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Community.  
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## Key Dates:

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY**  
Monday 13 June

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
Tuesday 14 June

**FUN LUNCH**  
Thursday 16 June

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Reconciliation Week

During Week 5, Monday 30 May to 3 June we acknowledged Reconciliation Week with activities and events at school. The process of reconciliation is so vital for us all but particularly for our students as our leaders of the future.

A lot of effort went into ensuring the activities allowed students to experience Aboriginal Culture. The children embraced this opportunity and were able to ask questions to continue their thinking about how we can reconcile with all people of various cultural backgrounds.

Highlights from the week included Dreaming stories around the campfire, Pul:gi making, boomerang throwing, face painting and the performances.

Thank you to Jade McHughes (ACEO), Stella Dorward (AET) and Tamika Williams for their time, organisation and knowledge shared with us. What a great fun week with lots of learning.

Brenton Hudson

# Reconciliation Week 2022

## During Week 5, students took part in a range of activities and learning for Reconciliation Week.

We started the week with a Welcome to Country by Jade. This was done on the oval and the presence of the engagement and listening from the students was recognised by all staff.

It was truly special to hear Jade delivering a very powerful Welcome and information of why we have Reconciliation week.

Students took part in Pulgi making, boomerang throwing, traditional face painting, storytelling and an excursion to the Nunga Screen event finished with an engaging and educational performance by a Ngarrindjeri duo, Rita and Michael Lindsay.

It was great to see so many students getting involved, asking questions and reflecting on our country's history. A special week filled with educational experiences.

**Tamika**

## Story Time by the Fire



## Face Painting



# Reconciliation Week – Boomerang Throwing



## Uluru Art Work in Mr Taylor's Class



# Ms. Reedy's 3/4 Class - Reconciliation Week

In Reconciliation Week, we went to heaps of fun activities. We listened to Dreamtime stories around the campfire with Jade and learned how to throw a boomerang with three girls from Victor Harbor High School (well we tried). During Break time on Thursday you could choose to go and get dots and lines painted on your face.

Reconciliation Week is a big part of term 2 and important to our school. We painted these Australian desert pictures of Uluru with silhouettes of kangaroos in our Art lessons with Mr Taylor.

- Lily

## Green Sea Turtle by Mackenzie



Green Sea Turtle	
	<b>Classification</b> The green sea turtle is a vertebrate. The green sea turtle's scientific name is <i>Chelonia mydas</i> . The green sea turtle is a reptile.
<b>Diet</b> The green sea turtle eats jelly fish, worms, aquatic insects and sea grass.	<b>Habitat</b> The green sea turtle lives in tropical and subtropical water all around the world. It mostly likes coral reefs.
<b>Description</b> Green sea turtles are 3 to 4 feet long and weigh 10 to 100kg. Green sea turtles are a brownish olive color on their shell and a yellow underneath.	<b>Breeding</b> Green sea turtles lay 100 eggs per nest and nest every two months in the breeding season. And only 1 out of 100 survive.
<b>Interesting fact</b> The green sea turtle's life span is 70 years or more.	<b>Sketch</b> 

## Blue Glaucus by Kobe

Blue Glaucus	
	<b>Classification</b> Invertebrate mollusk
<b>Description</b> The Blue Glaucus is a species of brightly coloured sea slug in the scientific family of 'Nudibranchia' and is 0.25 to 30.48 cm in length.	<b>Breeding</b> Blue Glaucus breeding takes a few minutes including a dance-like courtship and they lay twelve to twenty eggs.
<b>Habitat</b> Blue Glaucus live in waters world wide and live in the deep and shallow waters.	<b>Threats</b> The Blue Glaucus's main threat is climate change.
<b>Scientific name</b> <i>Glaucus atlanticus</i>	<b>Sketch</b> 



In Integrated Studies our class studied Marine Biology and made dioramas of the ocean. We made models of the animals that we chose out of magiclay, then painted them and added detail with paints and textas. We also completed an Information Report on our chosen marine animal. It took a long time and a lot of hard work so we hope that you like them.

