School Values
Respect
Responsibility
Excellence

Diary Dates

Term 3
Week 9
Friday 19th September - Gym Annual Assembly

Week 10
Monday 22nd September - Mentors Morning Tea
Tuesday 23rd September - Norwood Morialta School Band at 1:45pm
Friday 26th September - last day of Term 3. Early dismissal at 2:10pm

Leader’s Report

We are in the early stages of organising for the 2015 school year and trying to determine classes for next year.

It is vital that our predicted enrolment numbers are as accurate as we can possibly be. Therefore if your child/children will not be attending Ascot Park PS I ask that you provide this information ASAP.

End of Term

The last day for term 3 is Friday 26th September. School will be dismissed at 2.10pm

CHOIR

Sincere congratulations to our students representing the school in this year’s Festival Centre Primary Schools choir performance. The Sunday afternoon performance was absolutely fantastic and all members of the choir did our school proud! A big thank you and congratulations goes to Pam Barritt who took on the enormous job of running the choir, organising practice and performances. Fantastic!!

NAPLAN RESULTS

Results will be sent home in week 10 to all parents of year 3, 5 & 7 students. They will be posted.

CHANNEL NINE NEWS

This week channel 9 news attended gymnastics and soccer training to produce a story on Ascot Park PS being the only Education Department funded primary school in SA. They filmed our young athletes in action, interviewed parents and myself. This is such good publicity for our school and I hope our sports specialist programme will only grow.

I also had a meeting with Netball SA this week and we now have permission to include netball as one of our specialist sports! A little bit of paperwork needs to be completed but GREAT NEWS!

100% of the shots you don't take don't go in.

Wayne Gretzky
CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our students have had wonderful achievements:

Harvey Halliday: has made the final phase for selection into the 2015 U/13 Soccer Skillaroos
Braxton Meinel: selected in 100m relay team to represent City/South District in the SAPSASA Athletics State Championships

Family Maths Challenge
Talk about the Maths Challenge as a family and see how you all solve the problems. Record how you do the challenge and then bring it into school (with name and class) and post it into the Maths Box in the office by Friday. We will acknowledge students’ and family efforts in the next newsletter.

Challenge # 9 – The Riddler
The Riddler has left a clue for Batman to follow at the scene of each crime. These are the clues that Batman has found:
1. There is a 1 in the thousands place.
2. The digit in the tens place is 9 times the digit in the thousands place.
3. Multiply the digit in thousands place by 2.
4. The digit in the ones place is a hand without a thumb.
5. The digit in the hundreds is 2 less than the number in the tens.
Solve the riddle to find the number and help Batman stop the Riddler.

#8 Answer – Time to go
How did your family go with solving last time’s problem?
The man should get up at 7:50am.

Some of you will know about a fantastic computer maths program that has been available to our school. It is called Numerical Acumen.

Numerical Acumen allows students to log on and compete against the clock to build up abilities in multiplication and addition. Ideally students log in for five minutes every day and complete some challenges. The more you do the better you get! You can also compete to unlock medals and honour gems in an online trophy cabinet.

This year there was a state-wide competition held on multiplication and 3 of the classes in the school all worked hard to improve their skills. We had lots of students this year achieve some very high scores and we were lucky enough to have some medallists.

To acknowledge dedication – that is being a regular user of the program and putting in an above and beyond effort to their mathematics endeavours - the awards go to:
Dyah Pucangan
Julius Pamintuan

To acknowledge improvement – where students have improved steadily over the course of the program so that by the end they have achieved strongly - the awards go to:
Rosemarie Fermin
James White

To acknowledge performance – that is a high level of success, scoring trophies and gems - the awards go to:
Alex Ung
Ludi Christophersen
Adam Gibson
Travis Williams

The program also acknowledges whole class efforts in completing the Numerical Acumen Challenge. This year, at Ascot Park School, this award goes to:
The Senior Sports Class for Outstanding Collective Effort

Congratulations to all who took part in this years challenge.

Ms Johnston and Mr Kennedy
Performing Arts – Heather Smith

Have you seen our new mural? It is on the western wall. It was created by year 4 - 7 students and tells the story of Girawu the Goanna and the creation of the Murrumbidgee River.

Students understood that the Murrumbidgee River is important to us because it joins the Murray River and helps to keep the flow of water strong.

Year 7 students used their own designs to create individual goannas.

I used the left over paint to highlight some of the pictures on our hitting wall which had become weathered and dull over the last few years. There’s a bit more to go and I will get to it when I have time.

. . . and just a note about music

Students from years 1 - 4 have been practising writing their own music using formal notation. They get others to check their work before they play it for me.

