



O'Connor Cooperative School
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NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8 Wednesday 6th September 2017

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur 7 Sept Outdoor Learning Day (dress for weather)
Sun 10 Sept Sunday community Singing 2.00pm
Wed 13 Sept Learning Journey (8.30-9.30)
Wed 20 Sept Whole School Concert ANU 6.00pm
Fri 22 Sept Last day Term 3

NOTES SENT HOME OR EMAILED

Concert Ticket Information
Learning Journey Invitation

Community Singing Friday 2.30pm and Sunday 2.00pm in Redgum - All welcome

From Jenny

Learning Journey

Next Wednesday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am families are invited to join us in classrooms for our Learning Journey. This time is an opportunity for your child to share their learning experiences with you from both our indoor and outdoor learning environments. At 9.25am we will all gather on the steps to share some community singing with Dr. Susan West - a little taster for our community singalong concert in week 10. Please see the separate invitation flyer which has been sent home with your child today.

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 20th 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 are now on sale at \$20 per family. A separate note has been emailed. Please let Angela Corin (P&C president) or Natalie know if you need assistance with ticket purchase. We would love as many of your extended family and friends to join us in the audience. Our song list is attached and on our website. Ask your child to teach you some of our songs!

Outdoor Learning Day

This Thursday 7th September we will be participating in World Outdoor Learning Day . **Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather forecast.** We will have both beanies and sun hats available for the children to wear depending on the weather. Part of the day will be spent in the newly developed park area adjacent to the school. We are looking forward to singing in the amphitheatre, exploring loose parts in the outdoor workshop and trying out the soccer pitch using the goals post trees we planted earlier this year.

Long Service Leave

For the first 3 weeks of term 4 I will be taking Long Service Leave travelling to Europe with my youngest daughter. During my leave **Robyn Strangward** (Franklin Early Childhood School) will once again be Acting Principal.

High 5 Award

Congratulations to Ruby on receiving the High 5 award this week showing **Respect For Each Other: Nothing Less.** Ruby is a terrific 'leveller' in many play situations and ensures everyone feels included. Thank you for being so respectful Ruby.

Book Fair and Book Covering

Special thanks to Ro-Berta for her amazing work in setting up and running the Scholastic Book Fair again this year. We would also like to thank Kathy Moffat who assisted with sales, and all our families for participating in the fair and purchasing books.

As a result of the success of the Book Fair we now have a large supply of new books which need to be covered in contact. Ro-Berta will host a morning cuppa this **Friday from 9.00am** in the preschool room if you are able to come and help out for half an hour.

Congratulations to **Ruby** who won the guessing competition with a guess of 102. Money raised will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

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, Bella (200 nights)

Year 2:

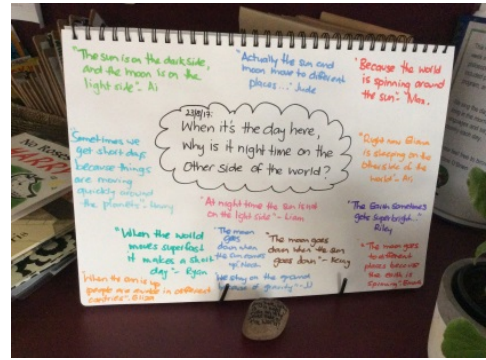
Regards *Jenny*



From the Classroom

Preschool

This term, the children have been actively engaged in meaningful conversations about their peer's wonderings. This type of inquiry learning experience not only enriches the program, broadening the children's knowledge and strengthening their inquiry skills, but continuously promotes and respects each individual voice and ideas of our children. So far we have inquired about wind, breathing, Echidnas and facts about night and day.



On World Rangers Day, July 31, our school had a visit from Ranger Brandon from ACT Parks. He gave us a presentation on the basic ways rangers help to sustain and protect our local plants and wildlife. This led to the preschool children engaging in conversations about local wildlife, Australian animals and how we can care for our natural environment. We have been inquiring about types of habitats that animals live in and have learned

two new habitat songs. We used the internet and books about animals to deepen our understanding of animal's needs, habitats and the natural environment. Last week the children were invited to brainstorm ways they could care for the environment. Some children also brainstormed ways they could thank the



rangers for caring for our animals and our local habitats. Each child drew a thank you drawing about animals or habitat and/or rangers. These drawings will be compiled into a book to send to ACT Park Rangers. We will also keep a copy at the



school.

