

# Scott Creek Primary School



A small dynamic community school

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## Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

### Term 2

Sunday 19th May  
Working Bee

Thursday 30th May  
Grandparents Day  
Biggest Morning Tea

Public Holiday  
Monday 10th June

Pupil Free Days  
Monday 24th June \*change  
of date\*

### BIRD BANDING POSTPONED

Due to poor weather the Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park bird banding and breakfast planned for tomorrow morning have been postponed. New date TBA.



WORKING BEE: Sunday 19th May

9:00am—12:00pm

Morning tea and sausage sizzle provided

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2 after the sunny (and dry!) weather of the school holidays. As always, this will be a busy term. There will be a number of events during the term, some of which you can read about below.

The calendar that went home at the end of last term indicated a working bee scheduled for this weekend. While I know the community is very supportive of the school, I think this Sunday should be dedicated to spending time as a family to celebrate **Mother's Day** so we have rescheduled it to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May (next week).

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted in week 3. There will be tests for students in years 3, 5 and 7 on reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. There has always been some **controversy around the NAPLAN tests. I think that it's a good thing to say that at a number of certain points all Australian students in schools should have certain skills and understandings. I also think that it's a good thing for students to get more familiar with being silent, working on their own, thinking through problems and following procedures step-by-step. This is what we usually call test conditions. Where it can become problematic is when too much pressure is put on children to achieve at unreasonably high levels. Fortunately, I don't think that ever happens here at Scott Creek. If we all remember that the tests are simply a 'moment in time' measure of what kids can do, then we'll all keep the tests in perspective.**

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### Early Departures

A reminder that all students leaving school early **MUST** be signed out at the front office by a parent or guardian. This is a Department requirement. If a student is leaving school for part of the day they must be signed out at the office on departure and in on return.

Late students must collect a late slip from the office regardless of whether class teachers have been informed that a student will be late.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL continued

## LITERACY LEARNING

On the first day of term the staff participated in a day of Literacy Learning with other teachers from the partnership. Dr. Deslea Konza facilitated the day explaining her research and sharing the skills that lead to success with reading and writing and how children learn to read. The six key skills identified are:

- oral language and early experiences with print – building word knowledge
- phonological awareness - building skills and awareness of syllables, rhymes and sounds
- letter-sound knowledge (phonics) – relationship between sounds and phonics
- fluency - automaticity
- vocabulary – build knowledge of words
- comprehension – requires active engagement in reading

Our data indicates that spelling (phonics and phonological awareness) is an area that we need to improve so over the next two Thursdays staff will work with the Literacy Guarantee Unit during staff meetings to continue to develop skills to improve the teaching and learning of spelling.

**“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope.” (Kofi Annan)**

DREAM BIG Saturday/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>&26<sup>th</sup> May

A free fun-filled weekend for the whole family  
This FREE family event for children of all ages will take over the North Terrace Cultural Boulevard for two fun-filled days. Theatres, galleries, museums, universities, libraries, and gardens will be full to the brim with hundreds of children and families immersed in arts activities and dreaming BIG.

Our string Ensemble has been invited to play at this event on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## Farewell to Les Wake

As many of you will know, Judy and Les have plans to move to Queensland to be closer to family.

Most weekends Les works tirelessly to keep the grounds looking neat, clean and tidy as well as carry out a myriad of minor repairs and requests for staff. Last Sunday was his final day of work for Scott Creek.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Les and acknowledge the work he has done for the school. We appreciate his flexibility and his willingness to support the school. His work has often gone beyond the hours he has been paid for.

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish both Les and Judy all the best with their future plans and happy house hunting in Queensland.

Regards  
Kath

## FROM THE OFFICE

## Working Bee

Our Autumn working bee will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Morning tea and sausage sizzle provided. Notices went home with students today, an online copy will accompany this newsletter.

## Biggest Morning Tea and Grandparents Day

Scott Creek Primary School is holding a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser for the Cancer Council in conjunction with our **Grandparent's Day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.** Parents, grandparents, friends and the wider Scott Creek Community are invited to attend our Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser.

## Entertainment Books

Please return any Entertainment books you do not wish to purchase as soon as possible.

## Scholastic Book Club

Please return all book club orders by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Week 3).

## Tissues

We are well and truly into cold season. Teachers would appreciate donations of a box of tissues per student where possible.

## CONGRATULATIONS BILLIE

Over the March long weekend, Billie attended WOMADelaide and entered a short video competition about why she loves the Adelaide Parklands. Billie talked about how there is room to play and have fun.

**The 12 finalists included children to senior citizens and Billie's video,** made with the help of her parents was chosen as the overall winner!

Billie won a picnic blanket and an iPad! The video and further details about the competition can be seen at:

<http://www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/love-parklands>

Well done Billie!



# AUTUMN WORKING BEE

Sunday 19th May

9:00am - 12:00pm

*We really need your help with getting some tasks done around the school to make the school look great:*

- *Pruning, Weeding & Mulching with pea straw*
- *Fix the Welcome Signs*
- *Fix up the school irrigation*
- *Build garden bed with bricks*
- *Plus more....*
- *Tidy up around the school*
- *Build Arbor Arches at Juniors*
- *Spread Soft Mulch in Playground*
- *Replace Rotten Raised Bed Sleepers*
- *Work in the veggie garden*

*Tools needed:* trailer, wheelbarrows, secateurs, loppers, spades, forks, leaf blower, high pressure cleaner, sander, garden tools, tool box, screw drivers, gloves etc.

*Morning Tea and Sausages Sizzle Supplied.*

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Please return the following information slip by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.  
If you cannot attend on the day but could help out another day please specify below.

## AUTUMN WORKING BEE

Sunday May 19th

Name .....

*We are/are not (please circle) able to help at the Working Bee.*

*Preferred area or tasks are:*

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*No. of people attending* .....**adults** .....**children**