



DIARY DATES

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 29th Jan - 12 Apr

Term 2 29 Apr - 5 Jul

Term 3 22 Jul - 27 Sept

Term 4 14 Oct - 13 Dec

Governing Council

Tuesday 29/10

Tuesday 26/11

School Closure

Friday 15/11

Pupil Free Day

Monday 18/11

Key Dates

Term 4

23/10 - Footsteps #2

25/10 - World Teacher's Day

29/10 - Room 2 & 3 Excursion & Governing Council

30/10 - Footsteps #3

06/11 - Footsteps #4

13/11 - Active Travel Day, Footsteps #5 & Room 4 & 5 Excursion

14/11 - VPPS Extravaganza

15/11 - School Closure

18/11 - Pupil Free Day

19/11 - Dental Van

21/11 - Room 11 Excursion

22/11 - Room 12 & 13 Excursion

26/11 - Governing Council

02/12 - Year 6/7 Camp Departs

04/12 - Year 6/7 Camp Returns

11/12 - Reports & 2020 Class Placements

12/12 - Meet 2020 Teacher & Year 7 Graduation

13/12 - Last Day of Term 4

1:30pm Finish

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NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 1 | FRIDAY 18/10/19

Dear Parent/Guardians,

We would like to welcome back our students, parents and caregivers to our final term of 2019. We hope you had a good break and are excited to get back into school mode!

Term 4 will be full of busy and exciting events like the Vale Park Extravaganza, Footsteps Dance and saying goodbye to our year sevens as they graduate at the end of the term to high school.

You may notice a few changes and improvements around the school. Some classes and the Admin area were painted during the holidays and the remainder of classrooms will be done over the end of year holiday break. Nature Play has had many improvements and additions including a chalkboard, a mud kitchen, stepping/balancing logs, a water pump, and the inclusion of many play items such as pots and pans. There have also been some extra handball courts painted in the yard. A big thank you to the Fundraising Committee who have helped to fund the improvements in Nature Play.

Remember to load up on sunscreen and make sure you wear your hat every recess and lunch, especially with the hot weather rising and the UV getting higher. Also make sure to stay hydrated and bring a full bottle of water to class every day.

The Vale Park Extravaganza is in week five, on the evening of Thursday 14th November. The theme is 'Off the Bookshelf' where students will perform items from and about various books. Make sure to bring along parents, grandparents, and other relatives too!

Tickets are selling fast for the Fundraising Committee's raffle to win a VIP Extravaganza experience - only \$10 a ticket puts you in the draw to win VIP seating (with blankets, pillows and beanbags) for up to 6 family members, grazing plate, BBQ food snacks and soft drinks (up to the value of \$100) and photos of your child/ren on the night of the concert. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please return the order form that was sent home with your child this week as soon as possible - there are only 100 tickets available for this 'money can't buy' experience.

Footsteps has just started this Wednesday and will continue each week from weeks 1 - 5. Students take part in many fun partner and individual dances during the program.

We hope you have a good term.



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NEWS & UPDATES

Collection of Children During The Day

Please note that if you need to collect your child from school during recess (10:45 – 11:15) or lunch (1:25 – 1:55), this will only be possible by prior arrangement. Please notify your child's teacher in advance if you will be needing to collect your child during break times and the teacher will arrange for your child and their belongings to be at the front office for you to sign out.

If you arrive at school to collect your child during break times without prior arrangement, you will be required to wait in the office until the end of the break time when your child returns to class to collect them. Thank you for your understanding.

School Grounds

As the perimeter gates are locked during each school day from approx. 9.00am until 2.50pm, anyone who enters the school grounds during these times will need to first sign in at the Front Office. This is a stipulation from the Department for Education for the safety of students, staff and community.

Student Daily Absence

As of Term 4, if a parent or caregiver hasn't notified their child's/children's classroom teacher or the Front Office the student will be marked as 'AU' (Away – Unexplained). At 10:30am each school day an automated email will be sent to the parents/caregivers notifying them of this absence. This new system replaces the individual phone calls Front Office staff were having to make each day. Please ensure you notify the school of any lateness or absence on each school day.

Vale Park Website

Vale Park has a new and improved website. Please make sure you visit and have a look and give us feedback on what you think and how we can improve it - <https://www.valeparkps.sa.edu.au>

Vale Park Students in the Community

We received this lovely feedback from Ananda Aged Care about Vale Park year 2 student Susie.

"Susie donated her time on Sunday to play the violin for residents in Ananda's Memory Support Unit. Residents were truly engrossed in her performance and it made such a difference to their day. Susie performed three songs and for this Ananda Aged Care is very grateful. We would like to commend Susie and her family, who came along to support her, for their compassion for others. Susie deserves to be recognised for such a wonderful contribution to her community."

It is lovely to see our students giving back to their community. Well done Susie.



Student State Representatives

Congratulations to Kirsty S & Macy A who represented the School Sport SA State Team at the School Sport National Championships in Darwin at the end of Term 3.

Kirsty competed in the Long Jump and she also qualified for the 100m and 200m. Kirsty's performance was exceptional as she set a new PB for herself of 4.92m. Although she jumped the same distance that the 3rd place winner – on count back Kirsty finished 4th. This is a huge improvement from her results during the 2018 SAPSASA Athletics meet in Melbourne.

Macy also competed in the Long Jump and made it to the top 8, earning herself an 3 extra jumps. She managed a 3cm PB and came 8th overall. In her combined event (Long Jump, 100m, Shot Put & 800m) Macy came 8th overall and managed PB's in all the events. She came equal 2nd in her 100m race and also managed a 13 second PB in her 800m.