Ro-Berta has been busy creating blank paged books for the children to write and draw in at the writing/drawing table. Many children are becoming interested in writing and drawing a sequence of events to create their very own story books. Some children have created fiction and others information books. The preschool has three writing/drawing nooks (one with a word wall) to give the children more opportunities to draw and write in a fun and safe environment.

During library time the children are also invited to choose two or three books for the week and place them into their individual book boxes. The children can visit these books whenever they like and they also look through them when we have quiet reading time at the end of the preschool day. This is part of our early literacy program to promote a love of reading.

Science week was a great hit. Some preschool children have continued to explore the patterns, textures and colours of types of rocks during play outside and this has extended to the arts where some children have used visual arts to draw rocks. Thank you to Eliza's dad, Tim who showed us many types of rock formations and how they are formed.





Thank you to Maria, Jack's mum for our music sessions on Thursdays. We love learning new songs in Spanish! Also on Thursdays we have been trialling inside/outside play for the morning. This has been successful and the children look forward to spending more time outside in our adventurous playground.

Families are always welcome to stay and play and/or contribute to the program. You might like to come in and read a favourite family story or share something highly valued or celebrated in your family. Please come in and check out our self-portraits on canvas. They look great! We look

forward to welcoming you all to our classroom next week for our Learning Journey on Wednesday 13th from 8.30 – 9.30am

Thankyou families for the great turn out at book week assembly. The preschool and kindergarten children really enjoyed working together to plan and create their Coop book to share with you and what amazing collection of " Its not a box It's a..." we did see!

I have had a wonderful time settling in at the Coop School. Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome. I have loved getting to know your children and gradually meeting you too! I look forward to continuing on this journey together and I will hopefully see you either at the community singing, before or after preschool and at our Learning Journey. If you would like an interview with me for any reason please don't hesitate to let me know and we can choose a convenient time for you.



Yasmine, Ro-Berta, and Laura.

Finance

Thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to our school. If you are yet to do so and would like your donation to be tax deductible, please advise Natalie that you would like your contribution to be donated to our library fund. Voluntary contributions for 2017 have been set at \$110. Thank you to those families who have also paid the bulk book pack contribution of \$90. Our stationery is purchased in bulk at the beginning of the year to ensure all students are able to access stationery supplies as they need them throughout the year. Preferred method of payment is electronic funds transfer and details are as follows:

BSB: 032-777

Account number: 001172

Account name: O'Connor Cooperative School

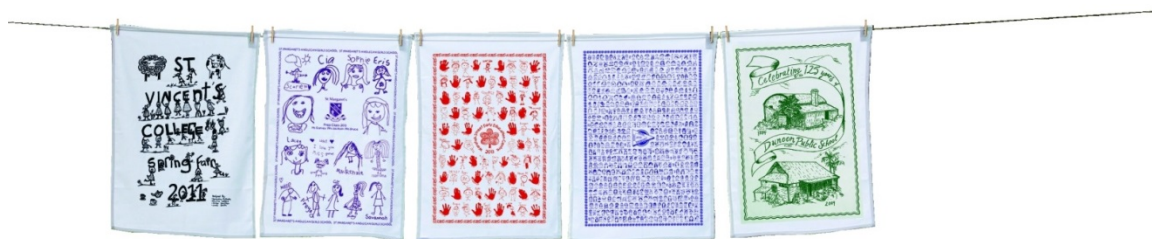
If you have collected any school clothing and are yet to pay, these bank details should be used. Please note purchase type in the reference section eg. Loudon Vol Con or Lalor Jacket. Receipts will be issued on payment. If you are unsure if you have paid for the voluntary contributions, the book pack contribution or for school clothing, please contact Natalie.

