



Errington Special Education Centre

Part of the Plympton Learning Community



Principal's Report

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School Term Dates

Term 2 Ends

Friday 8th July 2016
Taxi's Arrive 1.45pm
School Closes at 2pm

Term 3 Starts

Monday 2nd August 2016

Term 3 Ends

Friday 30th Sept 2016
Taxi's Arrive 1.45pm
School Closes at 2pm

Term 4 Starts

Monday 17th Oct 2016

Term 4 Ends

Friday 16th Dec 2016
Taxi's Arrive 1.45pm
School Closes at 2pm

Well we are certainly into term 2 now. Staff have just completed their NEP's with parents and students are now ensured that each child has the chance to develop their potential within. It's great to see all students utilising the full range of curriculum available from the outside learning areas, the horticulture areas to the hall and the gym. We continue to look closely at our future. We are currently working through projected vacancies for 2017 through the movement of students across all sub schools. This includes the Annex class where we continue to look for suitable students to move there if they fit the placement criteria. We have had 3 students exit the school this, one a family moved to the country and the other, a vacancy came up in a private setting. We have had a new student enter the S3 class, his name is Nawfie, and we would like to welcome him and his family to the school community.

The Junior class had a visit from a "tame" Koala during week 4. The students were very kind and gentle to him and really enjoyed experiencing one of Australia's most loved animals in real life.

A number of students attended the Focus on Ability" short film festival. Our school was involved in making one of these short films in 2015 and it focuses on recognising students with a disability. It was very successful and the students got a lot out of it.

We rolled out a new reporting system for student accident and injury this year, which both staff and parents/carers have supported greatly. All accidents/injuries now require an immediate phone call to the parent/carer and appropriate documentation recorded within the school from staff. This ensures and promotes a strong culture of parent/school communication and a comprehensive documentation of any accidents and injuries.

Could I ask all parents/carers to continually check your child's hair for head lice. It is easily spread and requires not only your child's hair to be washed, but the washing of all linen that the child accesses at home. Please refer to the information brochure that was sent out last term with methods to use to best treat lice. If you require further information, please contact the school.

Finally, could I ask that parents and carers utilize the "U" turn at the end of our driveway during drop off and pick up times, rather than turning at your child's respective sub-school, please also be mindful that we students who will run into traffic; it would be greatly appreciated if you could maintain the 10km speed limit whilst in the drive way. This will ensure safety and good traffic flow during these times.

Uniform Information Update

E-mail: mara@jssports.com.au

Please e-mail Mara at JS Sports will do her best to accommodate your uniform requirements and queries.

Errington Uniforms are not available at JS Express store.

If you would like a current price list please contact Errington reception. PH **8293 3779**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As semester reports will be sent home at the end of term, teachers are busy collecting evidence and reviewing students' work. This is a process that allows everyone time to reflect on the learning journey each student has made so far in 2016. When discussing a student's progress with any member of staff, the conversation is always animated and engaging. Teachers and SSOs are to be commended on their hard work, dedication and commitment to child learning

As flu season approaches classes have been focusing on hygiene and cleanliness. As we have already had some students unwell this term, we would like to thank parents and carers who have helped prevent the spread of the flu by keeping children at home. We understand that it can be difficult at times to keep children at home when they are unwell, but we truly appreciate parents' and carers' assistance during the winter months.

Even as the temperature drops and mornings become darker, it is great to see how much energy and enthusiasm the students of Errington have when they arrive. It is fantastic to see their eagerness each school morning.

This term, the staff will have the unique opportunity to attend a day seminar with Dr Emma Goodall as presenter. Dr Goodall is an autism consultant, lecturer at University of South Australia and is also coordinator of an autism topic at Flinders University. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 14 June in Week 7, when Errington will be closed for a Student Free day.

Sean Bennett



This week we were lucky, as a school, to be in receipt of 4 newly donated tricycles to be used by our Junior and Primary aged students. This was made possible due to a successful grant application from SGIC Insurance who are currently supporting our school to become more travel safe. It is only through this kind of support that we can purchase such specialised and high quality equipment.

Pictured are two of our students proudly posing on their new bikes. Thank you Insurance Australia and SGIC Insurance.



Sponsors Wanted for Errington SEC Pedal Prix Team

Once again Errington SEC will be entering a team in the UniSA Pedal Prix Super Series. Our team is entered in the masters (over 30's) division, & consists of parents, staff & family of students from the school. Our mission is to race fast, have a load of fun, but most of all to raise much needed funds for the school. If you think your business or employer would be interested in sponsoring our team, we'd love to hear from you! 100% of money raised goes directly to the school, with this year's goal to purchase new sports equipment for the PE department. Please contact team manager Richard Bekker on 0404 293 747 or richard_bekker@hotmail.com by June 3rd to register your interest.

Art with M3

The POPulation of the M3 class has been using POPcorn in creating amazing POPart. It has been very POPular among the students who not only used it in their masterful creations, but also had a readymade snack on hand when hungry.

