



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 2 - Week 3

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Dates To Remember

Uniform Shop open

Monday May 27

Election Day BBQ

Federal Election 18 May

Pupil Free Day

Friday June 7

From Leadership Team

I felt a great sense of joy and pride when I was informed about the actions of our year 6/7 girl's footy team. The girls took part in a football carnival last Wednesday at Tea Tree Gully Football Oval. During the girl's last game, they were aware that they were playing an opponent that unfortunately had had little success (if the measurement of success is wins and goals scored) throughout the carnival, as they had not scored a goal in any of their previous games. Our girls got together and decided they wanted to let their opposition score at least one goal and so allowed them to do so. When the opposition scored their goal, they were overjoyed with a sense of excitement and achievement.

From a day to day perspective, I continue to be impressed by our children's general level of respect and their positive and cooperative behaviours both in class and in the yard. Our teachers set clear boundaries and expectations around student behaviour and when I walk around the school and preschool I observe strong engagement in learning occurring.



Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

From Leadership Team continued

National Sorry Day – Sunday 26 May

National Sorry Day is a significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly Stolen Generations survivors. On 26 May 1998 the first ‘Sorry Day’ was held in Sydney and it is now commemorated across Australia, with many thousands of people participating in memorials and commemorative events, in honour of the Stolen Generations. This day is called Journey of Healing in South Australia.

National Reconciliation Week – ‘Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage’

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated every year between May 27 and June 3. These two dates commemorate two very significant events in Australia's history: the 1967 Referendum, which gave the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognize them in the national census; and the Mabo Decision, which legally recognized that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land, paved the way for Native Title, and overturned *Terra Nullius*.

As highlighted by Reconciliation Australia:

“As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow.”

Reconciliation is about working towards just and respectful relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, each and every day. There are opportunities to be a part of the national conversation by tagging on social media using #NRW2019 #GroundedinTruth2019, and #WalkTogether2019.

As a school we will be participating in activities that help to acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures on Tuesday 28 May.

National Volunteer Week – 20 to 24 May

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who generously give up your time to volunteer in our school. I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of adults who help our young people throughout the school, from listening to children read and supporting children on excursions through to the adults that support fundraising initiatives. We also have a healthy number of parents who play a vital role on our Governing Council and various sub-committees. I also appreciate that there are some parents who would dearly love to be more involved but have family and work commitments that prevent them from being as involved as they would like.

If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the front office for further information.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 7 June

This is a friendly reminder that we have a pupil free day on Friday 7 June (term 2, week 6). Please note that OSHC is available on this day and bookings can be made through Kerri in OSHC.

Nature Play

I'm pleased to share that we have recently received approval from the Department for Education to engage Climbing Tree for our nature play project. Martin Finn from Spotless will be managing the project on behalf of our school. We are awaiting a project commencement date and practical completion date from Climbing Tree. I look forward to sharing more specific information with you in the coming weeks.

From Leadership Team continued

Teaching and Learning

As part of our whole school focus on reading, teachers have been involved in two training and development sessions in term 2. Our senior leader, Sharon, facilitated a session on guided reading and our Literacy coach, Heather, facilitated a session on a strategy called Question Answer Relationships. Teachers were also provided with time to work within their PLCs (teams) to discuss how they can implement these two strategies with their children.

As a TTG Partnership we are focusing on mathematics in 2019. Our Partnership staff meeting in week 5 and our pupil free day in week 6 will focus on mathematics. Teachers will have the opportunity to work with other teachers from neighbouring schools, to plan a series of maths lessons which will cater for the different ability levels within their respective classes.

NAPLAN

Thank you to staff and children for their efforts during NAPLAN week. Although we try to maintain a sense of 'normality' during this week, I also understand that it can be emotionally draining for all involved, particularly for year 3s completing NAPLAN for the first time.

