

Aldgate Primary School

Newsletter



TERM 1 WEEK 4

22/2/19

28/2	Courier Cup
11/3	Adelaide Cup PH
15/3	Cottle/Hyatt Excursion
22/3	Sports Day
25/3	School Photos
29/4	TBC Pupil Free Day
8/4— 10/4	Yr.6 Aquatics Camp
8/4— 11/4	Yr. 7 Canberra Trip

Hello everyone,

The culture of a school is so important. 'Culture' describes how we manage matters, how we behave with each other, how we 'do things here at Aldgate'.

Our school values shape our culture. Our values are:

Respect

- Show respect for ourselves, others and the environment.
- Be considerate and courteous to others.

Resilience

- Persevere when faced with challenges.
- Aim for (your) personal best to achieve excellence.

Empathy

- Be respectful, supportive and relate positively to others.

Responsibility

- Understand what is right.
- Take charge of our own actions.
- Model the school values and show integrity by being reliable and honest.

This year, we began with our "Quality Start" program, which meant that we focussed on our school values and what they meant in a wide variety of situations, such as when borrowing books from the library, using the playground spaces, sharing class resources and speaking to staff and other students. Classes also spent time determining their class rules, and talking about protocols for teamwork, solving conflicts and classroom logistics.

We've been very happy with the start to the year, and how the students have responded so positively to our efforts to create a positive culture that focusses on learning. We're going to keep taking daily opportunities to address the school values in explicit ways, so that we all have a strong framework for 'the way we do things here'.

I'm inviting you to be part of this focus too. You might want to discuss the values that you share as a family, and how those shared values shape the way that you live. I'm certainly inviting you to remember our school values when you visit the school to speak to staff and other parents.

On another note, soon we're going to be having our three-way-conversations about student learning. We're trying something a little different this year, as we are having the students mostly run the sessions (that will depend somewhat on their age), and the focus will be on goal setting which will include your thoughts, as well as your child's and their teacher's. I'll be very interested to hear any feedback from you after you have been through this process.

Warm regards,

Leah Kennewell, principal

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Ms Cazzolato's Reception Class

The reception students have just had their 4th week at school and it has been an exciting start to school. The first two weeks were all about settling into life at school. We spoke about 2 of our school values respect and responsibility. The students were able to explore different areas in the school and participate in a range of exciting activities.



Ms Cazzolato's Reception Class

In week 3 students began Jolly Phonics where they were introduced to the sounds of the alphabet. Students were able to explore these sounds through many activities in the classroom. We also began to look at some maths materials we will be using throughout the year. Our little mathematicians were very creative in thinking of ways they could use them.



At the end of week 3 the Reception classes hosted the assembly where all the students were able to share a self- portrait they had created. Our buddy class, Mr Menzell's year 4/5 class, were a great help on the day and it was really fun singing our feelings song with the whole school.



Premier's Reading Challenge

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Once again our school will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge, by now most students will have a recording sheet to bring home to record the books they are currently reading.

Please find below some information regarding the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Please ensure students fill in their student reading records as they read their books, get them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher by:

Friday 6 September.

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total.**

Reception to Year 7, **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on the PRC website, and **4** of their own choice.

Student reading records are available from your child's teacher, or from the library.

Enjoy the Challenge!

SAPSASA SWIMMING

All the best for our students who are competing at the SAPSASA Courier Cup Swimming Carnival next Thursday 28th February. Congratulations to our squad members Ruby C, Layla, Oliver S (Mr Richard's class), Mia B, Rose V, Cooper B, Finn T (Mr Menzell), Ivy J (Mr Wyett), Courtney (Mr Huff), Travis, Asha (Ms Marsden), Scarlett B and Michael (Mrs Dawson). The carnival will be held at The Mountain Pool, Mount Barker. Congratulations and good luck

**Parents and caregivers, please make sure
that students do not bring any
electronic devices to school unless it has
been asked by a teacher.**



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