



## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

### NAPLAN & PAT TESTS

Next Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday the Year 3, 5, and 7 students will be undertaking the various aspects of Literacy (Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Reading) and Numeracy as part of the NAPLAN tests. Class teachers will supervise the students while Josie Smallacombe and myself will work with the Year 2, 4 & 6 students during that time. In week 4 all Year 2 to Year 7 students will complete Progressive Attainment Tests in Reading Comprehension and Maths, online. These tests are completed every 6 months and provide us with information about each student's progress in these two areas. The teaching programs are then amended to support the emerging learning needs of students.

### HEADLICE

We have had a reported case of headlice so please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

### R/1 EXCURSION

Tomorrow the R/1 Class are visiting the Wirrabara Forest as part of their unit of work on Autumn. The R/1's will visit the Mother's Day Stall to purchase gifts before they leave school and will be back in time for our first assembly this term at 3pm.

### SAPSASA

Well done to Chelsea Tobin, Max Smith and Steven Haynes-Nayda who competed at Wilmington on Tuesday in the SAPSASA Cross-Country. Chelsea came 1<sup>st</sup> and Max 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Under 12 Division 2 event whilst Steven came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Division 1 Under 13.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY MAY 24TH

All Primary School students across Australia are encouraged to be involved in the National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. All students involved will receive a sticker on that day.

The objectives of Walk Safely to School Day include:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To



Kathy Arthur  
Principal

### Calendar Dates

- Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> May – Assembly
- Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> May – Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
- Tues. Wed. Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> May – NAPLAN
- Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> May – Café
- Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Hockey Clinic R-7
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Walk Safely to School Day



MOTHERS DAY  
STALL

Tomorrow  
(Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May,)  
Gifts range from  
\$1-\$5

Junior Primary  
students will be  
able to shop  
before their  
excursion.



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# COMEOUT AT LAURA PRIMARY

Children and Teachers will be celebrating COMEOUT on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.  
The theme is:

“Dreaming of the Future”.

We ask the children dress up in a costume reflecting this theme.

Parents are invited to stay and watch the children parade their costumes at 9am.

Teachers are planning activities for the afternoon.



*Sandra Zander*

Erica Arbon from Bank SA in Gladstone spoke to the 2/3/4 class about the advantages of saving money. If you would like to open a Bank SA savings account we have application forms at school.

Student banking day at school is Wednesday. – Pauleen Thomas

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## MISSING

**The Dyson vacuum cleaner (recently purchased) from the Laura Golf Club is missing from the Laura Clubhouse. If anyone knows of its whereabouts please contact Bernadette Geddes 0419128674**

## Southern Flinders Health Pap and a Present Month of May Must Do Are you due?

For the Month of May every woman having a Pap Smear will **receive a gift** and a chance to **win a \$100 Coles/Myer voucher!**

Make an appointment with your Doctor or Well Women's Clinic Nurse at Laura Hospital on **86633124**

## WIN

A Share in  
**\$16,000**

in Everyday  
Accounts from  
The Commonwealth  
Bank

The Community Achievement Awards highlight and reward the valuable contribution our outstanding individuals, groups and organisations make towards building stronger local communities and a vibrant state. The winners of each category award will be presented with a magnificent trophy and fantastic prizes.

FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION CONTACT  
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## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Stand Up and Be Counted*

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

If you know someone, or maybe it is your business, group, club or organisation that is providing an invaluable service in your community, why not nominate for an award. Get a pat on the back and the recognition well deserved.

Categories open for nominations are:

**Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award**  
**SA Power Networks Leadership and Innovation Award**  
**Haigh's Chocolates Career Achievement Award**  
**Fivestar Print Environment and Sustainability Award**  
**Medibank Community Healthy Participation Award**  
**Hunt & Hunt Lawyers Community Road Safety Award**  
**Carers SA Carer Achievement Award**  
**Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award**

[Click here to nominate online or find out further information.](#)

**Nominations close: Wednesday, 24th July, 2013.**

# RED BANKS FAMILY DAY

Discover our natural & cultural history  
at Red Banks Conservation Park

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 10 am – 4 pm

Red Banks Conservation Park – Day Visit/Oval Area

Red Banks Conservation Park is 15 km east of Burra. Conventional 2WD vehicles can access the park from Burra via the Burra-Morgan Highway (sealed) and Eastern Road (unsealed). Toilet facilities are available.  
This is a free community event.

