



ISSUE 6 - 8th May 2019

Athelstone School

Newsletter

Diary Dates

NAPLAN - Years 3, 5 & 7
14th-16th May

Assembly
Thursday 16th May, 2:20pm
Date to be confirmed - may change due to NAPLAN

Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 23rd May

Pupil Free Day
Friday 24th May

Assembly
Thursday 6th June, 2:20pm

Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th June
7:00pm

Principal's Tour
Friday 21st June, 9:30am

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Assistant Principal
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Governing Council
Chairperson
Kate Jones

School Crossing Safety

Last week, 22 of our year 6/7 students received school crossing training from SA Police. These students are now qualified to monitor (with the support of a teacher), our school crossing on Brookside Road.

Brookside Road becomes very busy before and after school and we ask that all students, parents and caregivers use the crossing and follow the instructions provided by the crossing monitors. Congratulations to these students for successfully completing this training and for taking on this new responsibility with such enthusiasm.



Election Day BBQ - Help Needed

Our school will once again be a polling centre for the upcoming Federal Election (Saturday 18th May). Our Parents and Friends Committee are organising a fundraising BBQ and are asking for parents and student leaders to volunteer their time to assist with cooking and serving. Can you spare a couple of hours between 7:00am and 5:00pm?

This is a great opportunity for our school to connect with our local community and at the same time, raise funds for the school.

If you would like to help, please speak to Stephen Clarke or leave your name and contact details at the front office.



Grow Up Smiling - School Dental Service

We are proud to offer all students access to an onsite dental check-up with no out of pocket expense through Dental Outreach's 'Grow-up Smiling' program.

Affectionately known as 'GuS', the independently run schools dental program is one of the largest and most successful children's dental programs in South Australia.

Information Packs were sent home this week. If you did not receive one, please ask at the front office as consent forms need to be returned by **Friday 10th May**.

The initial dental check-ups will be performed at school between Monday 20th May to Friday 31st May. Parents are welcome to attend the appointment with their child.

Please contact Stephen Clarke if you have any questions about this program.



Colds and Flu

Cold and flu season is upon us! The viruses that cause colds and flu are in the nose, throat and lungs of those affected. These can be spread by the fine droplets that are expelled from the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.

The following simple steps can reduce the spread of respiratory infections:

- Wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- keep surfaces clean

Please keep your children home if they are not well and consult your doctor if you have any concerns about their health.



KEEPING KIDS WELL THIS WINTER

Children are more likely to spread colds and flu, than any other age group

Protect your children and those around them:

- Get them vaccinated
- Keep them home with cold or flu symptoms
- Teach them to wash their hands and cover coughs with a tissue or arm

Flu symptoms can be much more serious in young children, make sure you seek medical attention if you are worried about your child's health.

For tips on keeping yourself and your family well this winter, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/winterwellness

Government of South Australia

NAPLAN online

Next week our years 3, 5 and 7 students sit the NAPLAN tests online for the first time. In the lead up most children have been involved in the technical testing of the platform and many of our years 5 and 7 students are excited for the online experience. However, many students will be feeling anxious as well. Play down the expectations, this is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress - their strengths and how far they have come on their learning journey.

It will be important that your child is encouraged to sleep and eat well during the testing period. If you are fasting due to Ramadan you can find information here <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/school-support/information-on-naplan-and-ramadan> if you still have questions please let us know. It is our intention that all testing occurs during the morning sessions.

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. If you have not yet spoken to your child's teacher or the school please do so as soon as possible as formal notification of withdrawal is required prior to testing.

It is important to note that mobile phones, smart watches and electronic devices that can store, receive or send information or electronic signals (other than those used for testing) are not permitted in NAPLAN test areas, therefore it is advised that these devices are not brought to school during NAPLAN week or usual routines observed (phones handed in to the front office).

Gyllian Godfrey
Principal

Public Education Awards

Nominations for these awards are open until 31 May 2019.

The awards recognise and showcase excellence in public education. Through this program we proudly share our achievements with the community and highlight the innovation, passion and expertise that form the foundation of our strong public education system.

Parents, families and communities all play a significant role in supporting children and young people. As active participants in our education system, the public nomination process for the awards allows everyone to get involved and say thank you to an educator that's made a difference in their lives.

Get involved in the awards – don't miss your chance to nominate someone amazing.

Find out more about the awards and how to nominate here <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/working-teacher/teacher-initiatives/public-education-awards>



2019 PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Recognising excellence

Congratulations Zoe

Congratulations to Zoe Millan who recently competed in the Fierce Talent National Dance Competition. This is Zoe's third competition this year.

Zoe placed third in the Petite Champion Runner-Up and 1st place for Lyrical.

Well done Zoe, keep up the great work!



KIWANIS TERRIFIC KIDS AWARD

At the end of each term an award is presented by the Kiwanis Club of Athelstone to a student at Athelstone School.

The teaching staff nominate a student who consistently demonstrates our school values of Excellence, Respect, Responsibility and Integrity.

The student is presented with a certificate and a book. Kiwanis also donate a book to the school library.

We congratulate **Eddie Coventry** who was the Kiwanis Terrific Kid Award recipient for Term 1, 2019.

We also thank The Kiwanis Club of Athelstone for their continuing support.



