



Term 3 Week 10
27th September 2017

SMS Absence: TEXT ONLY

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**Must include student's
name, date, reason, class**

DIARY DATES

September/October

29 th September	Last Day of Term
16 th -18 th October	Yr6/7 Camp Arbury Park
23 rd -24 th October	25E & 25D Excursion Port Noarlunga Reef
30 th October	Student Free Day
31 st October	School Photos

**End of Term Friday 29th
Early Dismissal
2:05pm**

Principal

Ali Colbeck

Deputy Principal

Karen Matthews

Assistant Principal

Lisa Gray

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OSHC Program

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WILLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Taking play outside

How did your family go with the challenge of playing together over the past two weeks? What new games did you learn? What games did you introduce to your children?

Now spring is here, and the holidays are upon us, it is a great time to take the play outdoors. I remember playing with friends at an Oaklands Park dry pond which had an island covered in bamboo and trees, different paths and you had to climb the side to get in and out. Hours were spent playing 'hide and seek' and chasey, even riding our bikes through it. Many a cubby was built in the backyard or in the trees above Kingston Park during the summer holidays. These were just ideal for imagining our future lives and sharing secrets – that was until we saw the spiders!

Since that time there has been a decline in outside playtime for a variety of reasons – safety, smaller yard spaces, growth of technology, and development of bush / nature areas. This has unfortunately impacted on children's creativity, imagination and even weight and fitness. International research tells us that nature play (playing outdoors in unstructured environments) benefits children in many ways including increasing confidence, motivation and concentration. Like other play experiences, children build and strengthen language and physical skills, social interaction capabilities and respect for the natural environment. Green spaces have been shown to promote children's wellbeing and learning.

With all that in mind, we are developing an outdoor learning environment at school or nature play space. Nature Play SA developed principles (see below) which are guiding us as we consult with the students, parent community and staff. There are safety standards we are required to adhere to as set out by DECD.

- Capture a sense of place
- Stimulate all 5 senses
- Use natural elements – wood, stone, boulders, plants, sand / mud, water
- Incorporate a range of play spaces – fantasy and imagination, adventure, construction, gathering & collection, special places
- Factor in loose parts
- Model sustainable practices

Such a space will enable the students to play how they want to play, test their cognitive and physical abilities, stimulate their senses, provide social interactions or independent play and will teach them about living things and how to care for them.

Check out www.natureplaysa.org.au for more information and details about holiday events – Nature Play Festival September 30 to October 15. Also www.onkaparingacity.com/events/children_and_families for local events.

P.S. Have you seen the rejuvenated butterfly garden outside building 23? Our year 6/7's in 2C built a quiet chatting and game area.

Karen Matthews
Deputy Principal



Festival Of Music

On Sunday 17th of September, 35 of our students performed on stage at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

This year, for the first time in many years, the choir was composed of over a 1000 students returning to the past, when the choral festival was known as The Thousand Voice Choir.

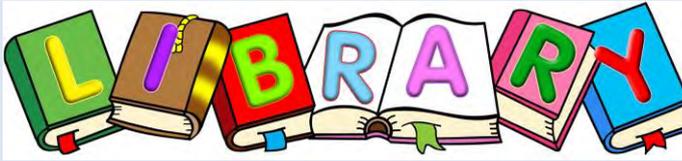
The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, is a public school-based music education program which is a collaboration between DECD and the SAPPS Music Society, which gives all SA public primary students the opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue.

This year the Festival started with a big bang, as an “Arena Percussion Group” opened the concert while all 1000 students filed onto stage. The commissioned work was entitled “The Nutcracker and the Mouse King” which was a series of five songs based around the popular classical composition “The Nutcracker Suite”, and the concert ended with the pop song “Live Louder”.

In between there were a number of Assisting Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra.

It was a spectacular event that our students enjoyed being a part of.





READERS' RAP COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lorelei S, Anya H, Grace K, Maya M, Emma S, Kaitlyn M, Skye R, Ameya A and Emily E for representing our school at this year's competition. A big thank you for their help on the day with the pre and post-organisation, given that we were the host school this year there was a lot of extra work to do. Thanks also to Johnny F and Kaydnce F for their 'Acknowledgement of Country' at the start of the day.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Students can borrow for these holidays if they don't have any overdue books. Don't forget to also make use of the public libraries for some great books, games, DVDs - all are free to access. If you're not a member join yourself up as well!

