

# Foundation Newsletter

Week 3, Monday 13 May 2019

## SMART Goals

Please read and sign your child's SMART Goals and return to school by Wednesday 15 May. Your assistance at home is invaluable in helping children achieve their goals. Please set aside some time each week night to help your child work towards their goal for this term.

## Uniform

All students are required to wear their Winter Uniform from the beginning of Week Three. The girls' pinafore is compulsory for Foundation students and should be worn below the knee but no longer than mid-calf.

## Great Explorations

St John's is offering this free, fun program for preschool children which introduces them to some wonderful learning while developing their social, emotional, academic and physical capacities. Great Explorations also provides an opportunity for parents with similar aged children to make connections. The first session will be held on May 27 between 9.30 and 10.30am. Please phone the school office to register.

## Mum's The Word - Looking after Yourself

This free parent workshop is designed for busy mums in our school community will be held in our School Hall on Friday 31 May between 9.00am and 2.00pm. RSVP to Lynn Grosser if you would like to attend.

## English

Our focus this week will be on words with digraphs and consonant blends. Digraphs are a combination of letters that represent one sound such as th, ee, ar, sh and oa. We will be focussing on reading and writing sentences using the tricky words we have learnt so far. Our daily writing tasks will be recount writing and we will be exploring information texts. Information texts have a contents page and an index. They often include a glossary to help us understand words we might not know already.

## Upcoming Events

### May

- Friday 17 Chapel in the School Hall at 9.00am led by Mr Peters followed by a cuppa
- Monday 20 P & F Meeting at 1.30pm in the school hall. All welcome. Please note the change of date.
- Friday 24 Chapel in the school hall at 9.00am led by Year 3/4 followed by a cuppa
- Friday 31 Chapel in the school hall at 9.00am led by Year 5 followed by a cuppa

P & F Self Care Workshop

### June

- Tuesday 4 Open Day
- Friday 7 Chapel in the school hall at 9.00am led by Pastor Josh followed by a cuppa

Eudunda Area School Pupil Free Day. NO DECD Buses

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This week we will be completing addition number sentences and using a number track to add. We will also explore length. Students will be using direct and indirect comparisons to identify the attribute of length as the measure of an object from end to end. We will be using specific language such as longer, shorter, taller, wider, narrower, thinner, thicker, measure and how many. They will also be developing the concept of counting informal units as a way to measure length.

## Unit of Inquiry

Our new inquiry focusses on how places are important for different reasons. Our lines of inquiry are:

- Our local area and its services
- Reasons we travel outside our local area
- How places change

This week our focus will be on the shops in the main street of Eudunda. We will be taking a walk down the main street to see what sorts of shops are there and what we can buy in them. If you are available to help us on our walk next Thursday afternoon, please let me know.

## Christian Studies

This term our focus is the Christian Church, with the Key Idea: The Christian community is shaped by and shapes its cultural and historical contexts. This week we will focus on families by exploring what makes a family, what is special about a family and whether all families are the same. This will lead us into a discussion about God's family.

## Science

This week we will investigate the ways people dress when seasons change. We will look at photos and see if we can work out what season it is by the way they are dressed. We will also be collecting data on the clothing students have at school with them. Share how we know which season it is, from how these people are dressed.

## Class Award

Congratulations to Charlotte for receiving our class award by demonstrating being a Communicator by working hard at writing tasks. Charlotte takes pride in writing neatly and independently. Keep up the good work Charlotte.