Well done to the M3 class on their outstanding efforts.

(Sorry if this article was a little CORNY!)

Rino Cavuoto- Art Teacher

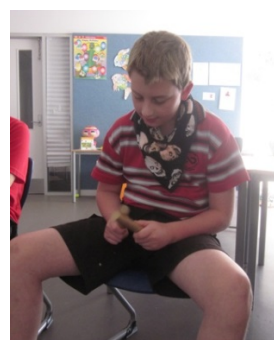
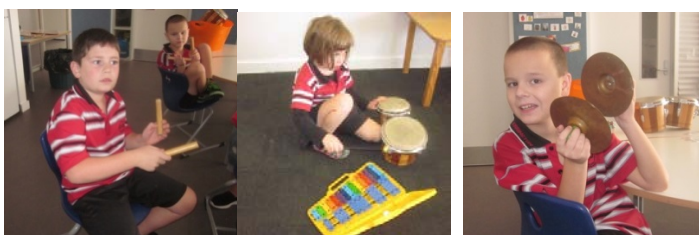


Music Term 2

Towards the end of Term 1 students in Junior, Primary and Middle have been practising body percussion during our music lessons. We have had so much fun rehearsing and performing a piece of music that requires various movements using rhythm sticks. As well as exploring rhythm sticks and the different ways we can produce sound when using them, it has also given us the opportunity to work on being an active participant in a musical performance.



As Term 2 progresses, all sub schools plan to record our musical performances so we can watch it back and learn how to appropriately critique ourselves and others. We will use this tool to improve our future performances and celebrate the enjoyment that comes with watching ourselves perform after spending a lot of time practising and rehearsing!



Attention Parents NDIS Reminder : Transport

We would like to remind you to request a transport allocation from your NDIA planner if you do not already have this in place.

Also if you do not currently have an NDIS plan please book a meeting ASAP as DECD Transport department require an NDIS number and allocation of funds for all transport Taxi & car allowance.

Junior Primary Term 2

We have all started back this term bright and eager to learn in the junior school. Each class has been busy with their own learning programs as well as attending weekly swimming lessons and fortnightly visits to Kindergym. All three classes are using the Jolly Phonics learning program to develop letter/sound knowledge and to further develop literacy skills. The students really enjoy these lessons and are all learning the letter sounds and actions through songs and stories on the interactive whiteboards.

Every Thursday afternoon we all get together for shared activities. The students enjoy playing and interacting with a variety of children across the junior school and staff also enjoy working with different groups. Echidna class set up a sensory activity, while the Koala class provide a play based activity and Kangaroo class have an art/craft activity inside. The students are able to access a variety of activities and sometimes are involved in all of them. We all have a great time and here are some photos of us having fun.



Primary School Term 2

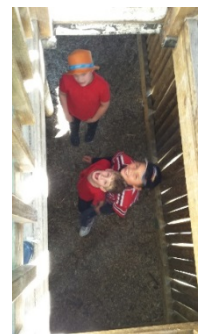
What has been happening in the Primary Unit?



The Primaries have been busy making special things for our Mums for Mothers day. In P3 we had lots of fun making our Mums beautiful canvases. We painted over the top of masking tape and once dry we peeled the tape away to finish our art. Then we made some colourful wrapping paper to wrap them in.

The Annex class went on excursion to Belair National Pk. All students had a lovely time exploring beautiful natural bushland, numerous walking trails and wildlife. The students enjoyed the magnificent views of the park and surrounding hills and had a lovely time exploring the Adventure Playground.

Our Primary raffle is in full swing, Thanks to those families who have already returned tickets. If you still have tickets you have till the beginning of week 5 to return them. Thank you very much to parents and staff for your support. We will draw the raffle during staff meeting on Wednesday of Week 5 and notify you soon with the winners.



We would also like to welcome Flinders University student teachers Taylor Miles and Brooke Hilton who are doing their final placements in the Primary Unit this term.

Middle School Term 2

Term 2 has been a busy time for Middle School. The students have been hard at work both in the classroom and out in the community.

Both Middle 1 and Middle 2 have been going on excursion to the chicken shop on Fridays. This has proven invaluable to these students as not only does it allow them to develop their social interactions, but provides them with a chance to get real life experience dealing with money.

Middle 3 have been hard at work continuing with their cooking and horticulture program. They have been making and trying a variety of food types. In the coming term we are looking to use the herbs we are growing in horticulture with our cooking.



Senior School Term 2

Senior Sub School working towards Success (Modified SACE)



Welcome back Senior Students! Here we all are ready to start the second term building upon the success and achievement accomplished last term in your personalised learning programs. We would like to welcome a new Student to Senior 3 Class Nawful and our Senior 2 Teacher Ronel.

The Senior School curriculum has a core focus on Literacy and Numeracy skills. All students are presented with a variety of cross curricula opportunities to develop and apply their skills in functional learning environments. Within class, across the school and out in the community students are developing skills that aim to support them to be the best they can be for their journey through lifelong learning.

