

BRINKWORTH PRIMARY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

November

- 17th—Newsletter
- 18th—20th—CAMP
- 24th—Assembly
- 26th-27th—Yr 6 transition at CHS
- 26th—Kindy / School transition

DECEMBER

- 2nd—Gov Council
- 3rd-4th—Yr 6 Camp to Adelaide
- 7th—PUPIL FREE DAY
- 9th—Celebration & Kindy Graduation Night
- 10th—Retirement afternoon tea from 1:30pm
- 11th—SPLASH day

ATTACHMENTS:

- Encounters with Emily
- Wakefield Council

Lions Donation

Our Year 3 students were presented with **Essential Facts & Tables**, a very handy book to help with their maths learning.



Dear Families,

What a strange time we find ourselves in! With large restrictions now in place for the next 6 days, we are only open to the children of essential workers. As more information comes to light, I will email families and use the online group to determine how we will staff to provide adequate care for your children. As I have been listening, reading, reflecting and watching for new updates, I feel comfortable in the prompt advice and support we are receiving from our leaders. The Department for Education are acting quickly to support families, staff and learners in these uncertain times. I commend our leaders for their quick action, follow up and discussion with everyone. The information has been prompt and clear to allow us to share appropriate information. The Premier and Chief Public Health Officer, in conjunction with the Police Commissioner are acting in our best interests and making decisions around what is deemed essential with our health and safety in mind. Over the next 6 days, we encourage you to be supportive of the decisions that these people are making; be kind with your words when you are talking about the restrictions and be careful with your Facebook posts. Ensure you continue to communicate with people over this time in a "Covid Safe" way. Remember, we are all in this together and a little kindness really does go a long way!

STAFFING FOR 2021:

In 2021, we will welcome our 4 new receptions to our school and 2 kindy learners. Initially we had planned to have transition on Thursday and Friday but in these uncertain times we will need to take the time to work out what we are doing. However, final staffing arrangements are currently in place and we look forward to announcing these positions soon for both leadership and classroom roles.

After discussions with PAC and looking at class sizes, we will have a Kindy class from 9-12pm on Tuesday and Wednesday with them joining with the R-3s from 12pm; an R-3 class; and a 4-6 class. There will be times that the classes combine and work whole site or are adjusted to allow for growth, differentiation and continuity. If you have any questions regarding 2021, please email me and we can discuss any questions over the phone. .

Stay safe and look after yourselves! See you soon!

Kind Regards,

Miss Barns

What's Been Happening Around The Site...



On Thursday of Week 4, we joined the students from Blyth, Koolunga and Spalding at the Brinkworth Town Hall to watch Splash Theatre's performance The Book Show.

Kieran, Cat and Miranda performed a variety of songs, poems and adaptations from books such as **Piranha's Don't Eat Bananas**, **The Jabberwocky**, **Franken-bunny**, **What Do They Do With All the Poo at the Zoo** and **Why Do Dog's Sniff Bottoms**.

They were very clever at acting out the different characters and voices. After watching the performance, all the children ate recess and played together on the playground.

By Banjo and Griffen



AWARDS

More special medals for these **POWER** readers.

Hall of Fame - Layla
SILVER - Eden and Hannah
Bronze - Georgia
First year - Harper



STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT



Congratulations Georgia & Eli our Week 5 stars

VALUES AWARD



Well done Bailey, Shana, Eli and Toby!!

WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS SOME BIG LEARNING GOALS!

KINDY



Last week we commemorated NAIDOC week by exploring Aboriginal artwork and recreating our own versions on bark.

We listened to the story *Welcome to Country*, which led to discussions about the traditional owners of Australia and the deep connection they feel to the land.

We also talked about this year's theme for NAIDOC week, 'Always Was, Always will be' and the different

things that could mean.

- Kim

R-3

The Moon Class learners have been enjoying Sound Hunts in our phonological awareness lessons. They search for familiar sounds that have been hidden in different spaces and then write words that use those sounds.

Here's a challenge, say our alphabet using the sound the letters make rather than the letter names! This is great practice for our Moon Class learners!

