



Wed, 125Nov 2020

Week 7 - Term 4

Thurs 26/11 - Sports Day

Fri 27/11 - Assembly R/1/2

Wed 2/12 - Final Kindy
Transition

Thur 3/12 - Wheels R/1/2

Thurs 3/12 - Maria's Lunches

Tues 8/12 - Yr 7 Graduation
Dinner

Thurs 10/12 - Wheels 5/6/7

Fri 11/12 - EOY Assembly

**Happy De-
cember
Birthday**

to:

Max Marden who will
turn 8 on Christmas Eve,
Thursday 24 December.



**Monday Lunches
Roster Term 4**

Lunch Helpers

Wk 8 - 30/11

Staff

Cupcakes

Week 9 - 7/12

From the Principal, Jess Moroney

Just when we thought it couldn't get any crazier... WHAT WAS THAT?

Like many of you, I spent part of Monday scratching my head wondering what just happened last week. Having spent quite a lot of time planning to recommence remote learning for potentially as long as the rest of the year, I was very pleased to hear the news that those plans could be put to the side and we would be welcoming all students back to school. While it was a chaotic few days we can again look forward to finishing off the year strongly and ensuring that all students continue to receive a high quality education and the opportunity to participate in their extra-curricular activities. I'll start with a few COVID updates and information around postponed, cancelled or altered events.

Sports Day

Our third attempt at hosting sports day will now occur this Thursday. Unfortunately current COVID restrictions will mean that only staff and students will be able to take part in sports day. Hosting a sports day without parents was a difficult decision to make, but given that we have now prepared the oval, line marked, and organised equipment twice it was a situation of either host sports day this week and ensure the students are able to have one, or cancel the event for 2020. We felt strongly, that it was really important to ensure students still have the opportunity to participate in sports day so are pushing ahead while the weather is still nice and COVID restrictions allow school sports.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea

It is really sad, but this event will not be able to go ahead this year. A thank you was sent out to all who volunteered and while we would love to thank you in person, it is no longer possible to do so this term. I am blown away by the amount of support we get from our volunteers and would like to pass on my sincere appreciation of all you do to make our school such an amazing place. Fingers crossed next year we can get together and celebrate together.

Transition Visits

Visits for our 2021 receptions will go ahead as scheduled. Parents of year 7s, you should have received communication from your child's high school regarding whether their transition will go ahead as scheduled or if the date was revised. If you haven't heard, please contact the secondary school directly for further information.

Year 7 Graduation

This significant event will still go ahead, but at this stage the format will again be slightly modified. The venue can still host us, but current numbers will be limited. Parents of year 7 students will receive more communication from us in the coming days as we liaise with the venue, but what I do know is that current restrictions will at least allow students, some staff and at least 2 adults per graduate.

End of Year Celebration

The end of year celebration will still occur on Friday 11 December from 1:30 – 2:15pm (the final day of school term). We still have a little bit of time and will wait and see as to whether or not we can have a small number of parents/caregivers attend this event. Regardless we will livestream the celebration via Microsoft Teams, meaning anyone who wants to be in the audience can do so remotely.

Parents, Carers and Volunteers on-site

Current regulations require us to minimise anyone coming on site who is not a current staff member or student. As mentioned in the parent letter we are asking that where possible, parents 'kiss and drop' in the morning and then collect their child and depart school as soon as possible in the afternoon. In usual circumstances we love that our community feel welcome to stay around for a chat and have children play in the playground, but restricting access is the small part we can play to support SA to again become COVID free.

With all of the ongoing changes, we really want to thank the school and wider community for the support you have all shown in what has been such a challenging year. The staff certainly feel as though you have our back and it makes working through these challenges all the more easier.

Naracoorte Study Tour

Just before I wrap up, I just want to share a bit of information about an outstanding learning experience which occurred prior to the brief circuit breaker. Ms Read, Mrs Mason, Carey and Tony all went on an adventure to Naracoorte with an excited group of year 5-7 students to participate in a geology and palaeontology study tour of the World Heritage listed Naracoorte Caves. I've been fortunate to experience this once before with a school group and feel it is one of the best learning experiences available for students of this age group. The reports we heard back from staff and students was that it was a huge success. Our students experienced four days of quality learning which was linked to units of work they



had commenced at school and were able to participate in a range of real-world and hands on activities. We received plenty of positive feedback from the caves staff and even a phone call from a local resident in Naracoorte who called to praise the manners and politeness of our students. A huge thank you



to the staff, particularly Mrs Mason who went on two camps in two weeks!

To Ms Read who supported getting a camp off the ground during such a challenging time, and to Carey, Tony and the Critchleys who all played a big part in ensuring the study tour was a success. Please keep an eye on emails and Skoolbag for updates between now and the next newsletter.

Have a lovely fortnight and enjoy some warmer weather. Jess

2020 Year Book

Don't forget to put your order in for our 2020 School Year Book. A hard copy order form was sent home last week, plus I've added one to the last page of this newsletter - don't miss out, \$25 each.

Remembrance Day



As our 5/6/7 class were away in Naracoorte during the recent Remembrance Day, our wonderful 2/3/4 class took the reins and ran our service here at school. What a lovely, touching service it was, with our students speaking and singing beautifully. Thank you to all families who brought in flowers to lay on our Sleeping Soldier.

Camp Recount by Amaya and Bella

On Tuesday, 10 November the year 5/6/7 class went to Naracoorte for three nights. Alison Mason drove the bus, and it took 4 hours to get there. We stayed at a caravan park near the Naracoorte caves, the boys slept in dorms and the girls slept in an old house. Tony Martin and Carey Hannaford kindly came along to help Ms Read and Alison.

On the first day we went to a cave and saw some stalactites and stalagmites and saw some really cool fossils. I think the biggest highlight for most of the kids was the adventure caving. We went through lots of tight spaces and got our knees very dirty. On the third day we went to a museum and learnt about three marsupials, one being the Thylacaleo Carnifex which was a pouched lion and one of the top predators in the Australian prestrike times. The second being the Diplodontis. He is the biggest marsupial in Australia. The final was the Flat Nosed Kangaroo who was very tall. On one of the final days we went to Mount Gambier where we saw a movie on volcanos and Mount Gambier's history with them. After that we went to see the Blue Lake and learnt about why it is so blue. The next day on our way home we stopped at the Big Lobster. When we got home we all had to unpack and all looked forward to a weekend of rest. Everyone loved this camp.

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2020 Year Book

Each year Darly works extremely hard to put together a school Year Book. Various activities and items from the current schooling year are meticulously put together in one place to remind our students and families of the year that was. Even though 2020 has been a little different to previous years, we've still managed to jam-pack lots of fun and learning into our year along the way.

Don't miss out. Order your 2020 Year Book now, just \$25 each.

Please return this completed order form to school with your money or email your form to

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before December 7, 2020.

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