This is a popular activity. Students practise rhythms on the big board before they try their own

This is Mikey’s rhythm. He played it perfectly. Afterwards we copied what he did

The year 5 - 7 students had to do longer tunes but had to record it in their own way showing pitch (high/low) & rhythm (fast/slow). It’s not easy creating your own notation and I was very proud of the creativity and inventiveness of the groups. They also created quite beautiful ostinati (patterns) which were a joy to listen to. The year seven group in particular did an excellent job.
**Garden News - Heather Smith**

Abdulla planted some cherry tomatoes in our new garden bed. We moved Maddie’s capsicum & tomato plants which survived and fruited over winter to this warmer spot. We think they should do well.

Luke took a few pictures of the flowers that make the garden look so pretty.

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**CPS CORNER**

Well spring has finally sprung! The days are slower getting warmer and lighter for longer. The blossoms are coming out - so beautiful unless you get hay fever! It has been a fantastic fortnight for Adelaides with all the fun of the Royal Adelaide Show and then Port Adelaide winning the football on Saturday night. The Show celebrated its 175th anniversary this year. About one third of the State’s population attended the Show and were treated to a stunning display of the produce. People are involved in all sorts of activities throughout South Australia (and beyond), and enjoy bringing these to the Show to "show" others who enjoy being shown. This exchange of showing and being shown multiplies the fun and enjoyment for everyone. Of course it is also hard work with a few tears along the way but, provided there is support, the feeling of achievement at the end of the Show makes it all worthwhile.

Unfortunately the Show was marred by tragedy this year with a young 8 year old girl being flung off a ride to her death. In an instant the young girl went from having “the time of her life” to terror. The chances are low of an accident happening on the rides at the Show but every now and again an accident does happen. Most people hearing of this incident will be affected by it. And there are so many people who are directly affected to varying degrees. It is good to stop for a moment to take in the enormity of what has happened and to allow grief to take its course. There is no one way for this course to be taken so we need to be sensitive to each other in the aftermath of such events.

Another reason for reflecting on this incident is because it helps to give us experience in order to cope better should any such tragedy befall our community at Ascot Park Primary School. We certainly hope that tragedy of this scale does not occur, but reality demands that we are alert to the possibility so that we can help to ride out the storm if it does occur.

I hope that you enjoy the last week of term and have a wonderful holiday!

Til next time … Karen Tromans  CPSW
At the beginning of the year, 28 Year 5, 6 and 7 students formed our choir for 2014. They made a commitment to attend practice every Thursday and to perform when required. They have learned 13 songs, in both soprano and alto parts and also increased their knowledge and skills with posture, breathing and voice techniques. Some of the songs have been very challenging. Everyone has their favourites. We have been fortunate to be joined each week by children from Kilparrin and SASVI which has increased the volume and skills of our choir. Trish Campbell has been our accompanist and she has often commended our choir for their persistence and effort.

Each September the Primary School Festive of Music takes place at the Festival Theatre. It has been running for 118 years! There are 13 concerts over 10 days involving well over 100 schools! After some very long and challenging rehearsals, 23 of the choir made it to the Festival Theatre last Sunday for our concert. We joined several other schools on stage at 2.30pm to produce a most amazing concert for the audience. We were Row 2 and we looked fabulous. Everyone sang, everyone stood still as statues when required and moved and danced when required. The self-discipline of our students under bright lights for two hours made us all very proud.

Thank you to those families who bought tickets to the concert as well as Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Cox. The choir were thrilled to know that they were in the audience.

We now look forward to performing for some Senior Citizen's groups, and at the end of year school concert. Please remember to wash and return the coloured t-shirts by the end of Term 3.

Pam Barritt - Choir Trainer
RAPID BAY BIG DAY OUT

At the beginning of Term 3, Mrs. Summerton was teaching at Rapid Bay Primary School for four weeks. She organised a connection between her Year 4/5/6/7 class and our Year 4/5/6 class. Each child was paired with a child from the other school and we wrote letters and shared geographic and historic information about our local environments.

In August, we travelled by school bus to Rapid Bay Primary School and met our pen pals. We had great fun and did a lot of valuable new learning. We entered the Book Week Radical Reading Competition by being photographed reading in a cave on the beach there. A–N-D… we won!

Thank you to Mrs. Summerton and the staff and children at Rapid Bay Primary School for such a great experience.

Pam Barritt

A DAY AT RAPID BAY   By Dyah

On the 14th of August Thursday 2014 we went to Rapid Bay Primary school. We left from our school Ascot Park Primary school Parkholme on our school bus. We sang on the bus and went through lots of places like Myponga, Yankallila and Normanville and lots of other places. We saw lots of things on the way. Lots of animals like the sheep’s that were eating grass, hopping kangaroos, black and white cows and lots of other animals. We also saw big hills and they were tall green and it was a beautiful place to look at. We went up and down the hills and turned sharp corners which kind of scared me. The tall hill also kind of scared me because when the bus driver Mr. Cox was driving the bus up the hills the bus stopped and I first thought that the bus was going to go back down, but it didn’t which was a relief for me.

