

Foundation Newsletter

Week 5 Monday 19 August 2019

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

Foundation students will take part in this bullying / friendship session on Thursday between 10 and 11am. The session aims to broaden the conversation around bullying by reminding us that each person has a responsibility to show kindness, respect and inclusion to those around us.

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.

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 on this day. 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 Student 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.

Enrolments 2020

If your child is due to commence their schooling with us at St Johns in 2020 and you have not yet completed an enrolment form please phone the school so we can arrange to have one sent home or drop by the front office and speak with Lynn or Sonya.

Upcoming Events

August

Monday 19 - Friday 23	Book Week 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 Book Week Casual Day 'Reading is my Super Power'
	Class Carer Meeting 8.45am
	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

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
	P & F Mystery Bus Trip
Wednesday 11	School Council Meeting

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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 handwriting and dictation. We will be focussing on the correct formation of capital letters from the first two groups of letter sounds. We will also introduce the Tricky Words go, no and so. These words have the spelling for the short /o/ sound but actually have the long /oa/ vowel sound. We will also revise Tricky Words we already know. Jonathan and Zeth will work on the letter sounds oa, ie, ee, z and w. During writing lessons we will work on recounts and stories.

Mathematics

This week we will use direct and indirect comparisons to decide which is longer, heavier or holds more, and explain our reasoning in everyday language. We will be using and developing the following vocabulary: measure, count units, capacity, heavy, heavier, light, lighter, holds more, most, holds less least, fill, full and empty.

Unit of Inquiry

This week we will continue to explore the features of a story. We will be using QR codes to access videos that explain the parts of a story and adding this to what we already know about Fiction texts. We will begin looking at fables and other stories that have a moral or message and relate this to our Central Idea: Books help us learn about the world.

Science Week Activities

Students enjoyed learning about the moon landing last Tuesday by participating in three challenges. They created a moonscape using blocks and navigated a Sphero robot safely around the moonscape using the 'driveApp.' They designed and built a model rocket, test flying it to see how to make it fly further and they used an augmented reality colouring-in program called Quiver to make the moon and a spaceship come to life. Thank you Vicki Schutz and Katie Preston for coming along to help out.

Congratulations Sonny for receiving our class award this week for being a Thinker by concentrating and trying really hard to touch type.



Congratulations Foundation students and families for winning the Nude Food Day trophy this week. Celebrating Nude Food Day each fortnight helps us think about ways to make everyday changes to our lunchboxes by reducing the use of single use plastics and wrappers.

