



Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 No. 12– 13th August 2020



Student Free / <u>School Closure D</u>ays

Reminder

Term 3:

Thursday 3rd September - Student Free Friday 4th September - School Closure Term 4:

Monday 2nd November - Student Free



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From the Principal

Wellbeing Leader

As most of you will be aware, Mel Milne is starting her maternity leave at the end of this week. I am pleased to let you know that the Wellbeing Leader position will be filled by Stuart Greene for the remainder of the year. Stuart and Mel have spent some time together today to allow Mel to 'handover' all relevant information to Stuart to enable him to continue to support students Mel was already supporting.

We congratulate Stuart on his appointment and look forward to having him as part of our Wellbeing and Leadership teams. We also wish Mel all the best and thank her for the wonderful work she has done as our Wellbeing Leader this year.

OSHC Director

Our OSHC Director position has been advertised, applications closed in the middle week of the holidays. Deahne has been in an acting role since early 2018 and we have been working through the process of making the Director's position permanent. The selection process has been continuing over the past few weeks and we hope in a few weeks' time we will be able to announce the outcome of this process.

Reports

Reports went home at the end of Week 1, I appreciate your patience with this. Aside from the timing of receiving the reports you may have also noticed a change in format. I also hope you noticed an increase in the level of detail about student achievement, progress and 'next steps' contained within the reports. We trust the additional effort that has gone into producing these reports has been appreciated by those who receive them! The feedback I have already received would certainly indicate this but I would be glad to hear your perspective about our latest reports.

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A message from the Governing Council Chair

Dear Parents and Community Members

I have been asked to write to you on behalf of the Governing Council.

The governing council discussed the issue of the School Closure Day which is set for 4 September, at our recent regular meeting. This was following an email from a parent who asked us to reconsider the closure day.

There is a pupil free day on the Thursday 3rd September; this date is firm and cannot be changed due to planned teacher training within the <u>local partnership</u>. Knowing that many families have already made arrangements for that weekend, based on the pupil free day and the approved school closure day, we have decided not to reverse this decision.

Recently the department provided advice to principals that they could go ahead with pre-approved school closure days for the Royal Adelaide Show:

"A number of schools have already received approval for a governing council recommended closure day for an event of local significance scheduled to occur in term 3 or 4 2020.

Under the provisions of the new Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020, the Chief Executive has given approval for these already approved and scheduled closure days to go ahead".

Kind regards,

Tamara Agnew, Chair Governing Council

Finance Office News

Outstanding Fees

All fees are now due! Materials & Services were due at the end of Term 1. The excursion Levy credits have now been issued and the latest statement sent out shows the outstanding balance due. When paying via 'QKR' use the option that allows you to enter the amount and only pay the amount outstanding on the statement.

The statement did not include the camps for Years 3, 4 & 5. An invoice was issued for this separately. You can pay in full via QKR or use the option to pay in a couple of instalments. If you have an existing credit on your statement only pay the amount for the camp less the credit. There is an option under the 'camps' tab to enter the amount.

If circumstances have changed for families, please check the school card website to see if you are eligible for school card assistance. sa.gov.au/education/school card. If circumstances have changed in the last 12 months you may need to complete the "Form B"

If you are not eligible for assistance and are experiencing financial hardship please contact the finance office to come to some arrangement.

Commemorative Uniforms

Both year 6 and year 7 students next year have received an order form for the Commemorative Uniforms. Please remember to allow for growth when ordering sizes. There will be only one order submitted so please ensure you order before the cut-off date.



RESPECT ENDEAVOUR COLLABORATION RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating

School Values :

Hope A, Rose M, Matilda W, Henry Y, Marley W, Auston M, Matilda L, Mitch C, Harry P, Penny F-S, Ciaran S, Riley O'M, George O, Zachary B, Lily T, Nicola H, Harry M, Ayaan B, Jack W, Ryley R, Mysha M, Maeve M and Mollie O-Y, Cooper R

Learning Achievement Award:

Imogen B, Ryan H, Christian Y, Jasmine S, Maxwell N, Claire L-H, Luke R, Ana S, Millie H, Eva A, Max M, Jones J, Noah P, Daniel W, Imogen D, Ruby P, Oliver A, Sean Q

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FIRST FLEET DIARY ENTRY

Last term, Room 23 embarked on their journey of the First Fleet. As part of our unit, we explored the conditions and life on the First Fleet ships for convicts. We showed our learning by creating a diary entry from the perspective of a convict aboard a ship. First, we conducted research to collect information about the different ships and the common crimes committed by convicts. We also needed to search for information about the illnesses, food, conditions, deaths and accidents that occurred on the ships. After we completed the research part, we wrote a diary entry about our character and their life on the ship. My favourite part was when we wrote our overall diary entry. **India D**



"This morning my shackles were tightened for calling one of the breakfast servers 'stupid'. It is now night and one of the convicts got scurvy. I'm not too sure what scurvy is but I heard another convict say it's really bad, apparently it can do some really serious damage to your gums and that it is caused by a lack of Vitamin C" Excerpt from Oliver C's entry

FIRST FLEET DIORAMAS



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Towards the end of our learning about the First Fleet, we created convict prisons so we could learn about what life was like for convicts once they arrived in Australia. We used a variety of materials, including shoe boxes, plasticine, paper and paint to create dioramas that accurately showed the hygiene, rules, sleeping conditions of the penal colonies. To add texture, some of us also added materials like tiles, bark and leaves. We presented these in many ways such as slide shows, videos and things like diaries and stories. To engage our audience, some of us also added quizzes. We enjoyed making the diorama and presenting to our peers. **Madison M**

LINE ART: USING LINES TO SHOW 'FEELING'

In Visual Arts, we have been learning about the elements of art. We started off by looking at colour and moved onto lines. Lines are considered moving dots and there are endless ways that we can use lines. We can use lines to create shape, colour, emotion, shadow and more. Room 23 looked at how we can express our feelings and emotions using lines. We were given a feeling or sense, for example 'the feeling of a hot chilli' or 'the smell of fresh baked apple pie' and we had to try and use lines only to create a visual image of these feelings or senses. Check out some of these awesome pieces! Lila M and Miss Steph





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OSHC News



Pupil Free Day and School Closure Day 3 and 4 September

We've got two days to play, let's do it all! We can fit everything in from nature play to sports in the Hall.

Have you got some ideas? We'll plan the days' play with you and your peers.

Please book by email, phone or communication diary. Bring a change of clothes and your bike.

August Program: Science Play

From STEAM to knocking things over (we're so good at that), to magnets and marble runs, and things that go SPLAT! The space part is coming up soon, we'll play with the galaxy (in jars) and land on the moon.

Updated Cancellation Policy

When OSHC is notified of an absence either:

- on the day that a child is sick and absent from school for the full day, or
- before 10am two working days before the day of the booked session . . .

No fee will apply!

Two weeks' notice required for ending or suspending routine bookings.

OSHC Cancellation Example Chart

To cancel this day with no fee:	Notify OSHC by 10am on the previous:
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday

Spring Vacation Care

We are so excited to book excursions again! Program out soon.

Got a question? Drop in, call 8293 8085 or email oshc.bfps459@schools.sa.edu.au