



Snowtown Primary News

Week 3, Term 1.

17th February 2016

TRUST RESPECT HONESTY KINDNESS LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

Governing Council AGM followed by General Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February at 7pm

REMINDER

During Term 4 & Term 1 in the case of catastrophic fire danger, the school will be closed and the school bus will not operate. On all other days, the school has a Bushfire Action Plan that sets out what we do in the event of a fire front approaching the town. Part of this plan is an identified Refuge (School Activity Hall) where students and staff stay until the front has passed.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at 2.40 pm in the Common room on Fridays. Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9. ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats outside

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We have had a fantastic start to the year with students settling into routines and ready for a big year of learning. At the start of the year we will have an emphasis on demonstrating our school values of trust, honesty, respect, kindness and listening. Each class will be having conversations about the values and it would be great if families could talk about the values at home also.

Meet the Staff BBQ



A big thank you to the families who attended our 2016 Meet the Staff BBQ last week. A small BBQ malfunction saw us change the order of events which made it a bit harder to run around for our game. Thanks to our Governing Council for cooking the gourmet sausage meal and to Greg for finding a necessary part. A big thanks also to Nigel and Nicole for donating bread and ice blocks. It was great to have Luke, Conner, Kim and Brodie as

contributing photographers for our Welcome to 2016 power point which set the scene for our positive 2016 environment. Thanks to Abbie for organising our co-operative game and congratulations to the staff team for showing great team work and finishing ahead of the parent and student teams. If you still have any questions about your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact the school.



We are into our second week of Yoga lessons with Michelle Trengrove. This week the focus is on 'The potential of me' which will help learners make the best of opportunities and assist them to make the best choices they can. All staff indicated that the Yoga sessions helped learners make a great start to the week and the positive language is used throughout the week in each class.



The Story Teller

Michael the Storyteller entertained classes last week with the Echoes of the Past Performance which inspired our learners in the art of storytelling.



Swimming Pool

It is great to see classes accessing the pool as part of the Health and Physical Education program. The pool is certainly a great asset to the school and as a community we all need to look after it. It is disappointing that the pool has been damaged the last two weekends and valuable time and energy has gone into repairs and police reports.



Community Mentoring

Fiona has been busy organising the community mentoring program which officially starts this week. This is a great opportunity for learners to participate in different learning opportunities that support their growth and self-development.

Crows



The Crows visited again this week for football activities on the oval. During their last visit they launched the "Growing with Gratitude" program which has 5 habits of happiness.

- ⇒ An attitude of gratitude
- ⇒ Random acts of kindness
- ⇒ Positive reflection
- ⇒ Being a wellbeing warrior
- ⇒ Operation home service



When we feel positive, our brains actually work 31% better than when we are feeling sad or depressed.



2016 Crows Visit



Swimming with the Year 2/3/4 class

On Wednesday 10th February we went swimming because we earned it as we did not get to time out or buddy class and made strong choices for five school days. In the pool we worked together to collect corks and sinkers for our teams. We practiced pin drops and sitting dives in the deep end and used kickboards to swim from one side of the pool to the other. We also got to have some free time at the end. *By Chayse, Austin, Skye and Bailey*

“I liked chucking the sinkers into the water” – Chayse

“I liked jumping in the cool water” – Austin

“I enjoyed collecting the sinkers” – Skye

“The sitting dives were fun” – Bailey

Show and Share

This term we have been learning about the sea. Saffy bought in a big shell to show the class. Saffy's dad got the shell when he was five. We all got to have a hold of it. *By Saffy & Nicholas*



Meet the teacher BBQ

On Tuesday 9th February it was the meet the teacher BBQ at the school. The new receptions got a welcome to Snowtown Primary School certificate. We showed our parents our classrooms and told them about some of the learning we had been doing. After the BBQ we had a game of Snake against the parents and teachers. The teachers were the winners. *By Elizabeth, Heath & Alyssa*



The Storyteller Performance

On Wednesday 10th February we had a visit from a performer called Michael. He came and performed a performance to our school called the Storyteller. He did a magic trick with a Rubik's cube and then began telling us stories and performing songs from different parts of the world. We listened to a story from Africa with a lion, baboon, buffalo and tortoise. The animals had to visit Whispering Mountain to find out the Magic Tree's name so that they could be given fruit to eat. After recess Michael showed each class some of his artifacts from around the world and taught us an Aboriginal song. He was very funny. We enjoyed his performance a lot.