Ms James
Teacher Librarian

OHSC News

School holidays are almost here!

Vacation care program is available and a reminder that we are closed for the first week of the holidays due to asbestos removal –

NO ONE TO BE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING THIS WEEK!

Early next term our Activity floor book in the front office will be updated, having term 3's and October's activities available for viewing. Please keep an eye out for this and any written feedback in the book is greatly appreciated.

Belinda Filkin,
Director



SAPSASA



SAPSASA ONKAPARINGA SOUTH DISTRICT TEAM - Boys

Selection trials will be held at Southern Districts Cricket club, Bice Oval, Christies Beach from 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Mondays 16th, 23rd & 30th October and 6th & 13th November. The selected team will compete in the SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival 20th to 23rd November.

If you are interested, please see Ms Matthews for the registration form by the end of the term.

SOUTHERN METRO GIRLS CRICKET

One off Trial: Friday OCTOBER 20th at 4:45pm. A squad will be selected from this trial, where further training times will be announced. Bice Oval nets, Christies Beach. The selected team will compete in the SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival 20th to 23rd November.

If you are interested, please see Ms Matthews for the registration form by the end of the term.

ONKAPARINGA SOUTH DISTRICT TENNIS TEAM

Our previous great successes have been due to the great pool of players from local schools.

The first selection trial will be at Noarlunga Tennis Club, Patapinda Road, Old Noarlunga, on Thursday 26th October, 4:30 to 5:30pm. Further information is included on the registration form – see Ms Matthews for a copy.

The selected team (a squad of 6 boys and 6 girls) will compete in the 2017 SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival, 20 to 24 November (5 school days), at Millswood Tennis Club, Chelmsford Avenue, Millswood.

End Of Term

Friday 29th

September

2:05pm Dismissal

Class Placement 2018

Class Placement processes have begun. We have considered our numbers and potential class structures along with finalising a panel position for a new Middle Primary teacher. As with 2017, 2018 class structure will be predominantly composite (mixed year levels) although we are hoping to maintain our two reception groupings. This is necessary due to budgetary and staffing considerations.

In previous years a focus on friendships has at times meant a student is placed with a friendship grouping over their learning needs. Although we aim to maintain friendships, we also want to make sure our classes are as balanced as they can possibly be. In this case, learning needs will take precedence. Your child will be asked to nominate 2 or 3 friends; we will aim to ensure they stay with at least one of these.

Class placement is a highly structured and thoughtful activity during which all staff contributes for the best possible placement of your child within the restrictions of the site.

Change can often be considered scary, as parents we ask you to support your child with this by showing them you support the school and teachers to make good choices for their future class placement. Please realise that we still have a quarter of the current year left. Focussing too much on 2018 negates the time left in 2017!!

If you wish to provide information regarding the class placement of your child for 2018 please complete your request in writing (proformas available through the front office) and return it by Friday week 2 term 4 (27th October). Requests received after this date will not be considered. This information can only be considered if it directly affects your child's learning such as:

- ◆ student learning needs
- ◆ medical, social or special family matters
- ◆ previous schooling history
- ◆ Friendships

We aim to send class information home by Wednesday week 9 including information about your next year's teacher.

Ali Colbeck



This amazing orchid is an Australian Native Epiphyte Hybrid and is grown here at Willunga Primary School by members of our Orchid Club.

It was awarded 1st prize at the Royal Adelaide Show!

Selections of orchids are on display in the front office, they are truly beautiful. The dedicated group of Orchid Clubbers do a fantastic job, caring, nurturing and growing such amazing specimens. Well done.



Sue Camac's News



Footy Fever has been happening in week 9. Thanks to Ben, Alex and Alexander for running some footy skills with the younger students. Our longest kick winners were Junior Primary - Seth, Middle Primary - Sam, Upper Primary-Myles
The winners of the colouring competition are: Ben A, Mala and Angus L. Well Done!!

What Are “Sparks” and How Can They Motivate Your Child?

I have condensed this article from the www.parentfurther.com website.

