



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

Newsletter 4 Term 2

## NAROOMA



The kids were so excited to begin taking home Learning Packs last week to share learning at home with you. The Mystery Box – another home/school learning link – is also starting SOON (still practicing with Lorraine at school). This is such a great speaking and listening experience – look forward to it!

ALL children were at school yesterday – the sixth day of the year with all twenty four kids in class at once. We would like to celebrate this far more often.

Naroomans will be presenting their class report at the Whole School Meeting for the first time 2017. We hope you are here to hear it!

We'd love more parent helpers – in general and in the garden in particular. Please see Peta.

Do you know about SOUP on Tuesdays???? See below

We would like any 'no longer used' (got an electric spice grinder now!!!) mortar and pestles PLEASE. They will be an excellent and handy addition to our Bush Kitchen.

Lorraine will be taking some of her long service leave from 11<sup>th</sup> May and returning to Narooma on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Bec will be with our Naroomans all but one of those days when Carollyn will.

Thanks to Janet, Oona, Peta and Sandra for sorting our learning packs today ☺

Needed please:

- We need some bean bags made! Unfortunately mice moved into the shed in the holidays and feasted on our bean bags. We therefore need some new ones made. We have the material and the rice, all we need is someone to make the bags. Please let us know if you can help.

- Hand pump... do you have one your no longer want. We'd love it!

## COOINDA

Thanks to all of the parents who turned up to learn maths with their kids yesterday afternoon! The report from the kids to whole school meeting; about how they found it; was really mindfully articulated. It is great that you took the opportunity to extend their and your own learning in this way.

It was lovely to have a visit from Roman. He shared the story of how he broke his leg and why he is in a wheelchair.

Laura and the kids of Cooinda are working on growing a Soup Stone garden. You'll hear more about this. Have you read any versions of the story Stone Soup? Check out the library.

Kristine is looking forward to Learning Conversations with parents this Friday and next Wednesday. Year twos will be included in these conversations.

Please note that Kristine will be away from class (attending LENI – see below) Monday and Tuesday.

## BAKOOLBA

Thanks to the fabulous number of parents who attended the class information session on Monday afternoon. It was great to have so much enthusiastic support for the learning and learners of Bakoolba. Check out the new Bakoolba website. This is a digital platform enhancing education and communication for Bakoolbans – open for everyone to look at and know what they are up to – especially those of you unable to get to whole school meetings to hear this sort of thing.

[www.bakoolba.weebly.com](http://www.bakoolba.weebly.com)

As of the time Bunganans start surfing Ali will take drama with Bakoolba while Craig is in the ocean!

It is great for the kids to experience and appreciate the different skills that our teachers have.

## BUNGANA

It is great to have Ali back in Bungana Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Surfing lessons commence Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, with Doug Kitchingman of Gone Surfin'. Parents are to deliver their "surfer" (ready to don their wetsuit - provided) to Port Beach no later than 8:15am. Doug needs to take other classes immediately following ours so they cannot be late starting.



Please meet Doug near the Port Beach café. Be prepared, in case the surf isn't suitable at Port Beach, to drive your surfer further down the beach. Doug assesses the conditions and determines this each lesson.

A bus will return the kids to school after their lessons. Ensure they have some warm cosy clothing to put on following the lesson and I know they appreciate a thermos of something warm to drink.

You may wish to stay on the beach and watch the lesson. Please only do so if your child is able to stay fully focused on engaging in the lesson and taking direction from the coaches.

## MUSIC



Lessons with Kathleen began this week for all classes. Music lessons will now be conducted on Mondays.

## MEGAMATHS

Heads up for lots of surveys coming home to all families as part of the Megamaths program. Some kids are collecting data on a topic of their own choosing. Please support them with as much information as possible so that they have lots of information to interpret and accurately analyse. First surveys will arrive home next week. Thanks for supporting home/school learning links.

Please return surveys to the marked box in the office.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - MATHEMATICS

We hope to see many of you here at SAS this evening to learn about MULTIPLYING - and a few other basic facts of mathematics learning. Please come and join us! It will be an enjoyable and interesting conversation.

## LEADING EFFECTIVE NUMERACY INSTRUCTION

Denise, Kris and Jo will participate in this professional learning opportunity on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Jo and Kris will also attend on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Two further days are scheduled for June. Andrew will be in Coinda.

## SOUPer TUESDAYS

Thanks to Helen who is coordinating this tradition in 2017. Thankyou to the first soup makers of the year who provided us with such a gorgeous variety yesterday at lunchtime.

## and....PIZZA!

The Pizza Oven is to be put into place on the Kadijini verandah very SOON.

## NAPLAN

Kids in years 3 and 5 will next week participate in the National Assessment Plan Literacy And Numeracy. Information re this has been sent home earlier. It is not something to be anxious about at all. Your job is, please, to make sure your child has had a good night's sleep and sustaining breakfast. Denise will coordinate each of the assessments.

