



Errington Special Education Centre

Part of the Plympton Learning Community

Newsletter

Term 3, 2017

Principal's Report

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It is with sad news that I acknowledge the passing of one of our student's, Scott McColl on 14th August 2017. Scott was a popular and respected boy with both staff and students. It has affected the school staff significantly, but what I can say is that I was proud of collegiality, thoughtfulness and support that all staff provided upon hearing this news. Staff continue to be supported through counselling at this difficult time. Teachers have been working with the SWISS (Social Work Incident Support Service) counsellors around managing the grief with students through appropriate teaching, communication and support strategies. On behalf of the school community in its entirety, I wish to pass on my condolences to Scott's family and friends.

School Term Dates

School Closure Day

Monday 4th Sept 2017

Student Free Day

Friday 8th Sept 2017

Term 3 Ends

Friday 29th Sept 2017

Taxis Arrive 1:45pm

School Closes at 2pm

Term 4 2017 Begins

Monday 16th Oct 2017

We are halfway through Term 3 and traditionally, this is the busiest. We are in the process of redesigning all of the play yards with Autism expert "Leaf" so that students can experience a sensory environment to assist their learning and wellbeing. We also had our book week open morning followed by an assembly on Wednesday. This was well received by parents and an exciting way to showcase our school and the positive things which are happening.

During Week 9 on the Tuesday and Thursday, we will be hosting our annual sports day. All parents are welcome to attend and there will be a range of events and activities to cater for all the students. We look forward to everyone's involvement.

A reminder to all parents (particularly those in respective subschools) that all are welcome to attend our school assemblies held each second Tuesday. The next regular school assembly will be on Tuesday 29/8/17 at 9:30am hosted by the Junior subschool, followed by the 12/9/17 hosted by the Senior subschool.

Sam Hele
Acting Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Material & Services fees are now overdue. If you are eligible for school card please fill in a form and return to Pat Hamilton as a matter of urgency. Forms can be sent home with your child if requested or you can download from the internet. If you're not eligible for school card, payment needs to be received no later than September 15th 2017. All outstanding debts after this date will be sent to Central Debt Collection for follow up. These fees enable the school to support students learning. If you have misplaced the original invoice please let me know and I can reprint another one for you. Payments can be made over the phone if this is more convenient for you or on the bottom of the invoice there's an area for your details.

Thank you

Pat Hamilton | Business Manager

Errington Special Education Centre



Deputy Principal's Report

For our Student Free Day this term Errington staff will be joining with Adelaide West Special Education Centre. Adelaide West is a special school located in Taperoo has a similar cohort of students. They are slightly smaller than ESEC although they have a larger number of students with mobility difficulties. The Student Free Day will be an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and information, as it is difficult to organise Training and Development with other sites (especially Special Ed. sites). It will be great to be able to spend this time with them sharing resources and strategies. A focus of the day will be around assessment reporting, in particular a program they have been trialling called ABLES. We look forward to their expertise and insight with this new reporting system.

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.

That said, this term the days will be slowly getting longer, winter will start to recede, spring tentatively appears and the Royal Adelaide Show rolls into town. This term Errington will have a school closure day on Monday 4th September to coincide with the show.

Sean Bennett
Deputy Principal

Please have a look at our school website.

You can see the student's art work, scheduled student free days & school council meeting dates.

There are also links to purchase Entertainment Books and Order your ESEC School uniform.



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Reception to Year 12
Educating Children with Disabilities and Special Needs



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The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links: Home, Our School, Facilities & Services, Parent Info, News, Diary Dates, Photo Galleries, Contact Us, and Report a Child Absent. Below the header is a large banner with a photo of two students and the text "THANK YOU Friends of Errington". A red "Read More" button is visible at the bottom left of the banner.

This is also a timely reminder that as parents it is your responsibility to notify the school if your child will be absent.

You can notify **absences** for your children - from our web page. Just click one "Report a Child absent" tab.

- email directly to dl.1415.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Call the school on 8293 3779 (please feel free to leave a message if out of hours)
- Or if your class is using SeeSaw via the app.

Book Week 2017

On Wednesday 23-8-2017 students, staff, parents and carers came together to celebrate Book Week 2017. The theme this year is 'Escape To Everywhere'. Each Sub school had an opportunity to share how the Book Week theme has been linked to Australian Curriculum, through Literacy. It was wonderful to celebrate Book Week with parents, carers, family and friend of the students at Errington Special Education Centre.



Here are some of the highlights of our celebration.....



A special Thank you to Georgia O'Neill, The Rainbow Choir and the support of students, staff, and all attending!

Health & PE

Thanks once again to all the sponsors of the school who continue to fund initiatives and offer support. We have recently purchased and presented 7 new senior hoodies to our Year 11 students. This was made possible by donations from Butler and Butler Insurance Group and Adelaide Animal Emergency Centre. Thanks Gino for attending the recent assembly and presenting the hoodies to our proud seniors.



This term we have received donations from James Kelly's family (S2), Suburban, Independent and 13 taxi companies, Bodycycles, Richmond Lions and Rotary West Torrens towards our new Errington sport shirts. Thanks once again for your continued support.

