



Government  
of South Australia

Department for Education  
and Child Development

# Room 8 Newsletter

## Term 3 2017



### Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to you all. I hope you kept warm during the school holidays. The children are slowly getting back into the routine. I am hoping you were happy with your child's mid year report. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to discuss the report. I appreciate your continuing support towards your child's learning.

### Just a few reminders:

- ◆ Please continue to drop your child at the gate before the two bells at 8:35 or 8:40am.
- ◆ If your child is late please get a **late pass** from the office.
- ◆ Please **use the communication book** or make a time to talk to me if you have any questions, concerns or messages.
- ◆ If your child is absent, either **write a brief explanation** in your child's communication book explaining the reason for their absence or ring the school in the morning. If not you will receive a text from the school alerting you that your child has not arrived at school.
- ◆ Please send a **bottle of water** with your child **every day**.
- ◆ Please continue to send a **piece of fruit** as students look forward to fruit time and enjoy tasting different fruits.
- ◆ Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately with warm clothes and closed water proof shoes this season.
- ◆ Encourage them to use tissues while sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose and also to wash their hands after using a tissue to avoid cross contamination.



I look forward to continuing to work with and support you and your child this term.

Regards,  
Rosaline Singh

### Reading

Reader bags will be sent home each night and readers will be changed according to the needs of your child. Please continue to take time to sit with your child to practise and help them become familiar with words/text

### Diary dates

#### What's on this term

**THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES  
WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY - Weeks 2, 5, 6,  
8 and 10  
At 9:00am in the Hall**

**Tuesday 22nd August  
No Pen Morning**

**Monday 21st August to  
Friday 25th August  
Book Week**

**Thursday, 24th August  
Book Week Assembly**

**Friday 1st September  
SCHOOL CLOSURE  
Monday 4th September  
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 11th - Friday 15th  
September  
Optional Interviews**

**Wednesday 20th September  
Ladies of Variety Movie  
excursion to see 'Cars 3'**

**Friday 29th September  
Last Day of Term 3 Casual  
day with gold coin donation  
Early Dismissal 2:00pm**

and sight words each night. Students will also be bringing home Oxford sight words books and Jolly Phonics song book to practise each night. Some of the students will bring Fitzroy readers which will be practised at school.



### Handwriting

Each week students learn a letter using multisensory writing tools and mediums. Handwriting lessons are important as it helps with their letter/sound recognition and correct letter formation, pencil grip and finger spacing.



### Jolly Phonics

We are going to relearn letters and sounds through the Jolly Phonics Program. This will help them to consolidate what they have learnt in previous weeks. The songs and the action of the Jolly Phonics program helps them to remember the name and sound of the letter. Please continue to practise the actions and sing along the Jolly Phonics songs from the book or you can find it on YouTube.

Numeracy This term we will focus on measurement by comparing length, weight and size. We will use direct and indirect comparisons to decide which is longer, heavier or holds more, and use everyday language to explain the reason. We will continue to focus on Number and its value and subitise small collection of objects through *Big Ideas in Number*.

### Science

This term we will be blasting away into Space to learn about the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets. We will investigate day and night, movement of the Sun across the sky, shadows and Moon phases. We will also observe the day and night sky. We are planning to go to the Planetarium at Mawson Lakes.



### Cooking

We will still be cooking on Fridays of even weeks. Students enjoy participating in preparing and tasting foods cooked by them. They are becoming confident in using cooking tools. Cooking will begin from week 2, so please send \$2 to cover costs of the ingredients.



### Swimming

We will continue swimming on Tuesdays and we will be taking public transport. We will inform you if we take private cars on the day via phone call.

Please send your child dressed in bathers under their uniform. Please ensure your child brings a spare pair of socks, underwear and a rain jacket/coat to protect them from the rain. The pool entry fee at the Aquadome has increased to \$2.90 from the beginning of Term 3. Please send the correct amount each week.



### Library Books

Our library borrowing day is on Mondays therefore please return the books by that day so your child is able to borrow new books.



### Health and Physical Development

Term 3 Health lessons will cover some parts of the Keeping Safe-Child Protection Curriculum particularly 'Trust and Networks', 'Practising Protective Strategies' and Being Safe- Early Years Drug Education. During the term, the topics students will learn about are: basic first aid, safety around medicines, fire & water safety and keeping safe. These topics will ensure students understand rules for, and ways of keeping safe and the importance of keeping safe in all environments.

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**Mrs Ryan**  
**Specialist Health/PE Teacher**

### Music and Drama Program

This term in music, students will continue to learn about beat and rhythm through dancing, singing, movement activities and playing un-tuned percussion instruments. They will learn about tempo and form. Later in the term, students will begin to look at the *Music Count Us In* song in preparation for Term 4.

In drama, students will focus on using body language to portray a message.

