

From the Principal

Last week we celebrated SSO week and acknowledged the great work our SSO's do.



Our Education Director, Deb Graham retired, our **new ED is Sue George – Duif**. Sue visited the school on the first day of her tenure this term to obtain a sense of our school. Sue was an Education Director in the East and is familiar with special schools. She brings a wealth of expertise in educational leadership.

Our state government recently rolled out mandatory *phonics testing training* for our year 1 teachers. Non-verbal students were exempt from the testing. Results will inform teachers where the gaps are and inform their teaching and learning programmes. The aim is for literacy improvement statewide to be reflected in NAPLAN results.

STEM – Science Technology Engineer Maths, is a federal and state government initiative, as you have seen with the many STEM building works our SA schools are receiving. This departmental initiative asked all schools to nominate 2 staff members and is funding them to attend approx. 6 full day trainings over the next 2 years to lead the learning at their site. Anetta Chwaja and Holly Runnagar have been involved in *STEM training* and will begin to train staff to implement this across the school.

Recently it was Scott Mc Coll's 1 year anniversary. We were blown away that his parents thought of the staff and with a heavy heart, gratitude and acknowledgement of the huge part the school played in Scott's life, they dropped off several large cakes for the staff. It was very unexpected and we accepted graciously with mixed emotions. Mary Pulford mosaic artist in resident has been working with Rino, Art teacher and some of his classes to complete a mosaic for Scott Mc Coll's memorial. We hope to have this complete by the end of this term.

Coles have generously funded \$6000 for the upgrade of some gym equipment. This is being enjoyed by senior students, staff and the parent fitness group (which meets Monday at 9:30am).

From the Deputy Principal

During the last School Council meeting, The Errington Identity was presented. Feedback from School Council members was extremely positive. As you can see, the school has developed 4 values from discussions in a number of forums with staff and with the focus group made up of staff. This forms part of the Positive Behaviour Support Interventions around the positive teaching of each of the values. Each class spends up to 30 mins each day explicitly teaching the values and for this term the focus is on "Safety". Staff use a range of

Special Dates of Interest

Tuesday 28th August	Junior Assembly
Monday 3rd September	School Closure
Tuesday 11th September	Senior Assembly
Tuesday 25th September	Junior Assembly
Saturday 27th October	Bunnings BBQ
Monday 10th December	Graduation Dinner @ Café Primo

pedagogy's including video self modelling, role plays, visual supports and structured lesson plans. The students are really keen and enthusiastic as they learn how to be safe in a number of different situations. From next term we will move to "Be Responsible". The logo is undergoing some minor tweaking with colours and wording before it is endorsed as "The Errington Identity" very soon.



Post School Options Tour

Our first post school option tour was a great success. We were pleased that our parents received useful information and enjoyed the day. At Minda we visited the day options programs, which will be delivered to their clients according to their interests and abilities. At Orana we were able to see supported employment workers on the job. Our next tour will be on the 13th September to Minda Commercial Enterprises at Reynella and to the Bedford Disability Services and Support Organisation. All parents are welcome. To reserve your attendance please contact the Errington front office on 8293 3779.

Regards
Anetta Chwaja



L-R: Gary Connor, Sam Hele, Connie Rasekhi & Lesley Fleet

Book Week

On Wednesday 14th August, Errington staff and students celebrated book week. The theme this year was "Find Your Treasure". All classes in the school produced a book on that theme and the book was presented to me so it could be shared in the library. Senior 1 students worked with Junior 1 students to act out the book "Milly Monarch lays her first egg". The book was written and illustrated by Sia Booth, who lives in Rapid Bay. We were fortunate to have Sia attend our assembly and gave the students certificates for their work in producing their books. The Choir sang two songs to end the celebrations.. Thank you to all the staff and parents who came up with some great dress ups for the occasion.

