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Cambrai Primary Newsletter

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

24th March
Assembly

27th March
Pupil Free Day

30th March
Christian Seminar

31st March
Meldanda Sleep over

4th April
Animal Tronics

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Last Friday we all walked out to Meldanda for the first of our integrated learning mornings. Every one made it out there with only a few complaints about prickles. The Year 5/6/7 students learnt volley ball skills and if that wasn't enough, then went for a run. I'm so glad I was busy taking photos elsewhere— I'd still be making my way around. The year 2/3/4 class worked on their art works using materials they collected from the area and Rec / 1s performed Snow White and the '4' dwarves plus learning about ordinal numbers. I hope you saw the photos on 'Face Book'.

It was a great time and staff and students will reflect on how we can utilise the facilities and fantastic environment. Don't forget the 'Sleep Over' on the 31st March.

Swimming has finished for this season and we thank the Mid Murray Council for their support in allowing us access to the pool whenever we asked. Being able to go at lunchtimes not only keeps the children cool but also active on hot days when they would otherwise be sitting inside or in the shade. As I have said before - it has been great to see the development of their confidence and skills. The pools last day is this Sunday - the 26th March.

We will be working with the 'Residents Win' project to highlight road safety on the main road. Each child will paint themselves onto a piece of pallet wood. These will then be fixed on to the crossing. This will make the crossing much more of a feature and draw drivers attention to the need to slow down. If you have exterior house paint of any colour that you don't need we would love to have it. We may also be looking for some help with sanding the timber before painting. Let us know if you have a free afternoon and/or a belt sander.

Please be mindful of what TV and computer programs your children are watching. Young brains are very easily influenced by violence seen on the screen. Viewing such content normalises bad language and violence. We are hearing children having discussions about programs we know are 15 + and R rated.

Please note that the "Camp" is and part of our educational program and children who do not attend will have appropriate school work to complete at home.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Junior Primary Science

The Reception and Year One class have been investigating the 'Weather in their World'. The class have observed the weather by becoming more alert of their surroundings. Initially, we looked towards the sky and found different cloud shapes, the colour blue, and the sun, which we know not to look directly at, and then we spotted the tree's branches waving in the wind. We also investigated how our bodies felt being outside in the weather. Some were hot, while others were warm, but felt the breeze on their faces and arms. As a class, we described the weather to be 'hot', 'sunny', 'warm', 'windy', 'clear sky' or 'cloudy'. After reading some books on different weather patterns, we discovered words like 'snowy', 'freezing', 'rainy' and 'stormy'. We then talked about the four traditional seasons and the months they occur, and heard a story about the Aboriginal culture in Northern Territory who recognise six seasons because of their connection with the land.

The class have become experts at drawing weather in response to observation, discussion, watching YouTube or hearing stories. Recently, we viewed a TV Weather Presenter and saw how she showed the positions on the map and told us the temperature - I am so impressed at how many students watch the news with their parents!

To consolidate their learning, the students are on their way to becoming Weather Presenters. They have created a weather card with a descriptive picture and have practised standing next to the South Australian map to show the location of their weather. Soon, they will decide on an

appropriate temperature and write a short script to be videoed/voice recorded when they become the presenter.



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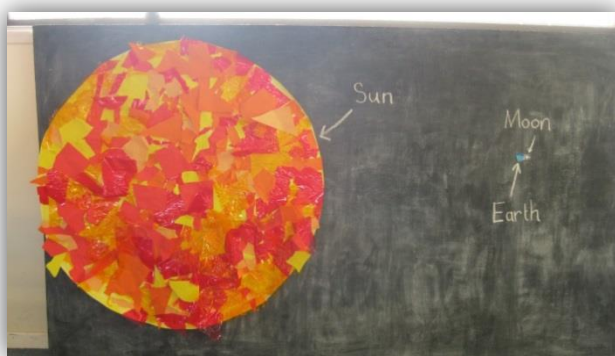
Middle Primary Science

The 2,3,4 Class have been learning about Night and Day. Firstly, we discussed the many options or beliefs of why we have a day and a night. Some extraordinary 'facts' included that vampire bats covered the sun at night, the sun changed into the moon and the sun hid behind the moon. After some further discussion, model experimentation with balls and a torch, and watching YouTube they now know the Sun is a medium sized star in the Solar System, which Earth orbits around. The Earth rotates on its axis which takes 24 hours. The Moon rotates around the Earth. When the Earth rotates around the Sun, one side of the Earth is in day and the other is in night, but sees the Moon because it reflects the sunlight. We also watched a YouTube Dreaming story about how the Moon was made and drew their own sequenced comic strip to retell the story.

To make a comparison of how large the Sun is, we compared the sizes of the Sun, Earth,



and the Moon. If the Sun had the diameter of one metre, then Earth would be the size of a marble and the Moon would be no bigger than a peppercorn. The class was set for the challenge and created 2D representations of a giant ball of gas as the Sun, Earth, and a tiny Moon. These were attached to the old blackboard which makes a great Solar System background.



Last week we investigated shadows and how the position of the sun influences the length.



The class discovered that the lower the sun is in the morning and evening, our shadow is longer compared to a shorter shadow in the middle of the day. Patrick measured Mrs. W's shadows and the morning shadow was 26 of Patrick's feet long. At 12 noon and

p.m., the shadows were very short at only five and six of Patrick's feet long. We also looked at the rubbish bin results too. This showed the class that the Sun moves across the sky and therefore, proves that the Earth rotates.

WANTED

POTS

100mm – 150mm

For use in the school nursery



The Great Garlic Challenge

COMING SOON

LIBRARY

REMEMBER that the opening times for the library will change for the two weeks of the coming school holidays.

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Friday – 9.30am to 3.30pm

Closed for lunch between 1.00 and 1.30pm

PASTORAL CARE

On the 10th of March some fellow mums, women and teenage girls from our local and surrounding community watched together the 'Embrace' Film by Taryn Brumfit at our local sportsground club rooms.

With the support of the Mid Murray Council, MMC Suicide Prevention Network, Cambrai Sportsground, Cambrai General Store, Sedan Post Office, Blanchetown Internet and Information Centre, SCFNC, Cambrai Tennis Club, lucky door prize donators and our lovely school, we had a successful night of connecting and engaging in a safe and positive environment. Thanks to all who attended and for suggestions of what to put the funds raised towards. This is still under consideration and the funds are being safely held at the Mid Murray Council until a decision is made. Thank you to all who helped make this night a success!!

Debra Wilson.

Our awesome March birthday people are

Patrick	Mya
Zack	Brock



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- Reduce salinity & erosion
- Improve or re-establish local habitat
- Grow a sustainable source of firewood
- Improve the aesthetics of your property
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TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO ADELAIDE

Inc. the South Australia Work & Skills Expo

9 & 10 April 2017

DATE

Adelaide Convention Centre

VENUE

**Sun: 10 - 4
Mon: 9.30 - 1.30**

TIME


Career seekers of all ages will find:

- **Universities:** Australian and International including faculty representatives
- **Employers:** National, local and government
- **Private Education and Training Colleges**
- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**
- **Defence Force Recruiting**
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