



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/8/2018 Year 7 Parliamentary Visit
- 13/8/2018 Science Week; Game Makers, Game Changers"
- 14/8/2018 6:00pm Governing Council
- 20/8/2018 School Photos
- 23/8/2018 Book Week Parade; 'Find your Treasure" & Showcase of Learning
Adelaide Band Competition
excursion
- 24/8/2018 Teal Road Safety Excursion
- 29/8/2018 NAPLAN Online testing

Representatives from police, fire fighters, small business, A Smith Family team leader, and a university student provided our students with valuable insight about their chosen careers and how they have achieved their dreams.



Students learned about the pathways to a range of professions.

Dear families and friends,

Career Aspirations

It's never too early to start dreaming about the future if you're a child. Dreams become aspirations; aspirations become goals when we begin to believe that we can achieve our dreams.



Year 6/7 students have opportunity to listen to the stories of a range of professionals. David tries on the protective clothing of a Fire Fighter for size!

The Smith Family has supported our children to think of some of the career possibilities that are available to them through the "Straight Talk Flash Mentoring" forum. Last Wednesday the Year 6/7 students met with a range of professionals who talked about the pathways they took to achieve their jobs. Students heard of some of the hurdles and challenges but also benefited from a key message that having a commitment and being prepared to persist leads to success.

NAPLAN Online

Woodville Gardens School B-7 will participate in the online version of the National Assessment PLAN in 2019. To get ready and make sure that we are able to meet the technical requirements we will be holding a mock test in three weeks' time on Wednesday 29th of August 2018. The results of these practice tests will not be collected or shared, but what we will learn is whether our technology has the capacity to run the tests for next year. Information will be provided to families of children who participate in the tests trialed this term.

A further challenge is to support students who will be in Years 5 and 7 to develop the keyboard skills that will support them to complete the Writing Test online. The Year 3s will continue to use pencil and paper for 2019.

Swimming

The Primary Classes, Years 3 - 5 begin their swimming program at the Parks Swimming Centre on Monday 3rd of September with the Junior Primary classes from Reception to Year 2 starting the following Monday. Classes from Years 1-5 will walk to and from the swimming centre, giving them opportunity to dry off on their way back to school. Reception classes will be bussed to ensure they aren't exhausted by the end of the week.

Kind regards,

Ms. Fiona Voigt, Principal

Purple 7010 and 7013 participate in Play is the Way together. Play is the Way teaches social and emotional learning using guided play, classroom activities and empowering language. The students in 7013 act as peer mentors to the younger students.

Play is



Three people work together to stop someone from catching the tail. Ilesha

Catch the Tail

When the teacher calls out number 3 you have to make three people in the hoop. Yixiang



The Island Game



You have to hold hands and go around the hoops and a person leads the snake. Nick

The Snake Game

the Way!

The Name Game



We are playing Bean Bag Toss.
I have to get the bean bag in the hoop.
Savanna



Toss the Bean Bag

We stand in a circle
and when it is our turn
we say someone's
name and go to sit
where they are
standing.



Picadilly Circus

Literacy Corner

Phonics Screening Check

Most children start school with some understanding of reading. Some can already read. Children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds – known as ‘phonics’ – will be at an advantage. Phonics is vital in learning to read.

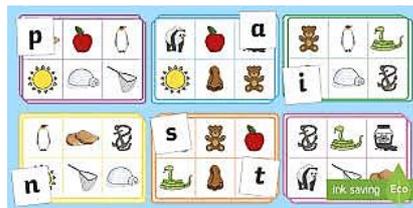
What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Each letter has a sound and a name. For example the name for the letter ‘a’ is how we would say it in the word ‘game.’ However, the sound for the letter ‘a’ is how we would say it in the word ‘cat.’ To support reading, children need to know the 44 sounds that different letters can make. We call this phonics. The Phonics Screening Check shows teachers whether students know all these sounds. All Year 1 students in government schools will do the check in August 2018.



Why is it being introduced?

All teachers will check their year 1 students to see if they know all their sounds. This will be done on an individual basis and each check takes about 5-7 minutes. The teacher will then analyse the results. This information will be used to help those students who do not understand.



How will the Phonics Screening Check help my child?

Phonics is vital in learning to read and our aim is to help the students at Woodville Gardens School to become good readers. Children who understand and know about phonics have an advantage. If schools can help students to understand phonics, their reading will improve and that is what we want for your child.

Writers' Corner

Ms Leah Thornton's class have been working on Explanation Writing. We discussed the difference between Explanation and Procedure writing. Explanations describe how or why something works. Procedures describe how to make or play something. Explanations start with an introduction which includes a definition and the positive and negative aspects of the object. We practised writing an introduction together and then the students wrote an introduction by themselves.

How a pencil sharpener works

Pencil sharpeners are objects that have sharp blades that can sharpen a pencil. The good thing about pencil sharpeners is it sharpens your pencil so you can write neatly. The negative thing about pencil sharpeners is the lid can easily break off and all the pencil shavings fall out and you have to pick them up. Jenny (Room 907)

A sharpener is a school supply used to sharpen pencils. The positive things about pencil sharpeners are they can't hurt little kids because they have a plastic protector around them and they are also very easy to use. The negative things about pencil sharpeners are you have to empty them all the time and they can break very easily. Tanika (Room 907)