## Professor Flint – Dancing with Diprotodons

Join singing Scottish palaeontologist Professor Flint (children's entertainer) in a musical adventure about our megafauna.

Performance  
at 12.30 pm  
(duration ~40 min)

Prof Flint will be around all day with his bag of fossils to answer questions.



## Aboriginal Cultural Tour - Ngadjuri Country Led by Quenten Agius

Hear about the area's rich Aboriginal Heritage and Dreaming Stories.

Tours at 10.30 am & 1.30 pm  
(1.5 – 2 hrs; easy walking)



## Walk with a Palaeontologist Dr. Aaron Camens & Prof. Flint

Find out what life is like as a palaeontologist

Tour at 2 pm  
(1-1.5 hrs; easy walking)



Fossil Displays & Activities  
hosted by Mike Gemmell  
(Mgr, Information Centre)  
& Professor Rod Wells



sausage sizzle & drinks for sale  
by local community groups



## Further information

Natural Resources Centre  
Northern & Yorke

P (08) 8841 3400

## Landscapes of Change Interpretive Hike

Discover how this landscape has changed over thousands of years on the 5km loop, self-guided walk.



Government of South Australia  
Department of Environment,  
Water and Natural Resources

## Unique natural and cultural history of state's Mid North on show

A free community event aimed at raising awareness of local natural and cultural history will be held as part of South Australia's History Festival ABOUT TIME.

Natural Resources Northern & Yorke will host the event at Red Banks Conservation Park on Sunday 26 May.

The location was deemed a "perfect setting" for the event given:

- It conserves a variety of fossils, including megafauna fossils of Diprotodons. Red Banks differs from many other megafauna sites as the fossils are often found as whole specimens
- It contains naturally-visible geological profiles up to 30 metres in depth, exposed through the incision of watercourses
- In the mid 1800s the area was part of a Travelling Stock Route, watering more than 20,000 sheep per month
- The land was traditionally associated with the Ngadjuri people managing and conserving these inland environments, which provided vital food and water resources
- A refuge for biodiversity, containing more than 120 native plant species and numerous threatened ecological communities

Activities and guided walks near the day visitor area of Red Banks Conservation Park will be held throughout the day from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a wide variety of activities to choose from, including:

- Aboriginal cultural tours led by Quenten Agius of Aboriginal Cultural Tours. Tours will start at 10.30am and again 1.30pm, giving participants the opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal heritage and dreaming stories
- Professor Flint – Dancing with Diprotodons.

This activity involves a singing Scottish palaeontologist "Professor Flint".

The children's entertainer will take youngsters on a musical adventure about megafauna. The performance will begin at 12.30pm

- Taking a walk with palaeontologist Dr Aaron Camens. The tour begins at 2pm and will also include an appearance by "Professor Flint"
- Fossil displays and activities hosted by Mike Gemmell (Manager, Discovery Centre) and Professor Rod Wells from the South Australian Museum
- Taking a self-guided journey along the Landscapes of Change Interpretive Hike. Visitors can discover how the landscape has changed over thousands of years on the 5km loop

DEWNR Ranger (Community) Wendy Cliff says the day will be a great opportunity for families to learn more about different aspects of the Mid North's history which they may not know about.

"We encourage everyone to come along and celebrate South Australia's History by getting to know a little more about this region," she said.

"It promises to be a fun day out for all ages and it will be the first time 'Dancing with Diprotodons' has been brought to this region."

For more information contact the Natural Resource Centre, Northern & Yorke on 08 8841 3400.

ABOUT TIME runs statewide from Wednesday 1 May to Friday 31 May. For more information on the festival, go to [www.abouttime.sa.gov.au](http://www.abouttime.sa.gov.au).