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## Key Dates:

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY**  
**Monday 13 June**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Tuesday 14 June**

Parents Forum  
Friday 27 May 2022  
10 am - 2 pm

Reconciliation Week  
30th May - 3rd June

Netball Carnival  
Friday 3rd June  
10 am start

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### NAPLAN online

Last week, we completed the NAPLAN online testing. The students in Years 3 & 5 have been working their way through the tests on Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy over two weeks.

This was the first time the students had taken part in NAPLAN, given the 2020 tests were cancelled. We have been successfully undertaking the tests using the online format with no interruptions.

The students were able to work their way through questions and navigate the technical aspects well. We look forward to the results and seeing how we as a school can improve and benefit all learners.

Thank you to the staff who supported students during the testing period and to the teachers whose timetables were modified for the testing to occur. A big thank you to Steven Taylor who coordinated the organisation of the tests, Kate Taylor who supported the Year 5 team and to Darryn Burdett, ICT Technician, who ensured all the computers were functioning and was able to troubleshoot on the days.

Parents can expect to receive their child's results in September. In 2023, NAPLAN testing will move to March and it is hoped the results can be returned to schools and families earlier in the school year.

Brenton Hudson

# Roonka Camp Riverland

It took 3 hours to get to our campsite at Roonka. When we got there we got to Explore the camp site and go in our dorms. There were 10 boys in our dormitory. The best part of the camp was fishing, some people made a fishing rod and other people went yabbying. I caught over 20! Mrs Hancock cooked up the biggest yabbies in the camp fire on Wednesday night. They tasted great.

- **Bastian**

The Year 5 camp was amazing. I took my fishing rod and I also caught heaps of yabbies.

- **Brodie**

At Roonka I went on the flying fox and I was happy that I didn't fall off and get wet in the lagoon. The Spaghetti bolognese was my favourite. We saw Cheryl and Roy's (Mrs Norde Mum and Dad) little dogs. They came hiking with us.

- **Charlotte**

Charlotte and I made horse jumps and pretended we were riding horses. We stayed up late. The talent show was funny and Lexi and Sophia were entertaining

- **Star**

I really liked the flying fox across the lagoon. I went across 6 times. The bike ride was very hard, especially going uphill. Some people had trouble with their brakes! We looked for wombats, who didn't come out of their holes. The raft building was great and the Speedy Gang, my group won.

- **Hallie**



## Volunteer Induction

Would you like to volunteer at the school? Attending excursions, listening to reading, helping in the veggie garden, selling ice-blocks, and helping out with fun lunch are all ways that you can contribute your time. All volunteers require to attend an induction at school.

Week 6, Monday 6th June 9am, please RSVP by phoning the front office to register your interest.

# Roonka Camp Riverland



# NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

Last Wednesday was National Numeracy Day. You may have heard your child talking about mindset messages, playing maths games and exploring inspirational maths tasks.

Our amazing Year 6 students taught maths games across the whole school and handed out maths game packs for you to play at home with your child. We would love you to reinforce these maths mindset messages at home that mistakes grow brains, you don't have to be fast at maths to be good at maths, believe in yourself and anyone can be good at maths.

If you'd like to know more you can watch this video on YouTube with your child <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxrPyIfjVU4>

You can help at home by talking about the maths in your day, repeating the mindset messages, or asking your child to help solve simple maths problems such as how to share food or work out what time you need to set off.

I'd love to hear any maths stories children and families have. Any maths story submitted to me throughout the year will win a prize. Your maths story could just be about a tricky maths problem that you had to solve at school, work, or home or it could be a fictional story.



## Here's an example of a maths story to spark your imagination...

National numeracy day is an important day on my calendar," I told my class.

"Not as Important as our birthdays," they said. We looked up at the birthday board. "That's weird," they said when they noticed how many people had the same birthday.

Later I was eating dinner with two mathematicians and a midwife. This is not so unusual for me because the two mathematicians are my daughters. They know about four billion times more than me about maths. The midwife is my sister-in-law who had stopped by.

"I think I'm magic," I told my family, "There are two kids with the same birthday in my class and that happens to me every single year.

That's got to be super rare right? After all, there are 365 days in the year."

"Seriously?" groaned Lucy, "haven't you ever heard of the birthday paradox mum?"

So, apparently, the probability of having 28 students with different birthdays isn't 28 in 365 as I thought. You have to calculate the probability of each one having a different birthday.

"It's true but hard to believe," added Jess, "That when you get 23 people in a room, there is a 50/50 chance that two of them will have the same birthday and you only need 75 for it to be close to a 100% chance!"

"And then, of course, you take into account that more people are born in September than any other month..." added Becca, the midwife.

"What? Why?" I asked

"Hmm, maybe that's a story for another time," she said.

**Kate Taylor – Numeracy Coordinator**

# KINDY ACTIVITIES WEEK



Week 2 & 3 Friday, 9am-9:40am, ten year 5/6 student leaders ran activities for our local Kindy students. The 5/6 students met with Trina, planned their activities focussing on involving the students with Fundamental Movement skills activities, and to aid with their transition from Kindy to Primary School. The 5/6 leaders did a fantastic job and will continue to run these activities with the kindy students on Friday Week 6 and 7. More 5/6 leaders have planned different activities to run with the Kindy students in Term 3.



## Southern Fleurieu District Netball trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 5 and 6 girls who play netball to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the District, playing netball against other district teams at the School Sport SA Sapsasa State Carnival. The carnival will be played at Netball SA stadium, Mile End, during school hours from Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th of June. The approximate cost of the carnival will be \$85.00.

Transport to the carnival each day must be organised by parents. Students were informed in PE lessons of the opportunity to trial for this Southern Fleurieu District Netball Carnival. A trial note would have been sent home with students who were interested. The online nomination will need to be completed before Friday 27th May. All Southern Fleurieu District Sapsasa trial information and calendars will be uploaded to the 'southern fleurieu sapsasa' facebook page.

## School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Football Representation

Congratulations to Byron who was chosen to represent our District in a 3 day football carnival at West Beach during Week 5. We wish Byron an enjoyable experience.

## LOCAL SUCCESS STORIES & OPPORTUNITIES

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let us know so they can get a mention in this section of the newsletter.

Please refer regularly to the PE section of the school website for information about numerous local sporting clinics, clubs and opportunities for the students to be involved in after school hours and within the holidays.

## Southern Fleurieu District Hockey trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 5 and 6 boys and girls to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the District, playing hockey against other district teams at the School Sport SA Sapsasa State Carnival. The carnival will be played at Grange Reserve, during school hours from Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th of June. The approximate cost of the carnival will be \$85.00.

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## Sports SA Southern Fleurieu Netball Carnival

PEPS will be sending two teams to the Sports SA (formerly Sapsasa) Southern Fleurieu Netball carnival which will be held on Friday June 3rd, Week 5.

Year 5 and 6 girls have been training hard and trialling each Wednesday this term in their Break time to earn a position in either the Div 1 or 2 teams to represent PEPS.

If any family or friends would like to cheer the girls on, the carnival will be at Victor Harbor Netball Courts and starts at 10am, finishing by around 2pm.