

Term 3 2024.....Newsletter no.10

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END OF THE TERM WRAP UP

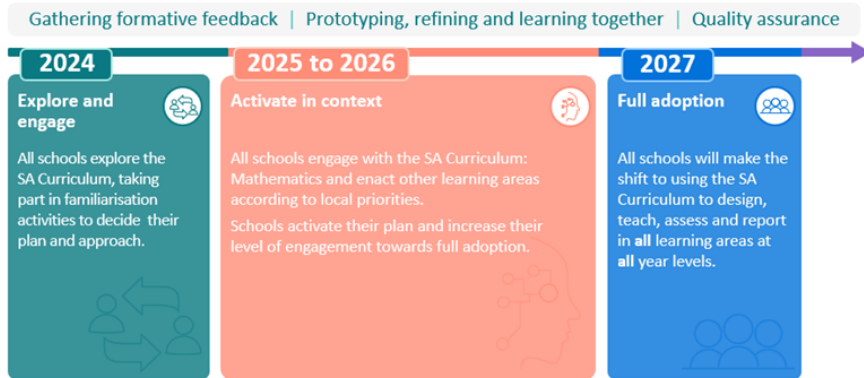
Hi everyone

Term 3 is quickly drawing to a close, but we are busy in the swing of preparing for term 4 and also for 2025. On Monday at our Student Free Day staff from the school will spend the day creating greater understanding of the SA Public Education Strategy and also the new SA Curriculum. Over the past 2 years the Department for Education have spent considerable time capturing the voice of children, parents and educators about what each of these groups of people see important in Public Education. As a result, the strategy has been developed which highlights 4 key areas of impact which have been highlighted as critical areas for schools to focus their attention on.



Further to this, a SA version of the Australian curriculum is currently being adapted from the Australian Curriculum which supports the learning for SA children. The focus of the SA curriculum is on developing knowledge and conceptual understanding adapted from the Australian Curriculum, while also focussing on developing the learning capabilities and dispositions for learners to be able to then apply learning to all contexts in life. Schools have been allocated 2 extra SFD from 2025 to 2029 to engage with and enact the education strategy and plan for the full adoption of the SA curriculum by 2027.

SA Curriculum for public education Engagement 2024 to 2027



The PAT testing is now almost complete and once again we have seen some absolutely wonderful levels of achievement and growth. In both the reading Comprehension and Numeracy assessments we have 88% of our students above the expected benchmark for their year level, with a significant proportion of the students with exceptionally high scores. With some recent training and development, I have become increasingly interested in rates of growth as it is a much more indicative of individual

development and to some extent their engagement in learning. If you are interested in looking at your child's progress in relation to PAT testing, please reach out to the teacher at the beginning of next term. This will give the teachers a chance to have a good look at and be able to understand your child's results before they discuss them with you.

	Mon. 23rd Sep	Tues. 24th Sep	Wed. 25th Sep	Thur. 26th Sep	Fri. 27th Sep
Week 10	STUDENT FREE DAY	MOBILE LIBRARY		LUNCH ORDERS FROM GHS	LAST DAY OF TERM 2:20PM EARLY DISMISSAL

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TERM 4 STARTS
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

RESPECT

HONESTY

PERSEVERANCE

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Yesterday I was very fortunate to spend the day at Wirrabara Forest for our last Forest Kindy day for the year. Forest Kindy at Laura Preschool started as a pipe dream of Alison and Mel's and they worked really hard to get this off the ground earlier this year. I would like firstly thank Alison, Amber and Mel for their efforts and also to everyone who has supported along the way to overcome challenges and make it happen for the children. I hope this will be a long tradition for the Preschool children of the Laura community. Yesterday, it was great that 5 rural care children were able to join us at Forest Kindy until lunchtime. This required a huge amount of extra organisation from all staff and in particular I say a big thankyou to Kelly Burton for all of the extra time and effort she put into organising the involvement of the Rural Care children.

It has been a great pleasure for me to be able to join some of the visits to the Forest this year. Yesterday, I watched the children exploring and enjoying being in the great outdoors. Things that often seem so small and simple to the adults such as collecting sticks, stones, leaves and flowers are so captivating and exciting for children filling them with curiosity and creativity. For about a 20 minute period, I watched all of the Preschool children play on a large log over the dry creek bed. Some children bloomed with increased confidence as they progressively became more independent walking the length of the log, others quickly moved onto finding and creating a little cave under the log. The time was filled with children taking risks in doing something different or new, negotiating individual or group challenges, resolving conflict while also being completely captivated and playing in harmony as a group.

Today we say farewell to Alicia McNeill who has been undertaking her final teaching placement in the Reception, Year 1 class this term. I have been very impressed with the way Alicia has confidentially interacted with the students and the staff in the school. During the placement Alicia has developed confidence in leading the learning in the classroom and the students have been very responsive to her style of teaching. On behalf of all at Laura Primary School, I wish Alicia all the best for her future career as a teacher, I'm sure she will be an asset to the schools she works in.



1 more week to go! I hope you all have a great holiday at the end of next week.

