



NEWS SHEET

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24th November 2017

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

On Monday the 21st of November, staff participated in workshops and planning for 2018. We also reviewed our Site Improvement Plan and identified our achievements and the areas that we need to continue to focus on in 2018. Our three key areas for 2018 will be Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Technologies. Teachers have worked hard at developing their pedagogy and implementing learning opportunities that challenge our students to grow. Our NAPLAN and PAT results have shown significant growth in Literacy and Numeracy and support both our direction and intervention programs we are providing for our students. We look forward to building on this success in 2018.

Water Safety program

Next week sees the beginning of our swimming week where our R – 5 students participate in a water safety program. We are asking all parents attending to not take photos of students in the pool. This is in line with DECD Social Media Policy. Parents can take photos of their child (only) outside the pool. Please ensure that your child's swimming gear is labelled clearly and you put in an extra plastic bag for their wet clothes. The weather looks great and all the students are looking forward to a wonderful experience.

Volunteers make a difference

At Redwood Park we have a fabulous group of volunteers who provide valuable support throughout our school. Our volunteers support our classroom learning programs, provide support on camps and excursions and organise many school events throughout the year. On Monday 11th of December we are holding a morning tea to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful job all our volunteers do in our school. If you have not received your invitation please pop into the front office and see Deb and she will provide you with all of the information. Please reply to the invitation as soon as possible to the front office.

Governing Council

The Governing Council enables our parents to become actively involved in our school and provide parental voice in the governance of the school. This year we have met twice a term and discussed our education direction, finances, OSHC, fundraising and other important topics.

Our Fundraising team of more than 15 parents have worked tirelessly throughout the year to raise valuable funds that will go towards building our new Primary Nature playground.

Successful Quiz Nights, Athons, Father's and Mother's Day stalls and the school disco have seen the team raise over \$18000 so far. With our Xmas raffle still in progress, we are hoping to reach the magical \$20,000 total.

Thank you also to Rachel Stribling and the parent group who raised over \$1500 from

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Calendar

Swimming—R-5 (includes Mr Ts Yr 5s)
Mon 27/11– Fri 1/12

Illawonga Camp—Year 6/7
Mon 4/12– Fri 8/12

End of Year Concert -

Tues 12th Dec

Reports will go home—

Wed 13th Dec

Term finishes—

Fri 15th Dec @ 2.15pm

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Building a Culture of Change



FROM THE 1/2 TEAM IN UNIT B

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Yr 1 Mrs Fox with Mrs Korner's Yr2/3s

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Yr 1/2 Ms Dombroyannis with Ms Bridges Yr 4s

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Yr 2 Mrs S with Mr P's Yr 5 & Ms Lamparelli's Yr 4/5s

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Working with our Buddy Classes promotes all 4 of our school values,

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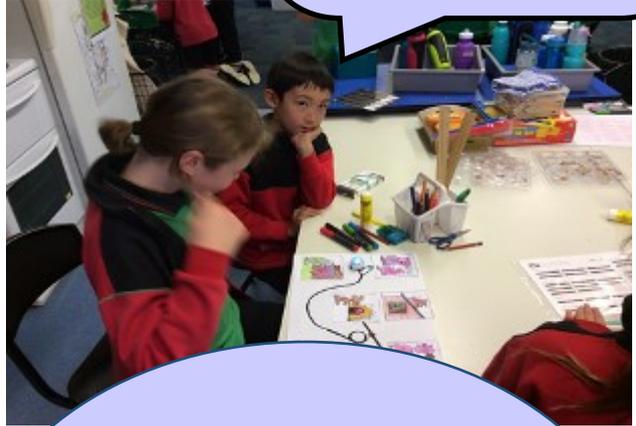
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When I was working with my buddy we were coding the Ozobots to spin and spin.



Our Buddies helped us to put together the story map of The 3 Little Pigs and then they showed us how to programme the Ozobots.



We had fun with our Buddies learning how to code the Ozobots and mapping the story of The Three Little Pigs.

The Australian Curriculum encompasses working with Buddies through The General Capabilities.

There are seven general capabilities of which the Personal and Social capability focuses on 'behaving and learning to live with others'.

At our school, Buddy Class work begins at the beginning of the year with activities like shared reading and playing social games. Later it develops into taking on a curriculum area and developing a programme that suits the children and the teachers.



I designed this Christmas tree for India to make.



It was so much fun making the tree with Tyson. It's really nice having a buddy to work with.

Thanks Koby, I'm really lucky to have you as a buddy.



I designed a snow globe and then made one with my buddy Jett.

I designed a spiral Christmas tree and then I showed Jake how to make one too.



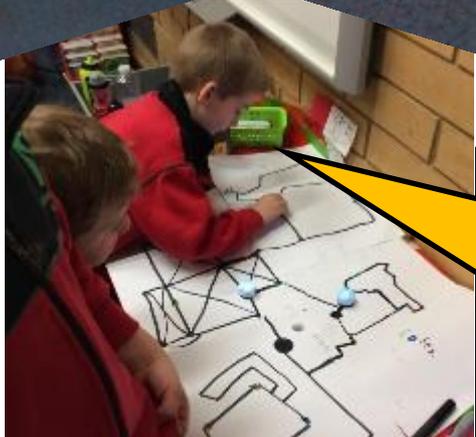
It was tricky making the star. The best thing about working with my buddy is being able to help her.



"We loved listening to our big buddies from Ms Korner's class, read us the Bookweek short listed books"



"We worked in collaborative groups with our Ozobots. We had such fun."



Congratulations...

Hiragana Competition

On the 2nd of November our school held The North East District Hiragana Competition in the hall. There were about 42 students from 10 schools around our district.

The day started off at 9:00am involving three rounds being roughly 20 minutes long. Every round we versed every school, the rounds were short and quick and in between each round we had a small break where most of us would participate in a fun Japanese dance. Each round involved four to eight students from two different schools reading from a PowerPoint. Each word or character we guessed right earned our team one point.

At the end we all participated in a fun game where we had to translate 10 sentences - my team was the first to complete all the sentences and we won a lolly. The tension was great, everyone was trying their very best! But sadly not everyone could win a trophy even though everyone did exceptionally well. Once the day was almost over, we had our presentation where we found out who won, our team came 6th, and the winners were Keithcot Farm. Although we didn't win we still had an amazing day, and did exceptionally well!



On the 26th of October, Jemma H represented our school at the Northern Music Festival (part of the South Australian Primary Schools' Festival of Music). There she performed solo #2 as part of the song "One Voice" (originally sung by The Wailin' Jennings). She received much acclaim from many of the audience members there and did our school proud by representing us and demonstrating our core school values.



End of Year Concert

When : Tuesday 12th December

Time: 6.30pm

Where: School Gym open from 6pm

Students need to be at their classroom at 6pm on the night. Adults can collect their children from the child's class area once the concert has finished.

There will be an ice cream van, along with cold and hot drink vans outside the gym on the night to purchase from.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

