



Snowtown Primary and Preschool News



Term 1, Week 3 - 16th February 2022

TRUST

RESPECT

HONESTY

KINDNESS

LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM
22.2.22
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

HATS

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

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Principal News



It may be Week 3 but it almost feels like Week 1 again now that we have everyone back for face to face learning. On Monday it was very exciting to see new shoes, see how much taller everyone was after the holidays and new bags etc. We had already seen faces online but there is nothing like seeing our learners face to face. Monday was spent catching up, sorting through work that had been completed remotely and returning devices and dongles.

Sports Day Practice

We are commencing Sports Day practice this week. Sports Day with Port Broughton Area School and Bute Early Learning and Primary School is scheduled for Friday of Week 7 – 18th April. We will be monitoring guidelines throughout the term in case restrictions cause plans to be altered.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

This week is Random Acts of Kindness Week with World Kindness Day being celebrated on Thursday. We first started with Random Acts of Kindness in 2016 when the Crows visited as part of their Attitude of Gratitude program. There is no limit to the amount of goodness we can put into the world. Here are some suggested activities for the week.

"BE KIND WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE."
- DALAI LAMA



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
www.randomactsofkindness.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pay a compliment to a family member or a friend.	Donate items you no longer use to a good cause.	Paint and hide a rock to surprise the finder.	Make a list of five things for which you are grateful.	Eat lunch with someone new.	Plant a local pollinator friendly plant or flower.	Call, text or write a note to someone who brings joy and happiness into your life.

Assembly

This week's 5/6 Assembly will be run via TEAMS with each class participating in their own room. This is the first time we have run an assembly in this manner so hopefully it will run smoothly. We will send out a meeting request for families who may wish to view the assembly online at 2.40pm this week.

Governing Council

The Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7.00pm.

Clean Up Australia Day

We have registered the School and Preschool for Clean Up Australia Day on Monday, 7th March. Clean Up Australia provide a small kit to assist but if you can supply your child with gardening gloves on this day that would be appreciated.

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥



On Monday we celebrated Valentine's Day. We had lots of fun making cards for our Mums, Dads, Grandparents and special people. The cards had 'I love you to pieces' on the front of them and then we wrote a special message inside them. With Sandra we made hug jars. We decorated our jars with sequins. The idea of our jars is that we give our special person a heart from our jar and then give them a hug and thank them for something they have done for us. We all think Valentine's Day is a time to tell your special trusted adults or carers why you love them and to thank them for what they do for you. It is a nice time to remember to be kind to other people.

"My Mum and Dad liked the card I made for them, they said it was beautiful" Sid

"My parents thought my card was very nice because I said nice things and thanked them for things they do for me in it" Charlie



Powerful Learner Action Team Update

The Powerful Learner Action Team met to discuss where to put the Buddy Bench that they won from Planet Ark. Team members visited classes to show them a clip and explain what a Buddy Bench is. The Team visited each class with photos of places around the school where the bench could go and had everyone vote using a sticky dot. They still have a few votes to collect but the Bench should be out in the yard next week.

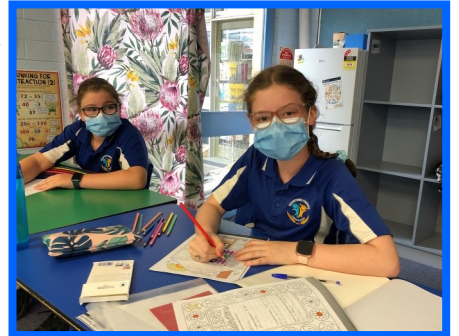


Back to School

Welcome Back Year 2-6 students.

Home Learning vs at school Learning

Home learning was challenging, awesome, fun, tough and hard. The Year 2-6 students have just come back to school for face to face learning on Monday this week. They spent 8 days learning online. The morning and afternoon circle calls were fun and exciting with all the different days. We enjoyed celebrating them and dressing up! One of our highlights was the party games on our final afternoon circle to celebrate the end of online learning last Friday. We missed seeing our friends in person and getting help with our learning from the teachers. It was fun to be back in our classroom on Monday!



“At home during fruit break I didn’t have to eat fruit and at recess time I got to eat chocolate bars, that’s what I liked about home learning!”
– Ollie



“I enjoyed home learning because I got to go in the blow up pool during school time for breaks” - Millie



“I wish I was still home learning because I got to have fun breaks after I had finished my work.” – Jace



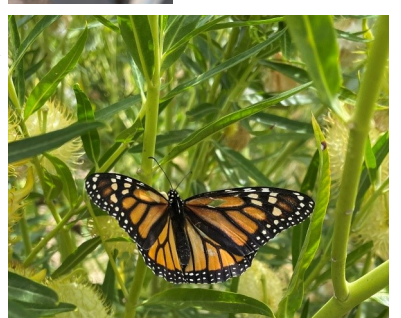
“I am glad I am back at school because I get to see all of my friends in person and get to speak to them”-
Charlie W

Butterflies

This year in Year 2/3/4 we are learning about mini-beasts. We have found out that mini-beasts include things like insects, arachnids, annelids and myriapods. What do you think an annelid and a myriapod is? Ask a Year 2/3/4 student to find out!