Kind regards

Leanne

We are currently taking Registration of Interest for Preschool in 2025

If your child turns 4 before 1st May 2025 they are eligible.

See poster in this newsletter for more information.

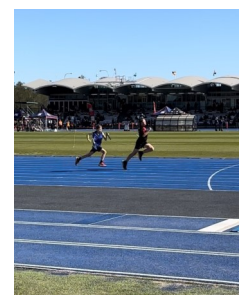
Please contact the school office for a Registration of Interest form.

SAPSASA NEWS



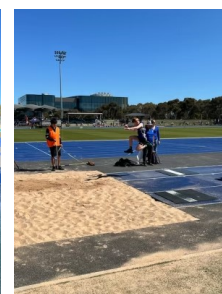
On Monday 16th September I went to SAPSASA athletics in Adelaide and did a relay. It was on a race track with heaps of people watching, I'd like to do it again as it was fun.

MARCUS



I competed in 2 events at Adelaide SAPSASA, they were the 100m relay and long jump. In the relay our team came 3rd and I don't know what I placed in the long jump.

CALLUM



Laura Pre-school



On Wednesday we had another spectacular day out exploring in the Wirrabara Forest. This time some of the Rural Care children and staff were able to join us. The weather was incredible and so much fun was had by all! The children made flower crowns and made some clay creations. Fairies were found, cubbies were built and of course lots of climbing and exploring.

A big thank you to Miss Opperman who jumped in the freezing cold water so that the Preschool children could balance and walk along a big log over the top of the creek. There are not many principals that would do the same.

It was great to observe children during imaginative play and doing the work of children. I am so proud of all of the Preschool children in the way that they get along and play so happily together. It was a true joy and privilege to be there to witness the freedom and fun.

A big thank you to our amazing parent volunteers who joined us, which included Sarah McCauley, Sarah Drogemuller and Sophie Millington. Also to Leanne Zwar so has helped us out at every forest kindy. The day would not have gone ahead without your support.

Another big thanks to Rural Care and Preschool staff Kelly, Liv, Maci, Matilda and Hayley, it was a great team effort.

Kind regards,

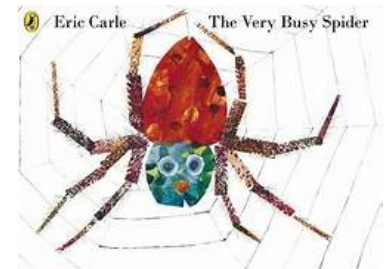
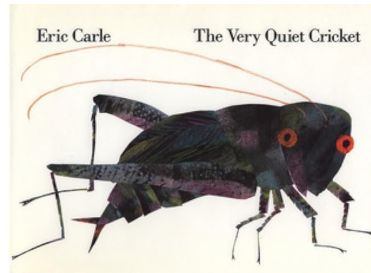
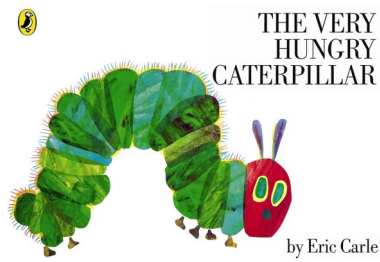
Amber Hayes
Temporary Relief Teacher
Laura Preschool

CORRIDORS OF GREEN EXCURSION



Year 3 and 4 students travelled to Appila Springs for a fun filled day of learning and exploring.

Laura Rural Care



And just like that we're heading into the last few months of 2024, and warmer weather!

Over the last few weeks children have been engaging in experiences, to learn and investigate all things insects, bugs and minibeasts, while also engaging in opportunities to strengthen their number recognition, through noticing numbers in the environment and number hunts.

Children have enjoyed listening to story books by author Eric Carle, such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Quiet Cricket and The Very Busy Spider, while also creating some clever little insect crafts.

Sensory play activities have been a huge hit, mostly being offered in our outdoor learning environment under the glorious sunshine. Sensory experiences play an important role in a child's development, building the foundation for lifelong learning, creativity and wellbeing. Children have experienced the wonder and joy of coloured spaghetti, chocolate scented playdough and slime (just to name a few), they've been thoroughly enjoyed by all in the space- even some of the educators have been seen to get in there get their and enjoy the sensory stimulation.

On Wednesday of week 9 the Rural Care children joined the kindy children at the Wirrabara Forest for their final forest kindy session for 2024. The children had the most amazing time, exploring and engaging in the elements of nature. It was wonderful to see and hear all the questions, curiosity and noticing coming from the children.

A big thanks to our volunteers and staff for making the experience a possibility, it was thoroughly enjoyed and greatly appreciated by all!

Rural Care Team



AWARDS WEEKS 7, 8 & 9

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD



Dakoda received this award for consistently following instructions, completing work to a high standard and being a kind and helpful classmate.

CONGRATULATIONS DAKODA!!

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Basil – For perseverance and resilience when completing challenging Maths learning.

Abigail – For challenging herself consistently in Maths.

Cruz– for challenging himself and making excellent improvement in Maths

Brooklyn- for being brave and embracing challenges.

Willow– for taking charge of her reading at home this term and using spare time in class to also read.

Harley– for making a conscious effort to focus and engage during literacy groups.

