

ERRINGTON SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE

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NEWSLETTER # 7 Term 4 2018



From the Principal

Dear Families,

We began the term with Jayne Stinson State MP for Badcoe presenting the school with an Australian and Aboriginal flag as part of celebration National Flag Day. We are now able to proudly fly the flags. Thank you to our





Special Dates of Interest

Monday 19th November STUDENT FREE DAY
Wednesday 28th Nov Junior end of year

assembly

Friday 30th November Middle end of year

Assembly

Friday 7th December School leavers assembly

Monday 10th December Graduation Dinner

families who attended and stayed behind for a cup of tea.

Last Friday we celebrated the opening of the 'Lest we Forget' mural. The wall has been specifically designed to be a visual, interactive and sensory resource to support the teaching of Civics and citizenship, History, not only about World War 1 but as a teaching tool for all wars and to honour how and why Australia has become a place of safety, freedom and acceptance for many people from many cultures.

Students enjoyed having input through listening to stories about World War 1 and then drawing and writing their thoughts, this then informed the artist concept. The grant was made available through our Federal member of parliament for Hindmarsh, Mr Steve Georganas. Steve attended a lesson with the students as a lead up to the opening.



The Lest We Forget Mural at Errington Special Education Centre was a developed in collaboration with students, staff, The veterans at William Kibby VC Veteran's Shed, Glenelg and the artist Mary Pulford and Barb Stott Harris.







Our Federal MP, Hon Steve Georganas officially opened the mural and made a moving speech about the meaning of agreed peace by those at War to be recognised as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. Our students did a marvellous job during the ceremony as participants and spectators. We thank Jayden Doe, year 11 Brighton High school student who played the last post for our 1 minute silence. We thank Steve Georganas's office for the grant, our students, staff, artist and the veterans for making the flagpole. A special mention of staff Alexia, Phil, and Georgia who made sure everything ran smoothly. We have included photos of the opening at the end of this newsletter.

Our Bunning fundraiser was a huge success; we sold 110kg sausages, 60 loaves of bread, 40kg onions, soft drinks and cakes. We raised \$3,500 which will be split amongst the subschools. Thank you to the staff and families who volunteered their time. Huge thanks to Andy Delaney and Coles for all their donations.

The Junior Primary play area has had the addition of a 3 set swing set which includes a very popular basket

swing. These were kindly donated by Howard Coombs at Seeley International.

Sports in school grant are funding 5 week surfing programme. Students from the middle and senior years have absolutely loved this. Surf SA who run sessions for young people with a disability are running this programme.





The Department for Education has developed a school improvement plan template and planning resources to enable all South Australian Government schools to consistently apply an innovative improvement cycle to directly impact on improved learning outcomes across the state. The plans are designed to help teachers and leaders continually improve their practice and strengthen their impact on student learning and wellbeing. Staff will be working on our school improvement plan at Monday's student free day.

Our junior primary teachers are busy doing transition visits at Kindy and schools for our new students next year. Once again our numbers are healthy and we will be at capacity.

Thank you to all the families and staff who have donated for our Christmas / end of year raffle. We

have approximately 15 baskets /tubs filled with lots of goodies as prizes. We now need to keep selling tickets! Prizes will be drawn on the 5th December. You have to be in it to win it! Good luck.

Congratulations to SSO Jodie Pearce who recently received a certificate in recognition of 10 years of service within the Department for Education. Well done Jodie.



From the Deputy Principal

Term 4 is well under way and there is a lot happening. We have just had sports day (Wednesday and Thursday) and it was great to see all the students involved and we welcomed many parents on the days. Staff are busy organising end of year celebrations including the assemblies and the graduation dinner for our senior transitioning students. The Ladies of Variety Christmas party is being held on 28th November from 11:30am. This is a big event with many special schools attending. The students are getting really excited about this. The choir is performing on Monday 3 December at Coles at Marion Shopping Centre from 11:00am. Please come along-this performance attracts lots of Christmas shoppers and is a real spectacle. Teachers have begun writing their end of semester reports and these will be sent home during the last week of the term. Just a reminder that the hot weather is upon us. As a "Sunsmart" school, we make sure all our students are adequately hydrated, "Slip, Slap, Slop" and wear their hats when outside at break times.

Choir

The Errington Special Education Centre choir sang their lungs out at St Clair shopping centre to give thanks to Coles for the support they give our school. Coles donated all the sausages at our recent Bunnings fundraiser. The students where delighted by a surprise visit from the gingerbread man.





Junior School News

New Swings for Junior Primary

During the last mid-semester holidays new playground equipment was installed in our Junior Primary play area. Swings, kindly donated by Seeley International, have already become a much liked and enjoyed by our students. All equipment has been installed according to the rigorous Australian

Standards which require soft-fall areas for safety of the children.

