

# Ardtornish Newsletter

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### **Diary Dates**

#### September

24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day Term 3 – 2.00pm Dismissal

#### October

- 11<sup>th</sup> Term 4 begins
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yr 4/5 Come 'n' Try Carnival
- 15<sup>th</sup> Yr 4/5 Come 'n' Try Carnival
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cricket Carnival
- 25<sup>th</sup> Governing Council 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Visiting Author Steven
- Herrick 29<sup>th</sup> – BANDANA Day
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## Last Day of Term 3 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm Dismissal

#### Road Crossing Monitors

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sep – Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Sep Maddison H, India S, Siana R

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sep & Mon 11<sup>th</sup> & Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Jakob P, Zac S, Hugo H

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Jude H, Tate W, Keira C

Please arrive by 8.25am

# Celebrating our 3rd Annual 'Student Writers' Week'



Our Annual "Student Writers' Week" celebrates students as authors, to build a culture in the school that values writing. This year's theme is

#### "Meet My Unique Character" because "Great Characters make Great Stories"

Students have written books with a focus on character development, is displaying them in the library, in Week 8 - 10 of Term 3.

Over this time, selected students in upper year classes are visiting students in younger classes to read them an extract from their book and explain about how they used one of the seven step procedures to improve their writing.

The students pictured above, with their books, are from Room 4B. These 10 students did a special presentation to our Education Director Diane Jackson and explained to her what skills they had developed as they wrote and edited their books.

Classes have used 'Bump it up walls' to support students to self-assess and set improvement goals for their writing and the Brightpath assessment tools, have been used to celebrate what students can already do as writers and identify skills they need to further develop to become more sophisticated writers.

Seven Steps has been used as a framework in many classrooms to support students to plan and edit their writing so it is more engaging for an audience. Each speaker focused on one of these elements or something unique they learned through the writing process.

#### The seven steps students talked about using included:

- **1. Planning for Success** Planning their story before they started.
- 2. Using Sizzling Starts Starting where the action was.
- 3. Tightening Tension Putting detail in their story so the reader stayed engaged

**4. Creating Dynamic Dialogue** - Using dialogue to explain events in the story, fill in unknown facts and make their characters come alive as you hear their responses.

**5.** Showing, Not Telling - Building information into their text to tell people about their character and events without directly telling them.

**6.** Banning the Boring Bits - Explaining how they took out, or left out, all the things that might make their story boring

**7. Creating an Exciting Ending or ending with a message (Coda)** Explained how they developed a great ending to their story or a coda to explain its message.

 Term 4 - Closures and Pupil Free Days

 Pupil Free Day - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November Week 5 – Purpose: school review and planning

 School Closure – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November Week 7

Excursion and Incursion Update			
ACTIVITY	DATE/S	STUDENTS INVOLVED	LAST PAY DAY 4pm
Year 6 & 7 Graduation	6/12 7/12	Year 6 & 7	5/11/21
SAPSASA Come & Try	14/10/21	Rm's 7,8,15,2a, 3a,3b	12/10/21
Subway Meal Deal	24/9/21		12pm - 22/9/21

The swimming lessons booked for our year 3-5 classes (plus Room 3 and 4 students) were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Unfortunately we have not been able to re-schedule them again this year.

Parents who have paid for lessons will have the \$40 automatically credited to their account. These funds can then be allocated against other expenses such as excursions, Chromebooks, fees, etc when you instruct us to do so.

If you are unsure of your balance at any time, please contact Michele Kraniac in Finance. Refunds are available on request.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Michele S Mary-Anne R Ling C, Chris G Jenni F, Emma J - Subway

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Michele S Mary-Anne R Tui M, Deneice P Emma J, Jenni F, Rhonda P, Stacey C



#### Kids Kitchen - September school holidays

The September - October school holidays are fast approaching and TAFE SA has some food filled classes for your up-and-coming chefs of the future. Whether your child is a Kinder Cook, or Growing **Gourmet** Chef, we have something they're sure to love! Afternoon classes have been added to Growing Gourmet Chef, make sure you book in before these sell out too!

# 2022 enrolment and class structure processes

Accurate enrolment details are needed so we can determine numbers for our 2022 classes. Therefore if your family is considering moving, or you know of someone moving into our area it is important that you let us know as soon as possible. If you have a younger sibling to start next year and you haven't completed an enrolment form please contact the front office staff as soon as possible.



#### Cyber Safety

Fiona Pinnington's Cyber Safety presentation last Tuesday evening had a strong focus the virtual world as another space to adapt our core parenting skills. She provided many resources. Parents might like to consider how to better relate and respond to their children's screen activities as the school holidays approach. Here are a couple of useful sites:

The Australian Council on Children and the Media (ACCM) is Australia's peak body representing children's interests as digital and screen media users. Here are reviews of apps, movies and plenty of resources. See: <u>https://childrenandmedia.org.au/</u>

The e-Safety Commissioner site's range of resources, includes family technology agreements to assist the discussion about important on-line issues and boundaries:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources#family-techagreements See Natalie Hall's article on the following page for more information and helpful links.

#### Parenting Support

For any men wanting to reflect on their role as a parent in term four the Children's Centre will have a free 'Being A Dad and My child & Me' course over three Wednesday evening from Wednesday 3 November. Call to enrol.

