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Week 9, Term 3, 17th September, 2020

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REMINDER

Next Friday 25th September school finishes at 2:20pm
and OSHC closes at 5:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our term is closing quickly and the holidays rapidly approaching. Students and teachers have been busy in the past weeks, participating in online testing for Reading and Numeracy, undertaking surveys, learning about high school and undertaking their usual learning.

The holidays present an opportunity for development and this time we should return to see a new Outdoor Nature Play space in our Preschool. Works are expected to begin late next week. Excitement and anticipation levels are high as we move in to warmer weather (I hope) creating even more opportunities for exploration and development.

Concurrently our Aboriginal Garden is entering its next stage of development. Many thanks to Aridland Outdoor Services who have helped us create pathways and a pond. Our Reception class has been busy planting our bush tucker plants and are now waiting for clay to arrive so we can surface the pond area early next term. These outdoor, real life experiences are an excellent compliment to the learning in classrooms.

We wish all of our families a lovely and safe break at the end of the term, hoping the holidays are filled with a balance of excitement and relaxation.

We look forward to seeing everyone back for a fast-paced Term 4.

Kind regards
Chan

DIARY DATES

Fri 25 Sept: End of Term 3
2:20 Early Dismissal

Mon 12 Oct: Term 4
begins

Mon 26-Wed 28 Oct—
R-5 camp at Woodhouse
6-7 camp at Adare

Mon 23-Wed 25 Nov—
Mobile Dental Clinic

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



New Dental Service to be offered to Students

We are proud to offer all students access to an onsite dental check-up at *no out of pocket expense* through the **Mobile Dental Care SA Healthy Smiles Bright Future** Program.

The **Healthy Smiles Bright Future** Program is run using best practice guidelines as set out by the Australian Dental Association.

Check-ups are scheduled to be performed at the school by selected local Dentists and Oral Health Therapists; each of whom have relevant professional training, clearances and equipment required to perform high quality dental services in a school setting.

Important dates/deadlines for the program are listed below:

18th September Information pack sent home with students

16th October Deadline to complete & return the below forms to the Front Office:

- * Patient Details and Consent
- * Patient Information Form
- * CDBS Bulk billing patient consent form.
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Following the student registration process, dates will then be finalised for the following activities:

- * Initial dental check-ups (to be performed at school)

- * Follow-up treatment for relevant students (to be performed at school)
(Please note: **Mobile Dental Care SA** will be contacting parents/guardians to obtain verbal consent **prior** to any follow-up treatment being undertaken).

For further information about the Program, please go to our website:

<https://www.mobiledentalsa.com.au>

or email mobiledentalcaresa@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Over the past few weeks the children have had the opportunity to learn how to sew. They have each made a blanket for a special teddy or soft toy. Next Tuesday we are holding a Teddy Bears Picnic. We are all very excited about this event, and looking forward to creating a range of teddy bear decorations for the day. We built a Beanie Kid house and many children have spent time playing together with their furry friends.

We welcomed Tia Amanda's mum to kindy. She taught us how to make a quilt. We watched her begin to make a quilt for us. We have seen the finished product and all the children were amazed with it's beauty.

We have been enjoying the sunshine, and whilst learning outdoors the children have enjoyed coloured water playing along with potion making with spring flowers. Our yard redevelopment will occur during the upcoming holidays. We look forward to exploring our new environment next term.



SCHOOL NEWS

IBIS NEWS

Talk for Writing: Information Reports

Ibis students have been busy writing information reports in our Talk for Writing lessons. After writing a draft, students edited their own work with their 'purple polishing pen', received feedback from peers and had a discussion with their teacher. Then they typed up their final copy. Here are some examples of information reports about mythical creatures.

The Kraken

The Kraken is an underwater monster.

The Kraken is slimy and wet. It feels like wet sand on a cool afternoon. It is a deadly beast, known to kill and take down boats and ships. It has hundreds of suction cups and can see up to five metres away. It lurks at night, but only comes out on stormy days.

The Kraken lives in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Europe and United States, Azores and Bermuda. The Kraken sleeps like a baby in underwater caves, three hundred metres underwater to be exact.

The Kraken chows down on boats, ship and people. When it sees a boat, ship or people on the surface of the water at night, it attacks and gobbles them up.

The most amazing thing about the Kraken is that it has very long tentacles.

Five amazing facts about the Kraken:

- It has eight long tentacles.
- It is as big as a bus.
- Its head is 10x bigger than an exercise ball.
- It when it is a baby it is as big as a computer, but it grows very quickly.
- It can see up to five metres away.

griffins

A griffin is a flying mythical creature.

Griffins have soft, beautiful, silky wings, a tough sharp beak to attack, eagle feet at the front and lion feet at the back. They are mainly white or grey. Griffins are fierce, vicious, evil and aggressive, although they can be shy and some are harmless.

Griffins live up in high caves on mountains or dark forests. They like to live in pairs far away from humans. Sometimes they are found in a mob rather than just two. They sleep in the darkest place they can find in their cave, or under a tree in a forest.

Griffins feed on lots of different animals. They eat things like: rabbits, birds, deer and lots more. When they hunt, they fly up into the clouds so no-one can see them. When their prey isn't looking or paying attention, they swoop down and attack. Griffins' predators are mostly things that are bigger than them, like grass monsters, dragons and large reptiles.

The most amazing thing about griffins is that they can be tamed!

5 Amazing facts about griffins:

- You can ride and tame them
- They have eyes like an eagle, and can see great
- They can fly great distances because they have lots of energy
- They can see in the dark
- Some don't attack and are harmless, so they make great pets

Grass Monster

A grass monster is a scary and very deadly creature.

There are many different types of grass monsters. They can be from 1 up to 10 meters tall. Grass monsters have giant eyes, huge hands and enormous feet. They like watching tv all day long, and love eating cake!

