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NEWSLETTER #4

Term 2 2021



From The Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the school term, who would have thought it would have begun with a lockdown. This is an ever evolving journey at the moment and with our interstate counterparts in lockdown we can't relax totally and continue to adhere to the SA Health and DfE COVID 19 processes and procedures. It seems like such a long time ago now, however I trust you and your family had a restful school holiday break. For myself I exchanged a trip to Sydney with one to Burra and hiked on the Heysen trail, a nice part of SA.

QR codes and masks have become the new normal and students have adjusted well seeing these on staff. Thank you to the families who are wearing masks at pick up and drop off and are keeping sick children at home, it is greatly appreciated.

I trust you all enjoyed reading about the progress your child has made in their school report sent home at the end of last term. I hope many of you will take up the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher at parent teacher interviews. This is planned for **Wednesday 11th 3.30 – 7 pm**, pending COVID restrictions. A note will be coming home in the coming week.

Pedal Prix

On the Saturday 19th July, some of our middle/ senior students participated in a pedal prix race at Victoria Park. This was instigated by parent, Richard Bekker and supported by his team mates, staff and families. You may have read the article we posted from the Advertiser last week on seesaw, in which Richard explained he is part of Wild Boar Racing, a pedal prix team, Richard gained permission from the organisers to compete in the race using a tandem vehicle where both a team member and one of our students were able to pedal in one vehicle the results

Special Dates of Interest

Parent Teacher Interviews	Wednesday 11th August
School Closure	Tuesday 7th September

were outstanding. After many weeks of practice in the school driveway and the Edwardstown velodrome, race day students were prepared and very excited for their big race day. The students wore their blue uniform, a Wild Boar Racing hoodie with pride.

We congratulate the inaugural team for a successful race: Joel McKenny, Emily Bekker, Harry Donnelly, Michael Binenbaum, Jack Devine-Edwards, Zac Deighton and Jaiden Campbell.

We thank all the Wild Boar Racing Team and their sponsors especially Matt Baker, Wayne McKenny and Richard Bekker; staff Poojaa, Bek, David and Andy. We thank and are grateful for the organisers allowing this initiative to occur, a great example of inclusivity in sports. We hope the organisers continue to provide this opportunity for all students with special needs.

End of term assembly saw our senior students receive their senior hoodies. Students are always excited to receive these and we were very fortunate to have Jayne Stinson, member for Badcoe and our sponsors Rotary of West Torrens to give these out. We thank our sponsors Rotary, West Torrens and Butler and Butler for their kind donation towards the senior hoodies.



Congratulations to all our seniors who received their hoodie this year: Elke Nash, Xander Baptie, Lara Pascoe, Mimi Alham, Lilly Shanks, Jamah Abdi, Harry Donnelly and Joel McKenny. Gino lenco, long time volunteer and philanthropist

received a nomination for a state wide volunteer award, The Joy Noble Award. This was presented by Jayne Stinson, MP along with a certificate of appreciation and a gift.

A huge thankyou to Jayne Stinson, who addressed us in parliament. The speech is available on the *Jane Stinson MP Member for Badcoe Facebook.* We are thrilled she has been able to highlight the amazing experiences our students are given and the volunteers that support us in our work and enhance the joy we can bring to our students.

HR

I am pleased to announce that Breanna Semple and Courtney Hughes were the successful applicants of the permanent teaching positions advertised at our school. We congratulate them, welcome them and know they will continue to add value to our school community. Congratulations to Bek Lynn on gaining a permanent teaching position at Seaford Secondary College, disability unit. We will be sad to see her go however wish her all the best for her career.

Alistair Hodge, our Coordinator has decided to pursue other work avenues and will not be returning to Errington. We thank him for his work in the post school options, SACE and transition he did in our school. Alistair came to us with many skills and I know leaves with many more. He organised many successful seminars and bus trips for families and backfilled as acting deputy when I was on leave over the last couple of years. We thank him and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Happy term 3 to all.

Niki Takos Principal

Junior School News

What a busy and productive first semester we all had in the Junior Sub-school. Our Scope and Sequence for subject areas like Hass, Technology, Science and Keeping safe will change form next term for the last semester. You will find the outline of what we have been doing in the student reports. Here is a few photos to share with all what we have been doing this semester.



Primary School News

Students in the Primary sub-school have had an active term participating in their weekly swimming sessions at Minda Pool. The students have been learning a variety of community based skills from, being responsible and resilient when catching the school bus to and from the pool, following directions from Minda pool staff, being safe when completing drills and games in the water and being responsible when using the change room facilities. It has been very pleasing to see the enjoyment and engaged participation levels of all students throughout the term.











Middle School News

This semester students have engaged in new learning programs along with adventures which are exciting and fun.

We are looking forward to semester 2.



Senior School News

The Bunji Café has continued to grow in leaps and bounds this Term. So many exciting new things have been happening. As part of the Modified SACE component of Business Innovation, students conducted market research by working together to create a survey about the Bunji Café. The survey involved gaining feedback about the quality of food and drinks, pricing and suggestions. Students have analysed this feedback and adapted the menu to the requests and needs of the customers. Students have been very busy with the growing demands and success of the Bunji Café. We now have Rewards cards, our own EFTPOS machine and our ordering form will soon be available online.



