

CHRISTIE DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Olympic Fun in EU4

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3 2024

30/8

School Photos

30/8

Week 6
Fathers Day
Breakfast
8-9Am

5/9

Lilly Pilly 3&4
Chocolate
Factory
Excursion

16/9

Small class
Upper Primary
Monarto Zoo
Excursion

27/9

Week 10
Last Day Term 3
2:00pm
Dismissal



In our classroom we have enjoyed watching and learning all about the Olympics. We explored all the different sports and decided that the trampolining was our favourite event. We had our very own Potato Olympics and kept a tally of the medals that different countries won.



We designed and created our own torches and held a torch relay around our school.



We designed and created our own Olympic medals.

We looked at different flags and how the colours and pictures all have special meanings. We then created our very own flags to represent us!

Nancy Barclay - Class teacher



LEADERSHIP TEAM :

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- Senior Leader 1 Engagement for Learning and Well Being: Todd McGrath
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Eucalyptus 5 - Class Adventures

We are thrilled to share the exciting adventures and learning experiences our class has enjoyed so far this year. It has been a wonderful journey filled with exploration, discovery, and joy. The students have had the opportunity to visit various playgrounds around Adelaide. These outings have not only provided opportunities to learn about how play equipment and their bodies move but also helped in developing social skills and friendships. The laughter and smiles on the children's faces were truly heartwarming.

A visit to the Space Discovery Centre was a highlight. The students were fascinated by the exhibits and interactive displays. They learned about the wonders of space, planets, and astronauts. It was an educational experience that sparked curiosity and imagination.

The Ice Arena was an exciting adventure with many students experiencing it for the first time. They had so much fun in the snow, making snowballs and snowmen and using the sledges to glide around on the ice. The students loved every moment of it.

One of the most memorable experiences so far was our camping incursion. The students had a fantastic time setting up tents, participating in team-building activities, and enjoying the great outdoors right here at school. The incursion provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to develop independence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

These excursions and incursions have been instrumental in providing our students with diverse learning experiences outside the classroom. We are proud of their enthusiasm and the progress they have made. We look forward to more exciting adventures in the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support.

Clare Harvey -
Class Teacher



Banksia 4 - Music for Learning

This term the students of Banksia 4 have been stretching their learning using music. They have been learning how to play songs for circle time which help us to remember the days of the week and the months of the year. They have been experimenting using our xylophone chimes to figure out how to play popular songs like the chicken dance, McDonalds theme, and more. As we make music a bigger part of our daily routine, the students in Banksia 4 are learning with each other, collaboratively growing their skills in music, teamwork, and resilience.

Howie Collins - Class Teacher



Book Week



Book Week winners 2024



Our Judges

All of our students did an amazing job of dressing up for Book Week. It was really hard for our judges to choose winners as everyone looked great!



Lilly Pilly 3



The students in Lilly Pilly 3 have truly embraced the spirit of dreaming, believing, and achieving this year. Our dynamic and vibrant learning environment has provided a wonderful start to Term 3, where each student has been focusing on becoming a resilient learner. As they develop and hone new skills across all subject areas, their commitment to growth and learning has been inspiring to witness.

I am excited to see them continue to thrive as the term and year progresses! - Miss Britton

Maths

The learners are exploring a variety of addition and subtraction strategies.



English/Art

To start this term the learners unpacked the theme of magic, wonder and imagination to help guide us into our exciting immersive learning topics.



We are building a chocolate factory with giant stairs —



Hass/Inquiry

We are learning about the features of our local places. Lilly Pilly 3 loved investigating the topic of constructed features, turning our LP3 in to our own construction site. We are excited to adventure to Haigh's Chocolate factory & Central Markets in week 7.



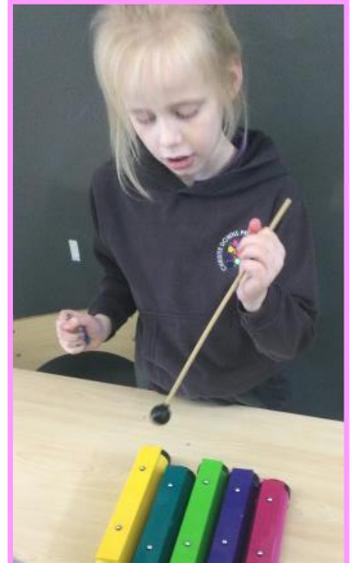
Jacaranda 3



April trying out different sounds.



