



VIRGINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Learning Together, Learning for our Future

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Friday 3rd August

Whole School Assembly
Community Centre 9:15am

Week 3

Wednesday 8th August

Governing Council Meeting
7:00pm

Thursday 9th August

SAPSASA Girls soccer
@ Ingle Farm
12:00pm kick-off

Week 4

Friday 17th August

SAPSASA Girls netball
@ Virginia
1:00pm start

Week 5

BOOKWEEK – FIND YOUR TREASURE

Tuesday 21st August

Senior Choir Excursion

Wednesday 22nd August

Book Week Parade
"FIND YOUR TREASURE"
9:15am



Entertainment Books and app available at
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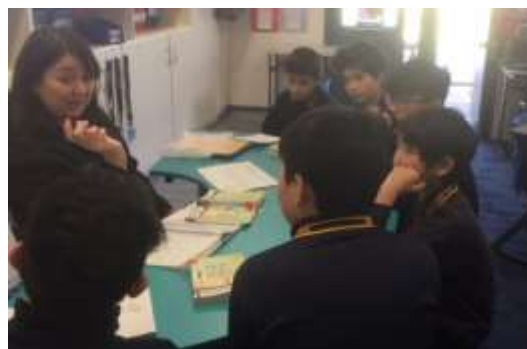
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Classroom visits

One of the best parts of my job is visiting classrooms during learning time. This morning I visited six classrooms during literacy time. Whilst on my visits I thought I would photograph some of the learning taking place. Five of the six classes this morning were in the middle of **guided reading**.

As highlighted in our week 7 newsletter from last term, **guided reading** is where teachers work with one student or a small group of students to read and learn about the text. Whilst groups of students are working with the teacher, other students are either independently or in small groups focussing on a reading task that doesn't require on the spot teacher coaching.

In the photos you will see Mr Coleman working with students deconstructing an informative narrative, Mrs Lock working with a group who are sharing their work and understanding around a text they have been reading and Ms Valente working with a group on an information report to structure it into 'macro' and 'micro' groups.

I didn't manage any photos of two Junior Primary classrooms as during these...
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visits I was lucky enough that Mrs Crompton, Ms Anita, Ms Krystal, Ms Katrina and Ms Mary allowed me to take their groups for **modelled reading** (where I was demonstrating reading strategies as I was reading to children).

I was also fortunate enough to be in one of our middle primary classrooms during 'word study'. The research into the effectiveness of spelling has become much clearer, in the past we use to focus on receiving a list at the beginning of the week, completing tasks during the week (often with no teacher interaction) and then being tested at the end of the week. We now know that we must be far more intentional with children, students need to understand how to use banks of known words, word origins, base words, suffixes and prefixes, morphemes, spelling patterns and generalisations to learn and spell new words. The four forms of spelling knowledge include:

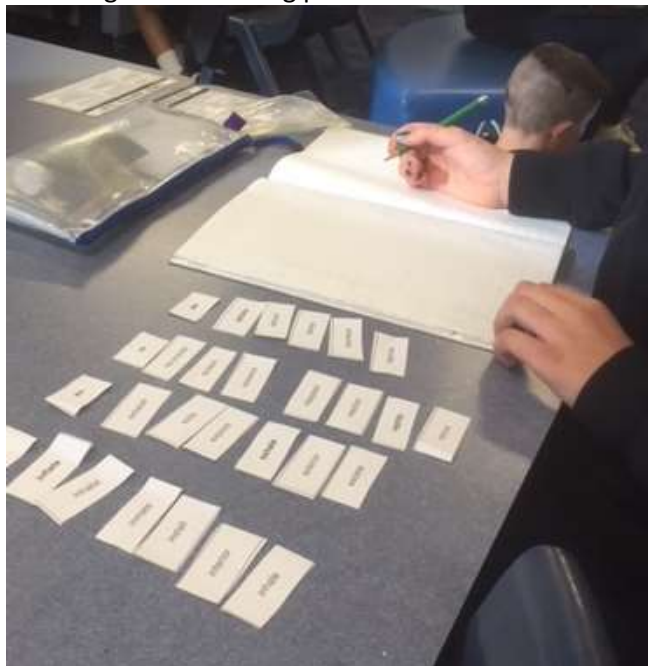
Phonological: an understanding of phonemic awareness (being able to hear the sounds in words and manipulate them) and alphabetic awareness (knowledge of letter sound correspondence).