Considering the significant cost at which this new equipment has been put in place we are all very grateful to Seeley International for their gift to our students. Junior Primary say a big "Thank You" to Seeley International.







Primary School News

P1 and P2 Classes

Primary 1 have been doing lots of hands-on activities for STEM - including tower building and balancing trials based on various literature used in the classroom. For our literacy focus we have been looking at sight words, name recognition and writing, and reading. We have also been focusing on number, time and shape in numeracy.

Primary 2 have been working on their Science unit about plants. We have talked about the different parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. We watched broad beans sprout and we have planted one and some Zinnia seeds. All are growing really well despite the teachers very black gardening thumbs.



Australia, Animal Habitats and Family History. When learning about Australia in our Geography lessons we have been learning our Australian states and Territories by going on a treasure hunt for the pieces of our country and we have made cookies in the shape of Australia using chocolate chips as our state and territory lines. When learning about animal habitats we have been doing lots of hands on activities such as matching animals to their habitat background, making our own habitats on paper plates and using kinetic sand, grass, cotton balls, water with blue food colouring and other items to create a realistic habitat to place our plastic animals in. After reading the book, 'We are Australian too' in Geography we are now looking into our family and where we come from in History. P3 has been very busy so far this term and we are looking forward to beginning our Christmas activities.





P4 Class

In Primary 4 we have done lots of activities which combined experiments, hands on and communication. We are now moving towards 'Working With Words', Phonics Sounds, Sentence Structure, Comprehension through Guided Reading and basic spelling skills. Our Cooking and Art Lessons were interesting as well as fun.



Middle School News

M1 Class

The M1 class has spent the last few weeks learning about fractions through interactive games and cutting play dough. We have learnt about how pizzas are whole, before they are cut into halves or quarters. We then made our own pizzas integrating our learning with cooking. We also attended the Boccia Carnival and came runner up! Well done!











M2 Class

In STEM we have been conducting experiments to learn about the scientific process. This involves asking questions, following a method, recording our results and sharing our findings. Our first topic for the term was colour.







M3 Class

M3 has been busy making a variety of delicious foods such as biscuits, muffins, sausage rolls and hamburgers. Our students have been learning how to use different cooking appliances and equipment safely (e.g. egg beaters, graters...), as well as learn important Maths concepts like fractions when measuring out the ingredients. Our most popular item was the Chocolate Chip cookies that we made for Father's Day.





M4 Class

M4 Class had some fun last week learning about Halloween with some of the children dressing up on the day. Some of our class have also started surfing lessons at Somerton Beach which will run for 5 weeks.







Senior School News



S1 Class

As a class we visited the Orana Packaging Shop. Orana is a post school options for people who want to work when they leave school. As visitors we were given Orange vests and access cards. Karen had to sign us in. Clare helped us and she showed us around Orana. We had a tour of the factory and we watched people work and do jobs. They did wine bottle labels and light switches.

We saw are friend from old S1 Peter, he left school in 2016. Peter was working in the sorting of OP Shop sorting clothes and books, taking them to a room from a truck and organising them. We told him about our class OP Shop. Peter was very happy to see us! He said it was a

surprise to see his old class and teacher. It was really good to see what people do.



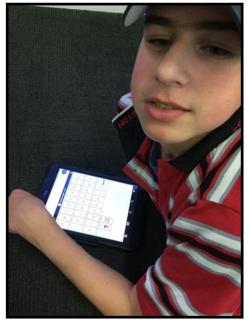
We emailed Clare to thank her and she said that we can go again and that our class were very polite and exceptionally well behaved. This is the way to behave as a grown up if you want a job. You have to be sensible and use your manners.

By S1

Senior School students have been developing their communication skills through the use of low tech & high tech AAC. Students are working very hard towards achieving their Modified SACE English Pathways Personal Learning Goals in Communication.









Reminder:
PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER

ERRINGTON

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

DRAWN DECEMBER 5TH

MORE BOOKS AVAILABLE

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE







Inclusive Classes

Friday or Sunday

Friday- Alberton Primary School, Spring Street Queenstown, 6:00pm Juniors.

Sunday- Henley High School, Cudmore Tce, Henley Beach, 4:00pm



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Sound and Vibes Festival

Tickets can be purchased online through Stickytickets

Presale tickets (available now) are \$35 + booking fee but will go up to \$50 + booking fee – we are not sure of when, it depends how well tickets are selling.

Companion card is recognised at time of booking but must be presented on the day.

The festival will go from 2pm to 10pm –it is an all ages and alcohol free event.

There will be ferris wheel, bouncy castle, fake tattoos, face painting etc and that is all included in the cost of the ticket.

There will be raised viewing platforms and food vendors which are accessible by all.

Further information is available from Karren Kelly at Kelly2007@aapt.net.au

We hope to see as many people as possible there so we can do it all again next year!

> Purchase tickets via: https://www.stickytickets.com.au/77705/ sounds vibes.aspx