

South School News

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Term 4 Week 7 - 17/11/2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week we celebrated yet another wonderful Book Week here at South. Thank you to Mrs Selleck and all four library Ministers for 2021, Annabelle Hanns, Amy Holloway, Eliza Hay and Addison Hussey for coordinating and hosting this spectacular event. Throughout the week, students enjoyed a virtual (interactive) book reading by Author Tony Bones, while the assemblies saw local author Jo Nathan share her experiences of writing a picture book from the concept idea, through to the publishing process. Students also participated in fun competitions as well as being able to visit the Book Fair, which is run in conjunction with the local News Agency. The highlight as always was the character dress up day, which despite the cold weather was greatly enjoyed by all.



Remembrance Day

Last Thursday I had the honour of accompanying Ruby and Spencer Cowley, our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, to the town Cenotaph to lay a wreath for Remembrance Day. I was extremely proud of the respectful way in which these students represented the school, and I am thankful to be able to work with such wonderful young leaders.



Kindergarten Transition

This Friday will be the final session for Kinder Orientation. Our new kindergarten students have enjoyed the past two weeks and have seamlessly slipped into the rhythm of

school life at South. We are so looking forward to 2022 and all that this offers as these young students commence their formal years of school with us. Just a reminder that parents are asked to have their child at school by **9:15am** and be ready to meet their child at **10:45am** at the Sloane St school gates. Huge thanks to Miss Parsons, Mr Morris



and Miss Baker for their organisation of these sessions.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations everyone! Last week we hit an incredible milestone with **99%** attendance. Thank you to all our families for your outstanding support. Let's keep this momentum going and finish off term 4 with strong attendance.



Intensive Swimming

Our Learn to Swim program has been given the all clear to commence **Monday 29**th **November**. Due to COVID restrictions we are only able to offer this program to our Yr 2 students. Permission notes will go home this week.

Yr 5 Minister Speeches

Congratulations to the 23, Yr 5 students, who presented their candidates speeches for a position with the 2022 Parliament. The speeches this year were extremely thoughtful, and all students can feel proud of their efforts.

All students will receive an invitation to the special Grip Leadership Day for leaders in 2022.

Congratulations to the following students who gained a ministerial position for 2022: Talen Barnes, Nathan Coleman (away), Elka Connolly, Claire Hayes (away), Corben Hayes, Bella Hillier, Ally McKenzie, Eli Purtill, Eliza Weir and Tom Way.



Voting for Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains will take place this Friday.

Yr 5 Incursion

This week our Yr 5 students will attend a two day incursion designed to consolidate learning in the classroom, around the 1850's Gold Rush in Ballarat/Bendigo.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Yr 5 and Yr 6 teachers who have sought different ways in which to offer major excursion experiences to help offset the disappointment that COVID restrictions have caused. Carefully selected gift packs were purchased for each child from the Canberra AIS (Yr 6) and Sovereign Hill (Yr 5) to assist with the authenticity of the experience.

P&C Meeting

The final P&C meeting for 2021 will be held this evening in the staffroom at 7pm. All welcome.

Liz Dudley Principal

Library News....

Congratulations Students, Parents and Teachers of D.S.P.S!

What a great collection of Book Character costumes! Despite the chilly conditions, students were proud to share in the celebrations that had been 'pushed back' due to Covid 19 last term. It was also terrific to see some of the parents who stayed and watched the parade, safely beyond the fence line with social distancing in practice!

All students were then treated with a Book Week Assembly, where awards were handed out for consistent effort in Library, colouring in competition and winners of the "Book in the Jar," were

Congratulations to Kya Dick who shared her narrative- that was selected to represent the school within a NSW Writing Competition.

In both assemblies, students listen attentively to local author, illustrator Jo Nathan and learnt the process of creating a book. Students then were given an opportunity to ask questions. This proved to be a highlight of the week-long celebrations.

Every student who came dressed in a Book Character Costume received a participation honour card

Book in a Jar Winners

Congratulations to the following students on your excellent detective skills in the Library: Kazara Leishman, Harry Campbell, Phoebe Crothers, Travis Hanns, Archie Beehag, Amelia Bennett, Kya Dick, Eliza Hay, Neveah Salan and Brianna Hillman.

Colouring Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the Library Colouring Competition:

Stage 1 - Hudson Grant Chalmers and Sabrina Hasan

Stage 2 - Marlie Mison

Stage 3 - Annabelle Hanns

Monster Christmas Raffle

We will be holding our Monster Christmas Raffle again this year and we are hoping that families will support the P & C by bringing in something for our class hampers.

Some ideas include: Christmas Puddings, shortbread, tinsel, bon-bons, colour popcorn, chocolates, tinned food, biscuits, chips, nuts, soft drink, jams, condiments, wrapping paper, cards etc. Anything that is non perishable would be great!

There will be a basket in each classroom to fill, so please send in donations over the coming weeks.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to families today, please let the office know if you didn't receive your book or you require additional tickets. The raffle will be drawn on the 10th December.

<u>Community Grants Program</u> Exciting news, Deniliquin South has been successful in securing a \$5000 grant from Edward River Council through their annual Community Grants Program and \$3000 from the Deniliquin Community group through their Annual Community Grants Funding program which will go towards an obstacle course to be built in the school grounds. We are extremely grateful for these programs.

Cook Book

If you are looking for the perfect gift for someone who loves to cook, the school still has a number of Cook Books available. This gorgeous cook book with over 188 pages of recipes is a bargain at \$15.













Book Week Honour Cards	
K Creators	Jake Woolston
K Dreamers	Indie Bulmer
1 Trendsetters	Kalaya Atkinson
1/2 Freedom	Mason Glenn
2 Trailblazers	Lachlan Jeffrey
3 Innovators	Kayleah Harvey
4 Serenity	Brittany De Travers
4/5 Trust	Elka Connolly
5 Harmony	Olivia De Travers
6 Collaboration	Blade Hetherington
6 Synergy	Reagan Macdonald

Dates for your Diary - Term 4	
Nov 16th	P & C Meeting
Nov 17/18th	Year 5 Ballarat Incursion
Nov 19th	Kinder Orientation - Session 3
Dec 7th	Year 6 Graduation
Dec 10th	Presentation Day
Dec 15th	Reports Go Home
Dec 16th	2.40pm Arthur Lewis Bell Ringing Students Last day
Dec 17th	Staff Development Day Teachers/Staff Last Day

Platinum Awards

The cut-off date for students to be considered for Platinum and School medallions this year is **Wednesday 24th November**.



