



O'Connor Cooperative School  
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## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 6 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

27 Aug MEP singing at School 2.00 – 3.00pm  
5 Sept Preschool Jamboree at SCECS  
6 Sept Assembly hosted by Geckos  
7 Sept Outdoor learning day (dress for weather)

### NOTES SENT HOME

08 Aug School Satisfaction Survey  
08 Aug MEP Research permission  
22 Aug Year 1/2 Questacon Excursion

Community Singing Friday 2.30pm in Redgum - All welcome

## From Jenny

### School Satisfaction Survey

The 2017 School Satisfaction Survey for parents and carers is open. To date we have only received 19 responses from parents and carers with 3 more in progress. We would like hear from everyone so we can get a complete picture of the level of satisfaction of our parents and carers. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete the survey by next Monday 28 August 2017. A letter about the survey was sent to parents and carers via email on 8 August. If you do not have a code for each child in your family, please contact Natalie at the Front Office. The letter contains all the information you will need to access the survey.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/2017ParentandCarer>

### Music Engagement Program Interactive concert – Llewelyn Hall ANU Wednesday 20th September 6.00pm

All staff and students across the school, including many of our alumni families, are working towards our interactive concert which will take place at Llewelyn Hall ANU on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm. Please make sure you have this date in your diaries.

We will all be sharing a range of International songs in the spirit of Outreach, rather than just the children on stage singing to you. At our community and shared singing sessions on Friday afternoons, in classrooms and on Sunday afternoons, it is delightful to hear the children and parents singing in parts and just simply enjoying time together whilst singing.

If you haven't yet joined us please come along for a session. We all sing as a group – there is no pressure to know the tune as the collective group will carry your voice.

**Our regular sessions leading up to the performance take place every Friday afternoon 2.30 - 3.00pm during community singing in Redgum.**

In addition this week we will have an extension session on Friday after school and another this Sunday from 2.00 – 3.00pm here at school.

For the performance the children will be asked to wear black or dark pants

Preschool Black or dark pants - White top

Kindergarten Black or dark pants - Red top

Year 1 and 2 Black or dark pants - horizontal stripe top

We will be making additional props at school for the children to use and wear on the night

Tickets for the performance will be available for sale from next week at \$20 per family. A separate note will go home regarding tickets. We would love as many of your extended family and friends to join us in the audience.

### **Do you have Audio Recording or Movie Making skills??**

For research purposes and to enable families to fully engage during the evening and not simply watch through your smartphone screen, we would like to have the evening professionally digitally recorded. If you have the skills and equipment to undertake the task please advise Jenny or Natalie ASAP.

### **Parking in our neighbouring streets**

Please, please, please be mindful of our neighbours when you park to drop off or collect your child. **Our neighbours MUST have total access to their private driveways at ALL times.** I receive a complaint almost weekly about cars from our parents, partially and in some cases totally blocking neighbouring driveways, when you nip in to collect your children. You may think it is only for 5 minutes but this is inconvenient and extremely frustrating for our neighbours.

### **High 5 Award**

Congratulations to Jack on receiving the High 5 award this week showing **Respect For Each Other: Nothing Less.** Jack is always kind and caring, particularly in the playground where he shares the fun, often inviting others to join in play.

### **Reading Logs**

Each week it is a pleasure to share with students their reading achievements through their home reading log. Congratulations to the following students who have already recorded 100 nights and shared their reading log with Jenny.

#### **Kindergarten :**

**Year 1:** Reid

**Year 2:** Caitlin

### **Facebook**

From time to time we will be promoting some of the great learning and community connections through our Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user please 'like' [our page](#).



Regards *Jenny*

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# fresh TASTES | healthy food at school

Last week the staff participated in professional learning relating to Fresh Tastes. The course focused on nutritional guidelines and the five food groups. This information will assist the teachers when they begin delivering the 'Food and Me' components of Fresh Tastes to the children next term. The units of work will help the children understand the importance of good nutrition and encourage positive attitudes towards healthy food and drinks, and healthy lifestyle behaviours. There was lots of discussions about our own attitudes towards nutrition and the teachers enjoyed participating in the practical component – making our own rice paper rolls.

More information about the classroom learning will be provided in the coming weeks.



## From the Classroom

### Year 1 & 2 Geckos and Lizards



The children have been actively engaged in many amazing learning experiences this term. Through our History and Social Sciences (HaSS) unit with the focus on geography, we are looking at "What is a place and how are we connected to it?" We have been very busy looking at different scales from personal, local, regional, national and world views. We started by looking at our own backyards and bedrooms before going on a walk around O'Connor. The children drew their own mud maps with personal keys that they understood. We have been currently looking at the states and territories that make up Australia before

looking around the world to see all the continents.



This term we have restructured our investigation time. While still having four sessions over a week we have moved the timetabling around to start preparing our year 2 students with transitioning to year 3. This also means our investigations flow from the afternoon to the next morning and learning can continue from the previous session without packing everything away each time. The students seem to enjoy this new structure and look forward to their investigation time.

This semester we are having a focus on commitment and perseverance during investigations and to assist with this we have introduced a learning matrix, you may have heard about this from your child. Through this process we are Integrating HaSS and giving the children their own choice and ideas to follow their interests with a learning goal. The children complete the HaSS outcome each week and then follow their own ideas/interests. We are seeing some great projects being completed and the children are really showing commitment and perseverance.

During our writing lessons we had been focusing on narratives. With continued perseverance some children are now writing and publishing their own books. Keep an eye out to read some of our stories around the school.



This term we have been working with Mitch, our Scientist from the ANU. The children have been learning about a whole range of science topics from mixing gases, making things that fly, looking in microscopes, lava lamps as well as floating and sinking. Mitch comes in once a week to share his knowledge with us and always has a hands on lesson. We are learning that a large part of being a scientist is recording predictions, results and findings.



This Thursday we will welcome a new student in the Lizards class. The children are looking forward to meeting **Logan** and we welcome his family. We hope he enjoys becoming part of our school and community. Denise will also be coming in on Thursday to become acquainted with the children before commencing next week.



**Reading Time** Do you have time on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday morning to listen to some of our students read? If you do, please add your name to our roster on the main door to our classrooms.

**Thank you from Melissa** I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the wonderful time I have had at the Coop in 2017. It has been busy, fun and so magical to come back and teach the Lizards with Sharron. I can't believe how much the children have all grown and how much knowledge they have

about so many things and continuing to learn and share at the Coop. All the best for the rest of 2017 with Denise, I know you are all in great hands. I will pop in and visit once I have my baby and hopefully wish the year 2's good luck and farewell. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sharron and Caroline for working with me this year and making the Year 1/2 team such a success.

Melissa, Sharron and Caroline

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## Upcoming Events

### Dates for your Fridge Door

Date	Title	Event Description
<b>Week 7</b> Wed 30 Aug	Year 1/2 Excursion	Year 1/2 excursion to Questacon
<b>Week 8</b> Tues 5 Sept Wed 6 Sept Thur 7 Sept	Preschool Jamboree Assembly Outdoor Learning Day	Excursion to Southern Cross Early Childhood School Hosted by Geckos 9 .00am Dress for the weather on the day
<b>Week 9</b> Wed 13 Sept	Learning Journey	8.30 – 9.30am in classrooms
<b>Week 10</b> Wed 20 Sept	Whole School Concert	Llewelyn Hall 6.00 – 7.30pm

## Community News

