On Friday students participated in a joint celebration for Clean up Australia day and Can Do 4 Kids. Students completed a whole school rubbish tidy up which finished with a shared crunch and sip on the courts. The school looked beautiful after the clean up. Well done students! Students were also asked to dress up in green and donate a gold coin to the Can Do 4 Kids charity foundation. Thank you to those students that took up the challenge and dressed in green. The money donated goes toward helping students who are deaf, blind and sensory impaired to communicate, be independent, go to school and live their best life.

We have been noticing a trend of students coming to school late and having a ‘rocky’ start to the day. Please do your best to get your child to school on time, as the minutes really do add up and affect their learning. If you are having issues getting your child to school on time and the school can support you in any way please don’t hesitate to come and speak to me.

Kind Regards
Tegan Crocker

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**Family Fun Corner Question: Week 6**

What was the name of the horse that won the 2017 Adelaide Cup?

Name: _____________________________
Room:________    Answer:______________
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Complete the question with your family and fill in the slip below. Then place it in the box in the front office. A winner will be drawn at the next assembly.

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**Senior Leader News**

We are very fortunate to have Dudley, the Story Dog visiting Long Street throughout the year. He will be working with the year two students in Foyer B. Dudley sits patiently whilst students read him stories, sometimes he lies on his back wanting his belly rubbed whilst listening to his favourite book. The aim of this program is to encourage children to read in a safe, calm and quiet environment. The students will gain confidence in their understanding of what they are reading as Dudley will ask questions through his ‘interpreter’, Helen Farrell. We are so excited about this new initiative and as students have already met with Dudley we know that they are excited too. This is a fun and unique reading support program that improves children’s reading and communication skills. It is primarily designed for students who have reading challenges, however students may be chosen by the classroom teacher to participate in the program as a reward or as an alternative reading activity. Dudley will be visiting our Site every Tuesday throughout the year so if you see Dudley and his handler please be sure to say hello and give him a pat.

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**Diary Dates**

**MARCH**

- Monday 12th: Adelaide Cup Day
- Friday 16th: Boys Basketball
- Wednesday 21st: Harmony Day
- Friday 30th: Good Friday

**APRIL**

- Monday 2nd: Easter Monday
- Friday 6th: Girls Basketball
- Friday 13th: Last Day of Term 2.10pm finish

If your intention is to help, then your manner must match.

Please SMS us on 0499 444 438 if your child is going to be absent. You need to include your child’s name, room number and the reason for their absence (eg. family or illness).
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Bryan Rotherham, Principal

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Week 3 Award Winners

Room 1
Xavier Miller
Skyle Southern

Room 2
Connor Ebdell
Sophia Butson

Room 3
Laylara Warren

Room 4
Eli Preiss
Annabelle Peatfield

Room 6
Kaiden Templeton
Jayla Woodland

Room 10
Dylan Valentic
Charli Rotherham

Room 11
Brodie Casey

Room 12
Sean Somerville
Abby Evans

Room 13
Jake Haigh

Room 14
Sam Chambers-Cummings
Ruby Upton

Room 15
Ryan Jordison
Kiara Mattner

Community Information

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

Whyalla
Whyalla Westland Hotel
100 McDouall Stuart Avenue

Monday 26 March
12.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Tuesday 27 March
11.00 am – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 28 March
11.00 am – 7.30 pm
Thursday 29 March
7.30 am – 12.00 pm

Make an appointment today.

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THE MUSIC AND MEMORIES OF CHANGI

COME AND TRY AUSKICK

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Boys and Girls Aged 4 to 7 Years
Tuesday 13th March
4:30 – 5:30
Bennett Oval
Sausage Sizzle Provided for the Participants
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So many suffered and died in a war against monstrous things
That one which saw the rising of profound resilience and nobility of spirit.