

# Newsletter

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Department for Education  
and Child Development

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
I hope you are all well and adjusting to the cold weather. It has been a very busy term 2 and we have lots coming up.



Next week is Reconciliation Week. On Tuesday we will be having our bush day. This year we will making wiltjas, cooking roo tail, look for mini beasts, sketch and make damper. We have had great community turn out on this day and we are hoping to see lots of community members there again this year. On Wednesday and Thursday classes will be travelling to Ceduna to take part in an art workshop at the Ceduna Arts and Culture Centre. It should be a great week.

This week we have Martin Westwell's team here working with staff and students on their critical and creative thinking skills. Our goal is to help develop children's problem solving abilities and self-regulation. We are trying to get children to slow their thinking before they put forward their ideas. We are also trying to get children to share their thinking and problem solve in groups. Students and staff are really enjoying the work we are doing with the team. On their next visit we will be inviting parents to come in and join some of the problem solving activities we are doing. On Monday next week we have a Governing Council meeting. All invites have gone out and I hope to see you all there at 10:00.

The preschool nature play area is charging ahead and they are well ahead of schedule. We will probably be having an opening day sometime in week 8 at this stage. The area looks fantastic. We would like to also remind children to stay off the equipment as it is not finished yet and there are still hazards in the area. We will be soon asking for people who are interested in doing some art work for the area. This will be paid work and we will finalise a selection process at our up and coming Governing Council.

Students have been doing some great work with a visiting dietician, thanks to Ron Redford. Students have been learning how to prepare healthy meals and are developing skills to cook a variety of meals.

Thanks Ron for organising this.

Ron has also organised SACA (SA Cricket Association) to come on Thursday to run a cricket clinic for students. It should be a great afternoon.

Thanks again Ron.

It's great to see we have about 15 students who have maintained 100% attendance this term. Keep up the good work and attendance!

Regards

Wade Branford

## School Calendar

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May-** Mr Branford Partnership Meeting Port Lincoln

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May-** Governing Council 10:00 Nutrition

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May-** Bush Day 11:00 start

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May-** Preschool and JP visiting Ceduna Arts and Cultural Centre

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June-** MP and UP classes visiting Ceduna Arts and Cultural Centre.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June-** Rowena Fox Education Director visiting 9-11.

Please note that all preschool children need to be signed in each day by a parent/caregiver between 8.30am-9.30am Monday-Thursday! Thanks for understanding

## School Uniforms for Sale



T-shirts  
\$10  
Jumpers  
\$15

Students with 100% attendance  
(including absent notes from families)

**Week 1 Term 2**

Latavia Doolan	Emily Dudley
Edwin Gray	George Mastrosavas
Jadell Milera	Jayrique Woods
Glen Edwards	Winston Newchurch
Sara Peel	Alvin Austin
Reshawn Milera	Gerald Peel-Williams
Ernest Ware	Canessa Doolan
Kevin Milera	Kloeisha Miller
Madison Peel-Saunders	Tathan Wanganeen
Mollena Peel-Coombes	Tamika Edwards
Shinara Hubert-Ware	Travis Wanganeen
Jahmarri Ware	Taesharne Ware
Eric Peel	Tailem Woods
Kayshayla Gray-Peters	

**Week 3 Term 2**

Latavia Doolan	Emily Dudley
George Mastrosavas	Jadell Milera
Jayrique Woods	Glen Edwards
Winston Newchurch	Sara Peel
Alvin Austin	Reshawn Milera
Gerald Peel-Williams	Ernest Ware
Canessa Doolan	Kevin Milera
Kloeisha Miller	Madison Peel-Saunders
Tathan Wanganeen	Mollena Peel-Coombes
Tailem Woods	Shinara Hubert-Ware
Travis Wanganeen	Jahmarri Ware
Taesharne Ware	Eric Peel

Absence from school has a big influence on a student's learning. Missing 1 or 2 days from school a week might not seem like much but it could add up quickly.

If your child misses	Equals	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling.....	Which means.....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals finishing in year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals finishing in year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals finishing in year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equals finishing in year 4