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Term 2, Week 5

29th May 2019

Newsletter



Principal's News

Last week our staff were part of a group of 70 plus educators who travelled to Lock to take part in Professional Learning about writing with Anne Bayetto, Flinders University Lecturer, researcher and author. The day had a focus on what supports writing development and how to address writing difficulties, starting with the explicit teaching of words-sentences-paragraphs. The day provided staff with the well-researched theory behind the successful teaching of writing and many practical strategies to support the learning of writing. There were many key takeaways from the day, but I have included a few below for your interest.

- **Students need to do way more writing– write less but more often!**
- **Writing needs to be collaborative.**
- **There needs to be interactive talk before writing**
- **Lots of writing should be unmonitored and ungraded – students need to have the opportunity to write for ‘whimsy and pleasure’.**
- **Students need to be able to talk a text type before they write a text type.**

So, what can you do as a parent? Here's a few ideas.

Helping your child with writing.

- * Let your child see you writing and share it with them (lists, emails, planning for family events). Show them you write for different purposes
- * Read, read, read– your children need to see lots of different writing to make sense of how it works
- * Provide opportunities for your child to write—shopping lists, sending letters or cards, keeping a diary, leaving notes, writing stories. Make it relevant and meaningful.
- * Listen to their stories and comment on what they have done well, for example: 'I like the way you used interesting words like X and Y, or 'that was a great description of the main character, they seemed so real.
- * Point out writing in the community—signs, labels, advertising
- * Provide plenty of tools for writing- different colour paper, pens, textas, fancy pencils, chalk

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) runs annually from 27 May – 3 June. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: The 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision, respectively.

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation journey.

As a school we will be recognising NRW - learning about its significance and taking part in learning activities in our classrooms.

Yesterday our Year 4-9 students travelled to Whyalla to attend 'Black Screen' – a free celebration of Indigenous film and culture that runs during National Reconciliation week, to promote cultural awareness.

"A positive & collaborative community of resilient learners, prepared for future challenges"

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2, 2019

WEEK 5

27-31/5 - Reconciliation Week

31/5 - SRC Grip Leadership @ Whyalla

WEEK 6

3/6 - Yr 10/11 Immunisations

WEEK 7

10/6 - Public Holiday

11-12/6 - Yr 4/5 Errappa Camp

WEEK 8

17-21/6 - SAPSASA Football/ Netball @ Adelaide

WEEK 9

26/6 - School Photo Day

WEEK 10

1-5/7 - Yr 10 Career Camp

5/7 - Last Day of Term, School finishes 2:20pm



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
#NRW2019
#GroundedInTruth

GROUNDING IN TRUTH
WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

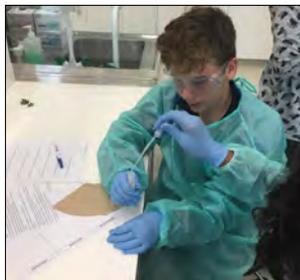
School News

STEM Aboriginal Student Congress

This week, 5 of our middle school students – Jordan Lewis, Josh Pentecost, Tilly McFarlane, Ky Lewis and Sid McFarlane, attended the 3rd Annual STEM Aboriginal Congress in Adelaide. The Congress is an initiative to engage and inspire the next generation of young Aboriginal scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians to broaden their career pathway options. Students were required to submit an application that talked about their interest in, and aptitude for, STEM, and their interpersonal, leadership and collaborative skills. Students who attended previous STEM congresses were automatically accepted. Next week, we will get the students to share some of their experiences.

Volunteers

Last Friday, we had a morning tea to say thank you to our volunteers for the time, energy and commitment they put into supporting our school – both staff and students. As we have said previously, we couldn't do it without them. Thank you to those volunteers who were able to come along and share morning tea with us.



Deputy Principal's News

Yesterday we received a report from the **Wellbeing and Engagement Collection** – a survey completed by our students from Years 4-10 earlier this year. The report describes young people's views about their social and emotional wellbeing, their engagement at school and their experiences outside of school. It is a useful tool for gauging and planning for student wellbeing, providing an informed structure to drive conversations about our young people's wellbeing and engagement. Data provided enables us to measure positive and negative growth from 2015 to 2019 while also comparing our school to other state schools in South Australia.

Throughout the year I will refer to the report and comment on our results.

Referring to the table below, it is reassuring to see that our students report that their **levels of perseverance** have improved over the past few years.

Learning readiness				Year
Perseverance	34%	38%	28%	2016
	41%	37%	22%	2017
Perseverance	43%	48%	8%	2018
	57%	32%	10%	2019

Early in the week I found a great example of how teachers are encouraging perseverance when I picked up from the photocopier a lesson designed for Pastoral Care about 'Thought Shifting' - encouraging students to discuss what it is that students their age find difficult or challenging, how they could support a friend through these issues, what they can think or say to themselves when faced with a challenging task or situation. Some suggestions were:

Thought	A more encouraging thought
This is too hard	This is difficult but I am going to keep trying
They don't want to be my friend	Tomorrow I will find a new friend
I'm going to fail that test	This test might be hard. I'll ask someone to help me prepare and then do my best.
I'm too scared to try that activity	If I fall down, I will get back up
I can't do it	I will get better at this if I practise
I am too nervous to do my talk in front of the class	I could ask my teacher for some ideas on how to get rid of butterflies before my speech

I believe that reconciliation is important to Australia's future. This year's Reconciliation Week theme '**Grounded in Truth Walk Together with Courage**' provides a focus for us to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships.



Keep warm, enjoy the week.

Regards,
Colleen Peters

MAY/JUNE

29/5 – Willow Cook
2/6 – Casey Beach
2/6 – Caleb Churchett 4/6 – Aiden Turner

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School News

FLASH FICTION WINNER!

