



Snowtown Primary News

Week 1, Term 3.

26th July 2017

TRUST RESPECT HONESTY KINDNESS LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

27th July
Pupil Free
Day

31st July
World of
Maths

**9th
August**
YEL Forum

Supervision of children
in the yard is available
from 8.30am to 3.15pm
on school days. Parents
are asked not to send
children to school, or
drop them off at
school, before 8.30am.

Prior to that time
the school is
unsupervised and
children are at risk.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at

2.40 pm in the
Common room on
Fridays.

Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.
ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required
to wear broad
brimmed hats outside
all year round.

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Principal News



Term 3 is shaping up to be an amazing term full of exciting opportunities for our young learners. My personal term of learning started on Monday when I attended a professional learning day with Professor Jo Boaler from Stanford University. Jo Boaler has conducted significant research into mathematical mindsets, teaches mathematics to students at Summer Camp and also facilitates online and face to face learning for educators. I was very excited to have my picture taken with Jo and I am delighted that she also signed a copy of my book.

Some of Jo Boaler's key messages include:

- Everyone can learn mathematics, some more readily than others
- Feedback to learners makes a difference
- Students with a growth mindset outperform those with a fixed mindset
- 'Smart' or 'gifted' are damaging words. Feedback needs to focus on the thinking process.
- The times we are challenged and struggling are most beneficial for our brain
- Maths is a creative process that involves deep creative thinking and focusing on rapidly leads to maths anxiety



If you would like to see more of Jo Boaler's work on Mathematics, visit her website <https://www.youcubed.org>. There is a section for parents on the website which includes Advice for parents: Helping children with maths. There are lots of clips on the website and a free online course for parents also. Oral Language Pupil Free Day.

Oral Language Pupil Free Day

We have a Pupil Free day on Thursday this week. Staff will be attending a workshop on Oral language facilitated by Sheena Cameron at the Valleys in Clare. The day has been organised by the Mid North Partnership and many educators from across the partnership will be attending so that we can all work together to develop oral language and vocabulary in our young learners. Oral language is the foundation of all student learning and interactions. It is essential for literacy learning, which underpins learning across the curriculum. Effective use of oral language is critical for students' social, emotional and academic wellbeing. As a site we will be looking particularly at how we plan and embed oral language opportunities within the curriculum and also ways to increase the quality and quantity of student talk by explicitly teaching vocabulary and speaking and listening skills. One of the qualities of a powerful learner is to be communicative and by focusing on oral language alongside our Brightpath writing focus we will see growth for all learners.





New School Bus Signage



During the holidays the school bus underwent a change. It now has full Snowtown Primary School and Caution School Bus signage. Our generous sponsors—Tilt Lend a Hand and Viterra also have their logos on the side of the bus.

A huge thank you to Clare Signs for their attention to detail with the signage. Many thanks to Des and Addie who helped me with transportation to and from Clare. It was very exciting to drive the bus around town and show the Governing Council the new signage.



Term Planner

We have a number of special events planned for the term and it would be wonderful to see families and community attend:

EVENT	DATE	TIME
World of Maths	Monday, 31st July	11:30am - 1.00pm
Splash Book activities with Brinkworth	Friday, 4th August	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Book Week Celebration	Tuesday, 22nd August	Times to be advised
Ride to School Day	Thursday, 31st August	8.30am at the Fed Shed
Science Fair Afternoon	Thursday, 31st August	Times to be advised
Wheelchair Sports	Tuesday, 12th September	Between 9.00am - 12.15pm
The Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race	Thursday, 28th September	9.30am - 12.00pm

Thankyou

Thankyou to Greg Stevens for the tyres he donated to the Nature Play Area.

Dear _____

I would love for you to be involved with our Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race — it is such a fun event.

When: 9:30 Thursday 28th September (Week 10)

If you are up for the challenge, please submit the application below!

THE AMAZING LITERACY & NUMERACY RACE

Parent/Guardian Nomination Form

Thursday 28th September 9:30am to 12 noon

Person 1 Name: _____

Person 2 Name: _____

Please return to the front office prior to the race

Pastoral Care Worker Term 3 Update

Welcome back families, I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break and were able to find time to spend together. I had a great holiday break exploring outside with my family. I also spent time in the school holidays supporting Carley at the Community Library with the Family Eat a Rainbow Workshop. Thank you to all the families who participated in the rainbow adventure. We danced the rainbow rap, explored fruits and vegetables that help our bodies to be clever, fast, strong and happy, met Thomas the taste bud and tried orange and green fruits and vegetables. If you would like to know more about the Family Eat a Rainbow Workshop or rainbow recipes please see Carley at the School Community Library.

