COMEING EVENTS
Term 1 Week 8
Character Strength: Kindness
Monday 16/3/15
* Tennis comp at Henley HS
* 8.50 Assembly
* Guitar/Ukelele
* 1.30 - Year 2/3/4 Water Watch
Tuesday 17/3/15
* No Better Buddies
* Year 5/6/7 MBHS Transition visit
* Year 5/6/7 at Wallis Cinema to view
“Paper Planes”
* Staff meeting
* 7pm - Governing Council mtg
Wednesday 18/3/15
Thursday 19/3/15
* Piano
* Senior choir
* Sturt FC football clinics R-7
* SAKG Garden classes
Friday 20/3/15
SPORTS DAY
Term 1 Week 9
Character Strength: Prudence
Monday 23/3/15
* 8.50 Assembly
* Guitar/Ukelele
Tuesday 24/3/15
* Year 6/7 Aquatics at Noarlunga
* Staff meeting
Wednesday 25/3/15
* Indo Fest R-7
Thursday 26/3/15
* Piano
* Junior Choir
* Senior choir
* SAKG Garden classes
Friday 27/3/15
* Year 6/7 Aquatics at Noarlunga
* SAKG Kitchen classes Year 5
EASTER FETE

Building Learning Power — helping young people become better learners

In the last newsletter I wrote about the 4 main learning dispositions as identified by Professor Guy Claxton when describing his Building Learning Power (BLP) approach to teaching and learning. These 4 dispositions were:

- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Reflectiveness
- Reciprocity

Claxton describes these dispositions as muscles that each of us can build up. Over the next few weeks I will concentrate on each of these dispositions in turn to expand on Claxton’s thinking.

Resourcefulness

We can develop the resourcefulness muscle through:

Questioning — asking questions of ourselves and others. Being curious and playful with ideas — delving beneath the surface of things

Making Links — seeing connections between events and experiences.

Building patterns — weaving a web of understanding

Imagining — Using our imaginations and intuition to put ourselves through new experiences or to explore possibilities. Wondering “What if...?”

Reasoning — Calling up our logical and rational skills to work things out methodically and rigorously; constructing good arguments and spotting the flaws in others.

Capitalising — drawing on the full range of resources from the wider world — other books, people, the Internet, past experiences, future opportunities.

Think about how you use these to develop your own Resilience muscle and how you have seen your children use them.

Last weekend Janet attended a 2 day workshop on developing resilience. We are looking forward to her leading us through her learnings!

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**This fortnight’s Character Strength:**

**Prudence**

With the strength of prudence you are careful about your choices and inclined not to say or do things that might later be regretted. Prudent individuals are farsighted and thoughtful and you exercise caution in life. You have a flexible and moderate approach to life and strive for balance among your goals and ends.

When you have the strength of prudence you:
* Think and care about your personal future, planning for it and holding long term goals and aspirations
* Are good at persisting at activities that don’t have an immediate appeal
* You have a style of thinking that is reflective and practical
* Seek a stable, balanced and a way of life free of conflict

These are the traits and actions the staff will be on the look-out for over the next fortnight. Children displaying the characteristics of **Prudence** will be nominated for Yard Stars or earn their team points towards the Team PERMA Shield.

**2015 House Leaders**

**Angas**

**Captains** – Molly Bolt and Archie Rowe  
**Vice Captains** – Jacinta Henstridge and Jordan Bentley

**Battunga**

**Captains** – Callum Ewens and Tianna Ewens  
**Vice Captains** – Peri Broomhill and Hubba Matthews

**Davenport**

**Captains** – Breeanna Holdsworth and Bodhi Reinpuu  
**Vice Captains** – Maddi Roe-McBeath and Cameron Bottroff

**Batteries**

Just a reminder that the school collects and recycles used batteries so please don’t send them to landfill. Bring your used batteries to school and drop them into the bin just inside the RBLC door.

**Terra Cycle**

Last week the 2014 YEL group sent the first parcels of collected coffee pods, dental care products and cleaner packaging to Terra Cycle. Terra Cycle pays us 1c for each item sent in with the money made being used to purchase new bat boxes to house any of the six micro-bat species that inhabit the Top Block.

The school has 2 Terra Cycle bins for you to drop the products into, one at school under the gazebo and the other is in front of the shop.

**Schools Clean Up Australia Day**

On Friday February 27th the school participated in Schools Clean Up Australia Day. The Year 5-6-7s picked up 9kg of rubbish from Davvy Square, the Year 2-3-4s cleaned up around the SAKG Garden area, staff car park and the Top Block while the R/1s tidied up the front of the school.

