



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

COVID-19 has certainly impacted on our school community and the staff are to be congratulated for keeping our routines consistent and predictable. The way in which our community has responded to the current situation has been appreciated by us all and has allowed us to “keep calm and carry on”. The staff have been, over the past two weeks sharing information with the students about COVID-19, in an effort to keep them aware of the current situation and ways in which they can “keep themselves safe”.

During last week, it was announced that all Government Schools will have 4 pupil free days from April 6th—9th which is in Week 11, **next week**. The purpose of these days is to enable staff to plan and prepare for the delivery of student learning into the future “online” although we are not sure, at this stage for how long.

Today on School Stream I asked for all families to complete a survey on “IT and Internet capacity in their home”. This information will assist us in our planning moving forward. I have also attached this with the newsletter, please feel free to return to me at school or email me back at tamarin.condon473@schools.sa.edu.au. I appreciate your response. With this in mind, we are fortunate that we are in the position to loan laptops to students however, ICT borrowing agreements will need to be discussed and signed in order for this to occur. During the last few days of the holidays I will be calling families to give them the latest information, asking for them to share their intention regarding their child/children’s attendance and discussing what support they will need moving forward.

If, in the holidays, your child would like to do some learning don’t forget the various learning boards that have posted on School Stream and that the department has launched an online collection of educational resources to support continued learning between school and home. The website can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au and provides students, families and teachers with curriculum resources along with advice on how to support learning at home. The resources have been developed by department personnel and align with the Australian Curriculum.

This week, we have also managed to have some fun—this has been so important for us and the children as you can see.

Please contact me at school during next week if you have any questions and as always I will do my best to answer them.

Thank you for support, it is by working together that we will move through this uncertain time.

Warm regards

Tamarin Condon

Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

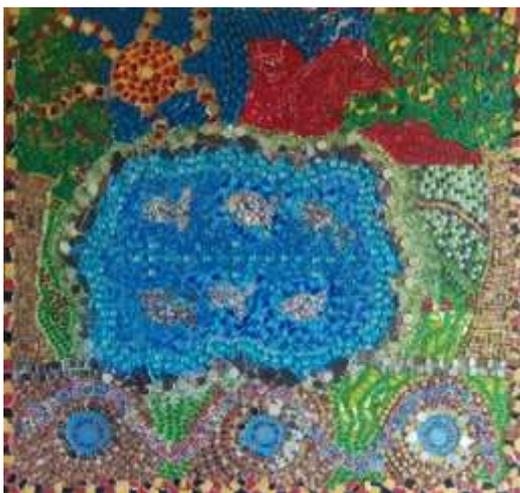
- PCW Introduction
- Aboriginal Education Artwork



School Stream

Families are encouraged to download the School Stream app for reminders, newsletters, classroom activities and permission forms. Simply open your Apple or Android App Store and search School Stream then add profile for **Mil Lel Primary School**.

ATSI Indigenous Mosaic Art Project.



Connecting ATSI Students to Country and Culture.

Last year, Belinda Bonney our ACEO worked with our ATSI students Jocelyn, Angus, Shayla, Phoenix, Ashley, Eliza and Jorja to design and then create a cultural mosaic made from tiles. The mosaic, which is hung at the entrance to our school, depicts the traditional Aboriginal Dreaming story of "The Giant Boandik Ancestor Craitbul".

The Mosaic tells the story of the ovens he built for his family after travelling from his oven in Beleter (Mount

Muirhead). They had warning from Bullin (bitten Heron) when Craitbul and his family fled from the evil spirit Woor. He first made another oven at Parreen (Mount Shank) They were settled and happy there before they received warning from the daunting sounds of the Bullin (bitten heron) once again.

Once more they gathered their belongings and moved on. They moved away from the ngamath (sea) as it seemed the evil spirit Woor could not exit and follow far from the ngamath (sea). They travelled on again and moved inland to Berrin (Mt Gambier) where they once again made another oven but this time something strange happened. Water rose from the oven so Craitbul and his family created three more ovens which also filled with water. That now created 4 ovens that are named WarWar (Blue Lake), Ketlamalpe (Valley Lake) Yattonlu (Leg of Mutton Lake) and lastly Kraweratwari (Browns Lake).

