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COMING EVENTS

7 th June	Special lunch
8 th June	Pupil Free Day
10 th June	Public Holiday
15 th June	Lightning Carnival at Kapunda for Year 7's
20 th June	Special lunch
21 st June	School Photos for School and Preschool
25 th June	Parent Club meeting 2pm

“Life is like a camera....**focus** on what's important, **capture** the good times, **develop** from the negatives and if things don't work out, **take another shot.**”

We are half way through the term and it seems like it only began yesterday. We have 'captured' many good times so far this year – Swimming Fun Day, Coins for Kids' Day, Pancake Tuesday, Harmony Day, Football clinic, Virginia Excursion, Biggest Morning Tea as well as the day to day activities that occur in our classrooms. Our 'focus' continues with the children and their learning and how we can continually improve 'how' we teach them. The Pupil Free Day on Friday gives the teaching staff an opportunity to collaboratively work with teachers



Dalton & Michael enjoying 'Bridge' at World of Maths

from other schools in our Partnership on Numeracy. We are looking at our learning tasks and seeing how well we are using feedback, learning intentions and reflection time (activating the student voice to give us feedback about their learning).

This week the children attended the Eudunda Area School for “World of Maths” where they were using their Maths knowledge and problem solving skills. They participated in a range of activities such as ‘Big Foot’, ‘Measure the Weather’, ‘Go Home’, ‘Shadow’, ‘Going up’, ‘Shopping’ etc. Thankyou to Demi, Amanda Carey, Mrs Schutz and Wendy for transporting the children.

Our two Year 7 girls are currently practicing with the girls from Eudunda Area School for the Netball Lightning Carnival. Thankyou to Anne Hempel for driving the girls.



Beau at the ‘Going Up’ activity at World of Maths

Sue Stacey

Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

FROM OUR PCW

Hello everyone,

We all have those nights.... running late, dinner is burning, the phone is ringing and at least one child is dramatically upset. As we push through the frantic chaos, we become aware our child is needing some attention amongst the stress. In the busyness of family life, we often get so absorbed by the things around us that we overlook the deeply dependent little human beings that need our attention. As parents, we are Valuable, Indispensable, Needed. Sometimes it would be nice to clock off at 8pm like an employee, but parenting is an on-call, 24-hour-a-day role. The ongoing, always ready, nature of being a parent makes it challenging to always be emotionally available for our children. But that is precisely what they need - a parent who is emotionally available. This is the single most important thing we can do to create a happy, peaceful home and a secure child.

Points to ponder

- Think of a time when someone was really 'there' for you. Describe [or imagine] everything you can about the situation.
- How was the person showing you s/he was emotionally available?
- What words encouraged you?
- How did it make you feel about the thing that was troubling you?
- How did it make you feel about the person who was available to you?
- Think about the time when you were able to respond in such a way for your children. Describe how it felt for you and consider how it felt for your children.

- What words did you use?
- What body language made your children feel safe and heard?
- How did it make your children feel about the thing that was troubling them?
- How did your children respond to you?

Consciously make yourself emotionally available for your children more often. Look for opportunities to really be there for your children.

Being a parent is the most important job you will ever have and gives unconditional love. A parent is Valuable, Indispensable, Needed - a child's Super Hero.

Regards,

Renee 😊

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES: **PRESCHOOL**

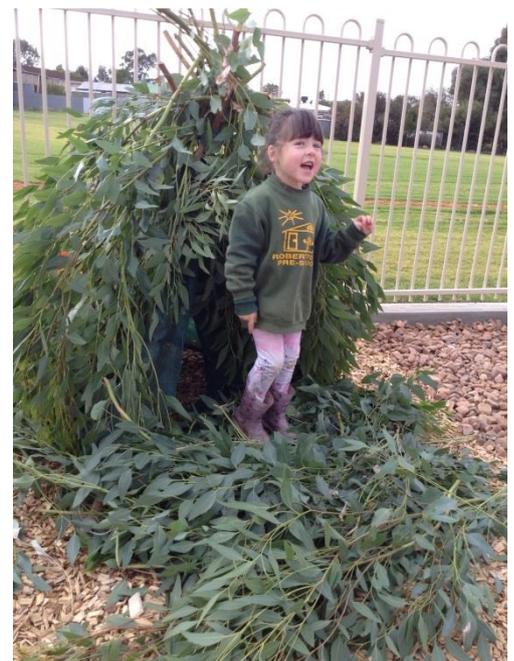
Last Thursday the Preschool children picked the baby broccoli that they have been growing. Each child took home a bunch to cook and share with their family.

(Picture at right: Daniel, Niamh, Jossy and Montana with their broccoli.) An art activity last week was printing using fruit and vegetables. Pictured below are Niamh and Montana working on their prints.

The children are enjoying the nature play area at the Preschool. Linden supplied them with branches and they made a wurley to play in.



*Right:
Montana
enjoying
playing in
the wurley*



R-2 CLASS

Our class has been busy identifying what things are made from in our classroom. We found items made from wood, plastic, glass, metal and paper. We created a 'nature' picture from the leaves that we had collected. The children found a variety of different sized and shaped leaves. As part of our 'reusing' the children created a cat from newspaper and had to design, make and appraise an item that could be used in the classroom from the boxes in our making area. There was a laptop with the keyboard attached and an art cupboard.

YEAR 3-7 CLASS

Over the past fortnight our class has been working on descriptive writing. We have looked at parts of speech and how adjectives and adverbs make our writing more interesting. Last week we did crazy sentences. Firstly we wrote a simple sentence, extended it by putting in adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions, then we cut them up and played musical writing and this is what we ended up with:

“The big, grey elephant quickly and quietly climbed up the huge old tree in the quiet jungle to get to the top and go to sleep.” (Lisa)

“The big, black, silky, smooth panther quickly swam across the deep, blue lake and then went into a green, leafy jungle.” (Lilly)

This week we will do mixed up sentences.

We have also been busy with fractions in Maths, making door stoppers, paper towel holders and heart shaped wall hangers in Tech and creating a children’s book in Digital Tech.

We enjoyed going to the Biggest Morning Tea and we learnt some football skills with Todd Thorne who did a football coaching clinic at our school (*photo above*).



Fun fact: Students in **South Korea** are expected to stay and help clean and tidy the classroom when lessons are over.

No running out of class the second lessons are over for Korean students!

Or our students – they don’t clean but they do tidy up.

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