



Aldgate Primary School

Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 4

22/2/17

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

STEM Open Night

An opportunity exists for parents and carers to come and view our new STEM facilities this Tuesday 27th February 5pm –7pm. Kate Dilger from the South Australian Science Teachers Association will be our guest speaker (6pm-6:30pm). Kate has been developing our teachers' understanding of STEM and will be presenting an introduction to STEM for parents. This isn't compulsory and you are more than welcome to just come and have a look.

Facility Development

The school has definitely benefited from the facility improvements to the buildings, the car parks and vehicle and pedestrian access to the school. We are grateful for the patience of the school community. We have a number of other projects planned that will continue to improve the facilities which include; an administration building upgrade, painting and recarpeting of other buildings, as well as some beautification work around the school.

Teaching and Learning in 2018

We will once again have a focus on STEM and we will continue to access professional development to support its implementation across the school. Data collection and analysis will be at the core of our work and guide our planning and programming.

We have worked extensively as learning teams over the past few years. These have been the grouping of teachers into year level groups with each group examining data and implementing school priorities. The amount of group work staff will participate in this year will reduce and a greater focus will be on the individual teacher and their ability to deliver a quality learning environment.

We have engaged the services of LeadLearn Consulting; they will be working with teachers on how the curriculum is delivered to our students. LeadLearn will survey students in each class. The surveys focus on students' cohesiveness, involvement, collaboration, differentiation, and clarity of assessment, equity, teacher support and several other aspects of learning. The survey results are analysed and with the support of the LeadLearn consultants teachers look at addressing some of the areas identified. It is part of the Educator Improvement Cycle.

I am confident that the Educator Improvement Cycle will improve the quality of the teaching and learning at Aldgate Primary and address some of the areas to consider from last year's external review.

Yard Behaviour

Towards the end of last year the school received feedback from a number of sources about rough play in the school yard. Several teachers expressed a concern about the physical nature of some of the students, in particular some of the games being played. As a result we are focusing on promoting safe play in the yard and reducing the amount of 'hands on' games being played.

Teachers are being proactive whilst on duty and the safe play message is being reinforced in the classrooms. Yard rules have been clarified amongst staff and students to ensure consistency across the school.

Parent and caregiver school climate survey results regularly identify that the school provides a safe and caring environment and is a key reason why they send their children to Aldgate Primary. Staff at Aldgate are committed to ensuring that the school continues to provide such an environment.

If you have a query or concern please contact me at the school or drop in for a chat.

Kind regards,
Kevin Kennedy
Principal

26/2 Kindy AGM

27/2 Bike Ed

27/2 STEM Open Night

5/3 Mr Huff 4/5 Exc

6/3 Bike ED

7/3 Hyatt/Cottle Fringe Exc

8/3 Costello/Bailey Fringe Exc

12/3 Adelaide P.H.

13/3 Bike Ed

14/3 Bike Ed

19/3 Harmony Week

19/3 Yr 6 Aquatics

19/3 Mitcham Girls Visit Yr 7

20/3 Yr 6 Aquatics

20/3 GC Meeting

21/3 Yr 6 Aquatics

23/3 Sports Day

Introducing Mrs Cottle's Year Two Class



This is Amelia.
She is AWESOME at Basketball, PE and sport.



This is Ella.
She is AWESOME at Drawing, writing and playing.



This is Eli.
He is AWESOME at Riding and writing.



This is Riley.
He is AWESOME at Sport, tennis, football and PE.



This is Hope.
She is AWESOME at PE, drawing and writing.



This is Lachie
He is AWESOME at Drawing and reading.



This is Emily.
She is AWESOME at Jumping, sliding, writing, drawing and reading



This is Cameron.
He is AWESOME at Knowing dinosaurs and working on the computer.



This is Pip.
She is AWESOME at Back and front flips, somersaults, riding a bike, video games, drawing, football, maths, writing, drawing and listen-



This is Max.
He is AWESOME at Sports, riding, walking, sleeping, eating, camping and maths.



This is Ellen.
She is AWESOME at Reading and writing.



This is Archie.
He is AWESOME at Reading, sports, soccer and computing

Introducing Mrs Cottle's Year Two Class



This is Juliet.
She is AWESOME at
Cooking and writing.



This is Mitchell.
He is AWESOME at
Footy and PE.



This is Chloe.
She is AWESOME at
Being kind and PE.



This is Elise
She is AWESOME at
Helping and trying.



This is Maddison.
She is AWESOME at
Scooter riding and writing.



This is Brian.
He is AWESOME at
Bike riding and writing.



This is Kirrilly.
She is AWESOME at
Riding her bike and PE.



This is Adeline
She is AWESOME at
Maths and the game Piccadilly
Circus.



This is Lilly.
She is AWESOME at
Cleaning and computing.



This is Emma.
She is AWESOME at
Reading, working, singing, riding,
writing and joining in.



This is Joshua
He is AWESOME at
Computers and PE.



This is Erin.
She is AWESOME at
Helping and maths.



This is Athena.
She is AWESOME at
Making tea and writing.

Front Office Updates

Update Parent/Caregiver Information:

If you need to update your family/personal/emergency contact details please email:
dl.0210.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

Late Arrivals/Early Departures

If your child comes to school late or leaves early they need to come through the front office so that their attendance or absence can be recorded. This is also important if you take your child out for part of the day, such as a visit to the dentist.

Relevant History Clearance for Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at school on a regular basis you will need a Relevant History Clearance from Dept Communities and Social Inclusion DCSI.

To apply

1. email your request to Fiona.crackett660@schools.sa.edu.au, please include your date of birth
2. select the link to the online application which will be forwarded to your email address
3. follow the instructions outlined in the DCSI online application fact sheet to complete your online application

There is no cost to Aldgate Primary School parent volunteers to apply for a Relevant History Clearance.

Interested in joining the Parents & Friends Network?

The Parents and Friends Network are looking for a couple of parents or caregivers in our school community to join them.

The role of the Network is to provide "whole school" social gatherings that help build a sense of community in our school.

Please email your interest to Catherine (cborneman@icloud.com)

Class Parent Reps

We are looking to fill Parent Rep positions in Miss Somerville, Ms Bailey and Mrs Burrows classes.

The role of the Parent Rep is to organise class related social events, contact list, in-class activities etc...

Please email your interest to Catherine (cborneman@icloud.com)

Interested in fundraising?

The Fundraising Group are looking for a couple of parents or caregivers in our school community to join them.

This year we are looking at expanding our fundraising efforts as we continue to raise funds for our new junior primary playground.

Please email your interest to Alicia aliciamcritchie@bigpond.com

Newsletter

Thanks

Aldgate Kindergartens Cathy Willoughby-Tuma is at home and doing well after last weeks health scare. Here is a message from Cathy:

"please pass on a BIG THANKYOU for the wonderful get well book. It definitely was the highlight of my day"

All the staff and students at Aldgate Kindy and Primary School wish Cathy a speedy recovery.

Get well soon

Wanted- milk and bottle lids

Dear Aldgate Primary School Community,

The R/1 classes are collecting milk and bottle top lids.

It would be fantastic if you could send any spare milk or bottle top lids to school.

Pop them in the box at the front office or even in your child's lunch box so they can put them in the box.

Thank you for your assistance,

Yellow and Green Fivers



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