

Week 5: 22/08/2024

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Learning Together

A note from the Principal:

Dear Parents/ Guardians.

We welcome Laurie Whitehead-Blacklock to the teaching staff at Koonibba Aboriginal School. Laurie will be teaching mainly in the JP class as well as science and technology in the UP class. Miranda Peel also recently started work at school as the ACEO. Both appointments complete the staffing at Koonibba and we are excited about the skills and passion they bring to our school. This Friday the 23rd of August we will celebrate book week with an afternoon tea from 2.30pm in the Culture Room. Students have selected a book to read to their parents/ caregivers, attendance awards for term 2 will be presented and students will receive their books in homes pack.

On Thursday 8th of August all school students travelled to the Head of the Bight for an excursion. Students had been learning about whales, their environment, what they need to sustain themselves, whale behaviour such as breaching and also the Mirning Dreamtime whale Jeedara. The Yalata Rangers also spoke to the students about the whale watching centre and the whales in general. While on the viewing boardwalks students completed learning by recording observations, verifying data collection with their peers and teachers and for the UP class using 360° camera's to design a virtual tour back in the classroom. When back in class students have completing follow up learning based on their workbooks and using the natural environment as a motivator for writing an information report. Thank you to Far West Partnerships who supplied the ingredients for lunch.

Recently Miranda has handed out a survey form for our upcoming Learning Environment Opportunity Study (LEOS). I can now notify parents and community that a **consultation meeting to collect your ideas from the survey will be held on Wednesday 11th of September at 4.30pm in the culture room**. Peter Ahladas and Michelle Male from JPE Design Studio will lead the community consultation process. Light refreshments will be provided. Nickylah, Ekailee, Quinisha, Miranda and myself

head to Adelaide next week for YASTSA STEM Congress. The students will be hosting workshops based on virtual tour of the Far West Coast and also hosting a STEM yarn with Jacinta Koolmatrie an Adnyamathanha and Ngarrindjeri woman who has a Bachelor and Masters in Archaeology as well as attending workshops. We are excited but nervous about the opportunities next week. We will report about our adventures in the next newsletter.

Regards, Mark

Upcoming events:

Week 5 - Friday Book Week Afternoon Tea

Week 6 - Monday- Friday - YASTA

Week 7 - Monday- Fathers Day Lunch

Week 10 Tuesday - Dance Workshop Friday - Last Day of School 2pm Dissmisal



Please allow for 24 hours for a response.

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PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Well, here we are term 3, things really do go fast when you are having fun.
At the end on term 2 we said farewelled Aniisa and Ameerah who move on from preschool to reception. We are sure you are using all the skills you developed at Preschool as you now move on to the next steps in your learning journey.
This term we welcomed back Zoey and Ashad, it is great to see your happy smiling faces back at Preschool.

We have been focusing on developing children's vocabulary as they engage in learning activities. In particular we are asking children to describe what they want rather than point, or so say "that thing". We have seen a big shift in how children are now beginning to describe what they are wanting, this has led to children accessing items we may not have known what they wanted previously

Reading, and creating a love of books has also continued to be a focus. We have been reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see? by Eric Cale, a book the children love. We are now asking the children "what do you see?" Getting them to look around the yard or inside preschool and then tell us something that they see. We would love to create our own book based on all the things children see in their environments. We would love to know what your child sees at home or out in community, so let us know.

We had a great visit in week 3 from the Penong Preschool and reception children. It is always great to make connections with our wider community. We are looking forward to visiting them in the near future. Connected Beginnings would love to have your feedback on the 'Learn Play Thrive' event from the start of the year. The feedback you provide will help them plan for what any upcoming events. Please take some time to complete and return to school or preschool.



HEAD OF THE BIGHT