Congratulations Kirsty and Macy





TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14/10	15/10	16/10 Footsteps	17/10	18/10
2	21/10	22/10	23/10 Footsteps	24/10	25/10 World Teacher's Day
3	28/10	29/10 Rooms 2 & 3 Excursion 7pm Gov. Council	30/10 Footsteps	31/10	1/11
4	4/11	5/11	6/11 Footsteps	7/11	8/11
5	11/11	12/11	13/11 Footsteps Active Travel Day Rooms 4 & 5 Excursion	14/11 Vale Park Extravaganza	15/11 School Closure
6	18/11 Pupil Free Day	19/11 Dental Van →	20/11	21/11 Room 11 Excursion	22/11 Rooms 12 & 13 Excursion 2020 Transition #1
7	25/11 Festive Meal Deal Rooms 14 - 20	26/11 7pm Gov. Council	27/11	28/11	29/11 2020 Transition #2
8	2/12 Year 6/7 Camp → Festive Meal Deal Rooms 2 - 13	3/12	4/12	5/12	6/12
9	9/12	10/12	11/12 Reports and class placement go home	12/12 10.15 - 10.45 Meet New Class Year 7 Graduation	13/12 End of term 1:30pm Dismissal



What we have been getting
up to in Room 11 (year 2 & 3)

In term 3 we loved spending time learning about a
new art concept **POP ART!**



HOW I MADE MY PAINT

One of our site improvement goals is working towards developing students' cognitive engagement in the classroom with a focus being on student agency in learning along with inquiry and STEM dispositions. Sharing of learning is a major component of inquiry learning and developing dispositions. So here is a focus article by a student to share with you.

By Ruby
Room 19, Year 4



I got to create my own investigation which I really enjoyed. I wanted to share with you why it was fun to create my inquiry and how I did it. I attempted to create paint using ingredients around the house.

Firstly, I had to mash my strawberries with a mortar and pestle so juice would come out of the strawberries. I strained it in a strainer when the juice was not coming out I put water in a mortar and pestle then mashed the strawberries again. Next I put them in the strainer and strained them. I did it again, and again, and again, and again until there was no more juice coming out. I got about a half cup of strawberry juice. It looked like a lot because a half cup came out of only four strawberries!

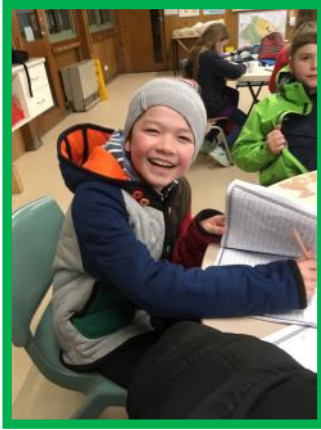
I added three tablespoons of icing sugar and vanilla yoghurt and gave it a mix for about a minute and a half. Next I used the stick blender so there was no clumps in it. I added about one tablespoon of flour and stored it so it was mixed together. I tried adding one aloe vera leaf to make it thicker but it didn't work. So I tried a wafer biscuit and it made it thicker so I added about ten. I had to wait for it to soften and then use the stick blender again.

Next, I colour it so it would look pretty. I coloured it blue because blue is my favourite colour. Adding gold glitter made it sparkle. I had my finished paint. It was so good and thicker like paint.

A couple of days later I discovered that it had thinned out. It actually got better. Particularly its feeling and colour.

What I learnt from my inquiry was the science of mixtures. I discovered that paints gets thinner after a couple of days or thicker. I also learnt that colour can fade after a while. One thing I would continue on is probably trying to make more samples and making more colours so other people can use it. The biggest struggle was making sure that it didn't go mouldy or watery so people like it and want to paint with it. I want to keep exploring with more time.

ROOM 20 - ARBURY PARK CAMP



In Week 7 of Term 3, Rooms 19 and 20 had a brilliant time on camp at Arbury Park Outdoor School. We learnt about biology, food webs, Aboriginal culture, map reading, team skills, history and sustainability. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied us.



Spring in the Garden



*Busy bees in
the Borage*



The Year 1 classes have been creating an Insect garden near the Ascot Ave gate. They are using this experience in conjunction with a Maths challenge.

Orchard Art with help from the chooks.



Outside Classroom Day Week 5



Tomato seedlings almost ready to be planted.

The Year 2/3's have been narrative writing using the Brassica Family characters.

Classes have continued to use their compost bins which are breaking down food almost ready for the garden.



Room 6 have been harvesting and tasting our beautiful big broad beans.



We will be looking for families in the summer holidays to assist with the chooks, fruit picking and watering the garden. If your family may be interested please let me know.

Hello there
Mr & Mrs Potato
pants people!



Win a VIP VPPS Concert Extravaganza Experience

**Purchase a ticket
for your chance to win!**

**ONLY 100 tickets
available @ \$10 each**

Winner will be drawn on 8/11/19

Prize includes;

- Roped off PRIME seating with beanbags, cushions & blankets (for up to 6 family members – the best seats in the house!)
- A grazing platter, SAKG BBQ, snacks & soft drinks (to the value of \$100)
- Photos of your child/ren on the night from our official photographer

Wipe out Waste

www.wow.sa.gov.au



Pack only what is realistic to eat.

Many children have excess food which ends up uneaten in bins. Discuss **what** and **how much** your child is likely to eat at school or preschool.



North East Community Day

Saturday 2nd November 2019
10am - 2pm

- ★ FREE Entry
- ★ FREE Kids Entertainment
- ★ FREE Live Entertainment
- ★ 40 + Stalls
- ★ Coffee Van, Sausage Sizzle, SA Tornado Potato & Cheese Toasties



Bring your own picnic and enjoy the atmosphere



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