School Production

Preparations are underway once again for this year's school production which is an adaptation of Princess and the Frog. The production will be performed again at the Golden Grove Arts Centre on Wednesday 25 September and Thursday 26 September. This years practice for the production will be on Wednesdays and a timetable will be provided to all students involved once parts have been decided.

Auditions will take place in week 4 of this term and each student who wants to try out for a major part will be given parts to audition for. Only children from years 3-7 will be considered for a major role however all students that want to be a part of the cast will be on stage. There are many smaller parts that the younger children will love.

I hope you have a positive end to the week. If at all possible, I encourage you to vote at Ridgehaven PS this Saturday and support our bbq fundraiser.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Blefari

CPSW

Wow, it's week 3 already! How the term flies. I hope everyone has settled in nicely again into their term routines and I trust you are well. As we head toward the middle of the year and amidst our busy lives I wanted to throw in a friendly encouragement to take some time out to appreciate each other. It's easy to become distracted by the pressures of life and to forget that within each one of us there is a heart beating blood every second that has its own needs and hopes and dreams. So in the next few weeks I'd love to encourage each of us to mark some time into the diary and spend some time to appreciate and listen to each other.

The most important protective factor for positive mental health is relationship. So in our busyness let's remember how we can help promote contentment and moments of great happiness in our loved ones.

Peace out
Simon

Election Day BBQ

HELPERS WANTED

I will be doing 1 hour stints between 8am and 2pm. If you can help please contact the office and I will allocate you a time.

Melanie Rawnsley

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has relocated to the front office and will be run by the office staff from **2.30 – 3.30 pm** on the following dates in term 2:

Monday 27th May
Tuesday 11th June
Monday 24th June

Ridgehaven Primary School is fundraising with Entertainment Books!

It's that time of the year when we are starting our Entertainment Book Fundraising. We will not be sending books home to families as has been done in previous years, so if you are wanting to purchase a book they are available at the Front Office or you can order online at <https://www.entbook.com.au/160r869>, or via the QKR App. If you order online or through the App the book will be sent home with your child. Thank you for your support.



Free Parenting SA seminar: 'The secrets of raising beautifully behaved children'

Parenting SA is providing a free parenting seminar for parents and carers of children 5-12 years. It's an opportunity to hear psychologist, parenting author and commentator Jodie Benveniste talk about:

- understanding children's behaviour so parents can guide them to be their best
- responding to misbehaviour in positive and helpful ways
- reducing battles and encouraging more cooperation at home.

When: 7.00-9.00pm Wednesday 22 May

Where: Adelaide Convention Centre

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast. A recording of the seminar will be available online from 27 May to 21 June. A viewing link will be sent to you when you register. Contact: [Diana Skott](#), Parenting SA, phone 8303 1660



2019 Pupil Free Days

Term 2 - Friday 7 June
Term 3 - Friday 30 August
Term 4 - Friday 22 November

2019 School Closure Day Monday 2 September

The BOSS LADIES

Last term, some students had the wonderful opportunity to be involved in the first ever youth community market held at the Tea Tree Gully Library.



The youth market was a place where students from local schools came together to sell products that they made.

With the help of Carly (Poppy D's mum and Youth Coordinator for the TTG Council) and Mr Woodcock, a group of girls spent some of their lunchtimes making items for the market. Carly and Mr Woodcock raided their cupboards for art supplies and people donated stuff for us to make a variety of products.



We also came up with a name for our enterprise team. We are called **the boss ladies!**

After all of the hard work of making our items, it was time to set up our stall in the council library. We all met after school in the library and checked out all of the other stalls from the local schools. Some stalls were set up to sell plants, some sold food and drinks and one even sold slime. We sold framed artworks, crafts, lucky dips and we also had a lolly jar guess.



We sold out of all our products and made a profit of \$91.50.



We are still deciding what to do with our profit. Our ideas include buying more art and craft equipment or donating the money to a charity. We'll let you know what we decide.

On Friday, Carly is coming to assembly to present us with some certificates and we would also like to thank her for all of her help.

