

Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

8th March	SRC presentations, 12noon
12th March	Public Holiday
13th March	Pupil Free Day
21st March	Excursion to Virginia Nursery
22nd March	Special lunch at school
22nd March	Harmony Day

“All things are difficult before they are easy.” Thomas Fuller

Last week I attended two days of study on Agile Leadership and creating change with Dr Simon Breakspear. In these two days I learnt ways to create change within our site and I have come back with new strategies to ‘try’ before heading back in May to share our ‘outcomes’. Being able to ‘clarify’ what the problem could be and then looking at ways to create change for an impact was a real eye opener for me. I look forward to sharing this learning with the staff as we finalise our Site Improvement Plan (what is on our plan, why is it on our plan and what can we change for a greater impact for the students?).

Last week, we welcomed a new family to our school - Michael and Douglas who join the R-2 class.



Left: Douglas and Michael with Demi

This week we look forward to holding our own Swimming Carnival. Mrs Schutz has organized a wonderful programme filled with races and novelty events that practise our swimming skills and

develop our water confidence. Thankyou Mrs Schutz.

On Thursday our new SRC reps will be presented with their certificates by Mrs Toni Brown. Toni was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year for our district and received this award for all of her volunteering hours in our community. Congratulations to our SRC:

Dalton Olsen, Elleira Longobardi, Georgia Keller, Beau Liebeknecht and Lilly Hempel.

They have had their first meeting with Renee Floyd and they are already planning a fundraising activity.

Fun fact - Giant Arctic jellyfish have tentacles that can reach over 36 metres in length.

Sue Stacey

Principal

Honesty – Respect – Caring – Responsibility - Getting along

COLES VOUCHERS

Our school is participating in the ‘Sports for School’ campaign at Coles supermarkets. During the months of February, March and April, when you shop at Coles you will receive a voucher for every \$10 spent. Please save these for our school and either bring them in to the school or place them in the box at the Post Office/Community Centre. We will redeem these vouchers for sports equipment for our school.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Last Monday the AGM was held with new parents joining the committee. Thankyou to those who have accepted a position

Chairperson: Martin Liebeknecht

Vice Chairperson: Tamara Davies

Secretary: Tanya Cavanagh

Treasurer: Kayley Longobardi

Community Rep: Adrian Schmidt

Committee members: Amanda Keller, Sheldon Keller, Lyndall Liebeknecht, Tamara Davies, Lisa Menzel, Brenton Olsen, John Patton

PARENT CLUB AGM

It was great to see new faces at the recently held AGM of the Parent Club. There was also a change in leadership with the following taking on positions:

President: Amanda Keller

Vice President: Bee Burgess

Secretary: Kayley Woods

Treasurer: Wendy Schmidt

Committee: Lisa Menzel, Tanya Cavanagh, Val Menzel, Sarah Connor.

The Parent Club will continue to supply special lunches every fortnight. We also will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Hall on voting day (17th March), 9am-2pm. Another fundraiser this term will be an Easter Raffle.

FROM OUR PCW

Hello everyone,

In modern society, raising emotionally healthy children is an increasingly difficult task, and every parent wants their child to be happy and to feel loved. For a child to feel love, we must learn to speak their unique love language. Every child has a special way of perceiving love. There are basically five ways children [all people] speak and understand emotional love. They are physical touch, words of affirmation, quality time, gifts and acts of service. If you have several children in the family, chances are they speak different languages, just

as children have different personalities, they may hear in different love languages.

No one is perfect, and you cannot expect yourself to love unconditionally all of the time.

You may find it helpful to frequently remind yourself of some rather obvious things about your children:

1. They are children.
2. Much childish behaviour is unpleasant.
3. If I do my part as a parent and love them, despite their childish behaviour, they will mature and give up their childish ways.
4. If I love them only when they please me [conditional love], and if I express my love only at those times, they will not feel genuinely loved. This will damage their self-image, make them feel insecure, and actually prevent them from moving into better self-control and more mature behaviour. Therefore, their development and behaviour is as much my responsibility as it is theirs.
5. If I love them only when they meet my requirements or expectations, they will feel incompetent and will believe it is pointless to do their best, since it is never enough. They will always be plagued by insecurity, anxiety, low self-esteem and anger. To guard against this, I need to often remind myself of my responsibility for their total growth.
6. If I love them unconditionally, they will feel comfortable about themselves and will be able to control their anxiety and their behaviour as they grow to adulthood.