By Chloe, Riley, Elijah and Noah



2/3/4 class Cont...

Yoga

On Monday's we are being taught yoga by an instructor called Michelle. Each class takes it in turn to do yoga in the hall. We have learnt to have happy backs. Yoga helps with our breathing and to keep us calm and relaxed and to just think about ourselves. We did the 'rock the baby' pose and the 'tree' pose. We enjoyed yoga a lot.

By Ocea and Koopa



Our first crows visit

On Wednesday 3rd February 2016 the Brooke and Nigel from the Adelaide Crows came to Snowtown Primary School. They taught us about the Growing with Gratitude program that they are involved in. The program has five steps to gratitude:

- ⇒ An attitude of Gratitude
- ⇒ Random Acts of Kindness
- ⇒ Positive Reflection
- ⇒ Being a Wellbeing Warrior
- ⇒ Operation Home Service

Once the program was explained to us we were asked questions and won prizes if we answered the questions correctly.

At the end there was a relay. The two teams were:- Students (Chloe, Paige and Bailey) vs Claude the crow mascot, Brooke and Kerryn.

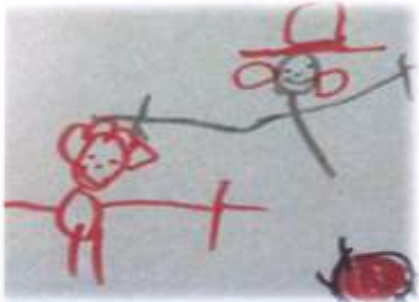
They had to do pushups, drink water and then be the first team to get into a sleeping bag. The students won the relay and got given a hat, pair of socks and an Adelaide Crows magazine.

By Cohen and Brooke



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Anne Jones has done a fantastic job organising the Student Leadership Team for this year. Students from the 5/6/7 class delivered their school captain speeches to the whole school yesterday. Each student applicant prepared well thought out speeches to address the criteria and all of the speeches were confidently delivered. Voting was close and we are excited to announce that our school captains for 2016 will be Kaitlyn Lane and Cooper Altmann. We will also be continuing with the Youth Environmental Leaders this year and this will be starting in March.



Snowtown play Centre

Hi everyone,

What a great start to the new play centre! We have had two weeks go by already and the turnout has been really good with 6 attending week one and 7 in week two. We have been having lots of fun playing with playdough, puzzles, building blocks, story time, singing and dancing. Outside we have been in the sandpit playing with the sand and waterfall, rolling in the little red tunnel, jumping on the trampoline and I must say, I am so full from all the cooking coming from the cubbyhouse.



We have had some fun with the fruit this week!



Please come in and join us, everyone is most welcome, including grandparents and other relatives! Come for morning tea and see how much fun we all have.

The play centre runs every Friday 9.00 -11.00am (except public holidays)
Bring a hat, fruit and water bottle for your little one.

Don't forget its water play next week so bring some spare clothes... See you there!

Jemma Michael

Why Baby Bounce?

Baby Bounce is a program developed for parents and babies aged 0-preschool. It consists of 20-30mins of songs and rhymes, held in the Snowtown School Community Library. The sessions are interactive, fun and beneficial to both parent and child.

Singing and rhymes are a part of early literacy. Early literacy is the foundation of learning to read. Singing develops your child's communication, voice development and helps with their emotional well-being and it just jolly good fun!