- Mrs Wright

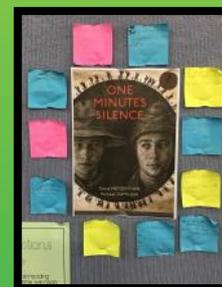
The moon class are learning about fractions. Today they created fractions and wrote the appropriate numerator and denominator to represent the fraction of each circle. Doing this hands on work helps students to make deep and real life connections with numeracy concepts.

- Mrs Jones



3-6

Wow, it has been a busy couple of weeks in the sun class! We have been very busy with concert practice and Remembrance Day. In HASS we completed a virtual tour of the Australian War Memorial. This was a good chance for the year 6's to have a taste of what they would have seen in Canberra and also helped us to recognise why Remembrance Day is so important. In line with Remembrance Day we found out some facts and displayed them in the classroom, in reading time we read *One Minutes Silence* and made connections to the text and when making our wreath we drew on our practice of gratitude and completed gratitude poppies.



In maths we have been fortunate to have Lisa-Jane in and teach us some new games to help us use and remember our number facts. We have also been learning about probability by completing a web quest.

In health we have built on our growth mindset work by recognising our personal strengths. The learners did this as a self-reflection, then reflected on their classmates strengths. This was a really positive experience and helped the learners to feel "happy" and "appreciated".

- Miss Maynard

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

| WEEK 6 | 16/11 | 17/11 | 18/11 | 19/11 | 20/11 |
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| Ms Kenny on leave - Miss Maynard in | Brodie in KPS TRANSITION | Newsletter | CAMP | CAMP | CAMP KPS TRANSITION |
| WEEK 7 | 23/11 | 24/11 | 25/11 | 26/11 | 27/11 |
| | Chris K in KPS TRANSITION | Assembly – school and Kindy | | Clare High School Transition Kindy and School 2021 Transition – all day | Clare High School Transition School 2021 Transition – all day Nat Sommerville in KPS TRANSITION |
| WEEK 8 | 30/11 | 1/12 | 2/12 | 3/12 | 4/12 |
| | Brodie in KPS TRANSITION | | Newsletter Governing Council | Year 6 Camp to Adelaide | Year 6 Camp to Adelaide KPS TRANSITION |
| WEEK 9 | 7/12 | 8/12 | 9/12 | 10/12 | 11/12 |
| | Pupil Free Day | Dress Rehearsal From 1:45pm - 125 th Afternoon Tea Assembly – school and Kindy | Celebration and Preschool Graduation Night | Retirement Afternoon Tea from 1:30pm – Annette and Vern | SPLASH DAY! |

What are you reading?

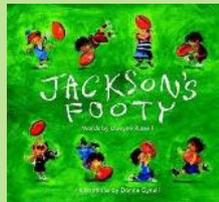
"The Simple Things"



What will Stephen do on holidays at his Great Aunt Lola's? She is really really old, and grumpy and scary. Stephen learns about the simple things in life—like fishing, cricket and climbing trees.

Can Lola become more than an aunt—could she be a friend?

"Jacksons Footy"



Jackson loves AFL, he loves his footy and takes it everywhere! But Jackson starts seeing his footy all over town, on TV, at sports stores even

big kids are playing with it.

"Special Agents"



Alex, Danny and Maddie—three teenagers fighting crime on the streets of London. Hot dog and ice-cream vans are being attacked.

Cans for Can...Adelaide

We are collecting cans & bottles for our learners who are heading to Adelaide as Canberra is on hold due to Covid-19. Please bring your cans and bottles into school and we will sort them into our bins. Please tell everyone you know to save their 10c bottles and cans for this worthy cause! This also relates to our recycling focus!

For frequently asked questions for COVID-19 for parents and carers please go to the Education Departments website or use this link.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/covid-19-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-about-covid-19-parents-and-carers>

Kids Helpline

If your child is facing any concerns or worries, particularly with this current unrest, please do not hesitate to call Kids Helpline for advice.

Phone: 1800 551 800