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★ ★ ★ Dates to remember ★ ★ ★

Friday 3 April	Easter raffle drawn	
From Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April	PUPIL FREE DAYS	Whole school
Friday 10 April	Easter – Good Friday	
Monday 27 April	1 st Day of Term 2	8.40am start

Dear Families,

NEWS JUST IN.....

Today our Minister announced 4 Pupil Free Days before Easter - 6,7,8,9 April for all schools and pre-schools. This time will be used to focus on transitioning to flexible teaching and learning ready for term 2. More details to follow as they come to hand. OSHC will be open during these dates. Please contact Maria on 0413 318 645 to register your child/children.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

We would like to begin by saying how exceptionally proud we are of our teachers and staff during these extraordinary times. We are also very grateful for the community support as we deal with this complex and ever changing situation.

At this time, many families are making choices to keep students at home, while other families continue to attend school. We would like to ensure the community that the school will support whatever decision you make. We understand that all our families' circumstances differ and we must all do what is best for our families.

As a school, we are navigating these changes as best we can and with as little disruption to teaching and learning as possible.

For families making the decision to keep their children home, we ask that you respect teachers working hours. Teachers are currently working on many fronts. They continue to plan and deliver curriculum to students who remain at school, they are working tirelessly to provide home based learning for families keeping their students home and finally, they are preparing for what extended periods of learning from home may look like.

A mindset shift during these unusual circumstances that we are currently experiencing can be beneficial to us all such

as: ... While I can't control the situation around me, I CAN control my actions. Doing breath work, getting enough sleep, calling loved ones, prayer, proper nutrition and doing your favourite at home will all help during this time. Kindness and unity are paramount during these unprecedented times.

OUR LEARNING SA

To support teachers and families the Department for Education has released the Our Learning SA website to support continued learning. This site is an online collection of education materials and has been developed by department curriculum managers and expert teachers. The site provides learning materials and activities across all learning areas in the Early Years Framework and the Australian Curriculum. There are materials that are appropriate for families as well as resources that are more targeted towards teachers.

The new easy-to-use website supports:

- continued learning between school and home
- students with opportunities to work independently
- parents and caregivers with resources and guidance to support learning at home
- teachers with resources to support them teaching the curriculum.

Our Learning SA can be accessed using the URL below.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

HOME READING

Many parents have been asking for reading resources for home. At this time, readers will not be available for students remaining at home. However, below is a list of websites where levelled readers can be accessed to use at home.

- <https://www.speld-sa.org.au/services/phonics-books.html>
- <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>
- Some JP teachers will also have access to reading owls

LAPTOPS/IPADS

Unfortunately, at this stage, the school is unable to provide loan laptops/ipads for students and families choosing to self-isolate. This decision will be reviewed regularly as the current situation unfolds.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

A variety of online programs will soon be made available to support different learning areas and year levels.

English Stars (Years 3 - 6): The digital platform utilises a variety of resource types including; text, video, audio and interactive activities. Students in Year 7 will only have access to the Year 6 content. Printable activities are available.

Think Mentals Digital Classroom (Years 2 - 6): Think Mentals Digital Classroom contains friendly strategies, a consistent structure and a plethora of excellent digital features, all designed to make learning mental maths easy. Students in Year 7 will only have access to the Year 6 content.

Sound Waves (Foundation to Year 7): Sound Waves is a phonetics program containing activities to explore and discover phonemes in the list words, develop spelling patterns and learn spelling strategies. Activities will also include grammar, prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots.

iMaths (Foundation to Year 7): Students of all abilities will love the real-life context of investigations. Topics teach students all they need to know to complete an investigation, and problem solving and mental computation strategies provide them with a framework to tackle and solve new problems.

EASTER RAFFLE

We would like to thank all of the families who have donated chocolate to our Easter raffle thus far. We will draw the raffle next week on **Friday, April 3rd**. If you still have tickets please make sure they are returned to the Front Office.

ROAD SAFETY

We just want to re-iterate that Road Safety is everyone's business and we all need to take extra care when using the roads and crossings near our school. We often see parents not using our crossing and taking a big risk with their children to avoid walking an extra 50 metres to cross the road safely at the crossing. Motorists too must take extra care when driving around the school. Your cooperation in relation to this matter is essential and appreciated. We have had some parents dropping off students in the staff car park. This is clearly not safe and certainly not an acceptable practice either.

NAPLAN 2020

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy has been cancelled this year. The tests are for all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9, Australia wide and will not take place during 2020.

