

# Foundation Newsletter

Week 4, Monday 18 February 2019

## English

Our focus this week will be on the letter sounds g, o, u, l and f

We will continue to focus on rhyming, blending and isolating the first and last sound in a word.

## Mathematics

Our focus this week will be data collection, creating yes/no graphs and exploring numbers 1 - 10.

## Unit of Inquiry

This week we will read 'Whoever You Are' by Mem Fox and consider ways we are similar and different to people around the world.

Our Christian Studies focus will be to explore God's unique and wonderful creation. We will go on a nature walk around the school grounds to collect items to use in a nature collage. We will also read the story of David and Goliath and consider how David is different to other people.

## Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to all Foundation students on Sunday 3 March during the 10:30am service. These Bibles have been purchased by the St John's congregation to support our students in their Christian Studies journey at home and at school. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

## Pre-School Visit

On Thursday we visited the Eudunda Pre-school as part of our Transition Program. It was great for students who attended the Eudunda Pre-school to catch up with their teachers and for those who didn't, to experience another Pre-school centre.

## Upcoming Events

Friday 1	Chapel in the School Hall at 9.00am led by Mr Peters followed by a cuppa
Friday 1	Barossa and Light SAPSASA Swimming
Sunday 3	Bible Presentation for Foundation, Year Three and new students in St John's Lutheran Church
Tuesday 5	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes provided by the P & F
Wednesday 6	Ash Wednesday
Monday 11	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Friday 15	Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day
Friday 26	Open Day



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## Whole School Fitness

Last week our whole school fitness program began with each student being given a group number for fitness activities which are led by our Year Sixes and Sevens. Fitness groups rotate around a variety of activities which occur in the fifteen minutes after Recess each day except Tuesdays. Ask your child if they can remember their group number. Remembering their number will help us get the most out of this session and reduce the time it takes to get organised.

## Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Invitations for Grandparents and Special Friends Day have been sent home for you to add your child's grandparents or special friend's names and pass on. Please let me know if there is no one available to visit your child on Friday 15 March so that we can arrange a special visitor for them. The day will begin at 9am with Chapel followed by an opportunity to experience learning in our classrooms between 9.30 and 11am. Morning tea will be provided from 11am.

## SMART Goals

Your child's SMART Goals came home on Friday in a grey plastic envelope file. In the envelope file, you will find two copies of your child's Literacy goal and two copies of their Numeracy goal. One copy of each goal is to be kept at home for your own records and to assist in supporting your child to reach their goals. Your child has worked on a plan for achieving their goal both at school and at home. Talking to them about how you can help assist at home is an important part of their plan. Please sign the other copy of each goal and return to school in this envelope file by Friday 1 March.

## Harmony Day

Each year we celebrate Harmony Day on 21 March. This year's theme is 'Music Brings us Together' and we will be creating musical instruments on the day. Could you please keep an eye out for the following items that will be useful for making instruments: cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls), string, ribbons, Pringle chip containers metal bottle tops, Kinder Surprise containers, empty bottles which have handles, and empty tissue boxes.

Congratulations Jessica for receiving our class award for being reflective by thinking about her learning and trying to improve.

