

GLEN OSMOND TIMES

Learning for Life – Aiming for Excellence

Thursday August 4th

Week 2

Term 3, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Governing Council Meeting – 10th August**
- **Assembly Rm 4 -12th August**
- **Book Week – 22nd – 26th August**
- **Book Week Assembly Friday 26th August**
- **Quiz Night – Saturday 10th September**
- **Pupil Free Day – Monday 12th September**
- **Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 30th September**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great Start

What a great start to the term for me as the new Principal! Thank you all for the warm welcome and I am thrilled to be a member of such a positive, vibrant school community. I was able to meet Grant Denyer, saw our students on the Channel 10 news, played on the new Netball court and enjoyed an outstanding dance and drama performance by the students in Room 6 at the school Assembly.

Getting to Know You

I have enjoyed visiting classes, getting to know students, teachers and support staff and meeting with parents. I am gradually finding out how everything operates and everyone has been open and honest about how much they are committed to continuous improvement. The students have been giving us their ideas on how to improve the outdoor play areas and we will be collating and presenting these to the Governing Council in order to inform site planning and development.

New Kitchen

The kitchen is close to completion with the new doors being put in next week and the ramp to follow. The appliances look magnificent and we can't wait to use them. Thank you for your generosity and I was amazed when I heard about how much was donated by so many parents and community members.

STEM Grant

We were very excited to hear that we had been selected for a \$1 million STEM grant just before the holidays. STEM works are about designing effective Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics learning spaces. We are awaiting more information from DECD (Department for Education and Child Development) about what that might look like for our site and we will keep you informed of progress.

Spongy Mulch

During the holidays, there was some vandalism of the school grounds with old fluorescent light tubes being smashed in some of the play areas. Luckily the neighbours contacted the authorities and DECD sent a team of people to clean up the mess, remove all the glass and replace the sand and mulch that had been affected. This has ensured that students have been able to play safely with new, clean sand and spongy mulch.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you here at this wonderful school. I am on duty in the yard every morning so please feel free to come up, introduce yourself and have a chat.

Julie Mattiske

STUDENT NEWS

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GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council Meeting, Welcome to New Principal Letter & Fundraising and Social Committee News + NEW SAKGP Kitchen photos.

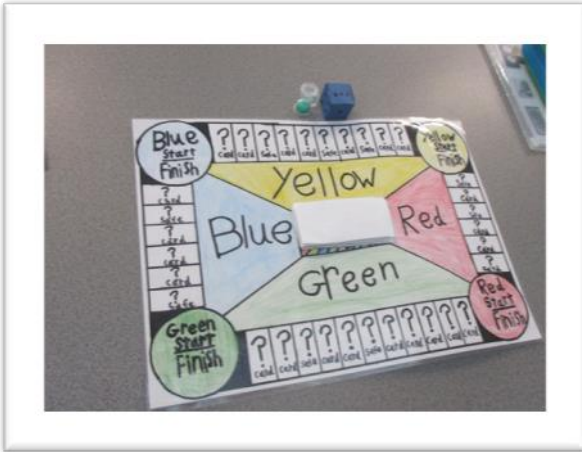
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LEARNING SNAPSHOT – Room 2 (Year 5/6)



DIVISION THROUGH GAMES

As a group we talked about our learning in maths and decided that when it came to division we really wanted to become more confident. To build this confidence we decided to design board games. Our big challenge was for the game to support player/s to use division to complete the game.

While we were designing and making the games we found out that it was a lot harder than we thought it was going to be. There was more to think about than we imagined. We developed hints and tips, which meant we had to:

- explore our thinking about how we knew about division.
- understand what was a good tip
- understand how our tip would help
- write the rules for our game
- design what the game would look like.
- construct all of the bits for the game.



The next big challenge is going to be trailing our games with other students. This is going to be a real test of our ideas and will show us if our games work. However, you never know one of our games could be the next big popular game.

We've taken some photos of our game prototypes, which are almost ready for trial.

CRYSTAL GROWING

Room 1 and Room 2 have been working together in small groups to grow crystals with the aim in mind to enter them into the Mark Oliphant Science Awards. The seeding of the crystals, made from potash alum, started early in Term 2.

Once a week we observed the crystals. We've recorded information about the size, clarity and shape of our crystals and any other changes. It's been really interesting to notice how different everyone's crystals are. Groups have worked at answering an investigation question.

SAPSASA

Room 2 has been well represented at SAPSASA events over the past few weeks. This has included students being involved in: Hockey, Cross Country, Softball, Netball and Basketball.



LIBRARY IMPORTANT DATES

Scholastic Book Fair	-	Week 3 Thurs/Fri Aug 11-12
Book Week "Australia – Story Country"	-	Week 5 Aug 22-26
Book Week Assembly and dress up day	-	Week 5 Fri Aug 26
Premier's Reading Challenge	-	Closing date Week 7 Fri Sept 9
Great Book Swap	-	date to be confirmed

Supporting Indigenous Literacy Foundation

Is your family having a tidy up in the winter holidays? Do you have any pre loved books that could help a good cause? If so, we would love to have them for our annual Great Book Swap event (date to be confirmed).

Books are offered for sale for a gold coin donation with all proceeds donated to Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Last year our event raised \$300 and contributed to the nationwide total of \$200,000.

This year's goal is to purchase 20,000 new books for gifting to remote and isolated communities. If you can help please drop off book donations early next term to the Library. Books for children as well as adults are welcome, magazines too. Thank you for supporting this popular event.

