



# ELIZABETH SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL NEWS

We wish Jessica Webber all the very best as she begins her maternity leave from the end of this week. We welcome Michael McVeity back from long service leave. We have filled two permanent Junior Primary positions starting next year. The successful applicants were Sandy Keltie and Michelle Walsh. Kerri Squires (4/5) has been rolled over into permanency starting from 2018. Danielle and I went to Melbourne to participate in the Berry Street Education Model training. The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) gives teachers strategies for working with students who have experienced trauma. The training is split into 5 domains: Body, Relationship, Stamina, Engagement and Strengths. The training on the 4th and 5th covered Body and Relationship. Steve and Danielle will be returning to Melbourne in Term 4 to complete the training. Elizabeth South PS, Sir Thomas Playford Kindergarten and Elizabeth Vale School have been selected as the pilot sites to trial this model in 2018. The research suggests that through the implementation of the BSEM, students are better able to regulate their emotions, and thus can participate more fully in the curriculum, which then leads to improved academic results. In 2018 all staff will be trained in the BSEM and the expectation is that teachers will implement trauma-informed practices from Term 1, 2018, and SSOs and other support staff will be able to support this through using consistent language and strategies to support our students. Recently, 6 Indigenous students from the 6/7 class participated in the STEM SEL day at Lake Windemere. The students used their ingenuity to create a product which won them first place in the competition. The Nature Play Opening Ceremony was a great success. We had a number of distinguished guests, including Local Member Lee Odenwalder and Mr Phil Bloffwitch, who cut the ribbon to officially open the play space. Classes sold nature-themed goods and raised money for their class budgets. Big thanks to Michele from the canteen and Governing Council members for helping out on the day. We are proud to say that we are the first school in South Australia to house an e-waste recycling bin. You may have noticed the green and black bin on the pathway into the school. The community is welcome to use this bin to dispose of any e-waste (anything with a cord) as this reduces toxic chemicals from leaching into the ground when dumped in landfill.



## LEADERSHIP

### Principal:

Steve Clarke

### Deputy Principal:

Danielle Green

### Student Wellbeing Leader:

Michael McVeity

### Student Support

### Co-ordinator:

Marcus Nash

### Leadership Support:

Jessica Webber

## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 20th September**  
School Disco  
6:00 pm – 7:30pm

**Wednesday 20th September**  
Mid - week Munchies

**Friday 22nd September**  
SAPSASA Tag Rugby

**Monday 25th September**  
Yr 5's Road Safety Excursion

**Tuesday 26th September**  
OZ Asia Festival Excursion  
D7 & D8

**Thursday 28th September**  
Adelaide Central Market  
Excursion - B9

**Friday 29th September**  
Assembly at 9:10am

**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
**FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER**  
**2:10pm**

## LEARNING MUSCLE FOCUS: IMITATION

*'picking up others' habits and values'*

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

- Are ready to learn from others
- Notice the approach and detail of how others do things
- Improve physical skills, and absorb ideas, strategies and thinking patterns, by observing other people

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

- Be a great role model for your child - whether you realise it or not, they are observing your actions, words and non-verbal cues. Model kindness, compassion and generosity for others and you'll be surprised how easily your child picks up these skills using their imitation muscle.
- Promote ideas and actions that you'd like your child to imitate - for example, the disciplined approach in martial arts lessons. Encourage your child to imitate this behaviour in all aspects of their life.

### DURING THE ACTIVITIES REMEMBER:

- Patience is important. When children try to imitate others, they might make mistakes. Encourage them to learn from mistakes and try again.



## BIRTHDAYS





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## C5 NEWS

C5 have had a very busy term with lots of fun and energetic activities in and outside the classroom. We loved the Nature Play official opening and had lots of fun looking at the class stalls. Our "Throw the Gumnut" challenge was very popular and lots of students got into spirit of the day and enjoyed this! In Maths we have been learning lots of numbers and place value of numbers all the way up to 100! We have been experimenting with different ways to manipulate numbers. Book Week was lots of fun! We read the book "The Snow Wombat" and created some wombat masks that we wore in our parade. Earlier in the term we went to the museum. It was so interesting to see all the animals and was great for the kids to be able to relate what they saw there, with the different topics we covered over the year.



## D8 NEWS

Students in D8 have been enjoying learning about sound and how ears work to support our AUSLAN curriculum. We have been doing lots of hands-on learning – we have made our own ears, looked at vibrations and sound waves with the help of Mr Rob. Students have learnt that the louder the sound the bigger gap between vibrations and the smaller the sound the smaller gap. We also learnt that high pitch sounds hurt your ears and give you a head ache!



## ASSEMBLY

