

Miss Koch Year 4/5

Classroom Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

Welcome to Term 3!

I trust you all had a restful break. It has been wonderful hearing children's holiday stories and adventures. School holidays are a wonderful time to spend valuable time with family, spend time away from home and our busy schedules and recharge ready for another busy school term.

At the end of Term 2, students received their reports showing their progress throughout semester one. I hope you were able to spend some time during the holidays reading and discussing your child's report with them. I encouraged students to consider one part of their report (subject area, approaches to learning or effort) that they would like to work on improving for the remainder of the year. Thank you to those of you who have signed and returned your child's report. Please ensure these are back by the end of this week.

Next Friday our class will be leading Assembly. Students have enjoyed rehearsing their lines, selecting songs, practising the drama skit and finalising work pieces. I encourage you to come along next Friday to support the Year 4/5 students and see what they have been up to.

God Bless,
Ashleigh Koch

Important Dates

4th August

Year 4/5 Assembly
SALA Festival begins

8th August

Year 3, 4/5 Excursion to National
Motor Museum

14th – 18th August

Science Week

15th August

ICAS Maths Test

21st – 25th August

Book Week *'Escape to Everywhere'*

6th September

School Photos

SALA

Our class spent the final week of last term and the first week back this term creating an exhibition for the local SALA event next weekend. To follow the theme of 'Yesterday' the class have created a self-portrait of themselves to show what they looked like when they were younger. The students are proud of the artworks they have created and look forward to sharing these with you.

Many students from our class will join the school choir to perform at the opening ceremony of the event, on Friday the 4th August 7:30pm. If you would like to view our artworks please visit the Eudunda Town Hall over the 4th, 5th and 6th of August.

What are we learning about in the coming weeks?

Writing: Information Reports & Narratives

Maths: Fractions & Decimals, Time and Angles

Christian Studies: Christian Church – Worship

Unit of Inquiry: How the world works

Central Idea: The development of inventions has, and continues to have an impact on people's lifestyles.

Lines of Inquiry:

- How, why and by whom, different inventions have been created
- The ways different inventions have impacted people's lives
- The ways different inventions work

Learner Profile: Inquirer & Reflective

Attitudes: Appreciation & Commitment

Unit of Inquiry

This term we begin our new unit of inquiry on 'Inventions'. Students will be researching different inventors and inventions and how these have developed overtime, in particular the impact they have had on people's lives. As part of this unit students will be asked to explore some inventions found in their houses or farms at home. Students will be asked to bring an invention in from home to contribute to our classroom display – stay tuned for a seesaw post. If anyone has any 'old or historical' inventions at home that you wouldn't mind bringing into school please do so. It would be great to show students something they may not have seen before.

Prodigy

Last term we began using a new program called Prodigy to assist students in developing their number skills and confidence in different areas of Maths. Each week I assign a new topic for students to focus on which relates to our work in Mental Maths rotations and our Maths unit. Students have loved using this program and it has been excellent to see so many of them logging in at home for extra practice! If you would like a copy of their login details to use at home please let me know.

Book Week

The theme for Book Week this year is 'Escape to Everywhere'. Stay tuned for more details via the school newsletter and seesaw on the dress up theme and assembly.

Miss Ashleigh Koch
St John's Lutheran School – Eudunda
8 Ward Street, Eudunda, SA, 5374
Phone: 08 8581 1282

Email Address: ashleigh.koch@sjls.sa.edu.au
Website: www.stjohns-eudunda.sa.edu.au