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From the Principal

This term is going to be very busy with Book Week, Science Week, District Day, Sports Day, School Closure, Pupil Free Day. All of this and more taking place amongst the normal teaching & learning program. Sometimes I wonder how we manage to fit everything in. As well we will be participating in the NAPLAN online trial in August/September, Middle Years Development Index (MDI) for Years 6 & 7 students and the Greater Gawler Partnership TfEL survey.

The purpose of the MDI survey is to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives both inside and outside of school. Information collected from the survey will help inform educational and community efforts to help improve young people’s health and wellbeing. Information collected is also confidential. More information will be sent home next week.

The TfEL (Teaching for Effective Learning) survey will involve 15% of students R-7. This simple survey is being used across our partnership of schools to collect information about learner dispositions in relation to maths. Research shows that learners with a fixed mindset (I can’t do it! I am no good at it!) will not make progress. We need our students to have a Growth mindset (With effort I can do it!) towards maths and of course all other areas of the curriculum. Survey results will inform the way we approach maths in the classroom. For more information about Mindsets, Google Carol Dweck.

Standards of Educational Achievement (SEA) in the Department of Education and Child Development have changed. Schools have been provided with new achievement standards for Running Records and for the Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) in Reading Comprehension and Maths. We also have a data schedule that we are expected to adhere to in terms of collecting data each September and reporting results to DECD. These tests are for year 3-7 students only.

Teaching staff will continue to participate in Literacy and Numeracy training this term. In particular, we will be focusing on the ‘literacy block’ in terms of timeframe, content and pedagogical practices (how we teach). We aim to have a whole school agreement on this so we can update our current Literacy Agreed Practices ensuring consistency across all year levels. Numeracy Practices are also being explored with the support of our coordinator, Maryanne Rischmueller, who has been busy working in classes, as well as running a very popular lunchtime Maths Club.

Our current Canteen Manager Belinda Wallace, with the approval of Governing Council, is volunteering her time to sell breakfast to our students from 8.30-8.45 am each day. Starting from next Monday students will be able to purchase two pieces of toast with a choice of toppings (jam, vegemite) or fruit toast for just 50 cents. We will trial this initiative for the next few weeks to determine if there is enough interest.
Canteen BBQ & Special for Term 3

The Canteen would like to invite you all to the Two Wells Butcher on 22nd August for a BBQ from 8.30 am. All proceeds will be going towards the Canteen to support renovations we have started. Any help or support on the day would be much appreciated.

This term the Canteen is going to be having Baked Potatoes as the terms’ special lunch. We will be doing certain classes on certain days.

- Rooms 1 – 10 will be Wednesday 19th August
- Rooms 11 – 16 will be Wednesday 26th August
- Rooms 22 – 28 will be Wednesday 2nd September

Children will get 1 baked potato with butter and a choice of up to 3 toppings for $5.00. The choices will be:
- Bolognaise sauce
- Pineapple
- Cheese
- Sour Cream
- Ham
- Coleslaw

Please return all forms with payment for all days by 14th August.

School Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service. All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

TWPS is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear!

If you do not have a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets, they can be downloaded from https://www2.woolworthsonline.com.au/content/content/earn-learn-sticker-sheet-2015.pdf

Obviously, we encourage students to have breakfast at home but understand that sometimes mornings are busy which can lead to students not having time to eat before they come to school. A good breakfast gives students the energy to start the day well and focus on their learning.

As you would know we are participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year. Mr Russell sent home a note and sponsorship forms recently explaining the program. Jump Off Day activities will be held on 12th August starting after lunch (1.30 pm). Students need to return sponsorship money to the front office on Jump Off Day or register and pay online. Students who do not raise money will still participate in the Jump Off activities.

‘Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there’. Will Rogers

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

Cyber Wise Show

Our year 4-7 students will see a performance on Friday, 14th August regarding Cyber Safety.

What is Cyber Wise?

“With a cast of over ten different characters (some human, some puppet), ten costume changes, music from a dynamic sound system, a multitude of exquisitely made props and set, amazing illusions and a little juggling thrown in for good measure - Cyber Wiser thoroughly entertains while getting students thinking and questioning their activities both online and in the playground”.

Book Week & Book Fair

BOOK FAIR

During week 4, the Library is having a Book Fair. Students, with their classes, will be able to visit the library on Monday and Tuesday to create a wish list of the books they wish to purchase. Students are then able to purchase items on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Purchasing times are before school, lunch times and after school until 3:30 pm.

BOOK WEEK

It is that wonderful time of year again - Book Week. During week 6 all students will be involved in Book Week activities including an author visit for Middle and Upper Primary students, a Treasure Hunt for the Junior Primary students and culminating in the Book Week Parade on Friday the 28th of August. The parade will start after recess and wind its way to the Main Street in Two Wells and finish back at school. We encourage all students to bring along the book that their character comes from.