Baby Bounce is held fortnightly on Wednesday mornings from 10.30-11am.

At this stage we are holding sessions during school terms only.

Singing and music

- Can help children with rhythm and rhyme.
- Allows them to hear the voice used in different ways.
- Can be used to learn about emotions and feelings.
- Can be used to calm down (or hype up).

Fingerplays and Rhymes

- Learn how language works in a fun way.
- Help develop motor skills.
- Help learn simple counting and spatial concepts.
- Help learn names of the body parts etc.



GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives.

In 2016 the following Councillors will be continuing - Bernie Altmann, Katrina Ebsary, Kelly Freebairn, Simon Hickman, Nicole McCauley and Megan McGregor.

Jemma Michael has completed a two year term and is available for re-election.

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I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School Governing Council. I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more than the required nominations, elections will be convened at the AGM of the Governing Council to be held on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2016.**

Further details about the Governing Council Constitution and Code of Practice for Councillors can be obtained by contacting the school.

I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.

I have not been convicted of an offence of dishonesty or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Name

Signature

Seconded by (Name)

Signature

Date / / 2016

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE



GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION

How is your pumpkin growing?	Last Report	Current Report
Abbie's Grandpa	Growing well	No report
Bernie Altmann	Alive! Flowers, no pumpkins yet	Alive - just! Flowers but no pumpkins
Bill & Denise Freebairn (2)	1 dead, 1 growing well	A few flowers.
Brinkworth PS 1 & 2	1 dead, 1 struggling	No report
Kathy Newman	Pumpkin small, but going steady	Still small vines, looks like first pumpkin flowers will develop this week.
Kaye Ebsary	Growing well. Couple of very small pumpkins	Growing nicely. 2 very small pumpkins at this stage.
Kerry-Ann Cocks	It's growing!	Growing great—lots of flowers but no pumpkins as yet.
Simon Hickman	Growing well	Growing well. No pumpkins
Simone Bigg	Going well	Still alive but no pumpkins
Tibby Heinjus	unknown	Unknown

Thank you Snowtown IGA and Snowtown Newsagency for again sponsoring our competition.

These didn't make it: Adam Jamieson, Carley Darling, Andrew Cocks (2) 2, Charlie Lane, Cheryl Collins, Des Hancock (2), Glendy Dobie, Jane Wyatt, Karlie Barclay, Keith Welke, Koleff, McCauley, Nev Michael, Pt Broughton AS (2), Scott Waters, Tracey McGregor. Danny Scott, Blyth PS 1 & 2, Ray Dunn,



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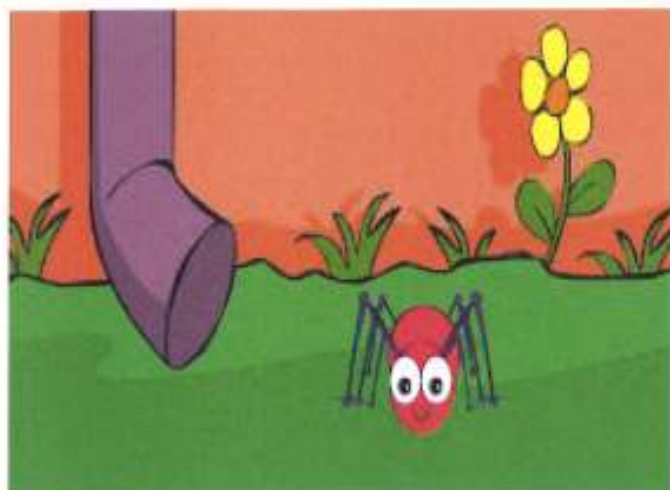
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**THE SNOWTOWN
SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

FOR
Baby Bounce
& **Rhyme
Time**

**WEDNESDAY'S
2ND, 16TH & 30TH MARCH,
APRIL 13TH,
4TH & 18TH MAY**

At 10.30 – 11am

