Tolley Wins Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents who attended on the day to make it a great community event.

Emma, Kayla, Azel and Agok proudly hold the school Sports Day trophy as Tolley wins for the second year in a row.

Natural Maths: Ensuring Students Do the Thinking.

This year our school is continuing to explore ways to improve each student’s mathematical reasoning. During our recent pupil free day staff undertook initial training in the use of the ‘Natural Maths’ teaching method, developed by Ann & Johnny Baker.

The ‘Natural Maths’ approach to mathematics teaches children how to undertake a range of computational strategies to solve maths problems and is designed to foster each child’s ability to understand mathematical processes at a very deep level. Rather than being taught how to do “SUMS” in a lock step manner, with little understanding of why a particular process is being used, children are given opportunities to use a wide range of strategies to arrive at solutions and to explain their thinking.

To learn more about the “Natural Maths approach to Teaching”, parents can go to the website http://naturalmaths.com.au Here you can view videos that explain the techniques we will employ to create more numerate students. Students who enjoy maths and are confident in their own abilities to solve mathematical problems.

‘Natural Maths’ based lessons consist of three parts.

1. The introductory Task: This is a time for students to practise mental computational routines (whole class)
2. The Main Task: When children engage with a problematised situation, game or investigation (groups, pairs or individually.
3. The Reflection Task: Here children share and extend their thinking and formalise learning as a community of learners.

The Secret Code.

The ‘Natural Maths’ method introduces students to concept of a SECRET CODE. This is simply the use of initials to identify 18 specific mathematical strategies and in doing so it provides students with a tool to communicate their thinking and makes visible to others their mathematical reasoning.

For example students learn that C03 means: Count on three. D: means to double and H: to halve. RF: refers to the idea of rainbow facts – the pairs of numbers that together make up ten (3+7 6+4 8+2 etc) TA: Turn Around – is the strategy of switching numbers around to make counting them easier ( Rather than saying 3+48, say 48+3 )

By explicitly teaching students computational strategies and asking them to code their work we can support them to work with numbers more effectively. If you have any questions about ‘Natural Maths’ the Principal Mark Hansen can answer them.

The Secret Code Video can be seen here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2ObuMkbvqE
**Canteen Roster**

**Tuesday 28th April**
- Michele Smale

**Wednesday 29th**
- Michele Smale

**Thursday 30th**
- Nicole Hall

**Friday 1st**
- Kim Neate, Megan Edwards

**Tuesday 5th May**
- Michele Smale

**Wednesday 6th**
- Jenni Krol

**Thursday 7th**
- Adla Mattiske

**Friday 8th**
- Emma Sparks, Megan Edwards

Thank you to all the families who supported the canteen on Sports Day, it was a lovely busy day. Special note to mention to Nicole Hall, Emma Sparks and Megan Edwards for helping with the serving, I could not have done it without you all. Wishing you all a great holiday. To all my volunteers, your help is very much appreciated. See you all next term. Michele Smale

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**Principal’s Award**

For Following Instructions

- Aaliyah B
- Dylan M
- Sebastian S
- Kaitlyn H
- Mason D
- Tayla T
- Celeste N-B
- Tom S
- Jade O
- Karel W
- Cooper W

- Tess N
- Mia B
- Jett C
- Summer H
- Tyler G
- Gargiee V
- Tayla T
- Jai N
- Charlie R
- Jason F

- Harry N
- Emma N
- Emma P
- Breanne F
- Karah G
- Owen S
- Cooper H
- Ashlee B
- Josh M-Z
- Jelena D
- Zodee Z

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**Excursion/Incursion Update**

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The Finance Office will be CLOSED for the first three days of Term 2 (Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th April). Payments will not be processed until I return on Thursday 30th April. Michele Kraniac

Finance Office

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**Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Learn how to recognize the early signs and symptoms of mental health illness in your clients, family and workplace and how to guide them to professional help. Facilitated by an accredited trainer with many years experience.

When: Friday May 1st and Friday May 8th
(you must attend both days)
Time: 9am to 5pm
Cost: $100 per person, lunch supplied
Where: HIVe 926 North East Moolooa
Bookings essential and 8426 9800

For more information please contact us on 8426 9800 or visit www.mentallyhealthy.gov.au
Ardtornish Children’s Centre Update

Free-range nature play is on again this school hols!