Upcoming Events

Dates for your calendar

Date	Title	Event Description
Week 8 Thur 7 Sept Sun 10 Sept	Outdoor Learning Day Community Singing	Dress for the weather on the day Family fun in Redgum 2.00 – 3.00pm
Week 9 Wed 13 Sept	Learning Journey	8.30 – 9.30am in classrooms
Week 10 Wed 20 Sept	Whole School Concert	Llewelyn Hall 6.00 – 7.30pm (tickets available at the FO)
Thurs 21 Sept Fri 22 Sept	Last day term 2 Preschool Last day term 2 K-2	On Friday, any spare hand to assist Phil in a WORKING BEE would be appreciated to help with replacing rocks around the garden and topping up the sand pit.

From the P&C



TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

Dear Parent / Carer / Friend,

As part of our fundraising efforts for this term, the O'Connor Cooperative School P&C is running a group tea towel project to help raise funds for the Coop.

The limited edition tea towel design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole group, then screen printed in green onto premium quality white cotton tea towels (50x70cm).

We chose the tea towels because everyone loves them. The children are thrilled to see their own artwork in print; they make a lasting memento to remember classmates, are amazing as gifts for parents, relatives and special friends, as an addition to your child's keepsake box or just use them to dry the dishes!

Make sure you don't miss out. There is a sample tea towel in the front office to view and a picture of our tea towel on the notice board outside the front office.

It is only \$15.00 for one limited edition tea towel. The more you order, the cheaper they become (2 for \$28, 3 for \$39 or \$12.50 each for 5 or more). Don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your child's keepsake box.

An order form will be sent home with your child this week.

Tea towels can be ordered by returning the order form **with correct cash payment** to the secure post box in the front office or to Kathy Moffatt (Lucy Yr 2 Lizards) in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL ORDER".

Orders must be received by the last day of this term, Friday 22 September 2017.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any queries please call *Kathy Moffatt (Lucy Yr 2)* on 0401 012 438

Community News

Changes to the Transport Canberra Bus Network, Saturday 7 October 2017

On Saturday 7 October 2017, Transport Canberra will be introducing a revised network and timetable. This change is the first of a series of improvements towards an integrated public transport system in 2018 with the introduction of light rail to the nation's capital.

This information including new timetables and maps are now available for parents and students to view on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au



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*Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have.
All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.*

Parentline ACT

is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service.

Phone Parentline if you would you like: |

- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

Parentline ACT.

Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9am to 5pm.

Phone: 6287 3833





Have fun at Corroboree Little Athletics!

Come and Try + Information Day:

Sunday 10th September

10am—12pm

Dickson Playing Fields

Hawdon Pl and Antill St, Dickson

Season starts Saturday 14 October

Corroboree welcomes children from all backgrounds and children with physical or mental disabilities.

Register online at:

www.corroboreela.com

Ph: 0402 236 674 (Ingrid—President)



SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

3 DAY CODING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

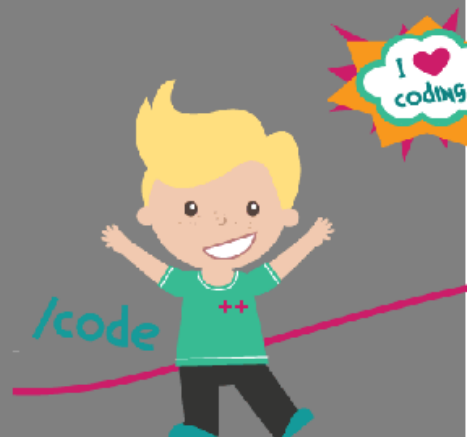
26-28 Sept & 3-5 October, 9am-3.00pm

Nunnawal Primary School Library,

Unaipon Avenue, Nunnawal

For information and registration see www.ozcodeacademy.com
or call 04 5107 1920

Register before 12 September to receive Early Bird discount of \$20
Sibling discount of \$20 applies for more than one enrolment per family



OUR MISSION

"Empowering our next generation to build creative confidence, develop critical thinking and foster collaborative teamwork, through the use of technology and preparing them for the technology-focused world and job-market they will inherit"