Learning together for a better future



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Flinders News

TERM 3 WEEK 8 THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020









DATES TO REMEMBER:

"Respect is how to treat everyone not just those you want to impress."

Richard Branson

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Families,

Next Thursday is our *School Concert (Family Night done differently)* and there's lots of excitement as students practise in anticipation for their upcoming class performance! A note went home last week with details of the revised format for this; which was approved by Governing Council. As explained in the note, the revised format accommodates the restrictions we are required to implement because of COVID-19. Although this setup is not consistent with previous family nights, it does provide our students and classes with the opportunity to demonstrate their performance skills and show case their learning.

Please remember our school day has been modified next Thursday and students will start school at 11:00am and finish at 6:20pm once performances have been completed. Thank you to families who have already contacted the front office (86425866) to book tickets for either performance. Please look out for your tickets, which will be sent home with your children, as you will need these to enter the concert.

For families who are yet to book please remember to do this before the end of the day **tomorrow** so you do not miss out. There are only 150 tickets available for each performance and after tomorrow additional tickets become available for families on the waitlist.

Have your Say in the Annual Parent Survey!

As part of our annual reporting process families are invited to participate in the 2020 Parent Opinion Survey. The following survey link will be sent to you via SMS:

https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ3AXNw9lsJQcdL?RID=CGC_MIVV76zFwHRflwV_&Q_CHL=email

To help us provide your child with the very best education we appreciate your honest feedback on a few key topics: Does the school provide you with useful feedback about your child's school work? Do you find it useful to be given ideas about how to help your child learn at home? Does the school respond to your input about your child's learning?

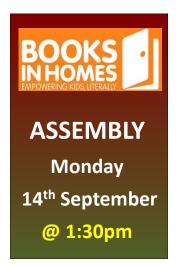
This short survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will provide the school and the Department for Education with valuable information. All responses are confidential and only collated feedback will be provided to the school.

Staffing News!

We congratulate, and are pleased to announce, Mrs Stacey Waterman has been appointed to the Deputy Principal position for the next 3 years. Stacey brings exceptional Leadership and teaching skills. Stacey has developed strong relationships amongst students, staff and families and has wider connections from previous experience working in the Port Augusta Health System.

RU OK Day!

Did you know today is R U OK? Day, a day dedicated to inspiring and empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with others by asking the simple question "Are you OK?" 2020 has been a challenging year and the unprecedented circumstances have made it even more important for us to stay connected. Now could be a great time to ask your child "Are you OK?" and to support them in the event that they may be struggling.













Thursday
17th September 2020
First Performance: 2:15
Choir & All School Classes
Second Performance: 5:20
Choir, Preschool & All School Classes

Tickets are limited at each show due to COVID Restrictions. RSVP is essential by Friday 11th September (2 people per family).

Call, front office to reserve your spot: 86425866

SCHOOL CONCERT

If you haven't already, please reserve your spot to attend the school concert by **TOMORROW Friday 11**th **September**. This can be done by contacting the front office (86425866). Tickets will be sent home with students next week. Please keep a look out for them as families will need these to enter the concert.

Hand sanitising and social distancing practises will be in place for the event and are to be strictly adhered to. If you are feeling unwell on the day, please refrain from attending.

While this event is not consistent with our regular family night, this model provides students with the best opportunity to demonstrate their performance skills in a safe way.

In anticipation of your support, we say thank you.

Modified School Day Thursday 17/9/20 – Students start and finish later in the day	
11:05	Bell goes and Students commence their school/preschool day.
12:00	First Break – Modified canteen lunch menu.
2:15	First Performance (150 maximum tickets) – School Gym
	Choir, All School Classes
3:10	Preschool (only) dismissed & families bring students back for second performance
3:45	Second Break (students bring own snack).
5:15	Second Performance (150 maximum tickets) – School Gym
	Choir, All School Classes & Preschool
6:20	Students Dismissed

Words from the Pastoral Care Worker:

Hi everyone, I hope you're all doing well and enjoying the start of the warmer days. As Term 3 enters its final stretch, I'm sure you're are all busy thinking about what you will do during the Spring break. Here are 6 great ideas that you and your family could do together these school holidays:

- 1. Start a veggie patch. This could be a great way to encourage your children to try new things on their plates, as well as teaching them news skills and giving them a sense of ownership over something they've helped to create. For 10 tips on how to get started head to https://www.kidspot.com.au/lifestyle and search veggie patch
- 2. Organise a Scavenger Hunt. Get the kids off their devices and outdoors. Simply write a list for each child of different things they need to go and find make it more challenging by giving them a set time to find everything on the list. These can be natural items from your garden or local park like flowers, leaves, stones, or household items like a soft toy, tv remote or a certain coloured item. The first one to find all the items from the list wins.
- 3. Meet a baby animal. Springtime means animals are having newborns. Why not take a drive to Stone Hut Petting Zoo in Stone Hut, SA (1hr12mins from Port Augusta) or to Eyre Reptile and Wildlife Park http://eyrereptileandwildlifepark.com.au/ in Whyalla? (entry fees and bookings may apply*)
- 4. Have a picnic. Prepare the food together and enjoy the sunshine.
- 5. Take a day trip to a beach, river, or lake.
- 6. Go camping it's budget friendly and the kids can enjoy sitting around the campfire before any fire bans begin in Nov. Make memories that'll last a lifetime.

I hope you all enjoy the Family Concert next week. I know students and staff have been working hard to make it a fun and entertaining experience for you all.

Kind regards, Varnya Kaitu'u PCW Varnya.Kaituu802@schools.sa.edu.au



PLEASE NOTE: Due to 11:00 am start on Thursday 17th September

LUNCHES for this day MUST be ordered and paid for by

Wednesday 16th.

NO late orders will be taken on THURSDAY.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY!

The **Respect Program** is an **SRC Initiative** to raise the level of respect demonstrated across our school.

The program runs every week with students' names put into a draw to win a prize. At the end of each week any student who has been disrespectful during learning or play time has their name taken **out of the draw**. Only students who are consistently respectful remain as potential weekly winners. This program is being reviewed at the end of this term.

Congratulations to our winners so far!





COMMUNITY EVENTS









TOMORROW 11th September **Bookings Essential** Phone: 8642 5866 to book your spot.



CANTEEN news

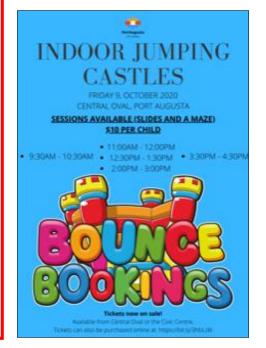
Homemade spaghetti bolognaise is available for \$4.50 for a short time.

Allergies – Nuts & eggs

We have some students and staff in our school with food allergies anaphylaxis to nuts and eggs. This is a medical condition that causes a severe, sometimes fatal, reaction to specific foods. These reactions can be triggered by contact, ingestion or inhalation. There is also a huge concern in regard to contamination of equipment whether this is play equipment, desks or other classroom materials.

- Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains eggs or nuts. This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Students are encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- Students are being encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.

Due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate specific food entirely from an environment. Many food packaging labels include the phrase 'may contain traces of nuts'. Foods with packaging labels that contain the phrase 'may contain traces of nuts' are acceptable.

















FAMILY NIGHT – THURSDAY 17^{TH} SEPTEMBER - CANTEEN CLOSED – LUNCH TO BE ORDERED THE DAY BEFORE.

SCHOOL CLOSURE FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER *NO PLAYGROUP OR SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF!*