ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options. Student attendance has been identified as an important aspect of a student’s wellbeing. Schools therefore play a vital role in the social and emotional development of children. Regular attendance enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. This helps develop a positive self-image and a confidence that sees children less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. Communities benefit as well from students who regularly attend school and are achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community wellbeing, and a sense of connectedness for all.

Preschool programs are a wonderful place to begin establishing positive patterns of attendance and we encourage you to make the most of this important learning phase by establishing a positive culture to attendance.

Ways you can help:

- talk about the importance of good attendance and punctuality with your child from an early age
- talk to your child about preschool/school and what they like - what they did - who their friends are - any difficulties
- try to arrange appointments and outings after preschool/school hours, at weekends or during school holidays. This will help to prevent disruption to your child’s education
- chat with staff about any difficulties or problems that may arise sooner rather than later as we often have a range of strategies which can help

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem like much however…

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Newsletter

Monday 17th September 2018

Term 3 Diary Dates

Thursday 20th September
DISCO

Tuesday 25th September
Grandparents Day in Rooms 1 & 2

Thursday 27th September
Sports Day

Friday 28th September
Last day of Term 3

Term 4 Diary Dates

Monday 15th October
First day of Term 4
PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 19th November
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Rachael Courtney
Principal
Galley & Gardening in the Kindy

Early Years Learning Framework - Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Children become strong in their social & emotional wellbeing.
Children take increasing responsibility for their own health & wellbeing.

Many areas of the curriculum have been integrated through cooking in the Galley and gardening in the Community Garden. Language skills are expanded as students describe their experiences.

New vocabulary such as sifting, grating, peeling, stirring is introduced. We practise numeracy as the children count, weigh and measure amounts and divide quantities of various foods.

The children practise many learning dispositions such as problem solving, risk taking and sharing.

Helping in the garden helps create the connection between what we grow and what we eat.

It supports a sense of connection to our environment.

Most importantly it is real, purposeful and fun!
Room 10 participated in the ‘Follow That Drop’ workshop hosted by SA Water in the city. We used first hand observations and practical simulations to discover how source water is treated using state of the art technology to transform it into a quality product. We learnt about the water we drink, where it comes from and how the scientists at SA Water make it taste so great!

Here are some photos from our enjoyable day:
Assembly Awards

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<td>Nevaeh</td>
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<td>Helen</td>
<td>Great sentence writing</td>
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<td>Jack</td>
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<td>Isabella</td>
<td>For being an independent writer</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Suchita</td>
<td>Settling into a new classroom</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>Engaging with his learning</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Ocean</td>
<td>Making positive choices</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Bella</td>
<td>Holding a positive attitude.</td>
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2019 ENROLMENTS AND PLANNING

As we plan ahead for 2019, it is vital that we know of any students who will not be attending our school next year. Please inform the front office as soon as possible if your child will be leaving the school at the end of 2018. You can let us know by emailing dl.1068.info@schools.sa.edu.au or phoning 83844395.

SCHOOL HATS AND DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE

As per our school policy and guidelines from the Cancer Council the wearing of school hats is now compulsory. New hats can be purchased at the Front Office for $9.50. Students not wearing hats need to be in the designated shade areas at lunch and recess times. A reminder to everyone that our school dress code does not include items of clothing that contain colours other than navy. An increasing number of students are coming to school wearing items of clothing that don’t meet our school dress code. Please check that your child is dressed appropriately. Parkas or heavier jackets that are worn over windcheaters on very cold days do not need to be dress code compliant however, windcheaters need to be in school colours only.

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