

# NEWSLETTER

| Week 08 | Term 2



## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

### JUNE

- 15-21 Refugee week
- 22 School photo day
- 23 9am Assembly sharing our Footsteps dances

### JULY

- 3 Pyjama Day
- 3 Last day of term – early finish
- Holidays – NAIDOC week

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 3

20 July School Returns

10<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Pupil Free Day

15-23<sup>rd</sup> Aug  
Science Week

22-28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Book Week

10<sup>th</sup> Sept Disco

11<sup>th</sup> Sept School Closure

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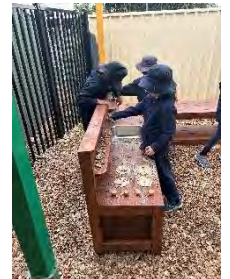
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## DEAR COMMUNITY,

Over the past few weeks, we have had the pleasure of welcoming 13 new mid-year Foundation students and their families to our Flinders Park Primary School community. We extend a warm welcome to you all and are excited to support you as you embark on this next chapter in your learning journey with us.

With the colder weather rolling in, it has been great to see so many children still able to enjoy our outdoor areas and recent upgrades.

- Our new **mud kitchen** in the Discovery Playground has been busy with lots of budding chefs and problem solvers using the area to express their creativity.
- Thank you to **SACA** (South Australian Cricket Association) for your grant to support the installation of our new **cricket pitch**, this much needed upgrade has greatly improved the quality of the pitch.
- Students have been very satisfied with their choice of new **playground equipment**; proving to be very popular during play times.
- Finally, thank you to the **City of Charles Sturt Council** for your donation of **2 tonnes of mulch to add new pathways** to our **Kurna and Veggie/Chicken Gardens** so that children can continue to be actively involved in the natural and sustainable areas of our school. Governing Council have also approved the expansion of our Kurna Garden which is really exciting and something to look out for.



This term, across the school we have also been busy learning about:

- Reconciliation and our continued commitment to show kindness, empathy and understanding of Aboriginal history and how our actions now can make difference into the future.
- Dancing in both the Footsteps program and in our Arts lessons with Ms Vanessa.
- Reading, continuing our class reading routines and participating in National Simultaneous Storytime, where our school read the same story at the same time as other schools across Australia.
- A strong academic focus across all learning areas.

Finally, as we welcome our new principal, Matt Murlee, next term, I'd like to extend a sincere and heart felt thank you to our school community for your support and trust over the last 12 months that I have been fortunate enough to be in the principal position. I feel truly grateful to lead with such a dedicated team of teachers, educators and families who make the Flinders Park Primary community such a wonderful place to be. As I step back into Deputy Principal next term, I look forward to continuing to connect with you all.

Warm regards,  
Cassie McCaffrey

## NEW PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Flinders Park Primary School Community,

My name is Matt Mulree and I am looking forward to joining the Flinders Park Primary community as Principal and getting to know the students, staff, and families who make this school such a vibrant place.

I believe every child deserves to feel valued, safe, and inspired at school, and I am passionate about supporting all students as successful learners—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Central to my approach as an educational leader is fostering a culture built on *respect, responsibility, and resilience*, which I see as essential in guiding us as learners and members of our community. Building strong relationships and working in genuine partnership with families are priorities for me.

I am also looking forward to working collaboratively with staff and the wider community to build on the great work that is already happening across the school. By valuing the expertise and input of our team and community, I am confident we can continue to nurture a vibrant, inclusive, and high-achieving environment for every student.

I would like to thank Cassie McCaffrey, Kathryn Dunlop and Alison Coppe for their leadership this year. I am looking forward to working closely with Cassie and Kathryn to form a cohesive leadership team that will guide and support Flinders Park Primary.

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and learning what makes Flinders Park Primary unique. Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I am excited about the journey ahead and to work alongside you all.

All the best,  
Matt Mulree

## WHATS HAPPENING IN ROOM 4?

So far this year Room 4 has been very busy with lots of exciting learning! In Design and Technology, students used their creativity and problem-solving skills to design and create robots that could move and perform a specific job. We explored how robots can help people in everyday life and discussed the important roles they play in our communities.

To continue our robot-themed learning, students created colourful abstract artworks by using a variety of shapes to design unique robot faces. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they experimented with different colours, patterns, and geometric shapes.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about measurement and have enjoyed exploring length, mass, and capacity. Students have participated in hands-on investigations, estimating, measuring, and comparing different objects. We have also discussed how measurement is an important part of everyday life, helping us understand the world around us. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and effort Room 4 students continue to show in their learning.



## RECONCILIATION WEEK



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



## RECONCILIATION WEEK - OUR STORY ART WORK



**TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AT 9AM**

**CHECK OUT WHAT WE LEARNT DURING FOOTSTEPS!**

Is It the Flu? Know the Symptoms

### COMMON FLU SYMPTOMS

**PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS AT HOME WHEN SICK**

The flu is a common viral infection that affects the respiratory system. Recognizing the symptoms early can help prevent the spread and support faster recovery.

<p><b>FEVER</b> A temporary rise in body temperature</p>	<p><b>COUGH</b> Persistent dry or wet coughing</p>	<p><b>STUFFY NOSE</b> Constantly dripping nose</p>
<p><b>SORE THROAT</b> Pain or irritation in the throat</p>	<p><b>HEADACHE</b> Mild to moderate head pain.</p>	<p><b>BODY ACHES</b> Muscle or joint pain throughout the body</p>

**If symptoms persist for more than 3 days, seek medical advice**