Regards
Georgia O'Neil



STEM

Stem is an acronym which stands for Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. Anetta Chwaja and I have been chosen to represent Errington, in the 500 STEM educators in primary school's project. This project aims to provide

professional learning in the subject areas of Science, Technology and Maths to 500 educators so that by 2020 all South Australian government schools will have a teacher with STEM specialisation. Anetta and I are part of the mathematics group. So far we have attended a series of face to face learning days at the Education Development Centre in Hindmarsh. We also get the opportunity to collaborate with a small group of our peers to form Professional Learning Communities. We have met with other teachers from Adelaide West, Christie Downs and South Australian School for Vision Impaired (SASVI).

Together we have talked about what this training means for us and how we can use the resources we are being given to differentiate and provide our students with the best learning opportunities. The focus is on challenging them to think Mathematically, promoting the development of problem solving, critical analysis and creative thinking skills, across a range of disciplinary approaches.

We are looking forward to sharing our knowledge and presenting some of our ideas to our colleagues at an upcoming staff meeting.

Regards

Holly Runnegar



Junior School News

Swimming at Minda Pool

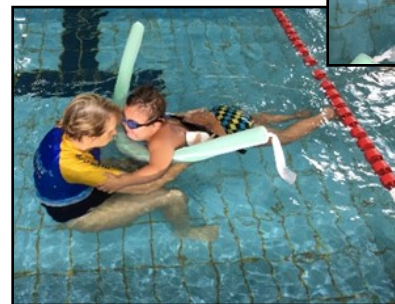
Swimming is fun! It's a fantastic and versatile activity that can be undertaken all year round. Also, swimming at Minda pool is a great activity for our children's social, emotional and physical development. With professionally trained Minda pool instructors and a safe learning environment, swimming lessons are a great way to lead our kids toward becoming confident and competent swimmers and at the same time having lots of fun. Swimming also improves their overall coordination, balance and flexibility. Playing in water allows the children to exercise without even knowing it!

It is stating the obvious that the ability to swim is something that will benefit children throughout their lives.

Please remember that in week 5 Minda Pool instructors are inviting all the parents and caregivers to watch your child participating in swimming classes. So see you there.

Regards

Junior school teachers



Primary School News

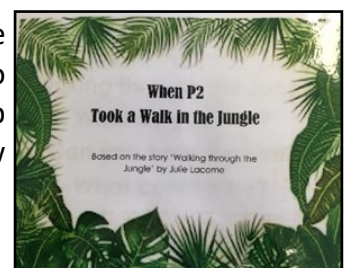
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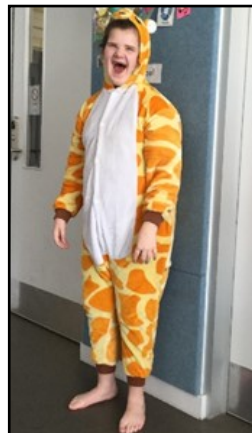
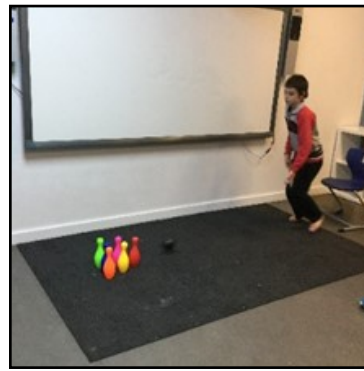
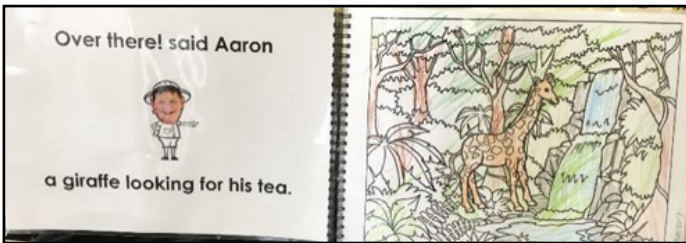
In P1 HASS we have moved on to community helpers: how to identify those that help us and what it is they do for us in the community. Students have also had a big focus on asking friends to play and the appropriate ways to play. Our Errington Identity behaviour code is addressed twice a day in group times, with all students enjoying demonstrating to the class what the safe behaviours look like.