- Kobe

## Stone Fish by Rachelle

STONE FISH	
	<b>Classification</b> The Stonefish are vertebrates and bony fish.
<b>Description</b> Stonefish are normally grey or brown with patches of yellow, red and orange. Stonefish have the ability to change themselves into different rock like shapes and add spines to their appearance. Stonefish can grow up to 30cm in length.	<b>Habitat</b> Stonefish live in coastal shallow waters, estuaries and creek mouths. In Australia, Stonefish live in the northern oceans.
<b>Interesting facts</b> The Stonefish are the most deadly fish in the world. Their venom sacs are in their thirteen spines. Stonefish attack their prey in the small time of 0.02 seconds. Stonefish venom causes high levels of pain and has killed lots of people and their landers. Hot water can be used to help the pain. Stonefish have incredible camouflage skills.	<b>Breeding</b> Female Stonefish lay their eggs on the bottom of the ocean then the male comes and fertilizes them.
<b>Scientific name</b> <i>Synanceja tritorquata</i>	<b>Sketch</b> 



## Dumbo Octopus by Jordy

Dumbo Octopus	
<b>Scientific name</b> <i>Grimpoteuthis</i>	<b>Classification</b> It is an invertebrate, Mollusc and cephalopod.
<b>Weight</b> The weight of a Dumbo octopus is around 5.0 kg.	<b>Description</b> The Dumbo octopus is short and yellow. It sometimes orange or red.
<b>Threats</b> The Dumbo octopus's threats are mostly sharks, sharks and dolphins.	<b>Habitat</b> The Dumbo Octopus lives 4000m deep under the ocean and perhaps much deeper.
<b>Breeding</b> The Dumbo Octopus lay approximately 200,000 eggs at a time.	<b>Sketch</b> 



## Leafy Sea Dragon by Kara

LEAFY SEA DRAGON	
<b>Scientific Name</b> <i>Coryphopterus glaucofraenum</i>	<b>Introduction</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON AND A LEAFY LACEWING IT HELPS THEM CAMOUFLAGE IN SEA OCEANS. THEY ARE ABOUT 10 CM LONG. THEIR COLOR IS BROWN, YELLOW AND GREEN.
<b>Description</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON HAS A LEAF LIKE BODY WITH PATTERNS AND COLORS.	<b>Habitat</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON LIVES IN DEEPER WATERS IN THE TROPICAL OCEANS OF AUSTRALIA.
<b>Diet</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON EATS WHOLE WORMS AND SEA LICE.	<b>Threats</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON'S THREATS ARE SHARKS AND PEOPLE AND POLLUTION.
<b>Breeding</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON FEMALE LAYS 100 EGGS IN THE SAND IN THE SANDY PATCHES OF THE SANDS. AND THE MALE CARES FOR THEM.	<b>Interesting Facts</b> THE LEAFY SEA DRAGON HAS NO KNOWN PREDATORS AND THEY BLEND UP WITH THE SAND.
<b>Sketch</b> 	<b>Classification</b> Phylum: Mollusk



## Dusky Dolphin by Isla



Dusky Dolphin	
<b>Scientific Name</b> <i>Coryphopterus glaucofraenum</i>	<b>Classification</b> Phylum: Mollusk
<b>Description</b> THE DUSKY DOLPHIN EATS A VARIETY OF FISH, SQUID, SEA ANEMONES, SEA URCHINS, SEA CUCUMBERS, AND SEA SPONGES.	<b>Habitat</b> THE DUSKY DOLPHIN LIVES IN THE TROPICAL OCEANS, IN THE SANDY PATCHES OF THE SANDS.
<b>Threats</b> THE DUSKY DOLPHIN'S THREATS ARE SHARKS AND PEOPLE AND POLLUTION.	<b>Interesting Facts</b> 1. Dusky dolphins weigh 100kg. 2. Dusky dolphins live in groups up to 50 or more, occasionally 100 or more.
<b>Breeding</b> THE DUSKY DOLPHIN FEMALE LAYS 100 EGGS IN THE SAND IN THE SANDY PATCHES OF THE SANDS. AND THE MALE CARES FOR THEM.	<b>Sketch</b> 

## School Sport SA Athletics Carnival

Throughout Term 1, interested students born in 2010, 2011 and 2012 were given the opportunity to trial in PE lessons and at break times in the 7 events – high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m. We had 22 athletes represent our school on Friday 27th May at Victor Harbor Primary School. We got to compete against all of the 11 schools who comprise our District, and we ended up 6th for the day.

Thank you to Neriah, Sarah, David and Steven for their support with organisation and encouragement throughout the event to ensure the students had a successful day.

Our students tried their hardest and displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. Congratulations to Jade – 1st in 11 year old girl High Jump and setting the new District Record of 1m 34cm, Sofia – 1st in 12 year old girl 100m, Star – 1st in 10 year old girl Long Jump, Flynn – 1st in 10 year old boy 800m, Ollie – 1st in 10 year old boy Shot Put, 2nd in Long Jump and 3rd in 800m, Isaac – 2nd in 11 year old boy High Jump, Brian – 3rd in 10 year old boy 100m, and Rai – 3rd in 12 year old boy High Jump.