After around 10 minutes driving up the hills we reached the Delamere General store. We stayed in the bus while Jeush and Pam went to the store to give the lunch orders. Once they had hopped on the bus we went back to the sign that said ‘Rapid Bay’. And we drove that way after around 2 minutes we reached the school. We all breathed for fresh air since we were in the bus for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Then we went to the front of the school and that was when we saw the kids waiting and we also saw Mrs. Summerton. After that we had to find our pen pals mine were Anika and Kyla. I had to follow them while they were taking me through the school. Anika and Kyla first took me to their school office. They were learning about other countries like Indonesia. After that they took me to their sports shed it was cool because their light turned on automatically and Anika also said that there were cameras. Then we went to the library and had a look around for 2 minutes after that Abdullah rang the bell and we headed to their class. It was bigger than I thought and it looked creative. Then, when we had settled in Mrs. Summerton introduced us to Mr. Heartfield. Then Mark came out and told us the rules of the school.

Next up Orion and Mc Kenzie came up and told us the rules of capture the flag. After that we all went out to the oval and played capture the flag Ascot Park vs. Rapid Bay. 2 kids from Rapid Bay had to join our team because we didn’t have enough students. We lost the first round but I don’t know if we won the second round because Mrs. Summerton told us to go back inside.

When we came back to class we talked a bit then the recess bell rang so we all went outside took our recess and went and played a bit on the playground and then the Rapid Bay students asked us if we
wanted to play chasey. And soon enough all of the Ascot park students and Rapid Bay were playing. Then after several times we stopped playing. Then me, Dee-jaye, Latifah, Summer and Holly played at the basketball place. After playing for around 5 minutes the bell rang.

We came to the class and then Mrs. Summerton told us that we were going to do a treasure hunt. So we all had to find our pen pals again and we all headed to the beach. We had to find lots of things like leaves, shark eggs, bamboos and lots more. We also had to rub rocks on butcher paper which I wanted to do. It was fun but we kept walking across the beach until we entered the cave. There were pictures and we also found a teddy bear. First we took a picture of us and our pen pals next we took a picture of us in the cave reading Grug books. We did that so we can try and win the book contest. After that we went out of the cave and took a picture there as well. Then when the picture taking was over we walked back to the school. When we reached school we all sat and shared what we found. People found interesting things like shoes, thongs, big rocks, sea sponges and lots more.

After that the lunch bell rang. The people that had lunch orders had to sit and wait for their lunch while the ones that didn’t could just go. I had a lunch order and it was a hotdog with sauce. It was big and so delicious. After finishing our foods we took two basketballs and played again at the basketball areas but this time we played with some of the Rapid Bay girls. We played with them for the whole lunch then the bell rang so we went back to class.

Mr. Heartfield was already in there to tell us about squidding and how to do it. After all that was when we had to again find our pen pal and headed to the beach. We walked to the jetty. Me and Holly saw some lumps of the ground so we went on them and balanced our way to the jetty. When we got there Mr. Heartfield told us more about the jetty or you might accidentally fall over. After that we took the reels out of the buckets and we also had to go into groups, because there wasn’t enough reels. After lots of throws we didn’t catch anything but things did happen like Alex caught his shoe! Brandan threw the reel in the water! Although we didn’t catch anything we all had fun.

After going squidding we all headed back to school. I got bored so again me and Holly went back up the tall hills and started walking on it. This was the part that was a bit funny because when Holly was drinking she did not see where she was going so she slipped and fell over. She started laughing and so did I. After that we reached the wooden stairs. We got up and we finally reached the school.

We went back to their class and they all gave us presents. We each got bookmarks and letters but not all of us got a bracelet. When we were done saying goodbye, we went back up to our school bus but before that we said another goodbye and when we entered the bus two of the girls gave up a box of gym stuff which was ours that they had borrowed. We said another goodbye to them then Mr. Cox drove the bus. I realized that not too many people were talking on the bus and that was because everyone was tired after a big day.

After another one hour and thirty minutes on the bus we went out as soon as we reached the school. When we got out of the bus there were some parents and a bit of students as most kids were already home, but that makes sense as we reached school at about 4 something pm. I had to wait like another twenty minutes with my friends because our parents weren’t there yet. Then Latifah’s nan came so she went home. Next Dee-Jaye went home, then two minutes later my mum came then I hopped on the car and had a big rest when I got home. And that is pretty much what happened on August 19th, 2014!!!