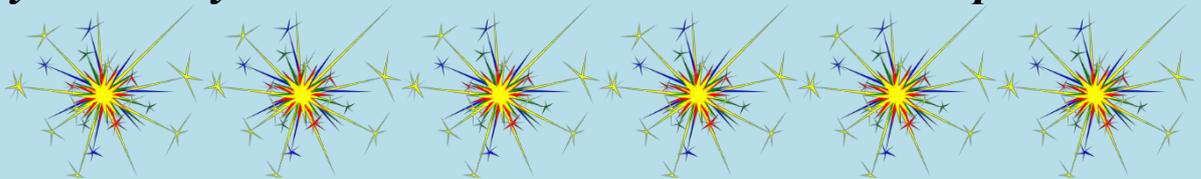
“Sparks” describe interests and skills that “light fires” in our lives. Sparks are the hidden flames in your kids that light their fire, get them excited, and tap into their true passions. All kids have the ember of sparks within them. Yet they need the “oxygen” of spark conversations and developmental relationships to help those embers grow into sparks and true flames. Some kids can name their sparks. Some have identified and are working on their sparks. Others have not yet explored or discovered their sparks. Some kids may need more assistance from parents and other adults. They need extra encouragement, such as going to an unfamiliar event to watch a new activity from the sidelines.

Why Do “Sparks” Matter? Search Institute’s studies³ show that young people who know and develop their sparks have some great advantages and benefits in life. These benefits include:

- higher grades in school
- better friendship skills
- better physical health
- better school attendance rates
- being more likely to have a sense of purpose in their lives
- being more likely to say they are “on the road to a hopeful future”

Could you name your children’s ‘sparks?’

Do you think your children could name their own ‘sparks?’



Primary Schools Music Festival Songbook Cover Competition

If you are interested in seeing your amazing artwork on the Choir songbook in 2018, follow the link below to find out the details. Please submit all artwork to Mrs Mason by the end of week 2, term 4. <http://festivalofmusic.weebly.com/>



SAPSASA Metro Championships

The following students were selected in the Onkaparinga South team which competed at the championship on Tuesday September 26 @ Athletics SA Stadium.

Caleb M	High Jump
Emilie CB	Long Jump
Ishtah T	High Jump, 100m
Jack W	High Jump
Mollie CB	High Jump
Nicholas S	Long Jump, 200m
Sam o	200m
Tallula B	Discus, shot-put

There were various results achieved and we congratulate each student on their selection and participation on the day.

Special mention goes to Nicholas S placing first in the 12 yr old Long Jump. He received a gold medal with a jump of 4.62m.

Well done to Tom Wilson and his team from McLaren Vale who won the Southern Tennis Association Winter Tennis Trophy for Division 8.

They were very consistent all season and were successful against Blackwood in the Grand Final on 9th September.



STUDENT FREE DAY

30TH OCTOBER

OSHC AVAILABLE

PHONE: 0438761656

TO BOOK

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Reminder that schools photos on:

Tuesday 31st October



Willunga Basketball 3v3 basketball competition

Monday
9th of October



Top prize:
Adelaide
36ers tickets

Event starts from
10am

Event will be held at the Willunga Recreation Centre
and hosted by the Willunga Basketball Association

Event includes: Entry fee per team: \$45 per team

U10 – U14s tournament

To enter visit:

U16 - U23s tournament

<https://membership.sportstg.com/re>

(ages as of 31st December
2017)

[goform.cgi?formID=73273](https://membership.sportstg.com/reformID=73273)

For any further questions contact:

0414511572 or themagicalsewingmachine@bigpond.com

CONNECT LEARN CELEBRATE

Resources & fun ideas for families supporting their children's learning in the southern region of Adelaide

Upcoming Events page on [Connect Learn Celebrate](#) has been updated with ideas of fun things for families to do in the school holidays.

Flinders University and Nature Play SA are hosting SpringFest on Saturday 14th October, 10am - 3pm (Free event) with all sorts of fun activities. So for those keen for another chance to visit Flinders Uni, or those who've never been down there before it sounds like a great opportunity. You can build your own musical instrument from recycled materials, join the Southern Elders weaving group for basket weaving, do yoga, be a palaeontologist for a day, build a cubby, 'walk on water' by crossing the Oobleck pool and much more.

