Reconciliation Week 2014

Last Monday May 26th was National Sorry Day, and the following week was Reconciliation Week. National Reconciliation Week is about building better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

At Aldinga School, we started the week with an amazing performance by local indigenous artist and musician, Allan Sumner. Allan explained the meaning of Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week to a whole school assembly, then played several songs accompanied by the didgeridoo, or yidaki. We then went outside and Allan demonstrated spear and boomerang throwing for all of us.

Throughout the week, classes were involved in activities to celebrate and learn more about Aboriginal culture. These included excursions to places of local significance to the Kaurna people, bark painting, rock painting, painting Aboriginal designs on cardboard boomerangs, watching youtube clips of Aboriginal musicians, watching Kevin Rudd’s apology and other relevant activities. ……continue to page 2
The Aboriginal students attended a reconciliation event at Ramsay Place at Noarlunga Centre on Wednesday, and then on Wednesday evening the two films that they have made were showcased at Hopgood Theatre for the annual BlackScreen event. Three of our students – Abbie Sheehan, Lily Graham and Rhianna Bennett-Dix did a great job of opening the night and introducing our films. One of these films is called ‘Young, Aboriginal and Proud’ and the newest one is called ‘It’s Not the Colour of your Skin’. The second film was shown to all of the classes throughout the week – its aim is to educate people about what it is that makes a person Aboriginal.

All in all, our school did a great job of recognising the importance of reconciliation!

Burda Sanders (AET)
Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards the cost. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.  

Mel Justice (Senior Leader) & Sue Kopp (Camp Organiser)

Questacon’s earthquake room was so fun. The room shook very violently and everyone screamed. The dinosaurs at the museum were so lifelike. It was really fun to stay in a motel with my friends. It was the best camp ever. By Tayla Phillips

My favourite bit was the Dinosaur Museum because there were some reptiles I have never heard of before. Where we stayed there was a double bed which I had all to myself and the marinaded chicken was so delicious. By Danielle Allen.

After spending 16 hours on the bus we finally arrived in Canberra. The food was very nice. My favourite places to visit were Old Parliament House, Australian War Museum and the Sound and Film Archive. We watched clips from movies of stop motion, CGI and sound effects. Bowling was awesome and fun. The dinosaur Museum was cool because it had a megalodon. Coming home it was very bad sleeping on the bus. By Nic Grant
Hi everyone. Hope you’re all having a great term so far. I was reading something this week about stress, which I am sure we all experience every day! I thought I would share it with you, as I found it to be very helpful.

A psychologist walked around a room while teaching stress management to an audience. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they’d be asked the “half empty half full” question. Instead, with a smile on her face, she inquired: “how heavy is this glass of water? Answers called out range from 20g to 100g.

She replied, “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel numb and paralysed. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn’t change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.”

She continued. “The stresses and worries in life are like that glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and they begin to hurt. And if you think about them all day long, you will feel paralysed – incapable of doing anything.”

It’s important to remember to let go of your stresses and put the glass down. – Author unknown.

Natalie Wells (Christian Pastoral Support Worker)

School Photos will be taken at our school on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th June.

We are proud that the country’s leading school photographer, MSP Photography will be taking our school photos this year.

Parents/Caregivers can send the money to their class teacher in the envelope supplied (given out to students this week), however Online Ordering, where parents are now able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community.

In 2014 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smartphone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 a family.

Family photo envelopes available from Student Services.

The following classes are scheduled to have their photos taken on:

Tuesday 24th June
Cooper, Osborne, Gobbett, Hall, Catalan, Takos, Pilmore, Pearce, Arthurson, Cheesman, Crowe, Meyer, Van Laarhoven, Skinner, Lehmann, Silvestri, Moors, Brennan, Wevill, Reed, Tuckfield, Executive Young Leaders & OSHC.

Wednesday 25th June
Kopp, Cheryl Klocke, Burns, Elise Klocke, Hendy, Parsons & Family Photos.

Tania Smitheram (Secretary)
THEME: Super Heros

Reception to Year 3: 5:30pm – 6:45pm

Years 4 – 7: 7:00pm – 8.45pm

The canteen will be open for refreshments.

