

# USC NEWS



## COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE US GREAT!

Last Friday we had our NERSSA swimming carnival at the Tallangatta Pool. We had 140 students from small schools in 3-6 from across the region attend the day. The weather was perfect and we had an amazing turn out of vocal parents supporting our students.

All our students had a go at various events which was really great to see. We had a few students win ribbons and also had two students who swam fast enough to qualify for zones which are this Friday. Good luck to Jesse and Brandon, we hope you have a great day.



The week commencing Monday the 27th we will be having swimming sessions each day. We will be traveling by bus leaving school at 12.10pm to arrive at the Wodonga Leisure Centre to get ready for our 1.00pm session of 45min. We will then travel back to school. There will be a cost attached to the swimming program of \$44.50 with the school subsidizing the cost of transport. A permission slip via uEducateUs has been created.

The year 5/6 Canberra Camp is getting closer each week. We are still awaiting some forms and the deposit amount to be sent in. Please send those in if you haven't already. Mr Shaw will be the teacher attending from USC. It is a great camp and the students will really enjoy the time away with their cluster peers.

Today we had Lisa drop in to say hi and talk about why laws are important. She also talked about what an active bystander can do, especially at school. Mr Shaw demonstrated the breathalyser (thankfully he was o!) and Seb and Jorgia got to sit in the Police car and put the lights and the siren on. We really appreciate Lisa taking the

time to visit us, thanks!



The students have had a great start to the year and have been working amazingly well in class. We are really pleased to see the high levels of engagement in all subjects and our wall has been a great acquisition to help minimise the noise levels between classes. In week 6 beginning Monday the 6th of March, we will be having parent meetings. A message will be sent out via uEducateUs for families to nominate preferred times during the week. We will operate on first in best dressed times, so please make sure you nominate two. The meetings are a great opportunity to hear how your child is progressing and how you can support at home.

Next week we have the fundraising meeting on Monday starting at 10.00am and our School Council on Tuesday at 4.30pm.

# NEWS FROM THE CLASS

It has been another fabulous week of learning in the Junior Room. Congratulations to the class on completing the first full fortnight of school.

In Literacy, we have continued our phonics lessons with the Preps focusing on s a t I m and n o p sounds. The rest of the class are progressing well on their sounds units as well. In Writing, we have been focusing on different ways we can get idea for writing. Thanks again to the parents who sent in photos, it has really helped the students with their ideas.

In Maths, we are learning Place Value. The Preps are focusing on writing digits 0-10, and the remainder of the class learning skip counting patterns and rounding.

In Humanities, the students are learning about Ancient Egypt. We started learning about the terms 'Ancient' and 'Recent' and despite appearances, no, the teachers are not ancient! :P

Remember to keep up the home reading!

Kind Regards,

Shelby & Deanne

Thank you to everyone that made it to the swimming carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of the senior students giving their best efforts and we wish both Brandon and Jesse the best of luck in the regionals.

All students have worked hard in literacy this week, they're getting used to the routines of working on morphemes, comprehension and reading out loud. I highly encourage students to build the habit of reading at home. Some students have started to receive some extra support with their spelling and are enjoying their success.

In Maths, students are continuing to work on their understanding of place value i.e. that 438 consists of  $400 + 30 + 8$ . These are important conceptual foundations that will support all areas of Maths. We will continue to work on this for most of the term.

In Science, we have been learning about particle theory of mass i.e. how solid, liquid and gases are structured. A few students had to reconstruct their brains as they discovered that everything mostly consists of empty space.

Enjoy your weekend,

Ryan

# *STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS*

*Student of the week continues to be well received by the students as they are all striving to be the one chosen for the award each week. Here are last week's winners!*

Eddie—for making a fantastic start to the year in senior class. Your efforts and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.



Darcy-Leigh—For persisting with challenging learning tasks and completing all work to a high standard. Well done!

Parents, if you are experiencing difficulties with the uEducateUs app, please drop by the school in the morning (8.30am) or afterschool and Matt will help to rectify any issues. Otherwise feel free to call.

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## WHATS ON

Don't forget to check in with the calendar on the uEducateus app to see what is happening this term.

## FEBRUARY

Mon 20th Fundraising Committee Meeting 10.00am

Tue 21st School Council Meeting 4.30-6.00

Wed 22nd Prep rest Day

**Mon 27th—Fri 3rd Swimming Program P-6**

**Wodonga Leisure Center**

Mon 6th—Thur 9th  
Parent Meeting week

Fri 10th Cluster Cricket @Mitta

Mon 13th Labor Day

Wed 15th—Fri 17th 5/6 Camp

# THANKS

A big shout out to Amy Farr who has been coming down during the week and painting the totem poles. The totem poles are a huge project for the cluster where each school makes 6 poles for all the school in the cluster. Each pole has a design that represents each school. Our are nearly finished and we will then put them in the ground. (Help required with post hole digging!) We have 4 of the other schools totem poles, delivered and finished by the other schools. Amy has been coming down, working tirelessly with the students to finish the paintings that Shelby designed with the students last year. A massive thanks to Amy for supporting this project. If

you haven't seen already, the Fairy Garden is looking amazing and the students are really enjoying the space. Again, a big thanks to Amy for all her work on this project as well!! Parents, particularly this year have made a huge difference to the opportunities and education we can provide here at USC. So thanks to everyone so far who has contributed..

