

Upper Primary Class

G'day from the Upper Primary Class. We are learning about The Ancient Mayans. We have discovered that they were master builders, using the lime stone they found on the Yucatan Peninsula in Central America. They farmed corn, chillies, squash and beans in small plots near their homes. Their pyramids sometimes contained secret tunnels and went a long way under ground.

These tunnels were used for burials and also for initiating new kings. Zac created a replica of the main pyramid in the ancient Mayan city of Palenque using our 3D printer Program - Maker's Empire.



In English one of our writing tasks was to write a letter to our 'Pre-Covid' selves. What tips and advice would you give yourself and others back in January 2020? Sea-ana Ackland had some sound advice for herself.



Dear Pre-Covid Sea-ana,
You don't know yet but you are in trouble. Not because you didn't do the dishes, it is a virus so here are some tips.

Tip 1: Shopping. Make sure you get hand sanitiser and toilet paper. Four packs of twelve should do it. Hide it from Major because he will use it in one day!

Dates to Remember:

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well we are flying through the term already! Hope you are all healthy and happy. School is running as per normal and students have settled back in and are very focused on their learning. It is great to hear restrictions are easing and we are able to move a little more freely. Thanks to everyone for staying the course and making SA one of the healthiest states.

I have been observing our Literacy lessons this term and am very impressed with the learning and tasks students are doing. Mr Rowe's class is learning how to assess their own writing as well as others through using the Bright Path tools. Students are using the teaching points and exemplars to help them review their writing and work out where they have written well and areas that need attention. Students are honing in on their punctuation, spelling, use of paragraphs, how descriptive their story is, does it have all elements of a narrative, are my characters, setting and complication well developed, do I have tier 3 words and more. Students are using language similar to teachers and are becoming more confident in their ability to assess their work, put it on the continuum and justify why. The conversations students are having are awesome as they are immersed in what good writing looks like and they are self-driven to improve. Within Literacy and Numeracy we are getting students to identify areas they need to improve and staff are providing them time to practise and improve.

In the middle primary class, students are working on persuasives and how to use good language, structure sentences and use appropriate terms to win over the reader. There is a very rich vocabulary and language in the room and students are trying harder to produce descriptive pieces of writing.

In the Junior Primary class students have been working at their own levels and through Mrs Clarke's challenges and lesson structure, students are learning new sounds, blends and word families. It has been great to see the improvement in handwriting and their vocabulary. Students are using sounds more to help them spell phonetic words. I have been impressed by the Toucans and the Flamingos and their sentences. They are writing 5-10 every literacy session so this is great.

The preschool is doing lots on inquiry and it has been great to have Vinny join the group. On Thursdays we are seeing at least 10 students (preschool and support group) coming and having a great day. We understand that the separation in the morning can be hard. Please come through the back gate with your child so we can support smooth transitions in the morning.

In 2 weeks we will be doing Reconciliation Week activities. These will be: Wednesday – Sorry Day, cultural activities, Thursday – Cook Out, Kangaroo burgers and damper, Friday – Art activities and on Tuesday in week 6 we will watch a play performed by the upper primary class. We intend to film and upload to Seesaw. We are hoping to use this app more to show student learning and school events. Should be a great week.

Lastly, students are beginning to wear incorrect clothing to school. Please keep to the uniform of blue pants and blue tops. New uniform clothing has arrived and we are looking at purchasing hoodies without zips.

Regards,
Wade Branford

Playgroup

Every Friday
10am-12pm

Week 5

Reconciliation Week

Wednesday 27th

Opening & Sorry Day activities

Thursday 28th

Cook Out

Friday 29th

Art day

Week 6

Tuesday 2nd June

School Play

Week 7

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday

BUS DRIVERS

COULTA

Dave Pierce
0429 358271

COFFIN BAY

Sandi Karena
0415 655685



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REMINDERS

Visitors to the School

Please note until advised by the Department for Education and SA Health we are restricting all non essential visitors.

If you wish to come on site please contact the school to organise a time.

When picking up or dropping students off please call the school, wait at the front gate and staff will come out to you. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Medication

If you have indicated on your child's enrolment they have a medical condition the school requires the appropriate forms to be completed by your doctor to be able to be administered their medication. This also applies to short term medication - ie antibiotics. Medication is not to be left in children's school bags.

Contact Information

It is important we have your current contact details. Please inform the school if any details change. This includes email, residential and postal addresses.

Uniforms

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform. Please name all school clothes. New uniform items can be purchased from the front office. Please refer to the uniform policy in the Parent Information Book.

Lost Property

There is a mountain of un-named lost property, plus water bottles and food containers. Please label all everything.

Communication with Staff

If you need to contact any staff member please do so through the school number, mobile phone or email. Please avoid contacting staff on their personal details.

From the Pastoral Care Worker Tracey Miller

Hello Everyone!

My name is Tracey and this is my first official week as the Pastoral Care Worker. A huge thanks to Glenys for her amazing contribution to the school community over the last two years, and for introducing me in all the classrooms last week. We are all excited for the new baby visit in a couple of months.

A little bit about me - I live in Port Lincoln with my husband John. We have 3 daughters, a cat and a turtle. I enjoy camping, fishing, gardening and getting outdoors. I am studying social science externally through UniSA and also work 2 days a week at Leader Distributors in Port Lincoln. I have been mentoring at the Port Lincoln High School for the past 2 years and believe that one positive role model can help a young person to be the best they can be.

I will be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will be spending time in all classrooms each week. I am looking forward to meeting and



Reconciliation Week - Week 5

The scheduled activities for the week:
Wednesday 27th – Sorry Day - cultural activities

Thursday 26th – Cook Out - Kangaroo burgers and damper

Friday 27th – Art activities

Tuesday 2nd - UP Class play

TERM DATES

TERM 2

27 APRIL – 3 JULY

TERM 3

20 JULY - 25 SEPT

TERM 4

12 OCT - 11 DEC



Recycling at School

Please continue to send in your bread tags for recycling for wheelchairs

Parent and Student Information



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LIBRARY NEWS

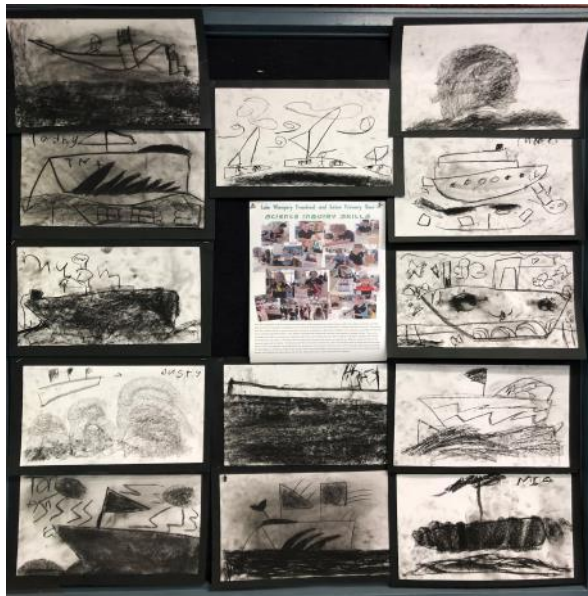
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Wednesday 27 May 2020
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#NSS2020 #1millionkidsreading

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Lucinda Gifford



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