We have 6 students chosen to represent our District later in the year. Congratulations to Jade, Sofia, Star, Flynn, Ollie and Brian. We hope you have a wonderful experience.



## Student Leadership

During Terms 2, 3 and 4 the Year 5/6 student leaders will run activities for the students during break times. Over the year, this program will involve over 30 year 5/6 student leaders.

They plan their activity with the PE teacher, inform the classes, then run the activity in the gym with Kate's or Trinda's supervision. They have been listening well to suggestions for improvement and are already proving themselves to be exceptional student leaders.

Congratulations to all involved. We look forward to continuing to work with you over the year.

## 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.

## 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. By all accounts Byron and the team had an enjoyable experience.



## Netball Carnival

On Friday 3rd June, 17 students went to Victor Harbor to play netball in the Sports SA Southern Fleurieu Netball Carnival. Summer, Lexi D, Ayla, Phoebe, Julieta, Sophia, Jade, Amelia and Ruby W in Division 1 and Lyla, Halle, Ruby P, Matilda, Lexi, Phoenix, Grace and Quinn in Division 2 played 3 games and then went in to finals. Division 1 finished 3rd overall and Division 2 finished 5th. The students showed exceptional behaviour and team work. Thanks to family and friends who came to cheer them on and to Ruby Mitchell and Gemma Liddell for umpiring the games for the day.





This week, the Buzz Boys performed a community service activity by sorting the empty cans, bottles and fruit boxes that we have collected at school. Although the job was dirty and smelly, they did an excellent job. All proceeds from these bins go towards the schools' sponsor child Loice. The Buzz Boys meet weekly and focus on social skills and getting along with others.

Hi, my name is Summer (some people call me Duck). I'm 8 years old and I've decided to take part in the World's Greatest Shave and shave off my hair.

In January 2021 my step-sister, Sylvie, (who was 10 years old at the time) was diagnosed with cancer. She is now in remission and doing really well but I still remember what she went through in hospital and all the hard times. One of the hard times she faced was losing her hair because of the treatment. I saw her being teased about this and it made me sad.

My mission is to raise as much money as I can so that less people have to go through what Sylvie did and to raise awareness that you are not just your hair. Not everyone has a choice about if they can have long hair and I want it to be more normal to see kids (especially girls) in schools and in public with shaved hair.

If you would like to sponsor me on my mission click the link!

[Sophie's Fundraiser](#)

Please remember you should never make anyone feel bad about the way they look because you never know what someone has been through.

Love Summer



## MID-YEAR INTAKE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



We are introducing a mid-year intake into preschool from 2023 and for school (reception) from 2024.

### STARTING PRESCHOOL

From 2023 children who turn 4 years old:

- **before 1 May** continue to start preschool at the beginning of the year
- **from 1 May to 31 October** start preschool through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- **after 31 October** start preschool at the beginning of the following year.

Children will undertake 4 terms (1 year) of preschool, regardless of whether they start at the beginning of the year, or through a mid-year intake.

Further information about how to submit registration of interest for mid-year entry to preschool will be available soon.

### STARTING SCHOOL

From 2024 children who turn 5 years old:

- **before 1 May** can start primary school (the first year is known as reception) at the beginning of the year
- **from 1 May to 31 October** start school through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- **after 31 October** start school at the beginning of the following year.

Students who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Students who start school through a mid-year intake (start of term 3) will complete 6 terms of reception.

### CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY OR ADDITIONAL NEEDS

If you have a child with disability or additional needs, talk to the principal or preschool director about the starting time that best suits your child's needs.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Our website has key information for families [starting preschool](#) and [starting school](#). Further information on the mid-year intake will be released as we progress.

[www.education.sa.gov.au](http://www.education.sa.gov.au)



If your child turns 4 prior to April 30 next year, they are eligible to attend kindergarten next year. But hurry! Places are limited. Register your interest for Port Elliot Kindergarten in 2023 by the end of June.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

As revealed in the State Budget, we are excited to introduce a mid-year intake in preschool in 2023 and into school in 2024.

The commitment for a mid-year intake gives families earlier access to high quality educational programs for their child. This will allow parents to enrol children born in the middle of the year at a time that is more appropriate to their age and their stage of development.

We have developed some key information to support you with any queries from parents (attached). There is also information available on the department's website for families starting preschool and starting school. Please make this information available to families in your community.

Planning is underway to consider the implications for staffing, facilities and other matters. A Mid-Year Intake Implementation team is being established to support you and lead all aspects of this work. Information for educators is available on EDi and we will share more information as we progress.

Yours ever  
Martin Westwell

