Mundulla Primary School



our school values:
 excellence
 respect
 responsibility
 integrity
 co-operation
 creativity

Newsletter 2

25th February 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains





School Captains: Olivia and Brady





School Vice Captains: Bella and Harrison

CALENDAR

5 Mar Mundulla Show 14 Mar Public holiday

22 Mar 7pm Governing Council AGM

2 Apr Daylight Savings ends14 Apr Last day of term

2.30pm dismissal9 Sept Last day Premiers Reading Challenge

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House Captains have a busy job as they are responsible for organising their team for their 4 weekly roster on yard duty as well as acting as role models and supporting people in their team and beyond.









Our YELP (Young Environmental Leadership Program) participants this year are









Chloe

Lucy

Bella

Lachlan

Student absences: We appreciate that parents use both the diary and MGM messaging to let us know that their children are or will be away. We ask that you also include a reason e.g. illness, appointment (for child) or family reasons. This will make it even more efficient to use.

Sapsasa - Events are being held throughout the year. Parents of students in year 5 and 6 will have received a note about the different sports on offer and been asked to nominate which sports your child would like to trial for, if any. Parents will be required to register for events via the website http://www.usesapsasa.org.au/sports.html once we notify you information for that sport is available. We will then receive an email to verify that your child is registered.

Swimming and Athletics are offered to students from 10 years and up, Cross Country from 8 years and up, so if you would like to have your child trial or participate and they aren't in year 5 or 6 please let us know via the diary and we will send the information on those events to you when they are available.



Now we are all back face to face learning we can welcome our new students other than foundation.
We welcome
Piper and Oscar to the 2/3 class and Willa in the 4/5/6 class.

Covid restriction updates

Last Friday we received further Covid updates. (I have deleted early childhood and secondary only activities from the list.)

From the start of week 5 (28 February 2022) the following can resume:

In schools

- Day excursions and incursions (held outdoors where possible). Please note that some excursion venues may have vaccination requirements.
- Swimming lessons and sports days (spectators may attend if held outside (We won't be able to have swimming and our Sports Day has been postponed to term 3)
- Interschool sporting competitions.-(This includes Sapsasa)
- Extra-curricular activities at the school, including choirs, band practice, instrumental lessons attended by a non-school employed music teacher. (Our lessons started this week as they are held online)
- Assemblies that are held outdoors.
- Hiring education sites to community groups outside of school hours can continue as normal.
- Staff are encouraged to continue to do online meetings and professional development where
 possible. However, in person professional development can occur in small groups, with participants wearing
 masks and social distancing.

Visitors in schools

From the start of week 5 (28 February 2022) visitors can include:

- people attending the school for specific events held outdoors (such as spectators attending outdoor sporting games)
- volunteers required by the school
- instrumental music teachers

COVID-19 settings that remain in place

- Face masks continue to be required (when indoors) for:
 - o all adults, except when it impedes ability to teach
 - o students in years 7 to 12.
- Face masks are strongly encouraged for students in years 3 to 6 (when indoors).
- Current testing, isolating and quarantine remains unchanged, including classroom contacts.
- Non-SACE related overnight camps continue to be postponed.
- Staff to continue to minimise use of staff rooms where possible. Use outdoor areas and separate rooms for breaks where possible.
- Outdoor learning encouraged where possible.
- Continue to open windows and doors or use air-conditioning set to fresh air intake where possible.

<u>Arrangements from week 9</u>

Transmission of COVID-19 in schools and the broader community will be monitored over the coming weeks and the Department for Education will continue to work with SA Health during this time.

Our intent is to remove further restrictions from week 9, including resuming:

- COVID-safe, socially distanced indoor events, including ticketed concerts and performances (with audiences),
 COVID safe indoor assemblies (ie year level) and spectators at indoor sporting events.
- Camps, where there is a COVID management camp plan.

We are continuing to monitor the camp permissions as Wednesday – Friday of week 10 is when our current booking is. This may need to be postponed or even cancelled due to availability of venues for us. I will keep the parents of year 5/6 students informed as we find out further information closer to the date.



Thankful for donation of books

Recently a box of books was received from the Hospital School – they turned up with no information or letter. I emailed the principal to thank them and found out that we had been included in a very generous donation.

Oceans



A few of the many books we received in our donated book box.

Here's what was written on the Department for Education Facebook Page.

"When the Hospital School SA received a donation of more than 60,000 books from a closing down Era publications, they decided to spread the love!

"We were able to take a share for our school and then pay it forward to other schools across the state who may not have been able to purchase these books themselves and as a random act of kindness," says Principal Matthew McCurry.

The school has now sent about 200 surprise boxes of books to Lands and Aboriginal Schools, small schools, area and remote schools, as well as schools where some of its long term students have returned to.

"We have started a Random Acts of Kindness program for hospital staff at our campuses. We hope that schools and students who do receive the surprise enjoy the stories that these books tell," he says."

Many years ago Era Publications supported our students when they were publishing their own book. They called us and we used the DUCT system via the phone to ask questions for the project and they sent publishing proofs and other things for the class. From time to time we also purchased books from the educational publisher here in SA. Sad to hear that they are closing.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The premiers reading challenge is available for students to participate in again this year.

To complete the Premier's Reading Challenge students need to read 12 books between week 1, term 1 and week 7 term 3. We remind students in term 3 when their recording sheets are due. Teachers will send home the reading challenge recording sheets.

Read 12 books. Eligible books include e-books, audio books, class/shared reading, prescribed books for school, non-fiction books, books read as research for assignments or books in another language. Students must read 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 4 personal choice books.

Complete the Student Reading Record with the title and author for each book. A parent, caregiver, teacher or librarian must sign off on each book to verify it has been read.

