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Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 6 Thursday 27th August 2020 Deputy Principal: Toni Webster

From The Leadership Team

Currently Postponed **School Assemblies** Currently for students

Parent Group

only

Important Dates

Fri 28th Aug School Closure Day



Tue 1st Sept Father's Day Stall



Wed 2nd Sept **Governing Council** Father's Day Stall

FUTURE KEY DATES

Thurs 24th Sept Colour Fun Run

Fri 25th Sept End of Term 3 Early 2pm dismissal

19th-23rd Oct (Term 4 week 2) Book Week



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2021 Timetable Trial 2021 is fast approaching and we are about to embark on a year long trial with a reorganised daily timetable.

Many primary schools are moving towards increased learning time in the morning followed by the first long play break with a shorter break later in the day. Our school start and finish times will remain the same. Students will continue to have the required minutes of learning instruction and play. Breakfast Club run by KickStart for Kids will continue to operate in the mornings.

Many studies have shown that student learning is more productive in the early part of the day. We find many issues-both friendship and engagement in learning come in the latter part of the day when students are tired. We anticipate the changes will support optimum student learning.

The changes will see students having their regular fruit/vegetable break around 10am before heading out to their first play break at 11:30am. Students will then re-enter classes for a dedicated time to eat. Eating at the end of play will support our new KESAB litter initiative and ensure that all children have adequate time to play and eat. We believe these changes will also better support sun safety and food safety policies. Lunches won't sit for as long in bags, and students will have the opportunity for their long play break to be before the hottest part of the day. All of our usual break activities will continue to run in the first long break.

Governing Council and staff have been consulted and are excited by the changes.

Our new school day in 2021 will look as follows:

| 8.30am | Morning supervision begins - yard is open for students to enter & Breakfast Club open |
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| 8.45am | First Bell – students move to class |
| 8.50am | Classes commence. 3 lesson block. All late students must sign in at the front office |
| 11.30am | First Break |
| 12.00am | Lessons continue. 2 lesson block |
| 1.30pm | Second Break |
| 1.50pm | Lessons continue. 1 lesson block |
| 3.00pm | Dismissal |
| 3.10pm | End of Yard Duty |

PAT Testing

PAT testing will occur over the next few weeks. This test provides us with valuable data about your child's Literacy and Numeracy capabilities. Please ensure your children are on time to assist with our organisation.

2021 Year 6 and 7's - Final Year

As you are aware, 2021 marks a major significant shift in South Australian Education. From 2022, all Year 7 students will be part of the Secondary School System, meaning High School will be Years 7-12 and Primary Schools will be Reception to Year 6, thus bringing us in line nationally.

We held a secret ballot for our Year 5 and 6 students and voted on the following:

- Students decided they would like to hold 2 separate Graduation ceremonies, 1 for the Year 7 cohort and a separate ceremony for Year 6's.
- A combined dinner to be held with ALL students taking part together
- Jumpers/t-shirts to be separated into Sub-seniors- Year 6's and Seniors- Year 7's

Further discussions and student opinions will continue to be sort in regards to Student Leadership opportunities, jumper/t-shirt finer details etc. so stay tuned.

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In Week 5 the students engaged in STEM activities for Science Week. This year's theme for Science Week was Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans. Our youngest students made waves, investigated how to make high and low tides and discovered what items would sink and float in the ocean. Our junior and middle primary students used STEM engineering principles to create floating hotels, buoys and floating gardens with some fantastically creative innovations made and scientific discussions had.

The upper years where further challenged to investigate how sailing boats are designed and to create their own which would move with a wind force. Lots of friendly competition took place and some boats even got named. Our 5/6 and 6/7 class where our future innovators, following the STEM engineering design principles to make vessels that could collect and recycle plastics from the surface of our oceans and how to create a model of an oil rig that would endure a range of seaworthy tests.

Lots of fun and scientific learning took place and we look forward to Science Week next year.

Mrs Claire Papoulis Science/STEM Teacher







YAITYA Unit

For Science Week we conducted the Skittles experiment! First we arranged the Skittles in a single row coloured pattern around the edge of our plate. Then we poured over enough warm water to cover all of the Skittles and the plate itself. Finally we watched and waited as a rainbow appeared on our plate! Afterwards, we enjoyed eating the skittles! Yum! This was a fun way to learn about states of matter. Green Room- Yaitya Unit



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<u>100% BULK BILLED WELLBEING SERVICE</u> <u>FOR ALL STUDENTS</u>

TERM 3 OPPORTUNITIES *NOW OPEN*

Is your child struggling in class, with friendships, self-confidence, anxiety or other issues?

We are fortunate to offer a **100%** bulk-billed and a unique wellbeing service which offers one-on-one support for your child, during school hours. We believe in a preventative and holistic approach to mental wellbeing, to support children as they navigate through school, teenage years and beyond. Of course, some mental health issues are more obvious and require immediate support, yet others are less so and can be misunderstood due to children acting as though everything is fine. This is where an opportunity is presented, to pick up on more subtle signs – such as sleep issues, worry, nightmares and challenges with focus and interest in homework or social activities.

Grow Wellbeing is a team of expert health professionals including Social Workers (mental health accredited), Psychologists, Clinical Psychologists, Occupational Therapists and General Practitioners who believe in a pro-active and community-based approach to enhancing wellbeing.

<u>The process is quick and simple</u> and requires a parent/guardian to sign a consent form (**available from your wellbeing coordinator or leader or online**) - you will then be guided on the next steps to arrange your child's sessions.

"All children deserve the opportunity to build and develop resilience, to cope with everyday life".

For further information please visit <u>https://www.growwellbeing.com/referrals</u> or speak to Tracey Constable, Keller Road Primary's Wellbeing Coordinator. Consent forms are available at the Keller Road Front Office.

Random Acts of Kindness Awards

<u>Congratulations to:</u> Mapendo (Mr Angus), Annamarie, Zara-Ann and Eunice (Mrs Saunders), Walid (Ms Barlow) and Emily (Miss Batson) for receiving Kindness Awards at Assembly.





ALL Staff and Students are encouraged to acknowledge any person they catch carrying out an act of kindness without being asked or instructed to do so.

'The Kindness Jar' is located out the front of **The Hub** which is where the slips go and at each Assembly, new recipients will be awarded Kindness Awards.

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The time has come... Our School Colour Explosion Run will be kicking off the beginning of our fundraising on Monday!!!

Get ready for a blast of colour. We're turning our event from bland to GRAND with an explosion of colour this year.

The fundraiser commences next week, so keep an eye out for the Sponsorship Form each student will receive to help raise funds for our school. (Form will be sent out Monday)

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a prize for their efforts.



Salisbury East High School Band

Last week at assembly, we were treated to a performance by the Salisbury East High School Band.

The band, consisted of a lead singer, drummer, guitarist, 2 saxophonists and a flutist.

They performed 3 songs for us, covering Wonderwall by Oasis, Valerie by Amy Winehouse and lastly, Dreams by Fleetwood Mac.

Keller Road Primary students thoroughly enjoyed the mini concert.