P2

We have enjoyed making our book for Book week. It was titled 'When P2 took a walk in the Jungle'. It was based on the book Walking through the Jungle by Julie Lacome.

On Tuesday we had our book week assembly where we presented our book to the Library. We dressed up in Onesies. Here are a few pictures!





Middle School News

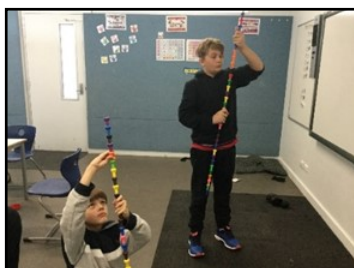
P3

P3 have had a great start to term 3. In the first few weeks we were creating our book for book week titled, 'The Pirates of P3 go on a Treasure Hunt'. We all enjoyed creating our pirate hat props to wear in the photos for our story and loved hunting for treasure. In addition to this we have also had a large focus on taking turns, working hands and other classroom safety expectations.

We have been lucky enough to have a music therapist named Georgina come and teach us every Tuesday. She brings a variety of instruments into the class, for example a guitar, a drum, triangle, tambourine and several other instruments that she allows us to play alongside her. She is also creating a rock band and some of us join her on Fridays to participate. It is lots of fun.

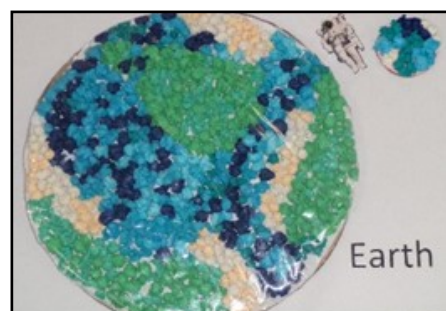
P4

We have been very engaging this term. Lots of hands on activities in our learning. We continued to practice our Sight Words, Writing, Reading, Speaking and Listening. We had fun and learnt a lot during Book Week. We wrote a book about hunting treasures. We loved dressing up as pirates on Book Week Day. Well Done P4!



M1

Our class has settled very well into our new literacy routine. Each afternoon the students read to me and I am proud of how each student collects their readers independently. Our class book on planets is completed and it is out of this world, literally! A big thank you goes to Belinda and Billie on working so hard to make such a special book for our school.



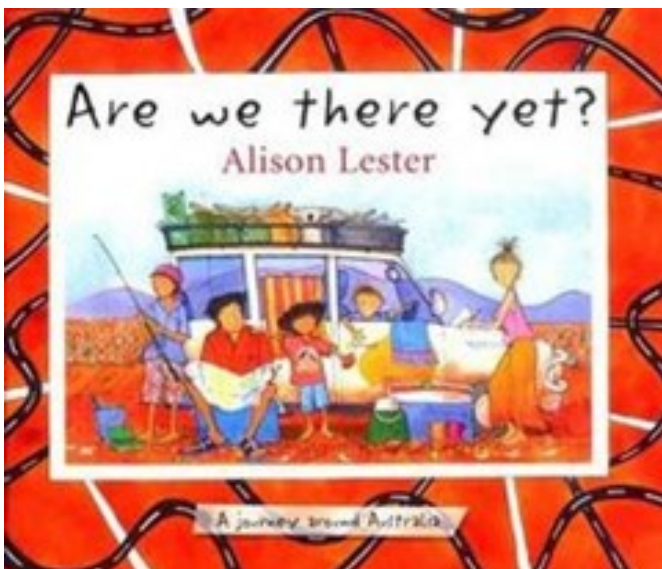
M2

This term we have been making the most of the winter sunshine by taking learning outside to develop our social skills. We have been learning to “be resilient” when trying new activities and collaborating to solve problems with our friends. Our favourite outdoor experience has been “loose parts play” the sand trays.



M3

This semester M3 is continuing its theme on Australia by looking at the man-made and natural features found around the country in Geography. We'll be reading the book "Are we there yet?" and following the adventures of a family as they go on a road-trip. The class will be having an in-depth look at the different places they visit and discovering the wonders along the way.



