



# ELIZABETH SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Last week we celebrated the theme 'Escape to Everywhere' for Book Week. It was truly amazing to see how much effort our students and staff put into their special costumes and outfits. As a school, it is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's literacy success and for families to see first-hand all the wonderful learning that goes on at Elizabeth South Primary School. A recent Australian survey of children aged 6-13 years reported on the ABC, found that for the first time ever they are spending more time on the internet than in front of a TV. Is it all doom and gloom? The answer is no. Technology is a wonderful thing and we would be lost without it. There is one element that no mobile phone app or technology can do better than to spend *quality time* with our children. Reading a book, playing a game or supporting their hobbies and passions is so important in a busy modern day family. It's with the special people in our children's lives where they learn some of their greatest lessons. Lessons of respect, love, appreciation, humility and the feeling of value. So on behalf of the staff at our school, I thank all families for their support with everything you do to enrich the lives of our children, especially given the competition you have in the form of digital technology. Thank you for making our Book Week celebrations such a significant event on our school calendar and for taking an interest in the wonderful learning they do each day at our school.

In the coming weeks you will receive your child's NAPLAN results for Year 3, 5 and 7 students. Although the test is a snapshot in time, please take the time to celebrate learning achievements with your child(ren). Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the test, please see your child's class teacher.

## WHAT'S NEW

For upcoming school events check out our new "What's Happening" board near the canteen



## DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 5th September**  
Whole School Incursion  
Wind Quartet Performance
- Wednesday 6th September**  
Mid - week Munchies

## PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

- Monday 11th September**  
Planetarium Excursion  
C5, D7 & D8
- Wednesday 13th September**  
Assembly at 9:10am
- Wednesday 13th September**  
Governing Council Meeting  
at 5:15pm
- Thursday 14th September**  
Adelaide Entertainment  
Centre Choir Performance

## LEARNING MUSCLE FOCUS: DISTILLING

*'drawing out the lessons from experience'*

### WHEN STUDENTS USE THEIR DISTILLING LEARNING MUSCLE THEY:

- Mull over experiences
- Draw out useful lessons from experiences
- Identify features that are likely to help them elsewhere
- Think about where else they might use these lessons

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD THEIR DISTILLING MUSCLE AT HOME:

- Ask your child - 'what did you learn from that?' when they experience something new.
- Encourage your child to think about things they have experienced and draw out the lessons. For example; if you go on a holiday, ask them afterwards what they learnt about the place they visited, what they might like to do next time, etc.

### DURING THE ACTIVITIES REMEMBER:

- Thinking takes time. Give your child lots of 'think time' when you ask them questions. Distilling takes time!
- Sometimes children cannot see the 'lessons' in the experiences. If this is the case, gently remind them!

## BIRTHDAYS





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## C4 NEWS

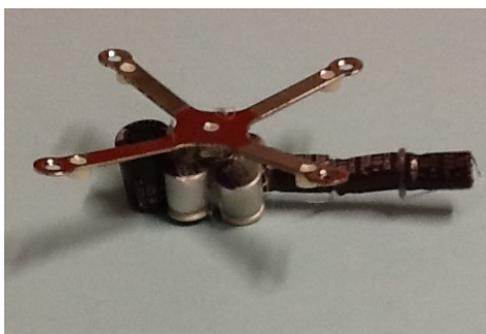
We have had a lot of fun this term listening to stories written by Dr Seuss. Our favourite so far has been Green Eggs and Ham. In each book we have found rhyming words and we are getting very good at listening for rhymes and being able to think of words that rhyme. We made masks and hats of characters from Dr Seuss stories to wear for the Book Week parade.

We have also read some of the books that were shortlisted for Book Week awards. Our favourite was Nannie Loves by Kylie Dunstan. We made a quilt about this book as our poster for the Book Week parade. Each child made a picture using felt and other materials, of a person that they love. This is on display in the Library with all of the classes Book Week posters.



## D7 NEWS

For Book Week we have been looking at 'Mechanica', by Lance Balchin. This beautiful picture book describes a time in the future when pollution has caused Earth's wildlife to disappear, to be replaced by new species of 'animal' that are made from machinery. Inspired by the book, we pulled apart old computers and created our own 'mechanica' from the things we found inside. The insects, reptiles and crustaceans that D7 have created are truly amazing.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Elizabeth South Primary School Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many people coming through and having a look. The money that has been raised from this will help us get more wonderful books for the kids to read and enjoy.

This year we have all been busy with our Premier's Reading Challenge and we are almost at 100% completion woo hoo!!

Thank you to all our wonderful stars that have done so well.

