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NEWSLETTER Term 2, Week 3 - Friday 18th May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Year 3, 5 and 7 students who completed the NAPLAN Online testing this week. A special thank you to Jacey who has managed the online process without any issues! Well done Jacey!

We are extremely proud of our students, as each and every one of them demonstrated great resilience and the disposition of 'Persistence' during the entire three day testing period.

Please note, this is the first time our students have officially completed the test online, so it was quite a change for them all! As you can imagine, it is quite different writing a persuasive piece of writing straight onto a computer using a keyboard instead of on paper like our students would normally do.

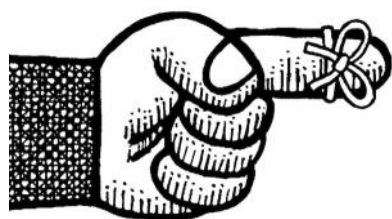
As we explained to our students NAPLAN is one of the many ways in which we gather information about how they are going in various aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. Some of the other ways that we collect this evidence at our school is through student writing rubrics, spelling and maths tests, work samples and moderated assessment tasks. The NAPLAN results will be another way of showing us how each individual child is progressing and will allow us to celebrate their successes and to plan for improvement where there may be gaps in learning.

This week I met with our 'YATCO Environmental Committee'. We reviewed our YATCO Lagoon excursion and did some Collaborative Planning for our next session together. On the right are some of the excellent questions that our students posed after the YATCO Lagoon excursion.

Our YATCO Environmental Committee will continue our environmental programme at the school on Friday 1st June. The Environmental Committee will form a panel and answer some of the more closed questions - 'How many times a year do they empty the YATCO lagoon?'. While some of the more open questions - 'What will happen if we run out of fish in the river?' will form some enquiry based questions for students to research in groups with the support of the YATCO Environmental Committee. Looking forward to their next visit!

Thank you,

Sonya Warren



Don't forget...

DIARY DATES...

Monday 21st May - **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Thursday 24th May - Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 25th May - SAPSASA Soccer

Tuesday 29th - Evening Assembly

Friday 1st June - Breakfast Club

Thursday 7th June - School Photos

Monday 11th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 13th June - YEL Excursion

Sunday 17th June - BINGO Fundraiser!!



How long does it take to dry out? ASHEN

What will happen if we run out of fish in the River Murray? Phoebe

How deep can the cracks go down? Crystal

How much is the lagoon worth if someone decided to buy it? Sofie

How deep do the cracks go in? GEORGIA

How long do you keep the gate open? Sarah

How many times a year do they empty Yatco Lagoon? - Zali

Why is it so dry? Hannah
How deep would the water be if they put water back in? - Ursula

How many fish have you caught? - HUDSON

How do the yabbies get out or do they die? - Cohen

How many fish would go in the Yatco Lagoon and what is the maximum of fish? - Lok

Did any fish die when the water evaporated? TONY

How much water can the lagoon hold? Ava
How do all the plants there survive in the hot weather? - Taylor

If you walked to the middle of Yatco Lagoon, would the cracks get deeper? Abbie

How many species of fish live in the Murray River? ANISE

Visible Learning



Accurate Annie

*Striving for Accuracy
& Precision*

We would like to introduce you to: ACCURATE ANNIE who strives for accuracy and precision. Check it again! Always do your best, set a high standard and constantly always look for ways to improve.

The desire to 'get it right' is a critical aspect of increasing persistent thinking. It can also motivate us when we are faced with a hurdle. This habit asks us to keep trying our hardest and to put in as much effort as we possibly can. It also asks us to go back and check our work before we move on. Striving for accuracy & precision is not about raising a perfectionist child. We want to avoid perfectionism - it isn't about making zero errors, but seeking to reduce errors, find solutions and aiming for results.

For young children, focus on finding and defining what accuracy & precision means in their daily lives. Questions you might ask are:

When doing an activity: Is your puzzle missing a piece? Which one?

When cooking: What ingredients do we need? How much do we need?

When doing household chores: Is your room clean? What do you need to do to tidy up?

Through these type of thinking, your child will learn to identify what is accurate (a clean room, a complete puzzle) and how to be precise (measuring cups of flour, following a routine or recipe).

With older children, spend time doing activities that require these skills. Origami, paper planes or baking all rely on accurate and precise measurements.

Teaching a child these skills will set them up for life. Successful people are not satisfied with "good enough" or "just ok". Keep striving for accuracy & precision.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 15th June at 3:30pm

Items discussed at the last meeting:

- ✓ SAVE the DATE!! Bingo has been booked in for Sunday 17th June with the Berri Pacemakers at the Berri Hotel. More details to come.
- ✓ SRC have been invited to attend part of our meetings to share and connect with the Governing Council.
- ✓ Volunteer Support - we have a new volunteer at School. Welcome to Rodney Hill who has offered to help out with our grounds and maintenance. THANK YOU!



BRENTON'S BLOG

Hello Everyone,

I am still talking about how to have a great relationship with your kids.