## BOARD MEETING

Next meeting of our School Board is scheduled for Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 7:00pm. You are welcome to attend.

## P & C MEETING

On the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> May the P & C Annual General Meeting will be followed by a General Meeting. The expectation of being part of the community of SAS is that you will contribute to

the shaping, sustaining and visioning for our community. Please attend.

## TUNING INTO KIDS – are you interested?

This course is offered by the staff of Meerilinga who recently conducted the Circle of Security program here at SAS. Thanks Feonagh for organising this. Please let us know if you are interested so that we can arrange a time suitable to all.

A 4 week evidence-based parenting program that teaches emotional coaching skills to help parents recognise, understand and manage their own and their children's emotions during difficult times. The program helps to enhance the parent child relationship, gives parents the skills to manage difficult situations resulting in improved behaviour, increase children's confidence and problem solving skills.

Suitable for families with children 3 – 11 years. Sessions run for approximately 2 hours a week over 4 weeks.

## NOONGAR

Viv is organising an afternoon for us to acknowledge and participate in Sorry Day – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Kerry T had sorted all details to take Bakooban kids to a great exhibition – that was then called off by the event organisers. If you – all of you not just Bakooban parents – can get your kids there to take a look at Bush Babies: Honouring Our Elders - it will be good. Vivienne tells me that one of the elders represented, Grandma Purple, is her grandmother.

*Bush Babies is a community art project that tells the stories of Noongar Elders from across WA who were born in the bush and the midwives who delivered them.*

*These stories are from a time when Aboriginal people were not permitted to live in towns or cities, and definitely not permitted to give birth in a hospital. Instead, Bush Babies were born in reserves, missions and on the outskirts of town in tents, makeshift shelters and under the stars.*

*The project uses a range of arts including photography, textile craft, oral history recordings,*

*short film and portrait painting to encourage participants from Quairading, Kellerberrin, Narrogin, Katanning, Bunbury and Moora to tell their stories.*

## INCURSIONS:

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2:00 – 3:00pm, Yirra Yaakin (meaning “stand tall”) award winning theatre company will perform Boorda (land) Kaatijin (to learn) here at SAS. The company state that they exist to share Aboriginal stories and to make sure that Aboriginal theatre is run by Aboriginal people.



*Boodjar Kaatijin is a collection of Dreamtime stories which are based on Noongar knowledge and storytelling. Read more about the company and the performance.*

<http://www.yirrayaakin.com.au/>

You are welcome to join us for this. The cost for this, per child, is \$9.

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June kids will enjoy a workshop, funded from our budget for Mathematics, with World of Maths –

*a presentation of exciting and educational, hands-on, problem solving activities...parents welcome!*

## EXCURSION: The Grand Marri Plant Out

Bakoobans and the year 5s of Bungana are participating in an event to help revegetate the township of Yarloop. The school is a partner with nine other schools in a successful State Natural Resource Management (NRM) grant application to plant seedlings around Yarloop. The grant is for \$50,000 and the total value of the project including in-kind contributions is more than \$113,000. The goal is to plant 20,000 seedlings in reserves and road verges burnt out by the January 2016 bushfires.

In addition to tree planting, the grant provides for the students to spend an hour in unburnt bush with local Noongar Elders learning about Aboriginal history and culture.

The 2017 excursion follows the success of a pilot project held by Ardross Primary School in mid-June 2016 where 68 Ardross PS students and 12 Bush Rangers from Waroona District High School

planted 1,840 Marri seedlings in a little over an hour in a former go-cart track 3km north of Harvey. Shire of Harvey Environmental Officer, Samantha Pickering, described the project as very successful and is looking forward to expanding the project this year and welcoming us to Yarloop in June.

In 2015, the 15 schools in the Low Carbon Schools Pilot Program (LCSP), of which Spearwood Alternative School is a member, emitted approx. 3,800 CO<sub>2</sub>-e through utilities use. It will take approximately 40,000 seedlings to offset those emissions. The Yarloop project will plant half the number of seedlings. The other half will be planted by five LCSP high schools in the Pingelly area in July - August 2017. This is the subject of a separate successful State NRM grant application by John Curtin College of the Arts.

The 2017 project is funded from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program, supported by Royalties for Regions.

The excursion is planned for **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**. We have applied for a Sustainability Grant from City of Cockburn to fund the cost of the coach to transport to and from Yarloop.

The City of Cockburn, with a grant of \$6,500 in 2015, has supported our participation in the Low Carbon Schools Pilot Program – from which this opportunity has arisen.

Craig, Karen, Viv, Karen B and Kiran will accompany the kids. We may have a couple of spare seats on the coach if you are really, really, really interested in supporting this endeavour.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Sara S posted on Facebook re a Cybersafety parent forum; for parents/carers of young people aged 7 – 18 years; to be held at the Cockburn Health and Community Facility in Success on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 5:30 – 7:30pm. It requires an RSVP by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. See the actual noticeboard for further details.