Your kids can run wild in tonnes of sand, river pebbles and mulch. Starts Saturday next to Tea Tree Gully Library

Car and Home Safety – reducing child accidents

Preventable childhood accidents hurt children and adults and can lead to avoidable hardships for families and children. Kidsafe have some useful information to assist us all to reduce hazards while allowing young children to set themselves challenging risks.

Two interactive resources can be accessed from http://www.kidsafesa.com.au/. First, scroll down to the bottom of the Home Safety page and link to a virtual home (well a mansion really) from Kidsafe WA. It gives insights into ways to reduce hazards inside and out of the home. Each room of the house has links to fact sheets and advice for different areas of the house; such as car safety and (do you know?) the correct temperature for hot water accessed by children (answer below*).

An expert installer, providing free advice recently at Marion shopping centre, found all but one of the car restraints he inspected needed some form of adjustment or correction. New national child restraint laws were introduced in 2010.

A second link, Seat Me Safely (click the koala icon on the Child Care restraints page on the Road Safety tab), take us to a valuable NSW resource about car safety restraints. It includes details of the correct style of seat or booster by age and information about where to safely install the restraint. The safest place to seat a child in a car is (below**)?

Be sure when purchasing any safety devise that it meets Australian standards and, as is the case for safety helmets, second hand car restraints; even those within their 10 year use-by-date, are not recommended due to their unknown history.

And there is so much more on the page that can help us all keep ourselves and children safe.

Let’s all enjoy a safe break.

Answers

*50°C

**Centre rear seat

Vacation Disco

PS Don’t forget there is a Disco for preschool aged children and their older siblings at the Children’s Centre 10-12pm Wednesday 22 April – bring a plate to share and their dancing shoes.

John Buckell
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First day back of Term 2 is Monday 27th April

Year 7/8 Transition

We will distribute a transition pack to all Year 7 students on Monday 27 April. The pack will include a Starting Secondary School brochure, an Application for Year 8 Enrolment form, an Enter for Success program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students form, criteria for out-of-zone registration of interest, and a Registration of Interest Form for the Australian Science and Mathematics School. These materials are intended to help students and their parents understand enrolment procedures in order to correctly complete their application form.

Year 7 Jacket Order

Unfortunately the jackets will not be ready before the end of term. They will be available on the first day back of next term and will be collected in the school holidays. Alternatively, please check Google+ in the second week of the holidays as we will make a time when students can collect their jacket from the front office in the holidays. The jacket will need to be paid for by the end of this term for this to happen.
Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

In March 2014, the Premier, Hon Jay Weatherill MP, announced an election commitment to provide a sport voucher to the value of $50 for every primary school student in South Australia.

I am delighted to invite you to take part in the Sports Vouchers Program for 2015. The Sports Vouchers Program aims to reduce the cost of living for South Australian families by providing all primary school-aged children (Reception to Year 7) with a subsidy towards the cost of sport fees or sporting club memberships.

Every child wishing to participate in organised sport should have the opportunity to do so. Organised sport is a great way for children to be active and stay healthy. The Sports Vouchers can be used to encourage your child to try a new sport or to keep your child playing the sport they are already involved with.

The vouchers can be used to subsidise membership or participation fees for a sporting activity or program which involves a weekly match or training opportunity for at least 10 weeks. If the cost of the activity you select exceeds the value of the Sports Vouchers, you will still be responsible for payment of the difference.

To redeem the Sports Vouchers you can complete the voucher enclosed and present it at a Sports Vouchers registered club. You can use one voucher per child, per calendar year. Vouchers can be used at any time from March, through to 31 December 2015. Some registered clubs require online registration and many have already incorporated the redemption of the Sports Voucher into their online systems.

From March 2015, you can go to the Sports Vouchers website: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au to search for a registered club in your local area which will accept the Sports Voucher toward club fees. A fact sheet and short video explaining the program can be found on the Sports Vouchers website.

If you don’t have access to a computer at home, your local library provides computer use and free access to the internet. If you require any additional information or assistance please email: sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Leon Bignell MP
Minister for Recreation and Sport

12 February 2015

Please note: Sports vouchers are not relevant to Ardtornish after School Sports. Clubs must be incorporated in order to accept vouchers. A list of participating clubs is available on the website. www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au