Pass on the completed Student Reading Record to the school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator by the designated due date.

Receive an award in late November.

Many of the Premiers reading books have a special sticker on them in our library so that students can see which books are eligible.

For more information see the website. https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/

Reading is highlighted on our School Improvement Plan, so it would be good to have as many students as possible participate in the challenge.

Parent workshops

Over the last 2 years we had planned to have a parent session each term on a variety of topics. In 2020 we ran an information/ workshop session on VCOP and the Big Writes in term 1 and then we weren't able to have parents on site off and on so didn't continue these.

We are trying to be optimistic for this year and have planned some session for terms 1-3 to align with our School Improvement Plan.

- Term 1 Kathy Haynes will run a Reading workshop looking at current teaching of reading and
 giving you skills to hear your children read at home. This would be most relevant for parents of
 students up to year 3 (some of you may already have attended this session previously.)
- Term 2 Maths Problem Solving looking at examples from maths activities and tasks students are using at school. Again there will be ideas for you to work on at home as well as the session giving you an insight into the teaching of Maths at school.
- Term 3 we return to Reading with a focus on the tasks and activities for building comprehension.

As we arrange dates for each of these sessions we will advertise them to you. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there.

SAVE THE DATE! At the school on Tuesday 22nd March at 7 pm is the **Governing Council AGM**. We need you! Governing Council needs parents to support the school. Many of our previous council have left the school with their children moving on to High School. This is a great opportunity for someone to join the Governing council with 1 and 2 year positions available. Any questions contact the school or Tim Leach as the current Chairperson of Governing Council.

Joann



Furniture to give away

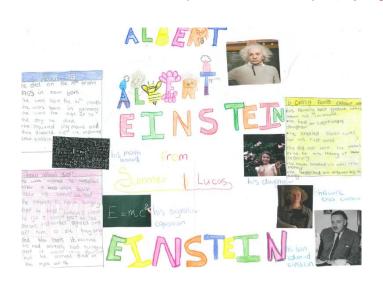
Following our renovations we have had a clear outbooks, teacher resources all sort of things have been relocated, repurposed or deleted from our systems.

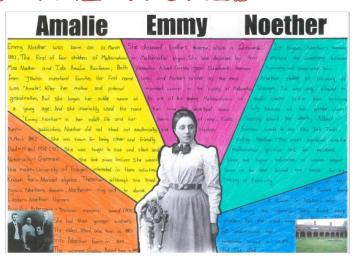
Now it's time for some furniture as well. There are 2 of the red chairs, the brightly coloured chairs are small, kindy and junior primary size and the maroon chairs are what were used in the middle and upper primary rooms. There's also a bookcase, sofa and filing cabinet.

If you would like any of the furniture in the photographs, please contact the school to arrange a time for pick up.

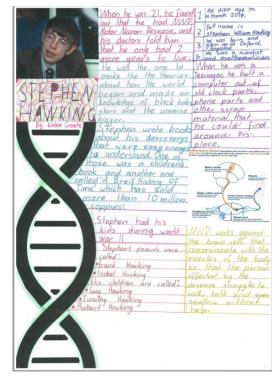


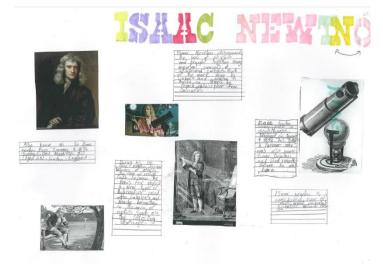
FAMOUS MATHEMATICIANS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

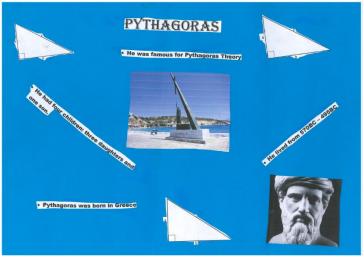




During the two weeks of online learning, the 4/5/6s did some research on famous mathematicians. They created some beautiful posters and PowerPoints to display their findings. It was great to see everyone using their research skills and finding out some interesting facts about people like Albert Einstein and Emmy Noether. Here are just a few examples of the amazing work they completed!







School & Community Notices





MORE KIDS MEANS MORE TRAFFIC IN SCHOOL ZONES

LET'S KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE ON THE ROADS AROUND SCHOOL

- Stick to the signed speed limit
- Be aware of students distracted by phones and each other
- Be courteous and model responsible driver behaviours
- ◆ Use allocated drop off / pick up zones

Encourage students to use designated road crossings









Clayton Farm Heritage Museum

Photo Competition

In Conjunction with SA History Month Celebrations 2022

Great Cash Prizes in ALL Categories – Awarded in person on Friday 27th **May – Starting at 7pm**

Open Section

- Best overall Photo
- Photo of Clayton Farm (machinery, building, scenery or people)
- Historical Photo (a) Open Subject (b) Black & White (c) Colour
- Scenic Open Subject
- 🖶 Phone Photo un edited

Junior Section

- Building
- Scenery
- Nature, animals or people

All entries must be received at CLAYTON FARM (147 Clayton Farm Track BORDERTOWN) no later than 2pm Sunday May 1st - Phone 0419838466 to arrange earlier drop off day and times outside opening hours (Mondays Wednesdays Fridays & Sundays)

All entries must be mounted on cardboard and not framed.

All entries shall be picked up on Friday Night 27^{th} May. Photos will NOT be mailed to entrants, unless postage paid beforehand

All enquiries to Vicki - 0419838466 - Michael - 0457912957 - Farm 0417890868

All possible care will be taken of photos, however Clayton Farm will not be held accountable for any damage caused while on the property. All photos to be "released" for Clayton Farm publications, advertising, social media and historical archives.



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