## Newsletter #15

Term 3, Week 10 2021





Nandana Preschool – Year 7

## Upcoming Events:

24/9	Last day of Term 3		
11/10	First day of Term 4		
20/10	Preschool Pupil Free Day		
5/11	Celebrating Success Awards		
8/11	Children's University Graduation		
11/11	ATSI Languages Overnight excursion		
12/11	Pupil free day		
22/11- 24/11	Year 5-7 camp		
	Year 5-7 camp Preschool and Reception Transition Visits		
24/11 19/11 &	Preschool and Reception		
24/11 19/11 & 26/11	Preschool and Reception Transition Visits		
24/11 19/11 & 26/11 30/11	Preschool and Reception Transition Visits End of year concert		
24/11 19/11 & 26/11 30/11 3/12	Preschool and Reception Transition Visits End of year concert Preschool Graduation		



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## From the Leadership Team

Dear parents and caregivers,

It is hard to believe that it is the end of Term 3. It has been a very big term.

#### Whole School Performance

Last week our school participated in the performance of Wizard of Oz. The fabulous one hour show featured some of the best-loved songs from the screen classic, with wonderful costumes and a dynamic cast of young performers. The adventures of Dorothy, her faithful dog Toto, Lion, Tinman and Scarecrow was fantastic entertainment as they followed the yellow brick road and battled the Wicked Witch of the West to reach the famous Wizard of Oz.



Happy holidays! Term 4 commences Monday 11th October

Thank you to the families and friends that were able to come and support our fabulous performance. A very big thank you to Laura for making this happen. Our school is incredibly lucky to have such talented teachers supporting our students.

#### **OSHC 2022**

I have great news that Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will be available to our families in 2022. Please let the community know. We are very excited to be able to support our working families. More information to follow.

#### NAPLAN

This week the Year 3s, 5s and 7s received their NAPLAN results. Our highlights for this year was

- 82% of our Year 3 students meeting the Standard Education Achievement .
- 36% of our Year 3 students in the high bands for reading.
- 45% of our Year 3s in the high bands for writing. This is a big jump from 8% in 2019.
- A special mention to some of our Year 7s Joe, Liana, Nelson and Celina who achieved in the high bands.

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## From the Leadership Team (Continued)

#### Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

- This is a test which started in 2018 and happens in Term 3 every year in every Department for Education school
- Year 1 teachers complete the one-on-one test with every student taking about 10 to 15 minutes
- There are 40 words divided into 2 equal sets with a mixture of real words and pseudo-words testing how well students can blend letters and sounds

#### **PAT Assessments**

By the end of this term we will also have completed the testing for our Year 3 to 7 Progressive Assessment Tests (PAT) in Maths and Reading. The results already look promising showing the growth students have made over the last 12 months.

#### **Reading Data**

The reading levels of students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are also reported to the Department at the end of this week.

#### **Parent/Caregiver Support and Coffee Group**

In Term 4 we will be starting a parent/caregiver group for all of our parents (Pre school – Year 7 parents). One of our SSOs – Michelle Harris and a member of the leadership team will be facilitating this group. It will be informal, a chance to catch up with other parents and share your experiences and wisdom with each other. We will start by meeting each Thursday at 2pm in the Kitchen (see flyer).

I hope that all families have a safe and restful break and I will see you back in Term 4.

#### **Robyn McLachlan** Principal



## KITCHEN ROOM



#### JOIN US STARTING TERM 4 HOSTED BY



WANDANA PRIMARY EVERY THURSDAY, 2.00 PM TO 3:00 PM

#### PARENT SUPPORT AND COFFEE



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#### See more School **Production photos** on the next page





## Room 14: Self-regulation

In Room 14, we have been learning to recognise and name our feelings.

We might feel happy, sad, tired, worried, frustrated, mad, angry.

We are learning to control our feelings.

We need to be the boss of our brain to keep in control.

We need to get in control of our feelings, when we are in the yellow or blue zone.

We need to use our words to tell a friend or an adult, how we are feeling.

They can help us to calm down, so that we can get back to the green zone.

There are lots of things you can try, to help manage your feelings. Here are some of the students' regulation strategies:

"If I feel mad, I can imagine a calm place or a happy time." – Hisham

"If I feel sad, I can run away, make some breakfast and hug my mum." – Andre

"If I feel sad, I can play with my toy horses." – Taileah

"If I feel sad, I can take some deep breaths." – Archie

"If I feel frustrated, I can squeeze a soft toy." – Alize

"If I feel angry, I can go to a quiet, calm down spot." – Riley

Relaxation and Regulation – resist the temptation to pop the bubbles.

Be in control and let the bubbles come to you.

## Aboriginal STEM Congress 2021

Wandana Primary School was proud to participate once again in the 4th Annual Aboriginal STEM Congress at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Over 250 students from all around SA gathered to

explore the exciting world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The conference highlighted the importance of recognising and acknowledging Aboriginal contributions to STEM over a millennium. We were challenged to rethink stories of our history and learn about how Aboriginal people were our first engineers, scientists, mathematicians, communicators, creative artists and astronomers.

Students engaged with a variety of elective activities including a trip to Adelaide Zoo, solving lazer mazes and building a tower for the UniSA tower challenge.

Today, Adelaide is a national hub for Space, Defence and Cyber industries. This means incredible education and employment opportunities for students of today and in the future. The sky is not even the limit - literally.





















## Children's University

Find out what life was like in South Australia in 1892! Join our interactive tour of Urrbrae House at the beautiful University of Adelaide Waite Campus - create cards in the drawing room and learn what school was like for students in the old school room.

#### CU SATURDAY

When: Saturday 25 September, 9.30 - 10.30am Where: Meet on the steps of Urrbrae House, Waite Campus Cost: \$10 Maximum 10 CU Adelaide members per session

Please click the following link to book: https://cuaportal.com/learning-destinations/urrbrae-house-cu-saturday/



## Save the Pate!

Children's University Graduation will be on Monday 8th November. More information will be sent home early in Term 4.



## ENROL NOW

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of that year.





#### Register your interest in enrolling your child by contacting your local preschool.

Register your interest by 30 June in the year before your child is due to start preschool.

For more information visit: education.sa.gov.au







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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	11/10 First Day of Term 4	12/10	13/10	14/10	15/10 Assembly with Aunty Judy and Nathan Playgroup 9:15-11:15
2	18/10	19/10	20/10 Preschool Pupil Free Day Oz Asia Dance Workshop R-2	21/10	22/10 Playgroup 9:15-11:15
3	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/10	29/10 Assembly with Room 6 Playgroup 9:15-11:15
4	1/11	2/11	3/11	4/11	5/11 Celebrating Success Awards Playgroup 9:15-11:15
5	8/11 Children's University Graduation	9/11	10/11	11/11 ATSI Languages Overnight Excursion	12/11 Pupil Free Day
6	15/11 Preschool Health Checks	16/11	17/11	18/11	19/11 Reception Transition 9-10:30 Playgroup 9:15-10:30 Preschool Transition 11-1230
7	22/11 Year 5-7 Camp	23/11 Year 5-7 Camp	24/11 Year 5-7 Camp	25/11	26/11 Assembly with Room 7 Reception Transition 9-12 Playgroup 9:15-10:30 Preschool Transition 11-1230
8	29/11	30/11 End of Year Concert	1/12	2/12	3/12 Preschool Graduation
9	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12 Year 6/7 Graduation	10/12 Terrific Kids Assembly Early Dismissal at 2 pm



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