It's not easy raising a child, but it is the most important job you will ever do in your life and the most rewarding. We do the best we can.

Regards,

Renee 😊

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES:

PRESCHOOL

The Preschool children have been busy with lots of fun play and learning activities. As some days have been very warm the water play

trough has been in use and the children have been using their pouring skills to fill and empty various containers. In one activity the children used rice instead of water to practise their pouring skills. The children made ice and used the cubes to make shakers. We created a class mural using paint rollers. It looks great! We have been practising cutting skills using scissors and have been pleased to have Demi's help in the Preschool. This week we are looking forward to joining the Primary School children for the Water Fun Day.



Above left: Jossy, Daniel, Axel, Montana and Niamh making ice.

Above right: Montana, Niamh, Jossy and Axel practising their pouring skills.

Left: The mural created by the children.



R-2 CLASS

We welcome Michael and Douglas to our class. We hope that you enjoy being here with us. Last week we made a scarecrow following particular instructions. They are very colourful and creative. In Maths, we have been focussing on counting by 10's, counting on when doing addition and using the tens and ones sticks. In writing, we have been writing sentences making sure that we are using a capital at the start and a full stop. We used these skills when writing clues about a farm animal that was hiding in the barn.

YEAR 3-7 CLASS

During the last two weeks we have started our Science, Health and Japanese units of work. In Science we are exploring: What is it? Is it alive? How do we know? In the corner of our classroom we have a nature centre with worms, plants and two Venus Fly plants. In Health we are studying 'same, same, but different' and this has been interesting as students are seeing how we may look similar, having similar interests but also very different. In Japanese this term we are looking at the land and culture of the Japanese people. Health and Japanese will blend into our activities for Harmony Day in a couple of weeks time.

This week we have the Swimming Fun Day and SRC presentations. Congratulations to Lilly, Georgia and Beau on being elected our SRC reps.

KFC "Easter Eggcitement"

The annual "Kids For Christ" Easter event is on **Friday 16th March** at the St John's School Hall, Eudunda, from 3.10 pm onward, for a 3.30 pm start, going til 7.30 pm, including tea. Robertstown children are still able to participate by just coming straight after school and missing a small amount at the start – you'd still be able to eat afternoon tea when you arrive! The cost is \$7 per child (whole session) or \$2 (afternoon only). There will be Easter egg games, water games and learning about Easter. Further details and consent forms are being distributed through school. All welcome, especially new children. For enquiries and bookings (by Thursday 15th) contact Christine Doecke on 0488 047861 or via the KFC Facebook group.

Eudunda Robertstown Netball Club

Junior training to commence Thursday 15th March @ Eudunda @ 4pm.

J1s to train @ 5pm.

Free sausage sizzle after training.

Any concerns please contact

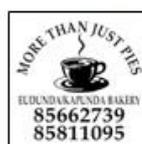
Chantel Schutz (Junior Co-ordinator)

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Eudunda Christmas Party Committee Easter Fundraiser!



Totally Locally Eudunda / Kapunda Bakery Made!



6 Pack Fruit Buns - \$6.50

6 Pack Fruitless Buns - \$6.50

6 Pack Choc Chip Buns - \$6.50

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Eudunda Chemist, Goyder Electrical,
Eudunda Post Office, Landmark Eudunda,
Karpinski's Newsagency, Infinity 13 Hair & Beauty, Lehmann's
General Store & Robertstown Post Office

Or Place Your Orders With The Following Committee Members:

Alison Schutz, Julia Schutz, Amanda Pfeiffer, Della James,
Kristy Lee Watson, Tanya Cavanagh & Lisa Menzel