GOPS COUNSELLOR 2016

Hello everyone, I am so excited to introduce myself to the school community as the new Counsellor. This is my 4th year at GOPS, I have been part of the Middle Primary team for that whole time as well as Music in my first year.



I feel lucky to be in such a wonderful school and be able to start this position.

My role will consist of me working throughout the school to ensure students feel safe, happy and supported. This will involve:

- ✳ working with staff to implement a whole school values based program (this will also involve the Child Protection Curriculum)
- ✳ leading the senior SRC
- ✳ group and individual student counselling
- ✳ PALS at lunch time
- ✳ working with the Well Being Committee

If you have any questions, or concerns about student well-being, please feel free to contact me via email vanessa.secomb872@schools.sa.edu.au

To the right is a brief outline of the Child Protection Curriculum all teachers implement. For further information, please see the web address at the bottom.

I look forward to working together to make GOPS an even better place to learn and grow together.

Thank you, Vanessa Secomb

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

The Child protection in schools, early childhood education and care services policy (2011) states that "all children and young people in DECD preschools and schools will access approved child protection curriculum".

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

Themes

The curriculum is based on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities.

Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe

Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

Focus Areas

The two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

The right to be safe

Relationships

Recognising and reporting abuse

Protective strategies

More information can be found on the DECD website

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum>



WRAP OF THE LAST 2 WEEKS



Grant Denyer Visit



Room 6 Assembly



Network 10 Weather

OSHC NEWS

Attention all current and prospective OSHC families. There will be an administration charge of \$30.00 on a first time registration for each child who is not already enrolled and that includes adding a sibling to attend OSHC. Any queries do not hesitate to contact Jane or Samantha on 0411138748.

Thanks Jane Phillips (Director)



NEXT MEETING Term 3 Wednesday 10th August at 7:00pm

Dear GOPS Families,

On behalf of the School Community, I would like to give a big GOPS welcome to our new Principal, Julie Mattiske. Julie comes with a wealth of experience and I am looking forward to the leadership she will provide to our school. We are proud of the school and I know that Julie shares the high expectations we have to build on our strong tradition as a terrific learning environment for our children.

On behalf of the Governing Council, we are excited with the appointment and we will provide strong support to help Julie become part of the GOPS family.

On another matter, there is great excitement amongst the school community around the announcement of the State Government funding for new science facilities at GOPS. We look forward to hearing more about the funding and the impact it will have on our kids learning journey.

Regards,

Graham Jaeschke - Governing Council Chair

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE:

GOPS "Masquerade" Quiz Night- Saturday 10th September, Term 3/ Week 7

Quiz Night, put together by the Fundraising and Social Committee, is the biggest school fundraiser of the year. All funds raised from this event go towards School Improvement Priorities. Recently these have included the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Project and the resurfacing of the netball courts. In the near future we hope to further develop the stage area in the gymnasium for the specialist Arts Program.

We would like to invite GOPS families and friends to help make this fundraising event a success, by way of putting together a table of 10 people, and/or by donating goods, services or a voucher for our raffle/auction.

Tickets will be on sale at the front office from early term 3 for \$20 each, with tables being a maximum of 10 people. There will be Marcellina pizza available to pre order for the evening - details to come.

Daffodil Day Morning Tea- Friday 26th August, Term 3/ Week 5

Raising money for the Cancer Council by way of gold coin donations, there will be a morning tea held after assembly in the resource centre. Donation of baked goods would be greatly appreciated so as to maximize the money raised.

If you would like to donate either baked goods for Daffodil Day or products/vouchers for Quiz Night, please contact Michelle Moran at chelga73@hotmail.com.



The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Kitchen is fully installed and ready to cook up a storm!

Final touches over the next 2 week of door upgrades and new ramp with complete this great learning space.





Sturt Falcons Softball Club
Junior Registration/Come 'n try

When Sunday 21 August 2016
Time 10am-12noon
Where Waite Oval, cnr Claremont Avenue and Fullarton Road Netherby

What to bring Hat, drink bottle, glove, mouthguard

Age groups

U17 – born in 2000 or 2001
U15 – born in 2002 or 2003
U13 – born in 2004 or 2005
U11 – born in 2006, 2007 or 2008 but must turn 8 before they can play

Games

We compete in the Adelaide Competition with all games played on Saturdays at Barratt Reserve, West Beach at 12noon (except U15 at 2pm). Season commences 8 October.

Training

Pre-season training will continue on Sundays from 10-11am then move to Tuesdays from 4 October at 5-6pm. All trainings are at Waite Oval.

Contact

For more information please email sturtfalcons@gmail.com.



Senior Registration will be held on Sunday 28 August from 10.30am-12.30pm at Waite Oval
A, B, C & D grade

Mask Q Rades Costume Hire

Mask-Q-Rades are offering a special deal for our GOPS Quiz Night:

2 standard costumes for \$100.00 (plus extra\$10ea for wigs if required). They can extend this deal to single hires for Quiz Night, making each standard adult hire \$50 (usually \$60) ,plus extra for wigs. Costumes can be collected on Friday 9th and will need to be returned on the morning of Tuesday 13th September to avoid any late fees.

Should people wish to purchase masks or any of the retail items, including balloons for tables for this event only, then they can receive 10% discount in that week leading up to the quiz night. (ie) from Tues 6th -10th Sept inclusive.

Should balloons be required, at least one day notice is necessary.

People will need to stipulate that they are hiring for the Quiz Night for Glen Osmond Primary School on 10th Sept- or bring in the newsletter with them.



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