In our school we have been noticing lots of Monarch Butterfly's fluttering around. Mr Lee has planted 'swan plants' around our school. These plants attract butterflies. We looked at these plants closely and found heaps of caterpillars, cocoons (chrysalis) and butterflies on them, we even spotted some eggs! We could see the full lifecycle of a butterfly on these plants. We noticed that the chrysalis begins as a bright green colour and then when the butterfly is close to coming out of its chrysalis it turns clear and you can see the butterfly's wings through it.

On our first day back at school we saw a caterpillar crawling along the carpet, it was trying to come inside and learn in our classroom with us!! We are really looking forward to learning more about the different mini-beasts in our school.



Did you know?

Butterflies have a long thin tube in their mouth called a proboscis which they use like a straw to suck up their food.

Persuasive writing

In our writing this term we are learning about persuasive writing. When we write a persuasive piece of writing we write it to try to convince the reader that our idea is the best. Our task was to write a letter to Mrs Burford about why our holidays were the best ever.

Some of our reasons for why our holidays were the best ever were because we got to:

Go fishing, go camping, see friends and family, celebrate our birthdays, visit water parks and visit new places. Everyone enjoyed their school holidays and thought they were the best holidays ever!



Hi from Sandra!

A **HUGE** welcome to our families for 2022!

I look forward to partnering with you this year to support and encourage our young students (and you too!) See my contact details below:



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I'm at school Mondays and Tuesday, or you can leave a note and I'll contact you.



For Valentine's Day some students made a **HUG JAR**

for their family at lunchtime. (J others were busy adventuring in our fabulous school grounds)

If a Hug Jar didn't arrive home, how about making one as a fun family activity. (It's very easy and quick).

Tip: Cut out, glue and decorate cardboard hearts instead of felt/sewing.

A wide necked jar is easier to use. Decorate and Label your HUG JAR.



a tool for supporting
children's feelings

The **Hug Jar** is a jar filled with hearts.

When a child (or a parent/caregiver) feels like a hug s/he takes a heart out of the jar and gives it to the person s/he wants a hug from.

Leave the jar in the same place so everyone can find it.

WHY CAN A HUG JAR HELP? Often children need a hug or emotional support but do not know how to ask for it. It says to children *you matter, your feelings are important, I am here for you.* It can help adults and kids restart after a grumpy moment too.

Looking forward to seeing you, **Sandra**
(Pastoral Care Worker)



REMINDER for Parents:

Just a kind reminder that it is our duty to the best we can at reducing the risk and spread of Covid.

Please Remember:

- When entering please sign in on our visitor book and also Covid check in with your phone or sign in on the Covid sign in list.
- Parents are to wait outside of the school Office when entering the site.
- Masks must be worn correctly.
- When possible please phone ahead when needing to pick up uniforms, forms, children etc.
- Over the phone payment is highly encouraged.

Thank you so much for understanding

PLEASE REMEMBER
TO WEAR YOUR
MASK

KEEP YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE COVERED AT ALL TIMES



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2022 Governing Council

The 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Snowtown Primary School and School Based Preschool Governing Council will be held online on

Tuesday 22nd February at 7pm.

Governing Council meetings are held twice per term.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Council include:

- Work with the Principal to set and support the direction and vision of the school and preschool
- Work with the Principal to monitor and review the site improvement plan (education outcomes/priorities)
- Develop and approve local policies
- Be the employing authority of Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) and Canteen services if applicable
- Represent the parents/caregivers/families within the school community

Be part of an interview panel, for OSHC/canteen and in the case of Principal appointments the Chairperson usually takes this role



Year R-1 students wearing the mathematician hats they made in class

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

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

In 2022 the following Councillors will be continuing - Megan McGregor, Jemma Michael, Nicole McCormack, Nick McCormack.

Amanda Harris, Belinda Stringer, Sarah McGregor, Kerry Cocks, have completed a two year term and are available for re-election.

I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School and School Based Preschool 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 **22.2.2022**. 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 / / 2022

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE

HEAT UP LUNCH DAY ON

TUESDAYS



If your child/ren would like to use this service they will need to bring their lunch in an alfoil container or wrap their food in alfoil so the food can be heated in the pie warmer ready to eat at lunchtime.

Please avoid sending your child to school with food that needs to be microwaved on other days of the week.

Friendly February 2022

MONDAY



TUESDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

WEDNESDAY



2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

THURSDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

FRIDAY

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with a colleague or friend

SATURDAY

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

SUNDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

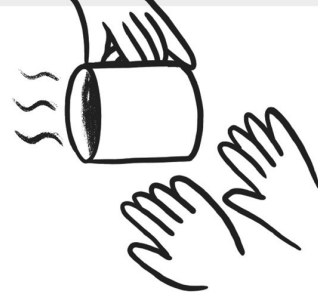
24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

TERM 1 PLANNER 2022

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	14	15	16 Newsletter	17	18 Assembly on Teams @ 2.40pm
4	21	22 Governing Council AGM	23	24 Kindy	25
5	28	March 1	2	3	4 Assembly—TBA School Captain and SLT
6	7 Clean Up Australia Day	8	9 Newsletter	10 Kindy	11 Playgroup—TBA
7	14 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15	16	17	18 Sports Day Playgroup
8	21	22 Harmony Day Governing Council	23	24 Kindy	25 Playgroup Assembly
9	28	29	30 Newsletter	31	April 1 Playgroup
10	4	5	6	7 Kindy	8 Playgroup
11	11	12 School Photos	13 Newsletter	14	15 Good Friday Public Holiday