# ISSUE # 4 Newsletter



# June 2023



# From our Principal

The last three weeks have flown by and have again been jam packed with exciting learning opportunities and activities for our school community including a couple of performances, sports carnivals, Reconciliation Week and Walk to School Day.

In week 4, the Governing Council reviewed and approved the following school policies:

- Attendance
- Behaviour Support
- © Complaint Management in Schools
- Student Uniform
- © Student Use of Mobile Phones & Personal Devices
- Sun Protection in Schools

These policies were sent out via Seesaw and email. They are also available on our newly revamped website.

Please note that the biggest change has been to the Student Uniform Policy. There will be a transition period as we have just moved into winter and understand that families may have already purchased new warmer items. This Policy will be enforced from Term 4 as we head back into the warmer weather. If you are buying any new school clothing, please ensure that they are bottle green for the upper body and black for the bottom.

Please also ensure that your child has a school hat. These are to be worn all year round when outside. They can be purchased for \$12 from the front office.

- Dianna Pickert

# Calendar Dates

12th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
14th June	Whole School PJ and Onesie Day	
16th June	Soccer Carnival Year 5/6 Choir rehearsal at Bunyarra 1pm-3pm	
19th June	Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm	
20th June	Norrie Stuart Kindy visit	
30th June	Assembly Room 2 and 12	
3rd July – 7th July	NAIDOC Week	
4th July	Norrie Stuart Kindy visit	
7th July	Craniofacial Australia Crazy Hair Fundraiser – gold coin donation End of term – 2.10pm dismissal	
24th July	Term 3 begins	

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### **Hockey Carnival**

On Friday 19th May, ten Year 6 students participated in the Whyalla District Hockey Carnival. With only two students having taken the hockey field before, there was a huge learning journey for our players! We are proud improvements exceptionally of the in communication, confidence, skill and strategy demonstrated by our students throughout the day. Evidently, so were the other schools as we walked away with the Attitude Shield! Congratulations to all involved.



# **Reconciliation Week**

We celebrated Reconciliation Week in Week 5 with all classes completing a range of activities based on the theme 'Be a Voice for Generations'. Thank you Tayla for organizing our colouring competition. We finished the week with a showcase for students to share their learning. Thank you Miss Hunt for arranging the showcase and featuring our new LSPS Acknowledgement of Country!



### **BMX** Performance



Almost everybody has ridden a bike but no one rides a bike like Scott! Backwards on the front wheel, frontwards on the back wheel... Frontwards on the front wheel, backwards and upside-down. Telling the story of his first bike all the way to joining the circus, Scott demonstrates how thinking outside the box and trying new things can lead you on a grand adventure through life. The performance was about self-discovery designed to inspire students on their own life journey with a 'can do' and 'what if I' questioning approach. With an incredible finale, six people on the bike at once (see picture below!), Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show certainly inspired our next generation.



# Walk to School Day

Walk to School Day was a huge success. Students met staff at various designated checkpoints and walked together to school. Students then enjoyed some delicious coloured pancakes to ensure they were ready for a day of learning on a full belly.



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### National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Long Street Primary School students joined over 2 million Australians in the National Simultaneous Storytime! This year's book was about Spike the Speedy Sloth who, against all odds, chose to participate in the great race. The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care - she was ready to run. A story that celebrates those that work hard to achieve their personal goals (even if they come last!). At 10:30am we joined the nation to watch the author, Rebecca Young, and illustrator, Heath McKenzie, as they read the story and created incredible live illustrations.



# Week 3 Award Winners



Kindness Award Jake R, Elijah G, Kaylee L, Brockee H, Grace VB, Oadin M

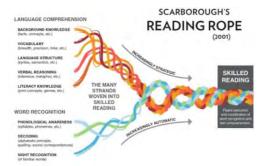
School Pride Award Blair W, Caius P, Noah H, Adalyn H

Term 1 Highest Fundraising Student for the Colour Run that was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was Tyler T!



### **Student Free Days**

This term our staff have participated in two student free days. The first was facilitated by Daina Wilson of the Literacy Guarantee Unit. Our School Improvement Plan in 2023 centres around improving language and reading comprehension for our students. We studied current best practice and research including the Simple View of Reading and Scarborough's Reading Rope. From this invaluable learning, staff put practical plans in place to support the students in their class.



