FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jump Rope for Heart

Dear parents and friends,

We have made it through a very long and tiring term. There have been quite a few illnesses going around and some very tired children, staff and, I suspect, parents. Don’t forget that we finish at 2:30pm Friday afternoon. I hope you get a chance to rest and recuperate over the break.

The ‘Jump off’ last Friday morning was a lot of fun. It was great to see some parents (and Mr Sandow) getting involved; isn’t it wonderful those jumping skills haven’t been forgotten! Thank you to Carly for organising the event, and to the families that raised money for the Heart Foundation.

On Monday we had a visit from Merridy from Fauna Rescue SA. Merridy is the team leader of Koala Rescue and she gave a presentation on facts about koalas why it is so important that we look after our local wildlife. I was astounded to hear that if we don’t start to value and look after our koala population, they may be extinct by 2050. Merridy and her volunteers also brought in some koalas for the students to see. There was an 18 month old female and two baby koalas, a boy and a girl.

Sometimes you have to sink in order to understand what it means to rise. You must fall apart to understand what it means when you are whole.
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The koalas were very cute and the students loved having a quiet pat (and some of us got a little cuddle). If you wish to know more about Fauna Rescue and, in particular, koala information, their website is:

www.faunarescue.org.au

I hope you have a safe and relaxing school holidays. School resumes on Monday 16th October for Term 4.

Best wishes,

Irene

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**FROM THE MIDDLES**

**Fauna Rescue visit**

On Friday the 25th of September our school had Fauna Rescue come in to talk to us about koalas because they recently released a koala into the scrub next to our school oval.

Fauna Rescue is South Australia’s largest wildlife rescue organisation. They are all volunteers and are on site at all times. Fauna Rescue saves injured, sick or orphaned animals for rehabilitation and then release. When Fauna Rescue came to our school they brought three koalas, one adult, and two babies. Because they brought koalas we had to be very quiet when they were speaking otherwise the koalas would have been scared. Fauna Rescue knew quite a lot about koalas so it was very interesting listening to what they had to say. At the end of the day we got to see the koalas and pat them.

The koala’s fur was very soft!

*By Josh and Cadence*

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**Interesting facts we learnt about Koalas**

- Baby koala’s eat their mum’s poo called pap to help protect their stomachs from the eucalyptus leaves!
- They are as big as a jelly bean when they are born.
- Dogs have been known to attack koalas.
- Baby koalas drink their mother’s milk.
- They stay with their mum for 2 – 3 years. Some females stay with their mother for longer.
- They stay in the pouch for 5-6 months before poking their head out.
- If orphaned the baby can die quickly.
- They sleep for 16-18 hours.
- The males have a scent gland on his chest.
- The females have a plain white chest.
- The boys make a low grumbly, grunting sound.

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*Tanya having a cuddle*

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*Helena holding a baby koala*
Readers Cup
On the 26/9/2017 two teams from Scott Creek Primary School entered the Readers Cup. Mia, Helena, Melita and Madeleine were in Team One and in Team Two were Sam, Josie, Peter, and Layla but Chris was not here.
There were five books called Wolf Child, SKYFIRE, How to Bee, A Different Dog and Tunnels of Tarcoola. We were in a big room with tables everywhere. There was a table per team. We got a packet of Tiny Teddies and a packet of lollies to share between each table.
We had to answer questions about the books and write the answers on a big blue piece of paper. We had to use textas on the paper. We were only allowed to have four people on our table at a time to answer each question. There were about three questions per book. It was exciting because it was my first time and it was a bit scary standing up and giving the judges our answers.
By Layla and Josie

FROM THE STAFF
Term 4 No hat No play
Reminder that hats are compulsory during Term 1 and Term 4.
Please check if your child has a named hat and has been washed.
Hats can be bought from the front office for around $9.50.

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FOR THE COMMUNITY

Blackwood Golf Club
Blackwood is hosting their Family Fun Day again on Sunday, 29th October. This is a great event for all the family, with free kids activities including face painting, a jumping castle and golf clinics, as well as market stalls, on course beverages and wine tasting for the adults.

Surfing programs
Friendly reminder - bookings are now open for term 4 of 2017 and terms 1 & 2 of 2018 surfing programs. I incorporate a style of teaching where students comment of having the best fun of any excursion ever! Surf safety and awareness included in lessons with lifesaving skills. All equipment provided. Contact Phil Ball on 0487 921232 or bookings@olsurfschool.com.au for any further details.

Jack skipping
Middles skipping
Uppers skipping
Mary skipping
Community Planning for Recovery SIBL Inc.

To plan for our community being adequately equipped, informed and supported to manage the impact of natural disasters in the Scott Creek, Bradbury, Ironbank and Longwood areas of Sth Australia.

Community Forum on

Surviving after an Emergency

Important meeting for you & your family

Survival hints for the next 72 hours after a serious emergency – ie. a BUSHFIRE has just impacted on your property & your area

Friday 10th November at Scott Creek Hall, Scott Creek

with a BBQ at 6.30pm & meeting at 7.30pm

A “Hypothetical” discussion conducted by Emergency Management Coordinator from SAPOL Russell Dippy and a panel of experts from

- State Recovery Office – Pauline Cole, Project Manager
- Emergency Relief Functional Support Group from Dept for Communities & Social Inclusion – TBA
- Red Cross – TBA
- Adelaide Hills Council – David Waters, Director Community & Customer Service
- Recovery Coordinator for the Pinery bushfire 2015 & Wangary bushfire 2005 – Vince Monterola
- CPR Chairperson – Malcolm Hale

CPR will also be announcing the setting up of Pop Up Community Hub(s) immediately after an emergency that affected our community – providing it is SAFE to do.

Come along & have your questions answered on recovery from the experts. Bring the family