#), is powerful because it is based on the principles of how people learn. The movement from **imitation** to **innovation** to **independent application** can be adapted to suit the needs of learners of any stage.

The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. A key feature is that children internalise the language structures needed to write through ‘talking the text’, as well as close reading. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully.

Schools underpin their English work by establishing a core reading spine of quality fiction, poetry and non-fiction that all children experience and draw upon.”

Teachers are excited about this new approach to teaching writing and engage children in the process. You may like to ask your children what they have been learning in writing lessons this week. We’ll share more information in future newsletters and on SeeSaw.

Uniform – friendly reminder

Just a reminder that jewellery is generally not allowed to be worn at school with the exception of a watch and stud or sleeper earrings. Please save any other items of jewellery for evenings and weekends. Whilst we are very proud of our students’ involvement in community sport, football or netball jumpers are not a part of our uniform and we would appreciate these to be saved for sporting events.

Pam

SCHOOL FEES & SCHOOL CARD

Thank you to those families who have already paid their school fees.

For those families who still owe fees payment would be appreciated as soon as possible. Final payments must be made by the end of Term 1 unless you have applied for School Card or have set up a payment plan to pay by instalments.

Fees can be paid by EFT, cash, cheque, credit card or direct debit. If you wish to pay instalments by direct debit please see Merridee in the Front Office for an application form.

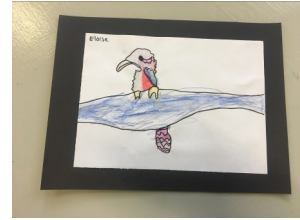
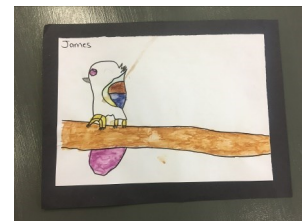
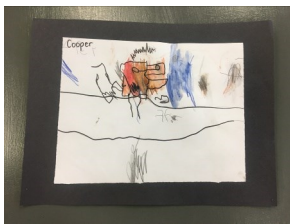
If you think you may be eligible to apply for School Card visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard. There you will find information on eligibility and type of form to fill out. It can now all be done online. Applications for school card need to be done each year.

Rosella Art



In Art the Rosella class have been learning about Aboriginal perspectives in Visual Art. They have been inspired by Aboriginal authors and are creating a variety of artworks using different techniques and materials.

Below are our Kookaburra pictures. Students followed guided instructions to draw their Kookaburra. We then used watercolour pencils and the tiny paintbrushes to blend the pencil to give the picture detail.



Rosella Bowls



We had Ian from Bowls Australia come in for the last 3 weeks to run bowls sessions with the whole school.

The Rosella students enjoyed learning about the technique of rolling a bowl, with many quite proud of their progress over the weeks.



Ibis News

What an excellent start to 2020 we have had! We have worked hard to build a respectful, positive class community of learners.

We brainstormed what makes a good learner, then displayed it in our classroom.



English

In our *Talk for Writing* lessons, we are focusing on Narrative Setting. Below are some descriptions of the narrative settings we made in class.



Our narrative setting is a sandy beach. It has a comfy tent, a flat rock and a mystical portal.



Our narrative setting is a beach. There are fluffy clouds, strong waves and big hills.

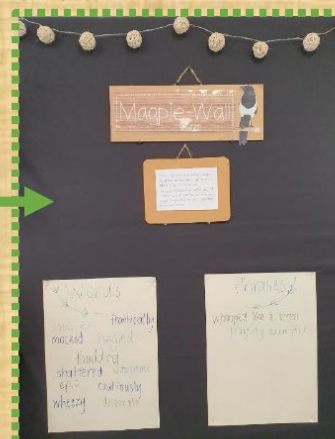


Our narrative setting is Sunset Forest. There are fluffy clouds, green trees and a colourful sunset.

Magpie Wall

When magpies find something special or something that they like, they borrow or take it to use for themselves.

This is our 'Magpie Wall'. When we find words or phrases we like, we add them to our Magpie Wall so we can use them in our own writing.



SCHOOL/OSHC NEWS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The children are well settled in the preschool environment, and they have been busy exploring a wide range of learning experiences. We have been talking about our families, and all children have completed a family portrait. This week we commenced our Pamela Allen author study. We have become familiar with *Mr. McGee* stories, and noticed that there are similarities with the illustrations in the texts. *The Very Cranky Bear* story table experience has been very popular, and it has been great to see the children keen and eager to assist with the making of the props for the story. Gardening has been very engaging for a range of children. After digging over one of our raised garden beds, and spending some time playing with the mud created during this process, we planted some herbs – peppermint, lemon thyme, rosemary and parsley. We look forward to using our produce in cooking and play experiences at a later date. The kindy café has been extremely busy, with many children taking phone orders, making and selling coffees and milkshakes. We have commenced exploring the concept of fair and unfair as part of the relationships strand of the Child Protection Curriculum. Last week we completed a practice bushfire evacuation procedure. The children were required to be responsible for their own bags and walk with the kindy group to the school hall, where the roll was called. The children managed the change to our routine well, and are now familiar with what needs to occur if we experience a genuine emergency.