The Sporting Schools program recently supported our school by donating \$4000 to support participation in a range of sports.

Just a reminder that Sports Day is happening in Week 9 this term, please come along and support your child if you wish. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

As you are aware PE and Health is a main focus at Errington and we are very grateful for the support of Colgate Palmolive and their Brighter Smiles Dental program. Through this program all students are encouraged to brush their teeth throughout the week with all the dental products supplied free of charge.

Pictured are a number of students refining their skills.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

MORPHELVILLE
THURSDAYS 5:30PM - 7PM
@ MARION LEISURE
CENTRE, OAKLANDS RD

OSBORNE
FRIDAYS 6:30PM - 8PM
@ LEFEVRE COMMUNITY
CENTRE, VICTORIA RD

ADELAIDE CITY
SATURDAYS 9AM - 11AM
@ ADELAIDE HIGH
SCHOOL, WEST TERRACE

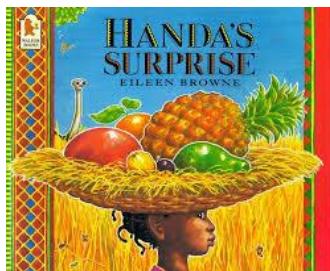
MODBURY HEIGHTS
SATURDAYS 1PM - 2PM
@ THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL,
BRUNEL DRIVE

Contact us for more information & upcoming programs!

Special Football MODBURY	Saturdays during school terms 1pm to 2pm	The Heights School, Modbury Heights	People with Disabilities (mainly intellectual) Ages from 5 to 65	09/09/2017
Inclusive Futsal CAMPBELLTOWN	Fridays during school terms 4pm to 6pm	ARC, Campbelltown	People with Disabilities (mainly intellectual) Ages from 5 to 65	20/10/2017
Inclusive football NORTHERN SUBURBS	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Junior Primary

Well Term Three is well on the way now and everyone has settled back into their classroom routines well. We would all like to give a warm welcome to the newest members of the Junior community **Liam and Kevin**. Liam is a Year 2 student and he has settled in very well in the Koala classroom and Kevin is in Reception and is working well in the Echidna's room.



This term we celebrate book week and all the Junior classes have been working on activities based on "Handa's Surprise" by Eileen Browne. It is a wonderful story and all the children have been enjoying shared reading sessions and making activities based on the book.

In Health and PE lessons with Doug the classes (Koalas and Kangaroos) have been working on how to brush their teeth thoroughly for Health. In PE they have focused on pre basketball skills learning how to throwing, catch and dribble the ball. The students have been slowly growing in confidence in both these activities



This term the Junior classes will be collecting the Woolworths earn and learn stickers so please send them into class teachers if you can.

Primary

Term three is well and truly underway. Each class is continuing their learning programs, work on new and existing NEP goals. The morning movement program continues to get all students moving each morning in a structured way, with new stations being rolled out soon. The Primary One class is trialling the new equipment this week: the agility board and the ropeball. So far, both seem like a hit.



This week is book week and the book Primary classes have focused on, is 'Walking through the jungle' On our celebration day many students dressed up and it was great to see some staff and parents dressed up to.

The Primary Subschool are collecting stickers for the Woolworth's earn and learn program. If you shop at Woolies and would like to donate your stickers, please hand them to your child's teacher so we can try and get some items for our sub school.



For cooking in recent weeks the students made some delicious muffins with David, the muffins were a hit with students and staff! Hope everyone has had a great start to Term Three, and all the best with your NEP goals!!



Sam, Mila, Anne-Marie and Holly

Middle

M3

Our class has begun weekly music lessons with Lee. These fun and interactive lessons give the students the opportunity to play instruments and sing. We beat drums in time with the music and tapped clave.



Our Mathematical topic for this term is money. We have been playing dice games to learn about our coins and Ranee told us which Australian animals feature on our coins.



Busy Bees Class



This term The Busy Bees Class have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods. As our knowledge has expanded, we have found ourselves more aware of the foods we eat every day and have been keen to add to our healthy repertoire of foods by trying new fruits like kiwi and passion fruit.

It's been lots of fun!



M2 News



This term in M2, we are starting to take risks in our learning. We are doing this through exploring a variety of different objects with our senses and sharing what we discover with our peers.



M1 News

This term M1 have been learning about the different notes and coins of the Australian currency. Students have been using their mathematical skills to make different dollar amounts by combining notes and coins and have had the opportunity to practice exchanging money for goods on our weekly excursions.



