

# USC NEWS



***COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE US GREAT!***

Welcome everyone, to 2024 at Upper Sandy Creek PS. Once again we have an action packed term for our students.

We have another wall! To create a learning space for another class of students for literacy and numeracy we decided to have another wall and door installed. So far all the classroom spaces are fantastic. The students settled in well and all the staff commented on the ease at which the students have adapted to the new structure.



Our old building works are 95% complete and the space looks and feels great. It will be used as a multipurpose room for cooking, science and art. Thanks again to everyone who helped move, clean, tidy, pack and arrange the space. Mr Shaw has already had one cooking class in the space and said it was heaven!



This year we welcome 2 new foundations students. We welcome Jarrah and Emilia-Jayde to our ranks. They have settled in amazingly well. It is like they have been here already!!



We also have 5 year six leaders at our school for the year. Blair, Tameka, Halle, Mayah and Milla will be developing their leaderships skills, working with younger students and leading the school through various activities through the year. The shirt designs they chose look amazing. They are a truly crazy bunch!



We have the 3-6 swimming carnival next week and a permission form has been sent out on the uEducatUs app. If you expect to have some difficulty with transport, please let the school know. We have normal classes scheduled for the P-1-2 students including a bonus cooking session!

On Thursday the 15th of February we will host a Parent Information Session. This will kick off at 4.30pm and finish at 5.30pm.

Our first School Council meeting will be Tuesday the 20th starting at 4.00pm and finishing at 5.00pm. Please don't forget to message in your apology if you cannot make it.

# NEWS FROM THE CLASS

## Year 3/4—Miss Hanby

Welcome back to all students and families! I hope the break has been a great one for all. As you can see, there have been some exciting changes for us here at school, with the wall being completed and the new 3/4 Classroom being set up in the holidays.

We have settled in to our room and we have been busy learning already. In Reading, students are looking at Text-to-Text Connections and continuing our Phonics work. In Writing, students have been generating a great list of ideas to write about to prevent "Writer's Block". In Maths, we are starting our new unit on Place Value.

Please keep up the home reading and keep up to date with any announcements made in uEducateUs.

Thanks,

Shelby Hanby



## Year 5/6—Mr Shaw

In the 5/6 classroom, we've made an excellent start to the year. It was wonderful to see everyone back at school, slightly taller and wiser.

Given there is only nine students in the 5-6 classroom during core subjects, Reading, Writing and Maths, we're holding high expectations for both learning and behaviour. All the students have started highly motivated and organised.

I'll be in touch over the coming weeks to provide some individualised homework. I won't be strict on homework, it is mostly to get students into the habit in preparation for coming years.

Looking forward to all that Term 1 will bring.

Ryan



# NEWS FROM THE CLASS

## Year F/1/2—Mrs Holloway

We have had an excellent start to the year in the F,1,2 classroom. It has been great to see the grade 1 and 2 so welcoming to the foundation students, helping them follow class instruction and access learning programmes on electronic devices.

This week we set classroom expectations and began learning routines to help our class run calm and smoothly. One of these routines was the changing of take-home readers so we can start encouraging a love of reading.

The math area we are focussing on for the next few weeks is place value. So, lots of counting, matching numbers with names and building the numbers with paddle pop sticks or place value blocks.

Kind Regards,

Deanne



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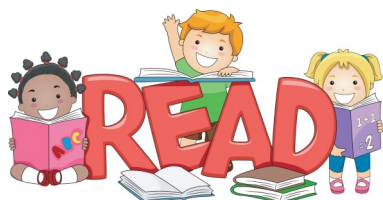
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## WHATS ON

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

## FEBRUARY

- Wed 7th Prep rest day
- Fri 9th 3-6 NERSSA SWIMMING
- Tue 13th MARC Van
- Wed 14th Prep rest day
- Thur 15th Parent Information Session
- Tue 20th School Council 4-5pm
- Wed 21st Prep rest day
- Mon 26th Swimming Program
- Tue 27th Swimming Program
- Wed 28th Prep rest day & Swimming Program
- Thur 29th Swimming Program

## MARCH

- Fri 1st Swimming Program
- Thur 7th 3-6 Cluster Day Bethanga

## BENEFITS OF HOME READING

# Why read 20mins at home?

### Student A

- \* 20 minutes of reading a day
- \* 3600 minutes per school year
- \* 1800000 words per year
- \* scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



### Student B

- \* 5 minutes of reading a day
- \* 900 minutes per school year
- \* 282000 words per year
- \* scores average 50% in standardized tests



### Student C

- \* 1 minute of reading a day
- \* 180 minutes per school year
- \* 8000 words per year
- \* scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

## Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!