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Dates To Remember

Friday 10th May
Soccer Carnival

Monday 20th May
Choir Rehearsal 1-3pm

Friday 24th May
Walk Safely to School Day
Hockey Carnival

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
Reconciliation Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Today it was lovely to see the smiling faces of all our students whilst they were getting their photos taken. We had 69 students at school today which is 80% of our student population. We currently have 86 students from Reception to Year 6.

We have a few students who will begin Reception in Term 3. They will have their Transition Days on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June. If you know of any other children looking to begin Reception in Term 3 please encourage them to make an appointment to enroll.

It seems like a lifetime ago that we finished off the end of Term 1 with Pyjama Day. There was something very relaxing about being able to come to school in our snuggly pyjamas and slippers. We have included some photos of each class and the teachers in the following pages.

Both Miss Cusselli and Ashley attending the Stronger Connections Conference on Monday and Tuesday of this week. This was a wellbeing conference and I look forward to hearing from them when they present to staff.

Tomorrow I will be attending Professional Development in Adelaide based on supporting Emerging Leaders, Experienced Leaders and Preschool Directors. I look forward to sharing some of my learnings with my colleagues and the school community.

Last Friday saw a number of our Year 4/5/6 students attend the Interschool Netball Carnival. I was lucky enough to see them play a game during the day. They showed great sportsmanship and learnt a lot of new skills, largely thanks to Miss Kenny's coaching skills. Thanks also to Michelle who umpired on the day.

Tomorrow we have students going to the Interschool Soccer Carnival. We wish them and Ms Polain all the best.

Finally, as a school we understand that the cost of living is affecting lots of families in our school community. We are able to provide emergency lunches and have Breakfast Club each morning. We also have Foodbank Vouchers (based on user pays) available. Please see Nadia or myself if you would like to know more.

Jenny MacDonald



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Department for Education



Walk Safely to School Day

On Walk Safely to School Day, primary school aged children are encouraged to walk with their parents or caregiver to school. This encourages healthy habits as well as teaching vital road safety skills.

We will be hosting our Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24th May.

This May marks the 25th anniversary of National Walk Safely to School Day. Championed by the Pedestrian Council Australia, the initiative aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking, or alternative active transport (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children, not just on Walk Safely to School Day, but every day.

Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking (or similar) also has a favourable impact on children's cognitive and academic performance. Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car-dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

All students who walk to school will receive a sticker upon their arrival.



AEDC

Commencing on Thursday 30th May our Reception students will participate in the Australian Early Development Census. The AEDC is a national census that is conducted every three years by the Australian Government, in partnership with state and territory governments. It measures how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is voluntary and it does not measure how well children are doing at school, nor how their school compares to other schools. Instead, it shows how children are growing and progressing in five key areas, what is being done well and what can be improved.

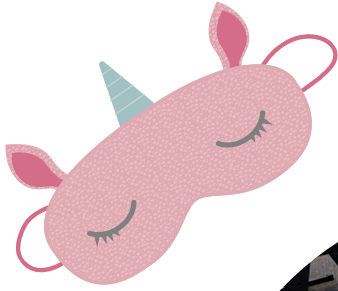
The AEDC is completed by teachers based on their knowledge of the children. Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual while the census is conducted.

Teachers will answer questions about the five key areas of early childhood development, which are: physical health and wellbeing, emotional maturity, social competence, language and cognitive skills (school-based), and communication skills and general knowledge. You can see all the questions at <https://www.aedc.gov.au/avedi>.





PIJAMA DAY!



Interschool Netball Carnival



Last Friday, we participated in the Interschool Netball Carnival. We ended the day with one win and three losses. We showed great school spirit and had a great day. We made it to the finals playing off for 5th and 6th with Nicolson winning in a close game. Thanks to Ravens Netball Club for letting us use their shed and supplies.