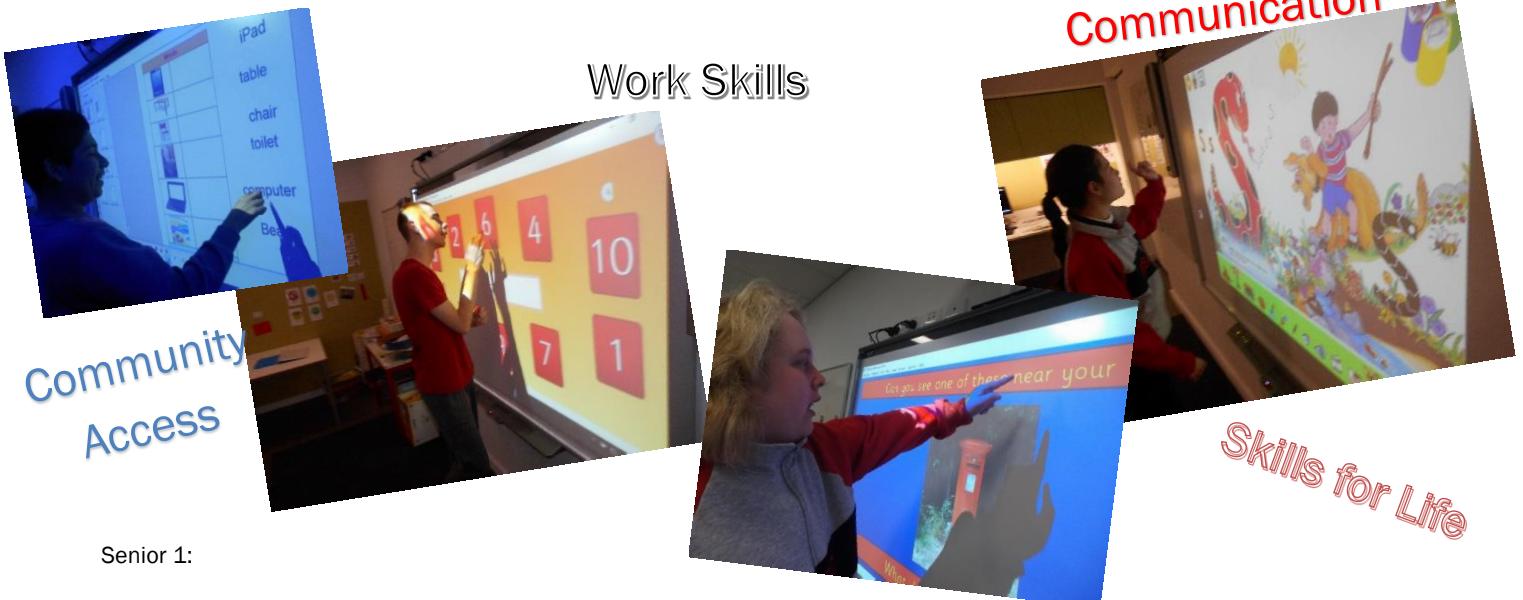
Independence

Senior

Responsibility

Life Long Learning

Senior students have been developing their literacy & numeracy skills through accessing a variety of learning tools and activities on the smartboard. We have been focusing on 'Clicker6' and 'Jolly Phonics' this term. Students have enjoyed engaging and participating in a range of interactive learning activities. Senior School students have been working hard towards achieving their individual learning goals in the Modified SACE Key Curriculum areas of English & Mathematics Pathways. Last Semester we celebrated 100% achievement in our SACE Results!! Well Done!!



Senior 1:

We are at Bunnings on Friday week 3 to do a DIY project. We are learning how to do work skills and work experience. Bunnings Warehouse is at Mile End.

Our task was to build a Japanese Drum. One of the staff instructed us and his name is Vince. He was helpful!

We had a piece of drain pipe and we had to put a balloon over it, then a big screw inside the pipe and then we tied it so it didn't come off. We picked the beads ourselves and the colour of string, we used a hand drill to put the screws in

After that we played our drums, later we had a look around the warehouse, looking at kitchens, tools, plants,

Before that we went to Villis and bought a pie or pasty with our money for our morning recess. We did it ourselves DIY, we gave them money

and asked for a receipt. It was good and we felt like grown ups!

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Post School Pathways

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OCTOBER 2017 Vacation Care Program:

Minda Vacation Care will be operating from

St Pat's Special School 13 Warwick Ave. Dulwich. Entrance to the school is via Warwick Ave please make your way to the Welcome Room where you will be required to sign your child in. The Vacation Care program operates from **8.30am to 4.30pm**.



Please contact Minda directly for More information

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On behalf of Events South Australia, we once again invite you to apply for passes to the Credit Union Christmas Pageant Community Site for the 2017 Credit Union Christmas which will be held on Saturday 18th November. This year we celebrate 85 years.



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Due to the popularity of this site and in the interest of public safety, there are limited tickets available.

If you would like your child to attend please inform your child's teacher or contact the office directly. 8293 3779 or dl.1415.info@schools.sa.edu.au by the 15th of September 2017

Disability Policy and Programs Parent forum

The parent forum for parents or carers of children/young people with a disability is taking place on:

Date: **Wednesday 20 September 2017**

Time: 9.30am to 2.00pm

Venue: Room G 11A & B, Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh

The forum is an opportunity for families to listen and engage about the services and support available for their child.

Presenters include:

- Kelly Vincent (MLC), who will present on the response to the Select Committee Report on Access to the South Australian Education System for Students with a Disability
- Mark Witham, DECD Director, Funding.

Contact: Consultant, Liz Barber, phone 8226 6732