**Gabby and Tianna with some of the rubbish they found at Davvy Square**

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The Year 2-3-4s searching through the staff car park for rubbish

The Gratitude Tree
This poor old tree is looking decidedly bare.
Some of the leaves that have sprouted are:

- We are grateful for each other, especially our friends.  
  Ellis
- Thank you to Hunter, Paul and Khali for donating chooaks to the school, we really appreciate them.  
  Eric
- I am grateful for doctors, nurses and ambulance officers.  
  Maddy McF
- We are grateful to the Parent Club for organising iceblocks and milo at lunch times.  

Don’t forget to pop into the Front Office and place a leaf on the tree describing something that the school or students have done that you are grateful for.

User Pays Drums
The school has purchased a drum kit and is now offering drum lessons as well as piano/keyboard and guitar/ukulele.
Please contact the Front Office for more information if you are interested in your child learning drums. Lessons cost $25 for 30 minutes.
The hope is to put together a school band at some stage down the track.

PERMA Shield
We are currently exploring the possibility of establishing the PERMA Shield. This shield would be awarded each year to the House Team that earns the most PERMA points throughout the year. PERMA points are awarded to children who exhibit:

- P – Positive emotions
- E – Engagement
- R – Relationships
- M – Meaning
- A – Accomplishment

.......................... in any area of work or play throughout each week. It is another way that we can reinforce the elements of Positive Education across the whole school.
Updates of how the teams are going will be reported at assemblies and in the newsletter.

Congratulations Jacinta
Jacinta has been selected as a percussionist in the Primary Schools’ Music Festival South Orchestra. This will involve Jacinta attending weekly rehearsals at Darlington PS as well as attend workshops, the Magic Millions Sales Auditorium Rehearsals and four rehearsals and performances at the Festival Theatre.

SAPSASA Softball
Congratulations Molly and Maddy on being selected in the SAPSASA Barker District Softball team competing in the State Primary Schools Softball Competition in Adelaide next week.
We all wish Maddy and Molly all the very best.

Road Safety School

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YEAR 2/3/4
Busy inside and outside!

On our second day in the garden even the hot weather didn’t deter our intrepid workers. Look out weeds!

GARDEN MATHS
The “Grassy Heads” that we planted in the first week provided us with opportunities to practise measuring. We learnt how to construct a table to clearly display our information.
Birthday's for the Month of March

Happy Birthday

There is only one special March birthday:

Maddison B.

Hello from Kerry

Well I am healing nicely, must be from all that rest and relaxation, although I think I am starting to wear thin with the family and the household duties roster. At this stage I am on track and hope to be back at work in week 9. Just in time to organise Hot Cross Buns and to hold our Term 1 lunchtime Birthday Party. Can you believe that we are well into March. More details in the next newsletter.

Hope you and yours are well and keeping you on your toes, look forward to catching up with you in the coming weeks.

Came upon this think spot and with no disrespect to our wonderful teachers thought that you all might enjoy the read including the staff.

JUST A THOUGHT

Have a think about this - if your dog was the teacher, you would learn lessons like

- Run to greet your family when they come home!
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride!
- Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy!
- TAKE NAPS
- Stretch before rising!
- Run, romp, and play daily!
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass!
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk!
- BE LOYAL - Never pretend to be something you're not
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it!
- ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY.

I think we could take a lesson or two from our four legged friends.

Blessings Kerry
Parent club
We have an exciting term ahead, with our BIG Easter Fete.
Also we have polo shirts with school logo for sale, $12.00. Please contact Fiona for orders or call Mandy.
Please feel free to come to any of our meetings and share some fundraising ideas with us.
Our committee this year is
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Mandy Bottroff 0417830182  Aleah Sexton 0422169252
Please contact any of us for queries or suggestions
Our meetings are usually week 3, 5 & 8 @ 2pm in the staff room
Kind regards, Kel.

MACCY PARENT CLUB EASTER FETE
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2015
4.00PM-7.30PM

Come and join in the fun
There will be class stalls, games, activities, a Maccy brick road, our famous spuds.
We will have strawberries and ice cream, donuts and yummy goodies cooked from our own school kitchen.
Bring a change of clothes and give the slip and slide a go.
We will have specialty stalls, a visit from the CFS and The Community Association.
Plenty of fun and games.
Car boot sale for $10 each
For information, or to book a stall call Kel 0421279059