

Foundation Newsletter

Week 4, Monday 20 May 2019



Simultaneous Storytime

Our school is registered to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23 May at 10.30am. National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. National Simultaneous Storytime promotes the value of reading and literacy and the enjoyment of books written and published in Australia.

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.

Science

This week we will be reading the eBook, 'When Seasons Change' to find out what happens around us when seasons change. We will be using this book to introduce a discussion on the following questions:

- What is your favourite season and why?
- What smells nice in spring or autumn?
- What tastes nice in summer or winter?

Upcoming Events

May

Monday 20 P & F Meeting at 1.30pm in the school hall. All welcome.

Wednesday 22 Nude Food Day

P & F Special Menu - Pumpkin Soup

Friday 24 Chapel in the school hall at 9.00am led by Year 3/4 followed by a cuppa

Monday 27 Half Day Foundation Transition

Friday 31 Chapel in the school hall at 9.00am led by Year 5 followed by a cuppa

P & F Self Care Workshop

June

Monday 3 Half Day Foundation Transition

Tuesday 4 Open Day

Wednesday 5 Nude Food 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

Monday 10 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

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This week we will continue to revise the 42 letter sounds and the first twelve tricky words. Look out for a page in your child's letter Sound Book so that he/she can practise reading and writing tricky words at home. We will be reading sentences containing tricky words and practising blending sounds to read unknown words. We will focus on writing stories this week in our writing tasks.

Mathematics

This week we are focussing on using strategies to add small groups. We will be working on using the 'count on' strategy and the 'turnaround' idea for number facts. $3+2=5$ and $2+3=5$ is an example of a turnaround fact. These basic number fact strategies are building block for mental computation.

Unit of Inquiry

This week we will be discussing our place in the world. We will read the picture books, 'My Place in Space,' and, 'Me on the Map,' before looking at maps to show the location of students' homes on a variety of scales. Your child will be asking you for a picture of their house and the location of their house so that we can find it on a map. This information can be sent to school via email or Seesaw.

Christian Studies

This week we will be investigating the questions Who's in God's family? Does God's family do the same things that our families do? Is there anything special or different about God's family? We will discuss what God's family might do and create a mural showing God's family and discuss who the people in God's family could be.



Congratulations Jessica for winning our class award for being Open-minded by understanding that people are different and trying to understand others.



Wednesday 23 May is Nude Food Day. We only had one piece of rubbish last week in our bin. Let's try for no rubbish this week! The trophy, awarded to the class with the least rubbish, is awarded at Assembly on Friday afternoon.

Look out for the Nude Food Day Information for Parents sheet on Seesaw for ideas on preparing a Nude Food Lunchbox.

Thank you to Lauren Ross and Jess Geister for helping out on our Community Walk last Thursday. We were able to break into small groups to walk along the main street and record our journey on a map using key marker points as a reference. This is part of our inquiry into places.