OSHC NEWS

2020 Enrolments and Bookings

Bookings for Before and After School Care in 2020, so far, have more than doubled from previous years, which is awesome for our little service. We now have two staff on most of the time and we do our best to help accommodate our families with their needs. We are licenced for 17 children in Before School Care (BSC), 20 children in our After School Care (ASC) program, and 20 during Vacation Care, but still run single staff in Vacation Care (VAC) due to bookings. Some mornings and afternoons during the week we running are at capacity.

As we are a licenced School Age Care Service, children attending school will have priority over children attending preschool. We are limited to 4 preschool children attending at any one time.

When your child turns 13 your Child Care Subsidy will cease. If your child is in year 6 or 7 and has turned 13, they still may attend until the end of year 7 (in primary school), however you will be charged the full fee. These are the regulations set by the Australian Government.

All new families enrolling into our service will need to make an appointment for an enrolment session with the Director, Jodie. At this session you will be given the enrolment forms for OSHC. Once you have returned the completed forms to OSHC and the information is put into the system you will be sent an invitation to register for Fullybooked, our children's services software provider. Fullybooked is where you will update your families details and view your invoices.

Once registered a Compliance Written Agreement will be made between our service, you and the Australian Government. You will then be required to login to MyGov - www.my.gov.au/loginservices and confirm your enrolment at Echunga OSHC. You can also apply for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to help reduce the cost of your OSHC fees.

OSHC NEWS

Currently after 8 weeks of not attending your enrolment will cease and you will need to contact OSHC to get a new Compliance Written Agreement made and log back into MyGov and confirm the enrolment once more. For CCS purposes all booking will be deemed as casual.

You must be pre-enrolled to attend OSHC. If you are not enrolled and call up to book in at the last minute you will not be able to attend, due to the Government's laws and requirements.

OSHC staff for 2020

Our qualified staff

This year Jodie will be working BSC and ASC Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with her administration time on those days and Amanda will be working BSC and ASC Mondays and Tuesdays.

Our unqualified staff

Either Rachel or Rosie will be working through the week with both Jodie and Amanda when needed.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be coming up on Thursday March 19th and every year families come to watch their children and then decide to take them home after, rather than attending OSHC. If you wish to do this, then let the OSHC staff know. If you cancel 7 or more days prior, you will not be charged for that session.

Invoices and accounts

OSHC Invoices are going to be done fortnightly rather than weekly for the time being. The main reason is that your Child Care Subsidy amounts do not always come back in timely for a weekly invoice to be produced. This means that invoices have been all over the place at the moment (different days in different weeks) and are not consistent or expected. So for term 1, invoices are going to be done on Fridays in the odd weeks and then switch to Fridays in even weeks in terms 2, 3, and 4 (this is due to the 11 weeks in term 1).

To ensure that ALL INVOICES have been paid in full please log in to Fullybooked and click on View All (this is next to Latest Invoice on the home screen). This will show a list of all your invoices. Please ensure that all of the invoices have been paid in full. Some families have been skipping invoices and only paying the latest ones. Please ensure you review all your invoice balances.

Please pay the actual amount on the invoice (not less or extra) and quote the invoice number and your family name when paying by EFT.

April School Holidays

The program for the April Holidays will be available in week 8.

After School Sports Practice and Activities in 2020

For children attending afterschool sports practice and games in 2020 families must make their own arrangements to have a responsible adult pick up their child to take them to their sport activity and bring them back to OSHC. Due to changes in the regulations, staff will no longer be able to walk children over to their sport, and staff will no longer be able to let children go by themselves. Children must be signed in and out and be supervised by the responsible adult.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update Week 5, Term 1 - 2020

What to expect in primary school

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they'll be graduating from primary school next year. To get ready, primary schools will be talking to you about graduation ceremonies, leadership opportunities and graduation jumpers or tops for the graduating classes of 2021.

We will be developing information packs to help our primary schools keep you informed, so stay engaged with your school to keep updated with the latest information.

Pilot high schools welcome year 7s

Our pilot program started this term, with Wirreanda Secondary School, Mitcham Girls High School and John Pirie Secondary School welcoming their first year 7s ahead of the statewide move in 2022.

As part of this work, we've been speaking to families from each of the pilot schools.