BEFORE SCHOOL PLAY

The South East Corner and Rooms 22 and 23 are **no go zones** before school. Our teacher on duty works around the main Quad area (behind the main building) so has no chance of seeing into the other two areas mentioned. As such, there is little supervision in those areas, so we ask that children are not playing there. Often when parents are with them, other children are attracted to come and join in a game and this can be a problem as it is unclear who is taking responsibility for the extra children. As such, if everyone is located in the Quad area or on the hen the teacher on duty has line of sight and can provide support and duty of care for all students. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated and the message then is clear to everyone.

OSHC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

OSHC school holiday program will still be opened these holidays unless we are informed otherwise. The program is attached in the newsletter. All incursion and excursion activities have been cancelled during the holiday break. Please contact Maria on 0413 318 645.

Nick Papadopoulos & Kristian Rawlings

SCHOOL NEWS

BIGGER BETTER BRAINS

A couple of weeks ago I was very fortunate to attend a two-day course in growing bigger better brains, led by renowned Australian neuroscientist Dr Anita Collins. *"Dr Collins is an award-winning educator, researcher and writer in the field of brain development and music learning. She is internationally recognised for her unique work in translating the scientific research of neuroscientists and psychologists to the everyday parent, teacher and student."*

www.anitacollinsmusic.com/aboutanitacollins

I am now an accredited Bigger Better Brains Educator. My role is to share current, creditable research on the links between learning a musical instrument and improvements in brain development and Language Learning (literacy and neural capacity), Executive Function (how to be a grown up) and Social Skills (refined communication skills).

Look out for the fact cards I will be sharing with you in coming North Talks. The research that underpins these statements has been rigorously verified by Dr Collins, with references to the original studies provided in small print on each card.

I will also sometimes provide a link such as the following introduction to the connection between bigger better brains and your child's learning. Check out the following TED Talk:

https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_an_instrument_benefits_your_brain?language=en

Heather McDonald. Performing Arts and HIP teacher.



"Students highly engaged in music were, on average, academically over 1 year ahead of the peers not engaged in school music"

EASTER RAFFLE

All families are asked to **donate an Easter egg / rabbit /Easter treats** etc (no nuts please) to be put into baskets for our annual Easter Raffle. The number of prizes will depend on the goodies donated.



The raffle will now be drawn on Friday, 3 April.

Winners will be contacted by phone.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope to make Easter just a bit special for a number of people.

Fundraising Committee

LIBRARY NEWS

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is a state wide reading challenge for school students, that all Fulham North Primary students participate in. This week the PRC has announced **changes to the reading challenge in the time of COVID-19**. While the challenge still consists of reading 12 books by 4th September, they can be ALL FREE CHOICE. They understand that it may be difficult to get to libraries, so any book students read can be recorded.

Please keep recording books that your children are reading. If your child is at school, they can pass on any completed PRC sheets to their class teachers. We will keep in touch about how to submit forms if your child is not at school.

To print out a PRC reading record sheet at home, or find out more information about the challenge, visit <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au>.

Congratulations to the following students who have finished their Premier's Reading Challenge and handed in their forms to their class teacher.

Room 23

Charlotte Bice

Isla Smith

Ingrid Evans

Fulham North Primary Library is still open to students, who may borrow up to 10 books at their teacher's discretion. Please be mindful of keeping track of books, and returning overdue books when possible.

SA public libraries are free to join and they provide access to the OverDrive service, where there are thousands of eBook titles (and Audiobook titles) using the very user-friendly libby App. This collection has more than 4,000 different children and young people's titles and includes many Premier's Reading Challenge books. There are other free services for younger readers such as *Brightly Storytime* on YouTube and online story reading at *Story Time from Space* and *The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds & Activities*. Find out more at <https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/community/library>

Keep safe and keep reading.

Kristin Martin and Michele Russell, librarians

REMINDER – NEWSLETTER COMMUNICATION

As of Term 2, we are looking at reducing the amount of paper used here at school and will be emailing the fortnightly newsletter home. Please provide your email address to us at jenny.butler215@schools.sa.edu.au if you don't currently receive it by email and would like to. Alternatively it is also sent out to our community via the Skoolbag app. (Information on how to download the Skoolbag app is available on our website or available from the Front Office staff).

DONUT SPECIAL

Due to limited numbers of students at school we have decided to postpone the special Showdown Donut Recess until further notice. Orders will be held until rescheduled.

