



Two Wells Primary School Newsletter

Week Term 2, Week 7
13/06/2019

From the Principal

Diary Dates

School Assembly
Friday June 14th
Week 7

Grandparents' Day
Friday July 5th

End of term
Friday July 5th
Early dismissal 2:05

Start of term 3

2019 Term Dates

- Term 1:** Mon 29th Jan -
Friday 12th April
2.05 pm finish
- Term 2:** Mon 29th April -
Friday 5th July
2.05 pm finish
- Term 3:** Mon 22nd July -
Friday 27th Sept
2.05 pm finish
- Term 4:** Mon 14th Oct -
Friday 13th Dec
2.05 pm finish

Since the last newsletter, we have two additional new staff. Welcome to SSO Philip Bagnato who is providing classroom support in the Junior Primary. We also welcome our new Pastoral Care Worker Ashton Chambers. Ashton will be working two days per week on a Monday and Tuesday.

The cold weather is really upon us and it is great to see many of our students rugged up in their warm school jumpers. A reminder though that hoodies are not part of the school uniform. A number of students are continually wearing incorrect uniform despite reminders. Some students believe that having a note from a parent every time they choose not to wear school uniform means they can wear what they like. This is not the case. A genuine note is certainly appreciated, but some students are taking advantage of this procedure. We are always happy to support families by providing 'recycled' jumpers. There are always plenty! Wearing uniforms keep students focused on their education, not their clothes, creating a level playing field among students. In addition, wearing uniforms enhances school pride, unity, and community spirit.

A reminder that the uniform shop is open on a Monday and Thursday morning thanks to our volunteer Kylie Walker. Items for sale just in time for the cool weather include:

- Plain Black fleecy pants \$17
- Double knee track pants \$19
- Cargo pants \$21
- Bootleg pants \$19
- A range of jumpers from \$18 - \$45

Thank you to Mr Green and Leonne Hewson, our Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, for their organisation and planning for National Reconciliation Day at Two Well Primary School. The fire pit was well utilised by all for cooking damper and we all enjoyed the performance by Jack Buckskin in the gym. Many classes spent the day working on reconciliation type activities through art and storytelling. Mr Green not only supported the students to cook their damper and keep the fire burning, he also managed to catch a snake at the same time!

Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday 5th July (last day of term 2) from 9:15 -1:30pm. Invitations, with a schedule of the day, will be sent home this week so that students can invite grandparents/special relations to the big day. Additional invitations are available from the front office. A morning tea will be held in the library at 10.40am, as well as a sausage sizzle under the shade shelter. The morning tea is for visitors only, however, students and visitors are all welcome to purchase a sausage at recess for \$2. There will also be a Book Fair in the library from 8.30-1.30pm. EFTPOS or cash accepted. Hope to see some new and familiar visitors on the day.

We would appreciate donations of cakes, slices and biscuits for morning tea on Grandparents' Day. These can be brought to the front office anytime. Thank you very much for your support.

The Pupil Free day on Friday was well attended by all teachers and SSOs. Teachers participated in a professional development day run by Education Changemakers with a focus on 'Design thinking for Educators'. We were provided with an in depth process to understand some of the problems we face as educators engaging students in their learning, as well as opportunities to think innovatively about solutions. It was a highly engaging and motivating day and the work we did will be continued at a whole school and classroom level.

SSOs attended a full day professional learning session on Interception. The feedback was extremely positive with many of our SSOs excited about using Interception strategies as part of their support for challenging students.

On a more serious note, we recently had a near miss with a parent dropping a child off in the staff carpark nearly hitting two of our students. Fortunately, parents walking their children into the school were able to get the license plate number and report the incident to the police. The school entrance is for the school buses and staff only. It is too busy before 8.50am and after 3pm for any other traffic. Please park elsewhere and walk into the school to collect your children.

Whilst on Road Crossing duty I have noticed a number of parents doing u turns far too close to the road crossing and/or in front of the school entrance. Please consider the safety of our students during pick up and drop off times. The traffic in front of the school during these times is significant in terms of Stepping Stone families, school buses, pedestrians, cars etc.

Last week Mrs Sharyn Binyon took a boys and girls' team to compete in the SAPSASA State Rugby League Championships at Eyre Park. We had a very successful day with both teams finishing Regional Runners Up. As a result, teams will now compete in the Rugby League State Finals at West Beach on Wednesday 3rd July. Mrs Binyon sure knows how to build strong defensive teams. I did not see the teams compete this year, but by all accounts, they displayed excellent sportsmanship and were a credit to the school. Thank you Mrs Binyon, giving up all your lunch breaks certainly paid off and brought out the best play for both teams. Thank you to Mr Kurt Ferguson for supporting Mrs Binyon and the teams on the day, as well as the many parents who supported their children to attend.

Governing Council have now ratified our new school values of Be Safe, Be Kind and Work Hard. Ms Evans spent last term consulting with students and parents to come up with three succinct values that are meaningful to our students and families. As a result of our Berry Street Education training last year and earlier this year we now have a draft Responsible Behaviour Plan (Behaviour Management Policy) that aligns to our new values and strategies. We still have a few minor changes to make to the Responsible Behaviour Plan but hope to have everything ready for implementation at the beginning of term 3.

The school has just completed the External Review Process. The aim of the external review is to determine: how well does the school improve student achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity? Thank you to students, staff, parents and Governing Council members who gave up their time to be involved in the process. A written report will be made available to the school and this report will be made available to families via the school website. The process was very informative and reflective, and we look forward to any recommendations to enhance the work we are already doing.

Be Safe Be Kind Work Hard

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown



Hi everyone,

My name is Ashton Chambers and I am your new Pastoral Care Worker.

For over 20 years I have been working with different agencies providing support for children, teenagers, and adults in the disability sector. I believe children are a very important part of our community. I see my role in conjunction with other school staff, to help provide a positive and safe learning environment & be a supportive role model within the school community. I will be in classrooms as needed and I am available to support children individually with parental consent. My regular days will be Mondays and Tuesdays.

If you would like to contact me please contact at the school on 8520 2277 or email ashton.chambers12@schools.sa.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing you around the school,

Ashton Chambers

