



BULLETIN - #3

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to another term at Long Street Primary School. I trust you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Frisby, her husband Dave, daughter Krystal and son Blake on the safe arrival of their new baby daughter. All are doing really well and are getting special time to bond together at home.

Congratulations also to Miss Yates (Indonesian teacher) who has been successful in winning a grant to establish an E–Language Sister School program with a school in West Java, Indonesia. The grant, worth \$5,000, enables our students to develop and establish networks with students from Indonesia. The funding also supports professional development opportunities so that Bu Yates can be trained in the latest strategies.

Congratulations to Mrs Hills who has been nominated in the 2017 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. This is an outstanding achievement for Mrs Hills and is well deserved. Mrs Hills was nominated anonymously by a member of the school community. I wish her all the best in this very exciting process.

STEM Update

Costings have now been sent to Adelaide for their final decision. With all being well, construction should commence within the next 2 weeks with an estimated finishing date of the end of Term 3. I have held meetings with contractors and the impact on student learning will be kept to the absolute minimum. Asbestos removal has been undertaken and the room cleared ready for the improvements to begin. I have a coloured 3 dimensional rendering of the work to be undertaken which is nothing short of mind blowing. This facility will improve the delivery of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) activities and provide opportunities we could not have delivered prior to this Government grant.

Fidget Spinners

Fidget tools are an aid used in classes to help students concentrate and focus on their work. The introduction of fidget spinners (the new craze with children) however, has become a major distraction as the students are using them as fidget toys and losing all focus on completing and engaging in school work. We have also unfortunately had some of the spinners stolen or misplaced causing major upset to students.

I am therefore banning spinners from school to eliminate possible theft and distraction from teaching and learning. Students who bring them to school will not be permitted to use them during any part of the day including play times.

Other fidget tools are provided daily by staff to support student engagement.

Welcome

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Astrid Aitkin who has won the position of Senior Leader Primary for 1 year behind Mrs Frisby who is on maternity leave. We trust her time with us is rewarding and successful. Astrid comes to us from Whyalla Town where she showcased her skills as a very successful teacher. Good luck in your new role.

School Fees

School fees are now overdue. Please make arrangements with Raylene in the finance office as soon as possible.

Pupil Free Day

Our first Pupil Free day is scheduled for June 19th. Students do not attend school on this day.

Bryan Rotherham, Principal