I would like to share with everyone some exciting news for my family... I am expecting a baby in late September. It is a very exciting time for my family and the school children have enjoyed watching my bump grow. Unfortunately due to serious health concerns I will be starting my maternity leave as of Term 3 Week 3. This is earlier than expected and I feel very sad I can only be here Monday and Tuesday Week 1 and 2 but rest assured SMG and Snowtown Primary School are in the process of placing a temporary PCW in my absence.

In my absence the Sunshine Room will still be an access point for emotion/feeling games, yoga/breathing cards and activities for the school students when they need time in the chillax tepee or during lunch or recess.

Thank you for all your support so far this year and I look forward to seeing you all next year when I return.

Daina McCormack - Pastoral Care Worker



'I really enjoyed the day and seeing the other designs. The designs were great. I answered some challenging questions about circuits. I was a bit nervous but I spoke confidently about my Mace design and torch design' - Kim



'I talked about all of the steps we used to design our gadget. I was excited to talk at the Showcase' - Noah



'It was wonderful to see everyone there. I was nervous about speaking in front of everyone. I shared my Convict Love Token and I had to use lots of maths to make my design' - Cohen

'It was fun seeing everyone else's designs. It was exciting seeing what else you can do with Makers Empire. I demonstrated soldering to everybody' - Mia

MAKERS EMPIRE SHOWCASE



'I talked about all the design process and I shared my Eraser Texta gadget. I was a little bit nervous at the start but then once I got going I wasn't nervous' - Skye

We hosted a Makers Empire 3D Design Showcase during the last week of Term 2. Nearly 50 people attended. Students and teachers from Crystal Brook Primary School, Wallaroo Mines Primary School, Flinders View Primary School, Snowtown Primary School and Clare Primary School showcased their design projects. Mandi Dimitriadis from Makers Empire facilitated the day. It was amazing to see the different projects and it was a fantastic learning opportunity hearing from other people. Our learners excelled when talking about their designs. Congratulations to Mr King and Miss Krieg for being part of the project and sharing their skills with other sites. Thank you to the Governing Council for catering morning tea and lunch for the students and staff.

'I shared my pitch to all of the other classes. I was a little bit scared about it at first but I did a really good job at speaking' - Austin

Year 7 Canberra Camp Fundraising

Fundraising has begun to help pay for the Year 7s to fly to Canberra for a fantastic four day educational experience. Students will be able to visit the Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, National Portrait Gallery and meet new students from other small schools on the camp.

So far the Year 7 parents and students have raised money by selling Cadbury chocolates, money squares, running the chocolate wheel at the Community Club and more recently holding a 'Cans for Canberra' can and bottle drive.



Year 7 Students - Cooper, Brodie and Kim

Thankyou to the following people for their generous monetary donations towards the Canberra trip - -

- Bill Freebairn \$50
- Brad Reid \$25
- Greg Stevens \$100

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

PINECONES FOR SALE

\$5.00 A BAG

See Katrina in the front office or Carley in the library for payment.

Great to start the wood fire



FACEBOOK ONLINE AUCTION

Visit the 'Year 7 Camp Facebook Auction' page to bid on some great donated items.

Online auction begins 26th July and closes 9pm 6th August

If you aren't on Facebook and you would like to place a bid please see Kelly at the Newsagency or ring Bernie on the number below.

For more information contact Bernie Altmann on 0438 780 206, Shantel Ballard, Anne Jones or the front office.

See the Facebook page for terms & conditions

Term 3 Planner 2017

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	JULY 24	25	26 Baby Bounce Newsletter	27 PUPIL FREE DAY	28
2	31 World of Maths 11.30-1.00	AUGUST 1	2	3	4 Brinkworth visiting re Splash Performance
3	7	8	9 Baby Bounce YEL Forum Newsletter	10 Splash Book Week Brinkworth 1pm	11 Assembly
4	14	15 Governing Council	16	17	18 Book Week Starts
5	21	22	23 Baby Bounce	24	25 Book Week Ends Assembly
6	28	29	30 Newsletter	31 Science Week Arvo Ride to School Day	SEPTEMBER 1
7	4 Snowtown Community Pool AGM	5	6 Baby Bounce	7	8 Assembly
8	11	12 Wheelchair Sports Governing Council	13	14	15
9	18	19	20 Baby Bounce Newsletter	21 Camp	22 Camp
10	25	26 Field Days School Closure Day	27	28 Amazing Literacy & Numeracy Race	SEPTEMBER 29 Assembly