



# Aldgate Primary School

## Newsletter

TERM 1 WEEK 6

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11/3	Adelaide Cup PH
12/3	Girls SAPSASA Cricket at Aldgate
15/3	Cottle/Hyatt Excursion
22/3	Sports Day
25/3	School Photos
27/3	Yr 4-7 Lunch & Crunch Volleyball at H.H.S
3/4	SAPSASA District Athletics
8/4— 10/4	Yr.6 Aquatics Camp
8/4— 11/4	Yr. 7 Canberra Trip
10/4	G.C Meeting

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are now half way through term 1. At last we've had a few cooler days and the mornings are getting noticeably darker.

We've had some great initiatives this year. One of them, instigated by our new PE teacher Cam Grigg, changed the way that we select our house captains for Sports Day. Students were invited to make a written application to me, and they were chosen against a selection criteria based on their leadership skills and their ability to demonstrate their knowledge and experience in demonstrating the school values. I was very impressed by all of the applications, and surprised when I even saw a CV and a referee statement! I think it is important for students to be able to talk about their own qualities, and writing perhaps their first application will support them on their employment journey.

I would like to congratulate the successful applicants:

For Freeman - Maya McRitchie and Josh Newman

For Meares - Daisy Rees and Caitlin Egel

For Pearson - Nicola Short and Christian Francis

For Thorpe - April Strevens and Max Becker

The following students will be deputies to the captains above, and I also congratulate them for their applications: Sophie Windle, Piper McCormick, Mia Haupt, Cassidy Pannell, Ivy Ogden, Maddy Lewis and Lily Cordes.

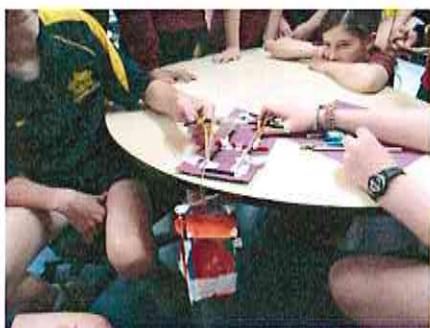
We've also trialled a new approach to parent-teacher interviews, which we have called three-way conversations this year. At Governing Council last night a number of parents talked very positively about hearing their own child speak, and take some responsibility for their learning, and other parents missed the opportunity for a frank conversation about their child. Although we haven't done a review yet, the feeling that I've had from teachers has been positive. It'll be interesting to ask the students their opinions too - I know that some of them were nervous! We'll keep working on the best ways to help your children and their teachers communicate about their learning with you.

Warm regards,

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# A quality start in Yr. 6/7 Dawson



For our STEM challenges, we had to make a marble go from point A to point B without using our hands. It helped with our teamwork and getting to know our classmates. (Scarlett H)

During this activity, we had to learn to work together with new people, to be responsible while working with equipment and to be resilient when things didn't work. (Piper)

I really enjoyed the STEM tasks because we used teamwork and we helped each other build. (Harry T)

The point of the activity was to build teamwork and to get to know each other. (Michael)

I thought it was fun, everybody shared their responsibilities and stayed positive. (Angelie)

I liked this because it was fun and challenging. (Damin)

I liked that we worked together and showed respect for each other's opinions. (Annabelle)

We all worked well together and tried and tried again. Eventually we got the marble in the hole then we were making it harder and harder. (Max M-H)

We all had a part in testing and building. We shared our ideas to achieve our goal. (Ryan and Jemima)

My team worked well and I think it was the first step for the class to get to know each other. (Evelyn and Eden)

This lesson was all about collaboration and teamwork. (Maddy)



# School News

## Woodworking program

Some of our year 6/7 boys are starting a weekly Woodworking program at the Aldgate Hut beginning on 6<sup>th</sup> March. They will be using wood to make products.

If you have any planks of wood that could be used for these projects we would really appreciate your donation.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Paula Raymond ([paula.raymond132@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:paula.raymond132@schools.sa.edu.au)) and she will organise a drop off time.

Pupil Free Day

Monday

**29/4/19**

Booking Forms can be collected from  
OSHC



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