Charlie sliding the mallet down the chime stairs.



Stephen learning about different chime sounds.

In Jacaranda 3, during our morning and after lunch circle times, we have been focusing on making, listening to, and understanding music. Students have begun clapping, stomping and patting their legs to keep a beat while others sing our hello and goodbye songs.

Students have shown high levels of interest and engagement in these sessions. To tailor learning towards this interest, we have brought instruments into the classroom and given students an opportunity to create, listen to and experience new sounds.

Whenever the instruments are brought out to play, students faces light up with joy and excitement. It has been great to see students sharing and taking turns during this play. We may need to find some new instruments with more exciting new sounds to discover!

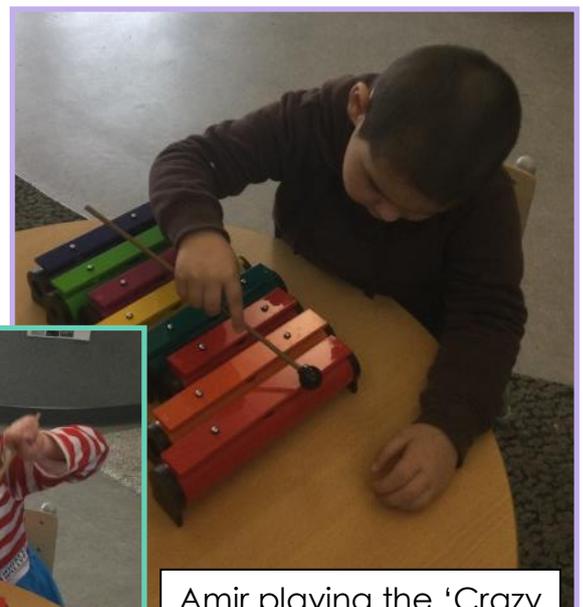
Michael Daly - Class Teacher



Andrew learning about how to play quiet sounds.



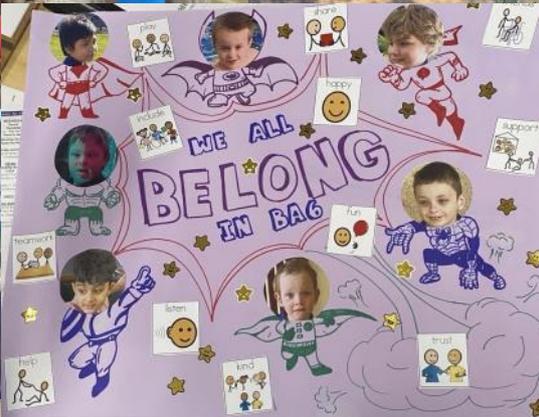
Marley having a great time making new sounds.



Amir playing the 'Crazy Frog' song.



We all belong
Bullying.
No Way!



Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS! Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school, every day.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
The Australian Parenting Website: raisingchildren.net.au
Department for Education; Helping children and young people learn. Website: education.sa.gov.au
Kids Helpline Phone and Web Counselling
Phone 1800 55 1800 Website: kidshelpline.com.au
Please feel free to contact Jo Swift on 83823266 or pop in for a chat.

BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

BENEFITS OF GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY



more likely to stay on track and progress academically



opportunities to take part in social and learning activities organised by the school



more likely to have stronger social and peer connections



learning positive life skills



safe in the care of school staff with access to support and services when needed



will reach their full potential and have a range of opportunities in life

TERM 3 2024 DIARY DATES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 5	19/8 Book Week Dress up Parade	20/8 Book Week	21/8 Reading Is Magic	22/8 	23/8 Whole school Play "Maybe a Miracle"
WEEK 6	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8	30/8 Fathers Day Breakfast  School Photos
WEEK 7	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9 Lilly Pilly 3 & 4 Excursion to Chocolate Factory	6/9
WEEK 8	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9	13/9
WEEK 9	16/9 Small class Upper Primary Monarto Zoo	17/9	18/9	19/9	20/9
WEEK 10	23/9	24/9 NUNGA TAG	25/9	26/9	27/9 Last Day TERM 3 Early Dismissal 2.00pm

Please note correction to last
Newsletter,
Last Day of Term 3 finishing time is
2:00pm

LAST DAY TERM 3
FRIDAY
EARLY DISSMISSAL 2:00pm

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