General Information

From the Principal

Two Wells Primary School will participate in an ‘External School Review’ on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June. The external review process is replacing the validation of self-review that has been part of South Australian school improvement and accountability processes since 2009. The aim of the external review is to determine: how well does the school improve student achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity. All schools will be externally reviewed over the next four year period. The review will involve students, staff and parents as well as Governing Council members. A letter with more details and a ‘return slip’ will go home with every child. I ask that you fill out the return slip if you do not want your child to be involved in the external review discussions.

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country began preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments, plan services and target support for children and families. Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report. Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. Information will be going home to all reception families this week.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website www.aedc.gov.au

Our recent Pupil Free Day was held at school and focused purely on Numeracy. Lead by Maryanne Rischmueller, all staff looked at the PATm (Progressive Achievement Test – Maths) which we are now mandated to use once per year with students from year 3-7. We focused on student data analysis and how this informs our planning and programming for students. We also spent time looking at consistency of language and mental routines. It was a great day with very engaged staff keen to improve pedagogy.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) was celebrated enthusiastically over weeks 5 & 6. We had a number of indigenous visitors including: Suzanne and Leonne Hewson (story telling), Josh Warrior (comedian) and Eddie Peters (ATSI dancer). Jodie Sparnon, Sharni Carter and Ben McFarlane led the way with the SING LOUD competition and a big thanks to Mr Spoolder for the great camp fire we used to cook the damper. Well done to Room 1 and Room 12 for their performance/sharing at the assembly. A great way to end the week.

Last year we introduced MultiLIT – a Reading Tutor Program (RTP) that caters for students Years 2-7 who have not acquired the basic skills needed to become functional readers. This Year we have introduced MiniLit. This is a specialist program designed specifically for students in Years 1 and 2 who are struggling to learn to read. Both programs require students to be withdrawn from class to work with an SSO, either individually, or in small groups, on a regular basis for anything from 10 to 20 weeks.
From the Canteen
Due to health regulations the canteen is no longer able to heat food not prepared at the school.

We have some new items on our menu this term:
- Mini Pizza – available Mondays only
- Jelly – available Tuesdays only
- Hash Browns – available Wednesdays only
- Puffy Pups – available Thursdays only
- Pancakes – available Fridays only

Music Lessons
We are now taking enrolments for Guitar, Piano & Keyboard. Lessons are during school time. If you are interested in your child learning music please see the front office for details.
Group $69.00 per 8 week term
Shared $107.00 per 8 week term

National Karate Academies at Two Wells Primary
New Club Opened
Tuesday June 9th
First Lesson FREE
Two Wells Primary School
Gawler Road, Two Wells

Tuesday Nights
Juniors Class 6.30 - 7.30
Seniors Class 7.30 - 9.00

For more information Please Call 0437 523 913 and speak to James Crinson
Or visit www.nationalkarate.com.au

Tennis Coaching
Get your tennis on these holidays
Brooke Schuit’s Tennis Coaching
Holiday Clinics available in Two Wells
Each session has a 20 minute drink and snack break (snacks and drinks provided)
4-6 year olds 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm ($15 a day or $50 for the week)
7-9 year olds 2:30 pm- 3:45 pm ($15 a day or $50 for the week)
10 and over 4:50 pm ($20 a day or $60 for the week)
Prizes available
Bring your friends and have a blast whilst improving your skills.
Message Brooke Schuit on 0421506063 for more details and enrolment forms or visit our Facebook page or Website.
https://www.facebook.com/BStenniscoaching?ref=hl
OR
http://brookeschuitstenniscoaching.weebly.com

From the Counsellor
Last Thursday we participated in National Super Hero Day to raise funds for specific medical and scientific research into finding answers for children suffering rare life threatening Bone Marrow Failure Diseases. We raised $212.40. Well Done.

Maria Woodland

Research completed over the last five years has shown consistently that students make remarkable gains using these programs. However, there are limits to the number of students who can access the programs within a given school year. As always one of the best ways to support struggling readers at home is to practise letter sounds and blending, as well as reading with your child daily.

Congratulations to Emma Barwick and Tayla Simons who have been successful in gaining a position in the Primary Schools’ Music Festival Central Troupe (dancing) for the 2015 Festival of Music concert series.

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says “I’m possible”.
Audrey Hepburn
Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

Two Wells Joey Scouts
Are you aged 6 or 7 years old or turning 6 in 2015?
The Two Wells Joey Scouts are looking for new members to join their mob.
Joey’s introduces girls and boys to the world of friendship, problem solving and adventure through stories, games and craft activities.
Joey’s learn skills in :
Helping other people
Socialising with other children
Basic bushcraft
How to react to emergencies
Taking responsibility
Basic adventure-based activities
Two Wells Joey Scouts meet on Thursday evenings 6pm - 7pm at the Two Wells Scout Hall (Old Port Wakefield Road, next to the Council Office)
If you would be interested in joining Joey Scouts please contact leaders
Toby (Dingo) 0440 202 317
Ashleigh (Platypus) 0438 712 867
Or come along to the Two Wells Joey Scouts
“Bring A Friend Night”
Thursday June 4th, 2015
(Two Wells Scout Hall)
www.facebook.com/TwoWellsScoutGroup

Respect ~ Persistence ~ Responsibility
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools.

All government schools will be externally reviewed every four years.

The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal. The review will occur on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of June.

We will find out the aspects of the school’s performance that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- Individual interviews
- Group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- Meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- Observations of student learning.

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this external school review process.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office by Friday 19th June if you DO NOT want your child to participate in review discussions.

If you would like more information please contact me at the school on 85202277.

Regards,

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
Principal

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EXTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW PROCESS

Student’s Name: _________________________

I do not want my child in room _____ to be involved in the external school review discussions.

Parent/Caregiver Name: ____________________ Signed: __________________ Date: ______