M4

In M4 the children have had a busy few weeks. We made a class book called 'Finding my Treasure' to coincide with Book Week. We continue with our weekly cooking lessons and have also been focussing on one of our School values, 'Safety', in particular 'safe hands'. The children have been helping make a short video highlighting all the safe ways we use our hands at school.



Senior School News

We have been busy learning work skills both at school and out on Work Experience days.

On Mondays when the weather is fine S1 have been going to McCarthy's Farm in McClaren Vale and doing work skills such as weeding, pruning and collecting donkey manure to use as natural fertiliser. We get fruit (apples and pears) for our wages and Mark and Lisa (the farmers) are very welcoming. Recently we all worked together to put up a roof/cover for a new greenhouse and also potted a whole bunch of avocado seeds!





On Wednesdays some of us go to Bedford in Pasadena for work experience doing packaging jobs like filling Show Bags, while others do work experience in the school library and resource centre or do work skills in the classroom like sorting and packing. A group of Seniors do a recycling program where we deliver our collections to the Moringe Recycling demo.



S1 have also been working very hard in preparation for our Op Shop and Bake Sale (combined), which opened on Thursday of week 4 to much interest, open to staff only. We are especially focusing on Customer Service and Money Handling skills. We will run until Thursday of week 5 and there will be some different things to sell each day. All donations are gratefully received.



PE/Health/Fundraising News

We were sorry as a school, to find out that Peter Bonnici, the owner of Bakers Delight, Kurralta Park passed away a couple of weeks ago, following a short illness. Peter was a great friend of the school and regularly donated products and cash collected at the store. We are very proud of the relationship we have due to Peter and we hope that in future weeks and months that we maintain Peter's legacy. We have recently developed a strong relationship with Bakers Delight at St Clair and we hope this too develops into a long term partnership for all involved.



A date for diaries is Saturday 27th October for our forthcoming annual fundraising event at Bunnings Mile End, please let the school know if you are keen to support this event through contacting the class teacher or the school reception.



Thanks goes to Coles who have generously donated monies to support an upgrade of the Errington fitness gym pictured below. This gym is used by staff and students alike throughout the year. Gino lenco continues to battle hard to ensure that Errington is at the forefront of support on offer from Coles, thanks Gino.

coles



Sporting Schools have donated a grant of \$2200 towards a Surfing program to take place in Term 4. We are very grateful for the support of Sporting Schools who have donated over \$15,000 to support school sport since our involvement with them.

Through the support of Colgate Palmolive the focus in health is tooth brushing this term. Colgate Palmolive has a fantastic initiative entitled Bright Smiles, Bright Futures which provides educational materials, toothbrushes, toothpaste and stickers etc as incentives to students. Thank you to all parents who are encouraging this lifelong skill in the home environment.



Cibo at both Kurralta Park and Glenelg, Moseley Square have collection boxes in their respective stores. The money collected goes to enhancing the educational of all the students at the school. Thanks you Cibo for supporting our students. If you know of any organisations who may also wish to host a collection box please let the class teacher or school reception know. Thank you.





PARENT CONFERENCE

Getting the right fit

Wednesday
12 September 2018

Hosted by the Department for Education, *Getting the right fit* is a conference which will inform parents and carers about the services and support available for children and young people with a disability.

Parents and carers of a child or young person with a disability are invited to listen to information and strategies from key note speakers and participate in workshops. The conference will be opened by a performance by students from Kilparrin, Errington and South Australian School for Vision Impaired (SASVI).

When: Wednesday 12 September 2018

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Level 1 Hilton Adelaide

Victoria Square

Adelaide, SA 5000

What: Key note speakers

- Kirsty Russell, parent, Positive Special Needs Parenting, Newcastle NSW
- Dr Emma Goodall, Manager Disability and Complex Needs, Interoception for all

Workshops

- Finding the right fit for my child
- Transitions throughout the preschool/school journey
- The Parent Role: Empowering parents within the educational team
- Inclusion Research Project
- Natural environment and play for children with a disability
- Mindfulness and children with anxiety

How: Register at <https://register.eventarc.com/41363/parent-conference> and select your workshops

Maximum participants 150. No cost to participants. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Getting the right fit, a conference for parents and carers of children and young people with disability, has been planned collaboratively with the Parent Forum reference group and Disability Policy and Programs directorate. It resulted from feedback and requests from parents attending the recent parent forums.