Craitbul and his family made their home in a cave on the side of Berrin's Peak where they had a great scenic view over all of their country Mraat (land). When it came time for Craitbul and his family to go onto their spiritual home in the sky they mounted a spear. Craitbul's wife sat at the point of the spear and Craitbul sat at the back and their two sons sat in the middle. The spear then journeyed them home to their spiritual home in the sky.

If you look up to the night sky today, you can still see them there. The rainbow serpent represents our god the life giver and protector of water, in which is his spiritual home.

Belinda Bonney, ACEO

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Monday 6 -
Thursday 9

Friday 10

Monday 27

PUPIL FREE DAYS

GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

First day of Term 2



Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) at Mil Lel



I am delighted to introduce to you our new Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Belinda Tilley.

Her role in our school is to:

- Work closely and in partnership with leadership and other wellbeing staff in the school to provide pastoral care and practical support to students, families and staff as requested.
- Provide our school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DFE wellbeing framework.
- Promote student wellbeing, engaging young people in activities that are preventative and which support early intervention and referral of mental health issues
- Contribute significantly to the Social Emotional Learning and Personal growth and empowerment of our students
- Connect with and support our school families with parent links and support
- Link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services available through community groups, including church groups.

Belinda comes to our school with extensive experience in the Social Emotional and Personal Empowerment of young people in an education setting. She is married

and is parent to two adult children and one school aged child. Belinda brings a myriad of life, professional skills and experience to our team.

In 2019, she was a finalist in the Support Category of the SA Public Education Awards and has her own business as a life coach with a highly awarded program she will be delivering in our school. Belinda is an approachable and warm person with a bucket full of advice and encouragement for parents and kids alike - 'everybody's fairy godmother!!'

Harmony Day at Mil Lel, Friday 20th March



It and Internet capacity survey – please complete and return to tamarin.condon473@schools.sa.edu.au

Name :

Email address :

Do you have internet at home?:

What is the reliability of your internet?:

Does your child have access to a device if it is needed moving into the future?

What type of device do you have?

- Laptop
- Tablet
- Desktop PC
- iPad
- iPad mini

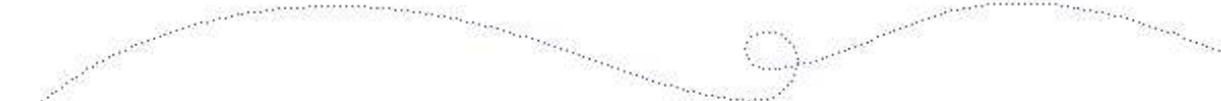
Will this device need to be shared?

YMCA OSHC



VACATION CARE PROGRAM
WEEK 1 13 - 17 April 2020
WEEK 2 20 - 24 April 2020

Vacation Care
13 - 24 April 2020



Monday 13 April
Closed

Easter Monday

Tuesday 14 April
In-house

WESTERN THEME DAY

- Totem pole making
- Dress up
- Lasso practice
- Dream catchers
- Garlic bread

Outcomes: 2,3,4,5

Wednesday 15 April
Excursion

MOVIES

- Carving with cattle fish and limestone
- Fruit and savoury platter

Outcomes: 3,4,5

Thursday 16 April
In-house

CRAFT DAY

- CD animals
- Yarn dolls
- Paper windmills
- Sao's vegemite and cheese

Outcomes: 3,4,5

Friday 17 April
Inursion

TECHNOLOGY DAY

- VR glasses and golf simulator
- Technology day
- Slice

Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5

Monday 20 April
Inursion

MR WHIPPY

- Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory movie
- Mr Whippy will come to visit OSHC
- Spring rolls

Outcomes: 3,4,5

Tuesday 21 April
In-house

FONDUE

- Fruit and chocolate fondue
- Growing rock candy
- Spaghetti bolognese

Outcomes: 3,4,5

Wednesday 22 April
In-house

KEY HUNT & WHEELS DAY

- Wheels day
- Find 3 hidden keys to collect a golden ticket
- Tangy tom noodles

Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5

Thursday 23 April
Excursion

ADVENTURE CENTRE

- Tree House Adventure Centre
- Skittles painting
- Popcorn

Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5

Friday 24 April
In-house

CANDY EXPERIMENTS

- Lolly bugs
- Candy experiments
- Savoury platter

Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5

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