Marcus–for bringing a positive attitude to all literacy lessons and making sure he actively contributes his ideas.

Gracie– for being an excellent and encouraging team member.

Zoe– for hard work in all curriculum areas.

Mannix– For an excellent attitude in the classroom.

Jade Z– for an entertaining and descriptive story.

Ella– for great work in Maths on Probability.

Flynn– for independent learning in Literacy.

KINDNESS OF THE MONTH AWARD

Cruz received this award for always helping his friends and educators and being a kind and conscientious classmate.

WELL DONE CRUZ !

Eli- for helping his teacher with extra jobs around the classroom.

Madelin- for always greeting her teachers with a smile and always willing to have a conversation.

Marley- for helping out with extra jobs in the classroom.

Jack- for helping his peers.

Cruz – For being kind and caring towards others in the yard and classroom.

Amara- for helping a classmate.

Jackson- for sharing regulation tools with a classmate.

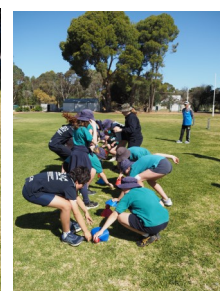
Cruz- caring for a hurt classmate.

Gracie P- caring for a classmate that fell over.



KINDNESS AWARDS

STRIKERS CRICKET CLINIC



On Tuesday afternoon students participated in a cricket clinic. It was wonderful to see the progression of improvement throughout the sessions.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Enrol now for preschool



It's now time to enrol your child to start preschool. If your child turns 4:

- **before 1 May**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 that year
- **between 1 May and 31 October**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 3 that year
- **after 31 October**, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 the following year



Scan the QR code or visit the link below to find out more:
education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment

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ABORIGINAL

PLAYGROUP



MONDAYS- 9:15 - 11:15 AM

FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 5 YEARS OF AGE WHO IDENTIFY AS
ABORIGINAL/AND OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

Port Pirie West Children's Centre Community Room
Call 8633 0077 for further information
Transport can be arranged. Fruit supplied.

Facilitated by Takeria Crosby-Woods and Learning Together

JAMESTOWN & AREAS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2024-25 JUNIOR BASKETBALL SEASON

The season will begin early in term 4, and children born from 2008-2016 are eligible to play.

Games will be played on a Monday night in The Big Shed. Game times and age groups will not be confirmed until player numbers are finalised.

If your child would like to play basketball this season, please email your child's name and date of birth to jamestownjuniorbasketball@gmail.com by Friday 27th September 2024.

Please contact Regina Farr on 0400 264 860 or Ben Moss on 0488 070 984 for further details.



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Cricket Blast is an energetic & fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, make new friends and play cricket in a team environment!

CRICKET BLAST NEAR YOU

Multiple programs across the Mid-North
Starting in early Term 4

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or Crystal Brook CC



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Term 4 PLANNER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	14th OCT	15th OCT	16th OCT` <i>Finance Meeting TBC</i>	17th OCT	18th OCT
WEEK 2	21st OCT SAPSASA AFL Girls State Carnival	22nd OCT MOBILE LIBRARY SAPSASA AFL Girls State Carnival	23rd OCT Dance Lesson R-6 SAPSASA AFL Girls State Carnival	24th OCT	25th OCT
WEEK 3	28th OCT PRESCHOOL DAY Preschool/School Transition (until recess) <i>Governing Council meeting @7pm</i>	29th OCT	30th OCT Dance Lesson R-6	31st OCT Assembly	1st NOV SPORTS DAY
WEEK 4	4th NOV Preschool/School Transition (until lunch) SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival SAPSASA Netball Trials	5th NOV MOBILE LIBRARY SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival	6th NOV Dance Lesson R-6 SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival	7th NOV	8th NOV
WEEK 5	11th NOV Preschool/School Transition (all day) PROPOSED CAMP Yr2-6	12th NOV PROPOSED CAMP Yr2-6	13th NOV SAPOL Road Safety @ 11:30am Preschool PROPOSED CAMP Yr2-6 Dance R/1 & Preschool	14th NOV SAPOL Road Safety Sessions R-6 Students	15th NOV
WEEK 6	18th NOV PRESCHOOL DAY	19th NOV MOBILE LIBRARY	20th NOV SAPSASA Tennis State Carnival Dance Lesson R-6	21st NOV	22nd NOV ASSEMBLY
WEEK 7	25th NOV	26th NOV	27th NOV Dance Lesson R-6 <i>Finance Meeting TBC</i>	28th NOV	29th NOV
WEEK 8	2nd DEC PRESCHOOL DAY SWIMMING LESSONS <i>Governing Council Meeting @ 7pm</i>	3rd DEC MOBILE LIBRARY SWIMMING LESSONS	4th DEC Dance Lesson R-6 SWIMMING LESSONS	5th DEC SWIMMING LESSONS	6th DEC SWIMMING LESSONS
WEEK 9	9th DEC	10th DEC School Concert	11th DEC	12th DEC BIG DAY OUT Lunch orders from GHS	13th DEC Last Day of School for 2024 early dismissal 2:20pm