The purpose of the conference is for parents to learn together and to empower them with strategies to positively engage with the preschool/school, to share their experiences and in-depth knowledge of their children's strengths and visions for the future. Focussing on moving forward without allowing the disability to define their child.

Children from Kilparrin, Errington and SASVI will open the conference with a performance.

The key notes will be presented firstly by a parent Kirsty Russell from Newcastle who has been a special needs advocate who has travelled the journey with her own child. Her role has included developing a blog to support others, presenting at national conferences, on radio, TV media and print as well as being appointed as a community representative to the Newcastle City Council's Disability Inclusion Advisory committee.

The second keynote speaker is Dr Emma Goodall, Manager Disability and Complex Needs, Disability Policy and Programs. Emma will talk about Interoception, a lesser known sense that helps you understand and feel what is going on inside your body. Emma will outline the research behind interoception and the positive outcomes across the state with the implementation of the interoception program in schools to support students with disabilities and sensory issues. She will also look at how as a parent you can support interoception with your child.

In the workshops

- Kirsty Russell will present two workshops and expand on two themes that of finding the right fit for my child and looking at the transitions that occur throughout the preschool/school journey.
- Fiona Rillotta, Pammi Raghavendra and Abi Thirumanickam from Flinders University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Disability and Community Inclusion will present their research on connecting students with and without disability at school: an innovative disability awareness program. This involves a collocated mainstream and special school site focussing on two areas that of physical education and social media training about cyber safety and use of social media.
- Kymberly Louise, a Behavioural Scientist from Learning4All, will work through an approach of the parent's role in linking the child, the curriculum, the teacher /SSO and the preschool/school
- Fraser Keegan from the Right Bite Program, Early Years and Child Development will look at the benefits of the natural environment for children with disability through case studies and examples. He will also provide further information around nature play
- Angela Falkenberg, President of the Primary Principals Association will consider the place of Mindfulness in working with children and young people with stress related issues.



To Whom it May Concern

My name is Karren Kelly & I am writing to you today with a unique opportunity & a first for Adelaide.

I have a 19-year-old son with an Intellectual Disability & Autism, he loves music & as a Mum I wanted to provide him with an opportunity to experience going to a Music Festival in a safe environment.

I saw a post from the BBC in the UK of a Music Festival for people with Disabilities. It touched my heart I thought if they can do it so can we.

I contacted a friend working in the Disability sector asking if it was possible & how could I do it. She said with your passion of course you can.

She put me in contact with Ben Waechter who has a young child with cerebral palsy. Ben is the founder of KYD-X, a Not for Profit (NFP) organisation who hosts the Kids & Youth Disability Expo a Disability Expo for children & young adults. He created this event after finding it frustrating trying to find services that suited the younger age group & teens.

Together we formed a committee of dedicated driven parents all with children & young adults living with disabilities & created Adelaide's first accessible music festival for people living with Disabilities called Sounds & Vibes.

Our Vision is to create a showcase event that we can show not only other organisations but also show other states with hard work & passion we can make a special day for so many wonderful people.

Starting this event now will mean that it's something our Community of people living with disabilities can enjoy years from now.

Sounds & Vibes will be held on Saturday 1st December at The Adelaide Showgrounds in the shadow of the Ferris wheel. It will be an all ages, outdoor, alcohol-free event celebrating as part of International Day for People with Disabilities.

There will be Bands, DJs, a Silent Disco, Chill Out Zone & many accessible features to aid people with disabilities to have a fantastic day.

I have contacted you hoping to gauge your interest in sponsoring or donating towards this Adelaide first event.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks very much for your time & consideration.

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