<http://connectlearncelebrate.com/>



ALDINGA BAY
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving would like to invite all kids from the age of 5 (as at 30th September 2017) to 13 to join our nipper program. Registration Day will be held at the Surf Club on Saturday 14th October 2017 from 2pm – 4pm.

Season Starts Saturday 21st October at 2pm and runs through to March 2018. New Members are welcome to join through the season.

At Aldinga Bay Surf Life Saving Club nippers participate in a structured program throughout the season. Children can become a nipper from the age of 5 and then are placed into age groups from Tiny Tots (U6 – U7), up to Under 14s. As they develop their skills and confidence the activities and training becomes more involved and they are able to participate in competitive carnivals if they wish to from U9 up to U13.

Whilst it's all about having fun and making friends, the focus is also on learning about surf awareness and safety through our surf education program. Parents are encouraged to participate and join in the program.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a safe, caring environment where children can develop their surf lifesaving and competitive skills whilst enjoying the experience

For Further information please contact one of the Junior Coordinators:

Mandi Hawkins-Romain 0406 464 801 / hawkinsromain@bigpond.com

Or see our website: <http://aldingabayslsc.com.au/junior-sports>



Growing Cricket for Girls

The Great Southern Cricket Association is running a competition for girls cricket (11-18 yrs)

Willunga Cricket Club is seeking expressions of interest for players, volunteers and an organiser to get a girls team together

Come and Try Day

Sunday 15th October – 11 to 12:30pm at Willunga Cricket Club

Association Come and Try Day

**Sunday 22nd October – 11 to 12:30pm
Location TBC**

**No fees required and equipment is provided
4 Games will held on Sundays in
November-December**

**Take your First Wicket – Make your First runs -
We Want You**

For more information please call
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or email willungacc@gmail.com



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To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.saverplus.org.au for more information.



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My NDIS Pathway and Participant Readiness information session

Would you like more information on how to access the scheme or help to prepare for your NDIS planning appointment?

The NDIA are running regular information sessions to help people with disability, families and carers to help them:

- Gain information about accessing the NDIS
- Understand what may be included in an NDIS plan
- Prepare for their first planning conversation

This session is for people who would like further information on how to access the NDIS or those who have already been made eligible for the NDIS.

Find out more about how to get ready for the NDIS by visiting www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-ready.html or <https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/firstplan.html>

Goolwa
Signal Point Gallery, 5 Laurie Lane, Goolwa

Friday, 6 October 2017 at 1.30pm-3.30pm
RSVP: <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/58727> or phone 0475 971 403

ndis.gov.au



Community Information Session

This information session will offer people general information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The session will cover topics such as:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- Who is eligible and when can the scheme be accessed?
- What kind of support can be accessed through the NDIS?
- Where can I get more information?

Goolwa
Signal Point Gallery, 5 Laurie Lane, Goolwa

Friday 6 October 2017 at 10.30am-12.30pm
RSVP: <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/58725> or phone 0475 971 403

ndis.gov.au



HERE COMES THE SUN

PLANT A SEED AND WATCH IT GROW IN ALDINGA'S SUNFLOWER SPIRAL GARDEN

Friday 13 October 2017
11am-2pm
Aldinga Town Square
Central Way, Aldinga Beach



- Be part of making a beautiful place
- Learn about bees, pollination and honey
- Take home your own sunflower garden craft
- Enjoy local food and music