“Disco Canteen Deal” is a drink and chips = $3.00

ENTRY: $4.00 per child to be paid at the door.

SPARE CLOTHING

With the wet weather upon us, our pool of spare clothing is fast diminishing.

If you have any surplus uniform clothing in reasonable condition, we would appreciate receiving it in Student Services.

Also if you have any of our clothing we have sent home with your child/ren, we would appreciate its return.

Libby Thompson (Student Services)

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year. The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in 2014. ALL children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk–bill Medicare. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided. School Dental Clinics are located across Adelaide and regional SA. To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Your nearest clinic is Noarlunga: Phone 8384 9244

CHILDREN’S CENTRE CAR PARK

We have noticed some school families using the car park on Evans street. We appreciate that finding a park is often hard. The Children’s Centre car park is provided for staff of the centre.

We have let our families know that people with younger children may use it if there is a space. Some families who have school and Kindy children may also use it to make their drop off safer. If you have older school children please use other spaces around the school.

Jane Moore (Children’s Centre Director)

FUTURE ENROLMENTS OR DEPARTURES

We are starting to plan our classes and numbers for 2015 and would appreciate hearing from any families who are planning to move on from our school and also from families who have children starting school or would like their child to begin school in the New Year.

Lyn Langeluddecke (Principal)
SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May, Dylan Kay, Tyler Cater and myself participated in the SAPSASA Football Onkaparinga South District Team.

We competed in Division 1 and it was very strong competition. Unfortunately not many wins but the experience was awesome.

Darcy Scott (student)

LOST CLOTHING

It is of concern the amount of clothing that turns up in lost property unnamed. Please check your child’s clothing and ensure his/her name is clearly marked as it’s impossible for us to return to the owner when unidentifiable.

The lost property box will be emptied on Tuesday, help yourself before Friday.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the change in weather, there is an assortment of non-school jumpers and jackets creeping in. Parents, please ensure that your child/ren are in school uniform. The uniform shop has a range of jumpers in stock. Children not in school uniform will be reminded by staff with a verbal request, followed by a note in their diary.

We also ask that children are wearing appropriate footwear, e.g. shoes that they can run in. Ballet flats, slip-ons and boots are not suitable.

The Dress Code policy which all students are expected to follow is:

- Green or maroon polo T-shirts and windcheaters — plain or with the school logo.
- School pants or shorts in green, maroon or black without brand names, stripes etc.
- A school hat of either plain maroon or green in a broad brim or legionnaire style—no caps.
- Appropriate footwear is expected to be worn by all students in order to support students’ feet and ankles.

Lyn Langeluddecke (Principal)

STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2014

Just a reminder that next Tuesday 10th is a student free day, an extra long weekend for the children. Staff are involved in a professional learning program addressing a range of topics around current thinking: the ‘image of the child’, learning beyond the 3Rs, extending our literacy work with CAFÉ and Daily Five and in the afternoon, working in year level groups to explore: learning through play and inquiry based learning.

OSHC services are available to families.

STUDENTS NEED TO BE IN CLASS BY

Headlice

There have been reports from many classes that Headlice are back! Please check and treat your child/ren’s hair.
Welcome to our new Kitchen and Garden Specialist Teachers — Claudia Peoples & Tamara George.

Claudia & Tamara come to the school with great experiences in their field of work and are keen to work with the students, teachers and volunteers.

Claudia and Tamara are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen or garden. No experience needed, just your help would be very much appreciated. Phone Tania at the office on 8556 5060 to register your interest.
Every Tuesday in the Children’s Centre we will have bread available for families to take what they need. Thank you to Home Grain Bakery for their generous donation.

We are very excited because on Tuesday we were recognised as ‘child friendly’ through Communities for Children’s Child Friendly Charter. This is because we:

- Warmly welcome children and their families, provide safe spaces for children to relax, play and learn, provide a service that everyone can access, respect children and their families at all times, support staff to have a healthy balance between work, voluntary and family activities and welcome feedback from children and families.

We are child friendly!!!!

The Children’s Centre Phone Number is 8557 6208. Sorry for the typo in the last newsletter especially to the family that has been receiving all the calls. Lauren Jew