#### School Holiday Stuff

Some great vacation activities can be found at these sites:

https://schoolholidayactivities.com.au/school-holiday-activitiesadelaide/

Three local council school holiday programs

https://www.teatreegully.sa.gov.au/Home (click on the Events and places box for a menu with a School holiday program link)

https://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/Community/Libraries/Library\_P rograms\_and\_Events/School\_Holiday\_Program

https://www.cityofpae.sa.gov.au/explore/libraries/programsand-events

Children's Centre School holidays

The Children's Centre is closed for the first week of the school holidays and programs are fully booked for week two. For other, selected, local events and the new term's program (to be posted during the holidays) see our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ArdtornishCC/

Regards, John Buckell Community Development Coordinator 82649828, 0409984495 or email john.buckell@sa.gov.au

# Lost Property

We have lots of unnamed items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes. Please make sure if you have lost anything to check lost property before the end of term.





Group photos are now on display in the front office, online ordering has closed, if your child had a group photo taken and you would still like to purchase one, we now have group photo payment envelopes in the office. Photos are \$20 each.

# Cyber Safety - Parent Workshop

#### Why do young children go online?

To connect, be creative, and develop competency. Rather than prevent children from accessing the online world, parents are encouraged to explore apps, websites, and games children desire to play.

There are many resources available to support parents and carers in providing a safe environment for children to explore the online world.

Some tips to keep your children safe online:

- Explore the online world together to see what students are accessing
- Draw up a technology agreement with your children and stick to it
- Avoid screen time in bedrooms and remove devices from bedrooms overnight
- Provide limits on how much screen (TV, computer, device) time children can access each day
- The current recommendations are: 0-2-year-olds - 0 hours

3-5-year-olds - 1 hour per day

- 5+ year olds 2 hours per day
- Encourage honest and open discussions about online usage
- Model appropriate use of technology as a parent
- Show children how to report cyberbullying and inappropriate material online through apps/sites and the eSafety website
- Set up and use parental controls information available from the esafety website on how to do this

Over 10 parents from Ardtornish Primary School and the Children's Centre attended a Cyber Safety Parent Workshop on Tuesday, September 14, presented by Fiona from the Department of Human Services as part of the Parenting and Family Support Program. Parents took away an information pack full of fact sheets and tips for staying safe online.

As adults, we are learning how to live with technology in our lives. For our children, technology is their life. Support your children by being informed and by having open and honest conversations with them about the online world. Technology agreements can be an excellent start to keeping your children safe online. They are most successful when they are set up with children being a part of the process.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support in setting up family technology agreements, parental controls, or any other information around cyber safety.

Keep in touch,

Natalie Hall Student Wellbeing Leader <u>nhall@ardps.com</u> 8264 8099

Useful websites

eSafety Commissioner - <u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/</u> - excellent information for families on how to set up family tech contracts, where to go for help, including reporting inappropriate content online.

The Carly Ryan Foundation <u>https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/</u> excellent fact sheets and simple guide on how to use parental controls and security settings on a variety of apps. ThinkUKnow - <u>https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-</u> tab (carpage and carpage great fact sheets for parents (carpage to use

tab/parents-and-carers - great fact sheets for parents/carers to use a guide to keeping children safe online.

Common Sense Media <u>https://www.commonsensemedia.org/</u> a great website to get an understanding of websites, games, apps and more.

#### Future Workshops:

Being a Dad + My Child and Me - Call Jo or John at the Ardtornish Children's Centre for more information 82649828 Engaging Adolescents - A FREE 3 week program - see the front office for more information.



#### ARDTORNISH DANCE SPORTS

TEAM TRY OUTS

Saturday 18th September in the school gym

aerobics 9-10am (year 3+) dance/hip hop 10-11am (year 3+) cheer 11-12 (year 1+) There is a cost of \$80 per term that is payable by week 3 and there is a oneoff costume fee that we try to keep as affordable as possible. Your child will have lessons during term time in terms 4, 1 and 2. We are working towards

working towards competitions that are held in May and June each year. Your child is expected to attend these (held at Golden Grove Arts Centre and Norwood Town Hall) and the cost of these are included in your term fees. If we are invited to Nationals, your child's attendance at this is optional. All costs for Nationals are paid by parents.



## Engaging Adolescents 3-week program Tuesday 19/10, 26/10 & 2/11

#### Research shows that there are many benefits to positive parent/child relationships

#### Parents will learn:

- to understand adolescence development
- to identify 'normal" behaviour'
- how to set reasonable expectations
- how to assist teenagers to manage their emotions
- how to build a stronger relationship
  how to encourage healthy habits (such as technology use and sleep)
- skills for navigating tough conversations.

FREE 3-week program for parents providing easy & practical skills to engage with their teenagers

> 6.30pm to 8.30pm

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# **Community Information**



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or more information on how to join us, or attend a free Come & Try session, please contact us on facebook, or at inglefarmlittleathletics@gmail.com

COST \$70 88 / 100 ELIZABETH STREET, BANKSIA PARK

For more details email Sarah at ttgncreg@gmail.com



A new exciting Drilldance Junior team is being established in Modbury Heights.

#### BEGINNERS WELCOME!!

WHEN: Saturday's beginning at 9.00am WHERE: In the gym at the Heights School WHO: Girls aged between 7 and 11 years HOW MUCH? : Just \$5.00 per session (First 2 sessions are free!)



The team is trained by a nationally accredited coach

Please contact Barbara 0421631775 or Tan Kuei on 0467058503 for more information



#### **Mountain Biking Programs**

Head for the Hills has a range of Mountain Bike programs commencing soon, including an After School Skills Program just for girls. They also have their popular Holiday Geocache Adventure, Holiday Skills Clinics and After School Skills as per usual. These programs focus on the key skills of mountain biking and will develop the students:

- Bike handling and balance
- Control and trail reading
- Technique (discipline independent)

Students will also learn about the non-practical aspects of mountain biking, including:

- Trail etiquette for shared-use networks
- Risk assessment and management skills
- Knowledge of participation opportunities

For more information, visit <u>headforthehills.net.au</u>