Visual: understanding the way words and letter combinations look.

Morphemic: understanding the meaning of words and how spellings differ when they change form.

Etymological: understanding the origin of words.

In the photo below you will see one of our children focussing on and sorting prefixes.



BOOK FAIR



Every two years our school hosts a **'Book Fair'**.

This year it will be held during Week 3 Term 3, in our Library from Wednesday the 8th of August to Friday the 10th of August 2016. (It may be ready on the Tuesday)

The Library will still be open from **8:30** in the morning until **3:30** in the afternoon for sales.

During these days the Library will also be **open at Recess and Lunch**.

Pupil Free/ School closure ADVANCED NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAY (Thurs 7th September)

On this day staff will be working together and be a part of professional learning in wellbeing for learning. **OSHC WILL BE AVAILABLE**

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY (Fri 8th September)

Our Governing Council has approved a school closure 'Show Day' day. A reminder, there is **NO OSHC** available on school closure days.

SA Dental Service

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The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

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VPS Term Planner (Term 3, 2018)

****Please note, times are subject to change, any changes will be communicated ASAP**

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dates	23/7/2018	24/7/2018	25/7/2018	26/7/2018	27/7/2018
1	First day back Premier's Be Active Challenge start				
	30/7/2018	31/7/2018	1/8/2018	2/8/2018	3/8/2018
2			Book Week Performance 2:15 – 3:15pm		NCDC due in EDSAS National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (4/8) ASSEMBLY
	6/8/2018	7/8/2018	8/8/2018	9/8/2018	10/8/2018
3	Preschool 3-way discussions		Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm BOOK FAIR	SAPSASA girls soccer @ Ingle Farm 12pm	
	13/8/2018	14/8/2018	15/8/2018	16/8/2018	17/8/2018
4	Preschool 3-way discussions NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK				SAPSASA girls netball @ Virginia 1pm
	20/8/2018	21/8/2018	22/8/2018	23/8/2018	24/8/2018
5	BOOK WEEK Find Your Treasure	SENIOR CHOIR EXCURSION 9:00 – 11:30	Book Week Parade Theme – Find Your Treasure		SAPSASA Athletics Carnival
	27/8/2018	28/8/2018	29/8/2018	30/8/2018	31/8/2018
6	Literacy & Numeracy Week	WORLD OF MATHS BOOKED	WORLD OF MATHS BOOKED		****R.A SHOW ASSEMBLY
	3/9/2018	4/9/2018	5/9/2018	6/9/2018	7/9/2018
7	****R.A SHOW National Child Protection Week	****R.A SHOW	****R.A SHOW	****R.A SHOW Pupil Free Day Well-being OSHC AVAILABLE	****R.A SHOW SHOW DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE NO OSHC
	10/9/2018	11/9/2018	12/9/2018	13/9/2018	14/9/2018
8			Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm	R U Ok Day	R-3 Cricket Clinic
	17/9/2018	18/9/2018	19/9/2018	20/9/2018	21/9/2018
9		SENIOR CHOIR EXCURSION – Festival theatre 9:35 – 1:30pm 6:40 – 9:40pm	3 Way Interviews LATE NIGHT		International Day of Peace ASSEMBLY
	24/9/2018	25/9/2018	26/9/2018	27/9/2018	28/9/2018
10			Aquatics 6/7		Premier's Be Active Challenge finish Staff V Students netball