Last week our winner was Year 6 student Amber Phillipps from Miss Matthews' class with her story below...

The screech of the tyres echoed throughout the street.

The ruby-red car stopped.

They were astonished at what they saw, a little truck, as small as a possum, was crossing the road.

Congratulations Amber!

This week our image for inspiration looks like this...



What can you see happening here? Check in with your child to see if they've written their FLASH FICTION this week!

Word of the Week

Every week we have a Tier 2 vocabulary word to think about and use.

This week's word is...

Privilege

What do you think this word means?

Does this word have more than one meaning?

Does your child know? Ask them!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2019

School photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, June 26th**. This year class photographs will be taken in the traditional format style (same as 2018). Family photographs will commence at 9am in the Library. Order envelopes have been sent home with each student with their name printed on the envelope. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: every student must return their envelope, even if not purchasing photos.** Family order envelopes are available from the front office. Please return all order envelopes to the Front Office **no later than Monday, June 24th**, so they can be collated ready for the photographers.

Payment Information (please read carefully): Payment by cheque is no longer available due to changes in Bank Policy. All payment details are listed on the payment envelope. Payment can be made either by cash (*please enclose correct money*), money order or online. If you order family photos online, could you still please collect a Family envelope from the front office or notify front office staff so your name can be added to the Families list. *Payment after photo day is available. Please see Front Office staff for full details.*
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**YEAR 10 FUNDRAISER
FOR CAREER CAMP**



Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 5th June

9:20am at Institute.

All welcome.

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The Library Scoop

Cowell Community Library 8629 2320

29 May 2019

Dates to Note

Every Monday - Homework club

Mon 3rd June—2.30pm Story time

Wed 5th June - 10.30am Book Club

Wed 5th June - 5.30pm Writers' Group



New Books

Adult Fiction

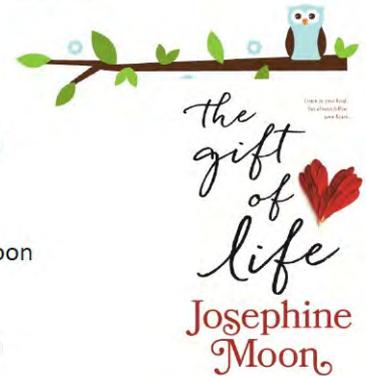
Salt Lane by William Shaw

Have You Seen Her by Lisa Hall

River of Salt Dave Warner

The gift of life by Josephine Moon

Rosie's Travelling Tea Shop
by Rebecca Raisin



New Books

Children's Picture Books

Stolen Girl by Trina Saffioti

Perfectly Polite Penguins **NOT** by Georgiana Deutsch

Perfect by Max Amato

Going to the Volcano by Andy Stanton

Armistice by Ruth Starke

Children's Fiction

The Poppa Platoon in Saving Private Rabbit
by Danny Katz

Real Pigeons Nest Hard by Andrew McDonald

I survived—The battle of D-Day, 1944 by Lauren Tarshis

The Little Wave by Pip Harry

Teen Fiction

The things that will not Stand by Michael Gerard Bauer

The Fork, The Witch, and the Worm
by Christopher Paolini

War and Resistance by Sophie Masson



National Reconciliation Week

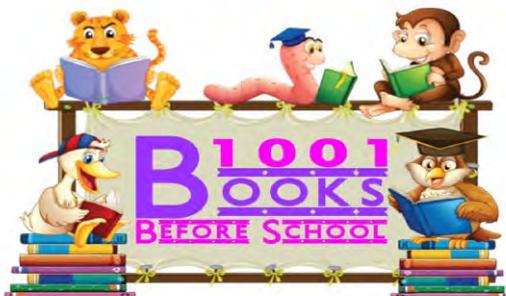
We have a selection of titles available to borrow for Reconciliation Week including these new titles;

**Growing up Aboriginal in Australia
by Anita Heiss**

Listening to country by Ros Moriarty

A tear in the soul by Amanda Webster

**The whispering in our hearts
by Henry Reynolds**



Starts, Monday 3rd June @ 2.30 to 3pm

Collect your passport
& start recording your books.

Over dues

Green forms have been sent home on Monday, to students who have outstanding over due books.

Congratulations to the year 5/6, who are the hardworking recipients of the morning tea on Wednesday. They currently have zero outstanding books.

Thank you to all,. Our school overdue books have gone from a little over 100 to approximately 35.



Community News

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

20th Event, being held at Cowell IGA Fresh on Thursday 30th May and Friday 31st May. Trading table and raffle all day or until sold out. Community donations of food gratefully accepted (please list ingredients). *This event has been held since 2000 and has raised in excess of \$25,000-*

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THURSDAY 13TH JUNE, 2019
9 AM - 4 PM
KIMBA COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Cherry Farrow from Inspire and Inform will be back again to bring you a workshop that will give you relevant and essential life strategies to be the best you can be!

The workshop will include: looking after our wellbeing and others, values, cause vs effect, communication, building confidence and resilience and being a valuable contributor to your work and the broader community.

Phone, text or email your name, number and email address to: Erin Lister m: 0498 733 479 e:erin@inspireandinform.com.au or contact Meagan Lienert 0427 272 254 for more information.



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SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2019
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Phone, text or email your name, number and email address to: Erin Lister m: 0498 733 479 e:erin@inspireandinform.com.au or contact Meagan Lienert 0427 272 254 for more information. Limited places available Book by Wednesday 29th May

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Golf Drive, Cleve
Tuesday 18 June 2019
9am - 3pm

COWELL COMMUNITY & SPORTS COMPLEX
Memorial Oval, Cowell
Wednesday 19 June 2019
9am - 3pm

HOW TO REGISTER?
Phone, text or email your name, number and email address to:
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