Register at www.bit.ly/inspire2017events

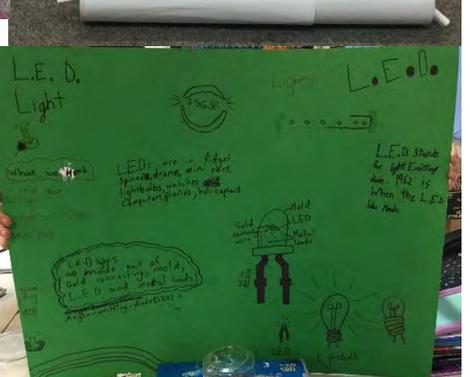
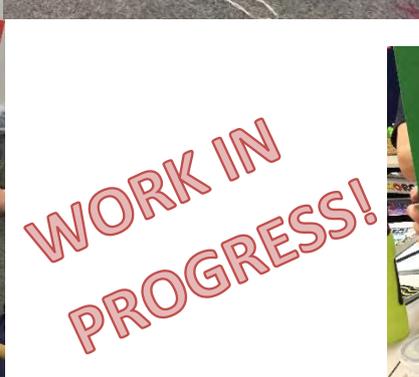
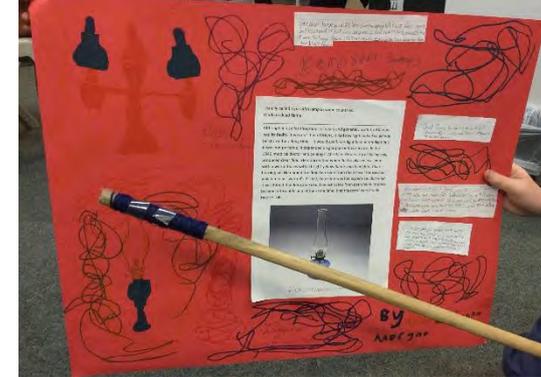
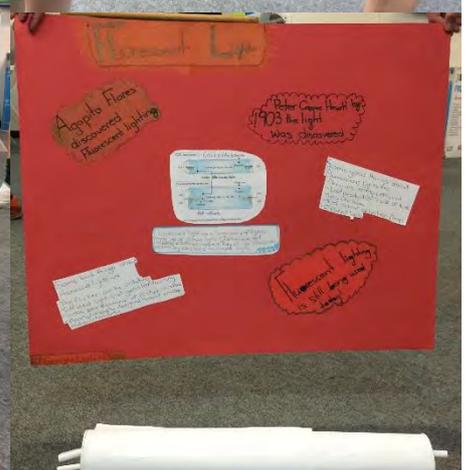
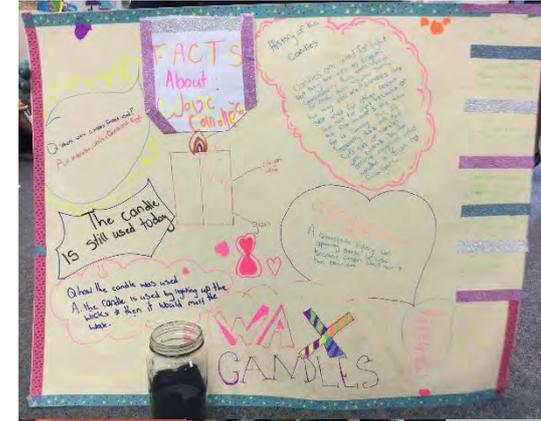
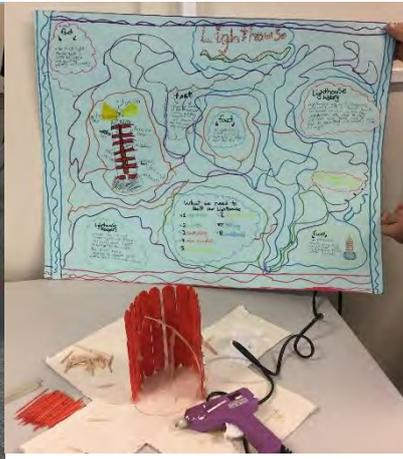
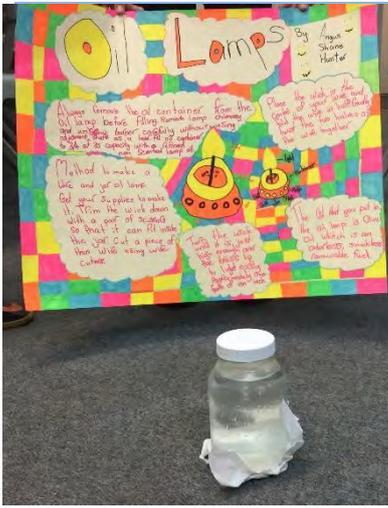


A FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT AND PEOPLE OF ONKAPARINGA
13-16 OCTOBER 2017



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A sneak peek at Room 21A's STEAM project – The History of Light in Australia.