Auskick

Athelstone School's Auskick program has now concluded and our players were given the opportunity to show off their skills at the Adelaide Oval during the half time break of the AFLW game a few weeks ago. Here are some great photos of the children in action!

Thank you to all the parents who supported this program.



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates at the last assembly. Since the last assembly our awards have changed from the Program Achieve Foundations to our four school values; **Excellence, Respect, Responsibility, and Integrity**. These values are the foundations of our school culture and are essential for children if they are to be successful 21st century learners.

EXCELLENCE

Arham Waqas
Andy Jones
Oliver Hand
Aaryan Nath
Tristan De Kock
Alex Vulpiani
Tyson Malesevic
Isabella Kluciejasz
Matilda Chung
Alex Michaelides
Ashaya Haines
Eric Randles



RESPECT

Max Melville
Mia Centofanti
Myah Granger
Taya Granger
Victoria Sales
Zalia Bor
Tess Shotton
Imogen Fotheringham



INTEGRITY

Ethan Hatzitheodorou
Jake Smith



RESPONSIBILITY

Aliya D'Ambrosio
Lilian Kesselaar
Ava Di Giacomo
Harrison Hand
Hamish Lewis





Lorenz, 2019 Shield Winners



Kidman, 2019 Avanti Cup Winners



Thank you to the Parents & Friends Committee and all the volunteers who helped out on Sports Day





In Italian this term the students have been focusing on improving their oral language skills. This has been done through them conversing with a partner and in small groups.

Some of their conversations were recorded and converted into QR codes.

These voice recordings have been solely used for this activity and no other purpose.

We have included these below and have also displayed some down by the front office. Happy listening!

Saluti,

Signora Cardone and Signora Romeo (Teachers of Italian)

Isebella & Matilda



Joaquin & Oscar



Kristy & Maria





Birdwood Primary School proudly presents the 45th annual

- Native wildlife
- Log chopping
- Restored machinery
- Spinners & Weavers
- Vintage cars
- Farm Animals
- CFS demonstrations
- Historical Entertainers

Birdwood



Farm Day

- Working dogs
- Whip cracking
- Tractor rides
- Sheep shearing
- Animal nursery
- Live music
- Art displays
- Pony & Camel rides
- Bumbles the Clown

ENTRY
Adults \$10
Kids FREE
Max \$20 per car

SUNDAY 19th MAY 2019
10am – 4pm
Chalks campground, Mount Crawford Forest
(on the Birdwood to Williamstown road)



Join us for a day of country fun in the forest!

- Farmer's Pantry & Cellar – sweets and bakery treats – damper & billy tea
- huge variety of hot foods – face painting – garden stall – creative crafts
- Mini marketers showcase – prize wheel – Giant Cash raffle drawn on day
- kids rides and activities – market stalls – loads of family entertainment

For more info visit www.birdwoodfarmday.com



Karin's Corner

Hi everyone,

Happy Mother's Day to all our gorgeous mothers out there! Let's celebrate who you are, what you do and the impact you have on those around you.

It's so easy to take our mums for granted in the business of life. So whether it's your mum or someone else who has become a significant role model in your life, take time to show them how much they are appreciated and loved.



Show her some well-deserved love by spending a day with her. Instead of an expensive gift, pack a special picnic lunch and enjoy a day in one of our beautiful parks, go to a movie, visit Adelaide's Art Gallery, Museum, a free guided tour of the Botanic gardens followed of course by a coffee and maybe even chocolate, and don't forget the old favourite "Breakfast in bed". You don't have to spend a lot to make mum feel appreciated.

Sadly, not every mum can be with us on special occasions like this, so why not do something special in remembrance of our mums who sadly won't be here to celebrate the day.

If you're not sure what to do for your mum, do the housework for her!! There's a thought! Or you check out this website for heaps of activities and ideas.

<https://www.weekendnotes.com/adelaide/mothers-day/>

"If evolution really works, how come Mothers only have two hands?"
Milton Berle.

Hope you get spoilt!

Have a lovely weekend

Karin Williams PCW

Emilee's Cut for a Cause

Emilee is the older sister of one of our students (Adam from Room 6). She is fundraising for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for premature babies at the Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) in Adelaide. Emilee was born prematurely at 26 weeks, and will now be cutting her long hair for the first time to raise funds for the NICU. She will also be donating her hair to Variety for Kids, to be made into wigs for children who have lost their hair as a result of cancer treatment or Alopecia.



If you would like to support Emilee with this cause, you can donate at: <http://my.wchfoundation.org.au/emileescutforacause>



making the difference



Cinema Excursion

Pokemon Detective Pikachu(PG)
at Hoyts Norwood



Please bring own snacks – No money please

Depart: 9:00am

Return: 2:30pm

(Times may change)

OPENING HOURS

- 7:15am to 6:15pm

COST

- Home Day: \$51.50*
- Excursion/Incurtion Day: \$57.00*

**\$51.50/ \$57 full fee for the day. Child Care Subsidy is applicable (subject to individual circumstances).*

WHAT TO BRING

- Water bottle
- Packed lunch
- Anything else that may be required as per the scheduled activity for the day.

*Please note afternoon snack is provided

- Children are transported to and from excursions by a private bus containing seatbelts.

BOOKINGS POLICY

- Bookings must be made by **Friday 17th May**