Our second student free day was around using the Universal Design for Learning approach: an inclusive model of education for ensuring all students have access to their learning. Curriculum Lead, Jenna Hewlett, then worked with staff to design curriculum in an authentic, integrated manner to enhance student outcomes and engagement.





# From our Wellbeing Leader

# Learning for Life Program

The Smith Family 'Learning for Life' program provides emotional, practical and financial support to help children and young people with their education. Smith Family support starts in the early years of learning development and continues through primary and high school. The program helps build skills, knowledge, motivation, selfbelief and a network of positive relationships with parents, peers and significant others.

If you think that your child would benefit from the Learning for Life program, please see Becc O'Neil.



Learn today, change tomorrow.

# Attendance Update

School attendance is crucial as it directly impacts academic success and overall development. Regular attendance:

- ✓ ensures access to learning opportunities
- $\checkmark$  fosters social interaction
- ✓ gives opportunity for essential skill development
- $\checkmark$  establishes routines and discipline
- ✓ provides access to support services
- ✓ narrows achievement gaps
- ✓ prepares students for future endeavours
- ✓ cultivates a strong work ethic.

By prioritising school attendance, we set the stage for children to thrive academically, socially, and personally, unlocking their potential and opening doors to future opportunities.

Our current whole school attendance rate is 81%.

# From our Intervention Leader

# **Dream BIG Performance**

We acknowledge the outstanding effort and commitment of students from both Long Street Primary School and Norrie Stuart Childhood Services Centre at our school's Dream BIG Children's Festival! Please see our performances on Facebook.

We watched the opening section of the live performance, participated in a whole school dance to 'My Island Home' which was choreographed by Dusty Feet Mob, and each cohort danced their hearts out with their own song.

Thank you to our community for cheering along with us. We hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we did!

# **Road Crossing Monitors**

	<b>Morning</b> 8:30-8:50am	Afternoon 3:10-3:30pm
Monday	Tah-Leigh Emily Kaylee	Milly Matilda Elcee
Tuesday	Tanner Jayden	Ruby Matika Teyha
Wednesday	Brookyln W Tobiasz Beau	Max Connor E Ruby G
Thursday	Sophia Seb	Hudson Chelsea
Friday	Elijah Charli	Connor W Maddie M

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# Learning in Room 11 – Year 6

In Room 11, we have been researching the dynamics of electricity and how it has impacted on our lives over time. We have researched insulators and conductors and open and closed circuits.

#### Insulators

An electrical insulator is a material that does not easily allow flow of electricity through an electric current. Materials we use to insulate include rubber, plastic and glass.

#### Conductors

A conductor is a material that electricity can flow through. The ability to conduct electricity is called electrical conductivity. Most metals, such as iron and copper, are electrical conductors. These metals are used to make wires to carry electric currents. Water can also conduct electricity. Living tissues, as in the human body, are wet and are therefore also conductors of electricity.

#### Circuits

We have been learning about open and closed circuits as well as the electrical symbols we need to know to make our own circuits. See our examples in our class pictures of STEM learning.

# Indonesian

This term in Indonesian classes, students have been looking at Indonesian culture and clothing. They have investigated the different traditional clothing options and which areas of Indonesia they belong to. Students have written descriptions of their friends in relation to hair colour and length, clothing colours and styles, including what they like and dislike.

Junior Primary classes have been learning how to sing 'Happy Birthday' to someone. Ask them how to sing 'Panjang Umurnya' It has been so much fun hearing the song at recess and lunch breaks out in the yard! Students are also learning how to ask their friends how old they are and how to respond to the question.



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# From our Community

### Whyalla CuttleFest

Innovative illustration workshops based on the Giant Cuttlefish.

This is a unique workshop with visiting Sydney artist, diver and conservation advocate, Sue Liu. You'll get up close with the cuttlefish through videos and images taken by Sue and be introduced to observational illustration techniques. These techniques will then help you work on whatever inspires you, and you'll be on your way to developing your own illustration style and art!

This is a fun way to learn! No experience is required! Bring your powers of observation, curiosity about marine animals, and enthusiasm! Workshops will be offered at a variety of times from 29 June to 6 July in Community Pod next to the library. Tickets starting at \$39.00. and can be purchased from Eventbrite. <u>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/</u>





**Observational Illustration Workshop** 



