

Nicolson

AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 5

24/8/2023

Term 3: 2023
24/7/23 – 29/9/23

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Here's hoping you have had a lovely last couple of weeks. Hopefully we are through the worst of the cold weather as we move into the second half of the term. We have had a busy last two weeks with our Science Week activities last week and our Book Week activities this week.



SSO Week

This week classes have been recognising and celebrating the important work that our ancillary staff do. At our school these individuals perform various duties such as administration, finance, ICT support, intervention, Aboriginal community involvement and general classroom support. I would like to acknowledge just how important all of this work is in helping to support our children to achieve their potential. The relationships that these individuals have developed with the children they work with does not go unnoticed and I know that as a school community you will join me in thanking them for every little bit they do.



Berry Street Training

Thanks to everyone in our school community for your support for our staff to hold our recent Student Free Day. As a staff we continued with our learning of the Berry Street Education Model with the focus of this module being 'Relationships'. Throughout the day we learnt that relationships and strong relational interactions are integral to classroom practice with all students and in particular with those who are vulnerable and traumatised. Relationships are formed through deliberate steps by teachers and staff that establish trust, validation and safety. We learnt about and practised things like unconditional positive regard, golden statements, process vs person praise and bounded choices. Research repeatedly identifies student – teacher relationships as a critically important element supporting effective teaching and learning. Relationships are seen as a key determinant of student engagement and academic outcomes. Hence our keenness to continue with this learning.

Science Week/Book Week

Our children have been very busy over the last two weeks involving themselves in challenges for both of our themed weeks. During Science Week they had the opportunity to design Beanbag Launchers and a catcher for an Egg Drop. They also worked together in teams to build the tallest freestanding tower able to hold a basketball; this was done in House Teams to allow the children to familiarise themselves with fellow House Team members in the lead up to Sports Day. Thanks to Jane McLean and Bryan Rotherham for organising these activities.

During Book Week the children had the opportunity to listen to many stories being read to them by various staff members and followed these up with related activities as well as taking part in a 'Find All Of Frank's Hats' challenge where they had to scour the school to find all the hats that had been hidden around the school in a 10 minute timeframe. There were also lunchtime activities for the children to be involved in, in the STEM Room. The celebrations will culminate this week with our Book Week Parade on Friday morning where staff and students will dress up as a favourite character from a book. Thanks to Sarah Filkin and Treann Clarke for all the effort they put in to organising this amazing week that was themed Read, Grow, Inspire!

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

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Diary Dates

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| Book Week | 21/8/23 – 25/8/23 |
| Book Week Parade Assembly | 25/8/23 |
| Father's Day Stall | 31/8/23 – 1/9/23 |
| School Closure Day | 8/9/23 |
| Sports Day | 29/9/23 |
| Last day of Term 3 | 29/9/23 |



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Smith Family Information



everyone's family

The Smith Family are bringing back the Learning Club to our site this term.

If you wish your child to join in with the Learning Club or find out more information, please contact Alicia Keilty to register on 0427 291 419 or email her at Alicia.keilty@thesmithfamily.com.au

We also have registration forms in our Administration Office if you are interested in your child participating in this program.

Activities that students can participate in during learning club are STEM, arts & crafts, wellbeing, literacy, numeracy and more....

Whyalla Wide School

Closure Day

Friday the 8th September the Whyalla Wide School Closure Day.

School will resume on Monday the 11th September.

Book Week



We will finish celebrating Book Week with a Parade tomorrow during our Assembly.

We would like to invite our parents and carers to our Book Week Parade this year.

Assembly will start at approximately 9.05am in the gym and our students will proudly show off their inventive costume designs during this assembly.

We ask that all visitors to our assembly please be Covid aware and stay home if unwell and be aware of social distancing measures inside our gym.

Father's Day

Father's day is celebrated on the first Sunday in September which will be the 3rd September.

Classes will book in a time to visit and purchase items from the stall on either Thursday the 31st August or Friday 1st September.

Please check with your child's teacher as to what day they are booked in, so they can bring in their money on that day.



Parking on Nicolson Avenue



We have had some negative feedback from drivers travelling along Nicolson Avenue Primary school in the mornings during school drop off times.

Parents are parking out the front of our school in the designated parks but opening their doors to oncoming traffic which is causing distress to traffic passing by.

Please ensure that you check there are no cars coming before opening doors and exiting your vehicle for your safety and the safety of the oncoming traffic.

Thank you for arriving and departing safely during school drop off and pick up.