Today let's discuss respect. Remember respect must be mutual. Pretty obvious, right? But often we forget this with our kids, because we know that we are supposed to be the boss. You can set limits (and you must), but if you do it respectfully and with empathy, your child will learn both to treat others with respect and expect to be treated respectfully themselves.

Have you ever heard a pre schooler say "I don't like it when you talk to me that way!"? You might think "Wow, I'm going to have some big problems when he is a teenager!" In fact, rather than challenging authority, this child is probably simply asking to be treated with the dignity he has come to expect. When the child grows to a teenager, he will most likely treat himself and others respectfully. And isn't that what we all want for our kids?

Till next time

Cheers *Brenton* - Pastoral Care Worker

SRC NEWS

NEXT BREAKFAST CLUB
Week 5, Friday 1st June

- * Mother's Day Stall went well
- Thank you to Bec for organising
- * Thurs May 24th - Biggest Morning Tea
- * Staff & SRC are looking into a dedicated Yr 6/7 space
- * Anise & Phoebe are currently doing a survey for ideas on lunchtime activities.



CLASSROOM Talk



SAPSASA Cross Country

Well done to our superstars who competed in the Riverland SAPSASA Cross County event in Week 1, Friday 4th May. Hannah came 8th, Matilda came 10th and Sarah & Zali both came 1st in their age groups. Zali & Sarah are now both a part of the Riverland squad and will compete in Adelaide later this term. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!

HELLO

A BIG warm welcome to our new students Maddie & Jett who joined us this week. Maddie is in Year 4 & Jett is in Year 2. They have come from Roxby Downs Area School and we're sure they will transition easily and settle in well!



Walk Safely To School day...



Due to Choir cluster rehearsal today, we celebrated Walk Safely to School Day a week early. It was great to see so many students happy to walk the 3kms to school. Days like this are a great opportunity to teach children about the importance of road safety and to encourage regular exercise. Well done to all the students who participated!

You have to look before you cross the road and you have to follow the rules and listen to adults. It was pretty easy to walk the whole way. *Will Powditch, Year 2*

It was really hard for me to walk up the big dirt hill but I did it. You always look left and right a couple of times before you walk across a road. *Charlotte, Year 2*

I was walking with Mrs Warren. It was a long way to walk but I did it. You need to walk on the side of the road and watch for cars. I enjoyed walking. *Caleb Reimann, Year 1*



HOST Moorook Primary School
DATE Thursday 24th May 2018
TIME 10:30am
WHERE 93 Wachtel Road, Moorook

DETAILS We hope you can join us!

biggestmorningtea.com.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES & INFO

FREE DYSLEXIA SEMINAR

ATTENTION

**Barmera: Thursday 31 May
7pm - 8:30pm**

Venue: Barmera Memorial Hall

Cost: FREE

Register@

www.dyslexia.com.au/register

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

Are you considering working in the disability sector?

The Disability Workforce Hub and Enhanced Career Services are running information sessions in Berri and Murray Bridge for people considering working in the disability sector.

PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- Overview of the disability sector
- What working in the disability sector looks like
- What jobs are available in the disability sector
- What qualifications you might need to work in the sector
- The ins and outs of recruitment processes
- What services you can access to help you explore the sector
- Assess your suitability to the sector
- NDIS in our region

FREE EVENT

Register with your referring agency or directly to our Disability Workforce Hub:

Melissa Taylor
08 8535 7170
mtaylor@rdamr.com.au

Berri Workshop 24th May 2018
2:00-3:30pm @ Regional Development Australia, 3 Kay Av, Berri

Berri Workshop 31st May 2018
10:00-11:30am @ Regional Development Australia, 3 Kay Av, Berri

Murray Bridge Workshop 29th May 2018
2:00-3:30pm @ Regional Development Australia, 137 Adelaide Rd, Murray Bridge

Murray Bridge Workshop 22nd May 2018
10:30am-12:00pm @ MADEC, 35 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge



Term Two Weekly Workshops!

Kids and Tweens will get to learn all about stage presence, characterization, voice projection, script interpretation, performance skills, play making and so much more through games and activities.

Who: Kids and Tweens (Ages 5-11)
When: Tuesday, Week 2 of Term 2 (May 8th) from 4:00pm-5:00pm
Cost: \$150 for Kids and Tweens

WORKSHOPS VENUE:

Riverland Youth Theatre, Renmark Institute, 54 Ral Ral Ave, Renmark (enter via James ave)

Teens will learn improvisation, immersive theatre practice, impulse creation and playback theatre. Industry professionals will give tips and tricks, as well as discuss new and emerging theatre forms. Teens will also get the opportunity to perform with other young people from OTYP (Outback Theatre For Young People) during the school holidays in a 3 day intensive.

Who: Teens (Ages 12-17)
When: Tuesday, Week 2 of Term 2 (May 8th) from 5:15pm-6:15pm
Cost: \$180 (includes 3 Day Intensive with OTYP)

For more details and to sign up to either workshop, go to:
<https://ryt.wufoo.eu/forms/term-2-weekly-workshop/>

or
<http://www.ryt.org.au/>

You can speak to us at: 08 85856 3437

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