

# Augusta Park Primary School Newsletter

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16 MARCH 2017



## Dates to Remember

Friday 17 March  
Anti-Bullying Day

Monday 27 March  
Footsteps dance all  
week

Tuesday 4 April—  
Thursday 6 April  
Family/Teacher  
Interviews

Monday 10 April  
Governing Council 6pm

Thursday 13 April  
Last day of term  
School Finishes at 2pm

## From the Principal



Dear Families,

This week we were absolutely thrilled that the landscaping of our front garden was completed. It has taken just over 4 weeks and the area now looks inviting and attractive as well as making access to the front office easier. The front path has screens incorporated into the design which depict the Flinders Ranges. There has also been an outdoor learning area incorporated into the design which

teachers and students will be able to use throughout the year.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Notes were sent home this week about parent/teacher interviews which will be held in Week 10. Interviews are one of the many ways that we provide information to families about their children's progress at school. It is also an opportunity for you to discuss your child's

Individual Learning Plan (ILP) as well as raise any concerns or questions you have about your child's learning or development. We encourage you to make a time to see your child's teacher in Week 10. If you are not available during the times that are offered please contact your child's teacher to arrange a more suitable time.



### **Governing Council**

This week Governing Council held its first meeting and selected office bearers. Our Governing Council for 2017 is:

Chairperson: Leandre Turner

Deputy Chairperson: Emily Leahy

Secretary: Miriam Bodger (Staff Rep)

Treasurer: Ben Jenkin

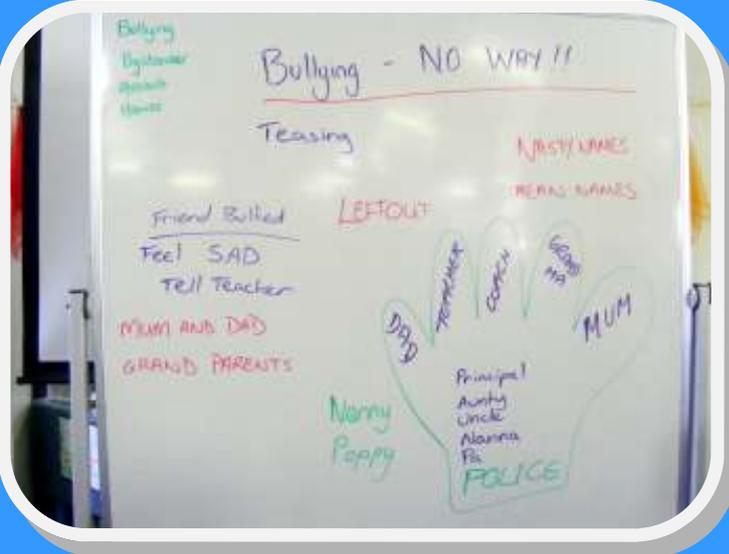
Members: Nicole Pepall, Skye McGee, Adele Marshall, Dianne Ayris, Michelle Pavletich, Carah Curley, Tracy Laughton, Naomi Evans and Bec Mueller

Kind regards, *Bec Mueller*

# National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

17 March 2017

On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, eight members of the Port Augusta Police Department come to Augusta Park Primary School to deliver an anti-bullying session with each class. Students talked about what to do in response to being bullied and what they can do if they do not feel safe. These sessions were run in conjunction with National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence which is celebrated on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March this year.



At recess some members from the Port Augusta Police station joined some of our students in a friendly basketball game.



## What is bullying:

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says: Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Therefore bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm.



Behaviours that are not bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

If you require further information or additional resources please log onto the Government website at: [www.bullying.noway.com.au](http://www.bullying.noway.com.au) or, contact Ben Kha (School Counsellor) on 8642 3599. Please encourage your child to report bullying so that we can take appropriate action, without us knowing, it is impossible for us to act.



# Cultural Studies

With Miss McKenzie-Stuart

In Cultural Studies lessons this fortnight we have continued reading the story 'Ngarlarkin Awi Yana Kinai' - Big Rain Coming. This week students we have been seeing how well they can remember the book and trying to read it without the assistance of Miss McKenzie-Stuart.

This week the concept of time and how Adnyamathanha people used the sun to tell the time was introduced to classes. Miss McKenzie-

Mrs Francis' display



Mrs Dannenberg's display



Mrs Elliot's display in the foyer



It is fantastic to see work the students have completed displayed in the classrooms and foyers.

Have you visited school to see the displays?

Miss Kidman's class work



Miss Murray's class work



Mrs McKenzie's foyer display

Words to practise at home

night - wildja

morning - wiltjardanha

afternoon - milyinnga