Two Wells Primary School Newsletter

Diary Dates

- Governing Council AGM: 22nd March
- Good Friday: 25th March
- Easter Monday: 28th March
- Assembly: 1st April
- Working Bee: 3rd April
- Parent Teacher Interviews: 4th – 6th April
- School Photos: 7th April
- Yr 6/7 Aquatics: 14th April

Last Day Term 1: 15th April
2:05 pm dismissal

General Information

From the Principal

Congratulations to the newly inducted Student Action Team. It was wonderful to see the students proudly accept their badges and certificates at the Whole School Assembly last week in front of their peers and family members. I look forward to working with the students this year.

After the assembly last week, I again held a Student Morning Tea with one student from each class joining me at recess. We discussed Mindfulness again and it was great to hear the students articulate the purpose of Mindfulness and how it supports self-regulation. The students also shared the various types of Mindfulness activities happening across the school. Our other topic of conversation was Mathematics. Students have noticed a change in the way we approach maths in the classroom and were able to discuss ‘hands on’ learning and problem solving being important for maths. The Junior Primary students talked about maths being ‘fun’, with attitudes to maths being less positive by year 7. This is why the learning our students are doing around Mindsets is very important. Thank you to Brianna, Jace, Lily F, Lily G, Conner, Shaleya, Gemma, Logan, Lachlan, Ashley, Carla, Zac and Ben for sharing your thoughts with me.

A flyer went home this week inviting parents/caregivers to a Maths Workshop at the school on Wednesday 23rd March. The workshop will explore The Secret Code as well as Mathematical Mindsets. Hope to see you there.

On Friday we celebrated Bullying No Way and Harmony Day. There is a lovely display in the library and classes have also been exploring ‘Bullying’ and how to get along.

By definition, Bullying is... the systematic abuse of power. Bullying is deliberate, hurtful gestures, words or actions which are repeated over time. Often students confuse bullying with ‘one off’ incidents so we need to be careful not to label students inappropriately. As a school we deal with many ‘one off’ incidents and also deal with a small amount of bullying (targeted repeated behaviour). We spend time investigating issues and listening to all view points before we give consequences and/or provide additional support.

There are times when students do not tell teachers they have had a problem but they will let parents know. We are more than happy for you to contact the school so we can sort the problem. If we don’t know about the problem we cannot deal with it!

Our recent Pupil Free Day was well spent analysing student numeracy data, looking at student misconceptions, strategies to support student learning, shifting pedagogy and reviewing our current Numeracy Agreed Practice.

Newsletters will now be sent home on a Monday at the end of every fortnight. As classes on a Friday afternoon are usually participating in lessons/activities outside of their rooms, some newsletters don’t get sent home until the Monday anyway. Newsletters will still be posted via the Skoolbag app. If you would like an emailed copy instead of a paper copy please send an email to dl.0444.info@schools.sa.edu.au and this can be organised for you.

“I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that don’t work.” Thomas Edison

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
GRIP Student Leadership Conference
We drove to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for the GRIP Leadership Conference. The conference was interactive; Ben, Cody and Kirra got on stage to perform with other students from different schools. We were encouraged to talk with the other students to discuss leadership strategies and how to grow as a leader.
In the afternoon session we learnt how to stop bullying and support younger students if they are being bullied. It was fun. We learnt a lot and enjoyed the day out.
On the way home Ms Evans shouted us a drink from McDonalds.

By Cody and Ben Room 28

SAT Badge Ceremony
Congratulations to our 2016 Student Action Team (SAT), who, on Friday 11th March were introduced formally to the school community at their special badge ceremony.

Karlie - Room 6  Seth - Room 1
Sam - Room 5  Charlie - Room 14
Bailee - Room 10  Daniel - Room 12
Matilda - Room 10  Lockie - Room 13
Jessica - Room 11  Kirra - Room 22
Tommy - Room 7  Kayla - Room 25
Ruan - Room 2  Cody - Room 28
Emilee - Room 22 Group Leader
Jack - Room 13 Roadie
Shae - Room 25 Group Leader
Harry - Room 13 Roadie
Ben - Room 28 Group Leader
Bethany - Room 13 Executive Assistant
Charlotte - Room 13 Executive Assistant

LOOK OUT FOR US IN THE ECHO!

Two Wells Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open to families on Monday and Friday mornings from 8:45 – 9:15 am and Wednesday afternoon from 2:45 – 3:15 pm only during term time.

Working Bee
I/We will be attending the Working Bee at the school on Sunday 3rd April.
Family Name: _______________________________
Number of family members attending: ____________

AGM Nomination Slip
If you are interested in being a part of the Governing Council please use this tear off slip and hand it back to the front office as soon as possible.
Name: _______________________________
Contact Details: _______________________________

Only needs to be completed if you haven’t already

Urgent – Emergency Contact Information
Student/s:
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Please indicate with a tick in the boxes provided:
□ I have downloaded the Skoolbag app
□ My phone is not a smartphone so I need a text message.
I understand that the message may be delayed due to phone congestion or circumstances beyond the school’s control. The designated mobile number is:
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Thank you
Tupperware Fundraiser
If you are interested in ordering any of the following please go to the Two Wells Community Children’s Centre on 22nd March and order them.

National Karate Academies at Two Wells Primary School
Tuesday Nights
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