What pilot families are saying

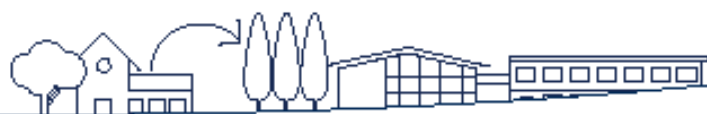
Parents and students are looking forward to the new opportunities that high school has to offer. Some parents and students feel they are ready to take the next step, and many feel primary school is no longer a challenge as year 7 grows near. While high school is a big change in year 7 or year 8, the desire to grow outweighs the apprehension.

Some worries remain, such as being in a bigger school, the different expectations of workload, missing out on rites of passage and being with older students. These are topics we are also thinking about, and we'll be working closely with your school to manage these concerns together.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS/NIGHTS

For tomorrow's
students

Mount Barker High School warmly
invites you to our **OPEN NIGHT**.

Meet and chat with staff and current students, tour the school's facilities, discuss subject options, experience the school's 100-year heritage, and discover how we're leading the way in Positive Education to build positive futures.

Wednesday 18 March 2019 | 4.30pm - 8.00pm (Principal's Address 6.00pm)



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SHOWCASE EVENING

Tuesday 17 March 2020

5.30pm-7.30pm

- Principal's information sessions at 5.45pm and 6.45pm.
- Join a guided tour from the Courtyard (gate 2) or Mt Lofty Sports Centre (gate 4). Last tour commences at 7.00pm.
- Pre-register via www.hhs.sa.edu.au.

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URRBRAE
AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

**OPEN
DAY**

**FOR PROSPECTIVE
YEAR 8
STUDENTS**

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020

www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

2 hour programme (9.30am - 11.30am or
1.00pm - 3.00pm or 5.00pm - 7.00pm)
includes Application Information,
Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in
2021 and their parents are invited to attend.
Parking on the School Oval with
access via Gate "C" off Cross Rd.
Proceed to the Gym.

- Urrbrae is a Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies
- Selection for enrolment is based on student interest in Agriculture, Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from 17th March
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday 29th April 2020

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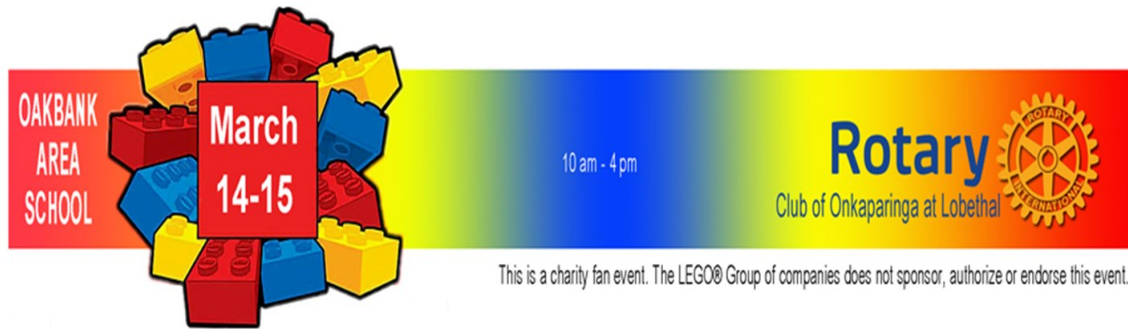
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COMMUNITY NEWS



ONKABRIX MARCH 14, 15 2020

ONKABRIX is a LEGO fan event to be held at Oakbank Area School March 14 and 15th. It is a collaboration between the Rotary Club of Onkaparinga (Lobethal) and the Southern Bricks Lego Users Group. In short, a community effort to assist with fire relief.

Awesome LEGO builds are the centrepiece of the expo. Contributors come from Southern Brick Users Club and local enthusiasts. Food stalls, Coffee, Hills Radio 88.9 FM, raffle and retail also. Also includes a kids zone for free-play and creativity.

Website www.onkabrix.org.au for on-line tickets

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Service/Onkabrix-107890720755958/>

Join Echunga Netball Club for our 2020 season

With teams across all age groups, experienced coaches and dedicated training facilities, we are a strong and proud part of the Echunga community.

The Net Set Go skills program commences **Sunday 15th March**, for 5-7 year old girls and boys who want to learn the foundation skills of netball.

The Junior competition is perfect for children aged 7 and above who are ready to take their netball to the next level.

We also cater for all senior competitions - registrations for all players close **Monday 23 March**, so get in quick.

Contact Jaye Smith on **0405 804 374** or jaye.smith123@gmail.com for any registration enquiries, or download our registration information pack at http://bit.ly/enc_2020_rego (includes links for online registration).