**Miss Georgia Yates**  
**Specialist Music and Drama**



## LOTE- Auslan

During Term 3 the students will be reviewing Time & Number and expanding their Auslan vocabulary through sign games, songs, video, the use of IT equipment. We will cover these through an "Animal" theme.

**Christine Khron**  
**Specialist AUSLan Teacher**

## Oral Language

Each week your child will present a talk to the class. Oral presentations increase children's confidence in describing, explaining and speaking in public. Please prepare your child to share each week by sending the required item for their talk.

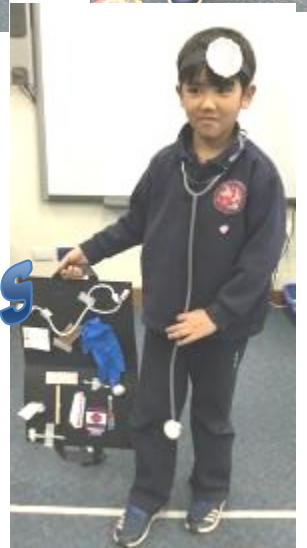
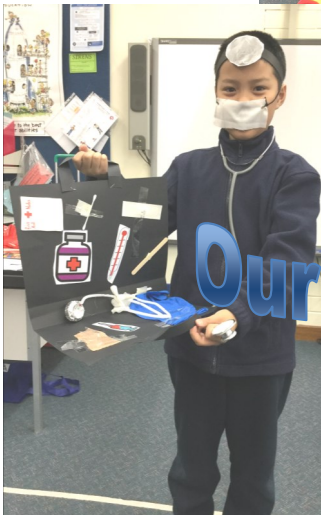
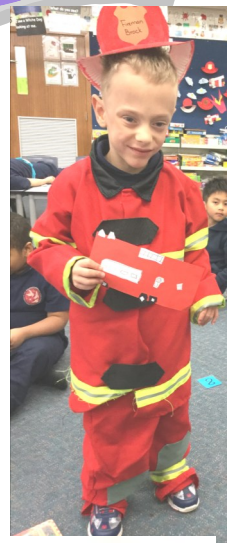
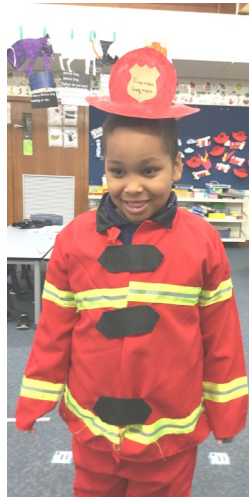
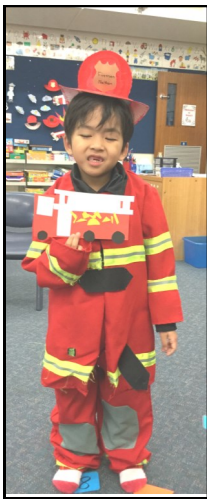
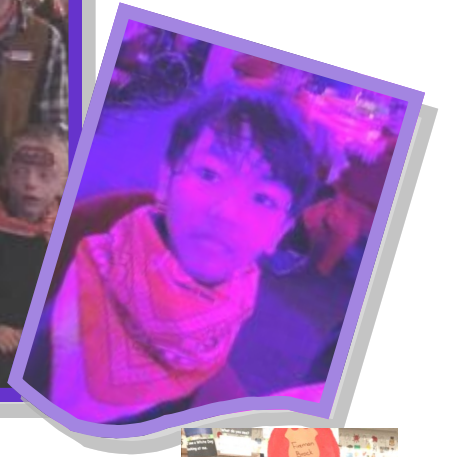
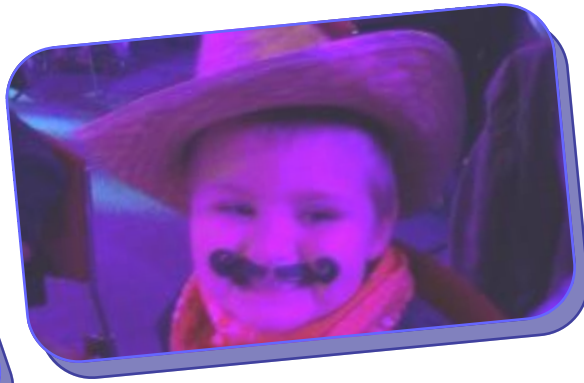
Our Show and Tell day is **Wednesday**.



## Term 3 Show and Tell topics

- Week 2 - Bring in a toy you play with.
- Week 3 - Share what do you like doing when it rains?
- Week 4 - Tell us or bring in your favourite sport.
- Week 5 - Free Choice.
- Week 6 - Share a winter recipe.
- Week 7- Free Choice.
- Week 8 - Talk about what you like doing with your dad.
- Week 9 - Bring in something that is smaller than you
- Week 10 - Free choice.





**Our Community Helpers**