SCHOOL AWARDS

MATHS WIZZ

Kael Brooks

Audrey Wiederman

Cassidy Roberts

Emily Markwick

Leon Fazzalari

Lewie Bird

Brooke Harvey

Stella Murphy

Lola Barlow

Elliot Schebella

Ollie Amey-Pearce

Alice McMahon

Lujain Gad

Roger Jamal

Samantha How

Isabel Fox

Erin Rak-Bawden

OSHC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

<i>Monday, 13th April</i>	<i>Tuesday, 14th April</i>	<i>Wednesday, 15th April</i>	<i>Thursday, 16th April</i>	<i>Friday, 17th April</i>
PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	In Centre Easter Egg Treasure Hunt To put in our baskets & Picnic around the school playground area Group Games, Outside Play	In Centre Wii games Bowling, Tennis, Boxing & Movies & Popcorn	In Centre Gym Games Galore! & Autumn Crafts Leaf Painting Pop Stick Scarecrows	In Centre Carboard Creating & Designing & Afternoon Bring your own Technology & Relax
<i>Monday, 20th April</i>	<i>Tuesday, 21st April</i>	<i>Wednesday, 22nd April</i>	<i>Thursday, 23rd April</i>	<i>Friday, 24th April</i>
In Centre Making small chocolate treats & Afternoon Stay Active Children's Sports Mixed Sport activities In the Gym	In Centre WHEELIE DAY Don't forget helmets, socks kneepads and other safety equipment!	In Centre Craft Leaf Stamping Autumn Tree & Afternoon Baking Scones	In Centre Clay Modelling Make your own Clay ornaments to take home & Afternoon Gym Games	In Centre Anzac Craft Activities Making Poppy Flowers & Afternoon Playground in the South East Corner

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THE PE POST

The Fulham North PE update



UPCOMING DATES

- ▲ ALL KNOCKOUT AND SAPSASA EVENTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19

WELCOME!

Welcome (belatedly!) to another year of Physical Education at Fulham North! It has been a fantastic start to the year with the Upper Primary students busy preparing for Athletics Day and Junior Primary students engaged in a variety of activities aimed at developing Fundamental Movement Skills. We have decided this year to introduce a PE update, aimed at providing information about PE lessons as well as highlighting any important upcoming dates and student achievements. If you wish at any point to discuss anything relating to our PE program or to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to come and see us.

Cory Selfe & Alex Rogers

JUNIOR PRIMARY UPDATE

Locomotor skills such as running, jumping, hopping, rolling, dodging, skipping and leaping non-locomotor skills such as balancing manipulative skills such as catching, throwing, kicking, striking and dribbling. Our Junior Primary PE program has a major focus on Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS). These are the skills that form the basis of all physical activity that we do in sport. These include; It is vital that students develop these skills at a young age as it allows them to apply them in more sport specific situations later in school and in life. This term JP students have been focussing on throwing and catching, while locomotor and non-locomotor skills are integrated into all lessons and it has been pleasing to see the improvements being made by students. Making our PE lessons fun for students is also a priority as this fosters an enjoyment of physical activity.

UPPER PRIMARY UPDATE

Our Upper Primary students have been doing a major athletics unit throughout the term. They have been learning and developing their skills in both track and field events with an emphasis on self-development and trying to achieve personal bests. The focus for assessment for this unit has been about technique and effort rather than performance. I have been most impressed with our students' determination and commitment to the unit. The idea behind our athletics unit is to have students capable and confident to participate in and enjoy each event at Athletics Day.

SAPSASA NEWS

Term 1 has been a quiet one for the Mighty Owls. We had 6 swimmers trial for the Airport District swimming team in week 5. A special mention to Jade Rocca Day, Estelle Phillipou and Izyus Mika who gained entry into the team and were to race later this month. Unfortunately, these championships have been postponed, we will keep parents updated on any rescheduling. In week 8 we had a number of students representing the school at the District Championships in various sports. Well done to Angelique Ciccone, Sienna Caskey, Marley Hansen and Felicity Ward who were selected in the tennis squads and to Archie Rawlings who was selected in the Airport cricket team. A great achievement for these students. All SAPSASA knockout sports have been postponed until further notice. Cross Country has also been postponed until further notice.

FOOTBALL AND SOCCER

At this stage there has been a postponement of the school football and soccer seasons. The SANFL has suspended the school football season until May 31. The NWJSA has suspended the soccer season until the beginning of Term 3, Saturday 25th July. These dates are currently tentative with the possibility of changing, we will let you know of any updates as they come to hand. Information regarding payment of subs etc will be delivered once we know. Auskick is also to be postponed until further notice.

