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**From the Principal**

Reconciliation Week

As many of you would be aware, Reconciliation week began last Friday. This is an important opportunity for our community to reflect on what we can do to strengthen the relationships between us, and to acknowledge that systemic dispossession and disadvantage over the last 228 years has left our society with many wounds. I believe that I have the responsibility to use my role as principal in this school to address disadvantage, prejudice and racism wherever I find it. I know that our school, which today is made up of 330 students from 26 cultural backgrounds, is located on the traditional land of the Ngarindjeri people, and it is important that I respect the connection that exists.

There are no easy solutions, but I am committed to speaking, listening and working respectfully with our people, and I ask that we all continue to listen, speak and work together for the benefit of our children and young people.

Community

Despite the cold, drizzly and dreary weather yesterday, our kids had lots of fun participating in our Sports Day. Something that I have appreciated since I arrived at South School has been the strong support from our parents and community, and I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the way that people come together to help support our children. From the 40 children, community members and local businesses who contributed their time, labour and expertise at our Working Bee last term, to the 100 parents and family members who cheered on our children yesterday, these opportunities to come together show how special the Murray Bridge South community is. We also have a dedicated school council which helps to provide feedback and direction to the school, as well as businesses, churches and community groups which all make a difference for our children through their contributions of time, money and expertise. There are over 50 volunteers who regularly give up their time, and numerous small business people who regularly help us out.

When acknowledging this kind of support, we are always concerned about leaving people out. There are so many contributors to our school, and they happen across all 15 classes as well as the numerous special programs that we run, and I am keen to develop a register of South School Supporters so that we can celebrate the successes we achieve together. If you or your business have supported a project or a program, and you are willing for us to acknowledge this contribution in our Newsletter, on our website and in our front office, please contact me through the front office or via email (juliet.kittob25@schools.sa.edu.au) and let me know.

We also want to get better at linking volunteers with projects. Often teachers are looking for parents or community members with specific skills, but we don’t always know who might have this knowledge or skill, and we are planning to develop a skills and interests register. This could include you, even if you are only able to contribute time a couple of times a year – sometimes a teacher just needs to talk to someone who is good with gardening, or they might want someone who runs a farm to talk to their kids. We also regularly appreciate help with craft projects, or trade skills. And of course, we have our Reading Post program, where we provide training and you are able to listen to a child read. This has a powerful impact on student learning, and is something that many people are already involved with. If you are willing to go on this register, please drop me a line through the front office or at the above email.

**Congratulations to Sturt’s winners of the 2016 Shield**

The final results were:

- **First**
  - Sturt
  - Vice Captains: Kyl and PaBi

- **Second**
  - Hindmarsh
  - 775

- **Third**
  - Murray
  - 750

- **Fourth**
  - Barker
  - 659

Mr Kitto presents the shield to Sturt’s Captain Tyler and Vice Captains Kyl and PaBi.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lucas (C9) 30th May
Gheii (C4) 31st May
Adam (C7) 31st May
Chahat (C10) 31st May
Shannon (C5) 1st June
Jaydn (C3) 2nd June
Ralph (C1) 2nd June
Ivan (C9) 3rd June
Sarah (C7) 3rd June
Rhianna (C3) 4th June
Tara (C1) 7th June
Suraya (C10) 8th June
Dustin (C4) 9th June
Jacob (U3) 9th June
Lilly (C7) 10th June
Kane (C1) 11th June
Kira-Lee (C3) 12th June
Paige (U3) 12th June

Canteen Specials

Wednesday 1st June—Thursday 9th June

HOME MADE PUMPKIN or CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP + TOAST with small water $3.50 save 50c

OR

PIZZA SINGLE plus BREAKA MILK (vanilla, choc, straw) $4.30 save 50c

Sorry, NO CREDIT is available so please do not ask!

ANNETTE THOMSON (Canteen Manager)

FAMILY WORDS & NUMBERS: NGARRINDJERI WORK by C8

REMINDER—STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

SCHOOL FEES

We still have around $18,000 outstanding in school fees. Thank you to those who have made payments or applied for school card. PLEASE, if you are applying for SCHOOL CARD, make sure you have done this. If not, PLEASE make arrangements to pay your child’s fees as soon as possible so that we are able to buy more resources for the school.

Written by JM & MONT C4