

### Week 7: 5/09/2024

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Learning Together

# A note from the Principal:

#### Dear Parents/ Guardians

Just a reminder that you are invited to a Parent/ Caregiver Consultation Session on Wednesday 11th September at 4.30pm in the Culture Room at school. This is an opportunity to for your opinions on the development of the schools physical environment: classrooms, play areas, outside learning spaces etc. Peter Ahladas will lead the session; he has been the architect in charge of the Ceduna Area School rebuild. Community survey questions include: What parts of the school have potential for improvements? What school buildings/ play spaces needs to change? What is a no go and should not change at school? How is culture reflected across the school ground/ building?

Light refreshments will be available after the session. **YASTSA Success** 

Last week Nickylah, Ekailee and Quesnisha attended the Young Aboriginal STEM Thinkers of South Australia Congress. The congress is attended by approximately 700 students and 150 school staff. Our students presented 2 workshops that showcased 'Our place in space' a virtual tour of Koonibba, Head of the Bight, Denial Bay and Ceduna. The schools that participated in our workshop enjoyed their experienced and learnt about the Far West Coast. Students in the Upper Primary class used 360° cameras and an internet based software program to code the tour. Nickylah, Ekailee and Quinesha also host a spotlight on STEM Yarning with Jacinta Koolmatrie a Adnyamathanha and Ngarrindjeri woman, with a Bachelor and Masters in Archaeology from Flinders University. Jacinta spoke about her schooling in Pt Augusta, the importance of family in her life and the encouragement they gave her to follow her dreams. Jacinta works at the South Australian Museum and still participates in field work whenever she can.

#### **Books in Homes**

Koonibba Aboriginal School through the generous support of the Koonibba Aboriginal Community Council participates in the Books in Home program. 3 times per year students select books as part of the program that the students can then read at home. The school is interested in gaining parent/ caregiver feedback on the program., please feel free to comment directly to a staff member or pop into the school to share your thoughts.

**Book week assembly and Father's Day Lego Lunch** A small but enthusiastic group of parents and Dads attended the two events, students read to their parents on the Friday before enjoying scones cooked by the Upper Primary Girls and played with their Dad's in the Preschool on Monday and enjoyed a hamburger lunch.

Cheers, Mark

## **Upcoming events:**

Week 7 - Monday- Fathers Day Lunch

Week 8 - Wednesday - LEOS Consultation

Week 9 - Wed-Thursday - Trachoma + Health Checks

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



Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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Hello everyone! I am Ngatina Sylvanius and as you will know, I started as the Upper Primary teacher this term. I've been so glad to meet all the wonderful Upper Primary students and start to get to know them while learning a lot with them at the same time!

This term has been busy so far, with the Head of the Bight excursion and YASTA getting us out of the classroom and exploring our surroundings. It was particularly exciting to see so many whales, even those students who had seen them before were very engaged and it fitted in well with out English unit of work where we have been learning about whales and how to take notes and create a non-fiction text in the form of an information report. All the students have really persisted with this work, and they've had some wonderful outcomes. A particularly excellent project involved enlarging an image of a whale 6 times by hand - this required students to work with ratios and observe the shapes and features of the reference image to create a very realistic 2.7m image of a Southern Right Whale. Students are currently working on completing their information report posters which are beginning to be displayed around their whale as they are finished and show just how much learning they've been doing.

In Maths, we have been working on shape - both 2D and 3D and learning a lot of specialist language to describe the features and classify shapes. The students have worked really hard to understand these concepts and should be proud of their progress.

For the rest of the term, students will be working with Mr D and Ms Abby while I am away on a practicum, and will be learning about maps and navigation, and marine waste in preparation for writing a persuasive text. I'm so looking forward to seeing what they have achieved when I am back next term!

(maybe put a 5-pointed star here?) Ms Ngatina