Grass monsters live in a cave underground. Some live in mountains. Grass monsters can also be found in forests. They like forests because they can camouflage. they like mountains because there is grass, and they like caves because they can hide. Caves are a great place to sleep.

Grass monsters eat grass, water, cheetahs, cows and little children. They catch animals to eat by hunting them down, grass monsters 'predators are griffins.

The most amazing thing about grass monsters is that they can camouflage with their surroundings.

5 amazing facts about grass monsters:

- They can be blue or yellow.
- Some can have animal heads.
- They lived in prehistoric times.
- Some eat little kids.
- They can be the shape of piece of grass.

Kingfisher

Talk for Writing

The class has been constructing a shared story about a traveller who tricks villagers into helping make some delicious soup by volunteering their ingredients, yet believing that the reason for the tasty soup is the addition of a rusty axe head.

We have been writing our own version of the story, step-by-step, and below are some examples of the fabulous story starts that the children have created themselves.

An exhausted adventurer slowly walked into a small, quiet village in the middle of nowhere.

He carried not much, except a worn-out cooking pot that he kept inside an old sack.

Lucy T

One day, a stranger came across a nice, quiet village in the middle of nowhere.

With him he carried a rusty, old cooking pot that he pulled out from a dirty, old sack. He started to gather some sticks to make a fire.

Bailey M

Early one morning, a poor, weary wanderer came upon a tiny village. He pulled a rusty pot out of the large sack that he was carrying with him. He filled the pot with water from a nearby stream.

Aaliya M

A weary traveller went to a village. He gathered sticks and made a fire and put a pot on the fire. The villagers were curious, so they gathered around to see what he was doing.

Henley C

A poor traveller walked slowly into a quiet village and found a place to set himself up. He grabbed some sticks from the nearby forest and made a fire. Then he pulled out a rusty, old cooking pot and filled it with water from the stream.

Chloe V

SCHOOL NEWS

Lorikeet Try Golf Skills Development

On Tuesday 8th September, the Lorikeet class were invited to Echunga Golf Club for a skills development session.

Three members of the club gave up their time, free of charge, to work with us, which we really appreciated.

We learned the functions of each of the different golf clubs and then we learned how to drive, chip and putt. We even got to play a hole!

Thank you to the Echunga Golf Club for inviting us, we had an awesome time!

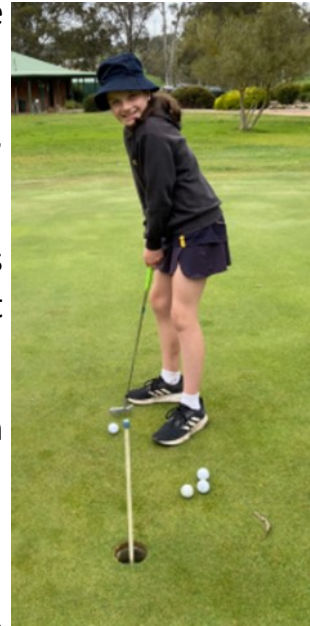
Here is what the students said about the day:

"I really enjoyed driving, because you hit the ball as hard as you can and it goes really far. It was really fun!" Archie K

It was fun hitting the ball really far and learning how to putt properly." Clint

I wasn't expecting it to be so much fun, but in the end I had a great time!" Dakota

It was a very enjoyable day and it was great trying to get the golf ball into the hole!' Raya



COMMUNITY NEWS



MOUNT BARKER
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

SPRING 2020

Make, Bake, Create

Enjoy school holiday fun
at home and here at the library

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
FOR KITS & ACTIVITIES**

CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE MIX

Collect your cake mix from the library, and
bake at home

CANVAS PAINTING KIT

(based on the art of Richard Rogers)

Collect your kit, create a masterpiece at home

CRAFTY CARDS KIT

Make your own birthday cards to give or
send to your family and friends

MAKE A MONSTER GAME KIT

Make your own monster themed game to
play with your family and friends

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

At the library – Thursday 8 October,
1.30pm – 3.30pm Ages 14+

GLITTER HEARTS TABLETOP GAME

Come in and enjoy this role-playing game
Friday 9 October, 1.30pm – 4.30pm Ages 11+

CROSS STITCH SEWING KIT

Collect your kit and cross stitch your
name initial

STAR GAZING KIT

Contains craft activities and ideas to help
identify the constellations in the night sky

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM 10am 14 SEPTEMBER AT:
mbcl.eventbrite.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hahndorf Lantern Fest Nov 14 2020

LANTERN WORKSHOPS

Sept/Oct School Holidays 2020

Mon 28th, Wed 30th Sept. Wed 7th Oct. 1-3pm

Fri 9 oct 10.30am-12.30pm

Saturdays afternoons: 17/10, 24/10, 31/10, 7/11 1.00-3.00pm

Hahndorf Memorial Institute, supper room

\$12/15 per child

Ages 8+ (younger if parents stay)

Come and learn how to make candle lit paper and cane lanterns for our upcoming Lantern Festival Nov 14. Make pyramid, curved or original shaped lanterns to light 2-3 sessions are required depending on size on lantern. NO PARADE this year, we will hang all lanterns in Alec Johnston park and light at dusk with music.

Limited spaces, for bookings:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLJQZ>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LANTERN workshops are 3 weeks away.

We are also offering workshops at the :

Mt Barker Community Centre 2 sessions: simple lanterns

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-holiday-lantern-making-workshop-tickets-119370693959>

There is also LANTERN WORKSHOPS IN TERM 4

Saturday afternoons at the Hahndorf Institute

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLJQZ>

and Wednesdays afternoons at Mt Barker Community Centre

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lantern-making-workshop-tickets-119371903577>