

# Foundation Newsletter

Week 4 Monday 12 August 2019

## Science Week - Monday 12 to Friday 16 August

The Foundation to Year Two classes will explore the Moon landing as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this event. On Tuesday 13 August we will get together to explore space travel using a picture book, video footage, building paper rockets, programming Sphero balls and using the Quiver app. Thank you to Vicki Schutz and Katie Preston for volunteering to assist during the session.

## Book Week - Monday 19 to Friday 23 August

On Friday 23 August we will be celebrating Book Week with a parade after the Chapel service which will begin at 9.15am in the School Hall. Staff are working on their Book Week costumes and we look forward to students coming to school in a costume that depicts a character from a book and encourage students to try and address the Book Week theme 'Reading is My Super Power.' Students may remain in their costume all day or choose to change into full winter uniform at the conclusion of chapel.

### For or Against

#### Australian Lutheran World Service Awareness Day

Thank you to families who have donated silver coins towards our Gifts of Grace project. If you would still like to donate please do so by next Friday.

### Dental Care Service

A new dental care service has become available whereby all students can have access to an onsite dental check-up at no out of pocket expense through the Mobile Dental Care SA Healthy Smiles Bright Future Program. The program is run using best practice guidelines as set out by the Australian Dental Association. Providing we meet the minimum number of registrations, check-ups can be scheduled to be performed at the school by selected local Dentists and Oral Health Therapists; each of whom have the relevant professional training, clearances and equipment required to perform high quality dental service in a school setting. A minimum number of participants will be required in order for the program to go ahead. Please register your interest by completing the registration details in the pack sent home last Friday. Registrations of interest must be returned by Friday 16th August.

### School Photos

Thank you to our parent helpers, Amanda Schaefer and Lauren Ross for their assistance on Monday to help ensure things ran smoothly for our school photo day. The photographers commented on how well behaved our students were. Something to be aware of is that there were quite a few shades of royal blue hair accessories worn by students. A reminder that hair ribbons, head bands and ties are to be navy blue as per the uniform policy.

## Upcoming Events

### August

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| Monday 12 - Friday 16   | Science Week   |
| Tuesday 13<br>Friday 16 | Special Menu - Chicken Burgers<br>Chapel in the School Hall at 9.15am led by Mr Peters                     |
| Monday 19 - Friday 23   | Book Week<br>Reading is my Secret Power  |
| Thursday 22             | 'For or Against' session by Life Matters   |
| Friday 23               | Chapel in the School Hall at 9.15am led by Pastor Josh<br>Book Week Casual Day 'Reading is my Super Power' |
|                         | KFC (Kids For Christ) in the School Hall from 3:15   |
| Wednesday 28            | Great Explorations   |
| Friday 30               | Chapel in the School Hall led by the Year 3/4 class  |
| September<br>Monday 2   | Eudunda Area School PUPIL FREE DAY. No DECD buses  |
| Tuesday 3               | St John's PUPIL FREE DAY   |
| Friday 6                | Chapel in the School Hall at 9.15am led by Mr Peters   |
| Wednesday 11            | School Council Meeting   |

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## For or Against

On Thursday, 22 August Life Matters presenters visit and lead all students in 'For or Against'. This session is funded by the generous mission and ministry donation from the past members of the Stonefield Lutheran Church. The session aims to broaden the conversation around friendships and bullying to one that includes all people; reminding us that each person has a responsibility to show kindness, respect and inclusion to those around us by asking the simple question: are you for or against others?

## English

This week we will focus on the alternative /ee/ digraph, the hop-over <e> or silent (magic) <e>. As well as blending sounds into words and reading sentences we will be working on short narratives around a supporting picture. Jonathan and Zeth will work on the letter sounds l, f, b, ai and j. The long <a> vowel sound is most commonly written as /ai/ and is taught this way first. The letters are taught joined together as one letter sound. Keep an eye out on Seesaw later in the week for a video showing the formation.

## Mathematics

This week we will explore the numbers ten to fifteen. Students will be matching groups of objects and pictures, learning the number names and working with the names and numerals. They will investigate the different ways we use these numbers and develop confidence in using the 'teen' numbers as a label, a quantity or a relative position. We will be using vocabulary such as count, quantity, position and order.

## Unit of Inquiry

This week we will continue to explore the features of story books or Fiction texts. Students will be sorting books using their knowledge of Fiction books and creating front covers of books that include the book title, the author and illustrator's name and the publisher. We will also explore the beginning, middle and end of stories and use this knowledge to write our own short stories.

Congratulations Bethany for achieving our class award this week for being Knowledgeable by working hard on her sight words, reading and writing.



## Pupil Free Days

The Eudunda Area School have a pupil free day on **Monday 2 September**. Therefore there will be no DECD buses or Keller bus operating. We ask that you please make alternative arrangements for your children to attend school on this day.

Please note that on **Tuesday 3 September** our school will be having a Pupil Free Day whilst staff are participating in a professional development day. This is a good opportunity for families wishing to attend the Royal Adelaide Show to take advantage of this day off rather than missing an alternate day.

