Dear Families,

Its week 5 already and the time has really flown. This Friday we were suppose to be having the annual Gilbert Valley swimming carnival however due to the extreme heat forecast for Friday this unfortunately will not be going ahead. For those who have sent money in for lunches this will be returned. This is disappointing for our students and we are in the process of working out if we are able to re-schedule the carnival.
In not so happy news our Junior Primary teacher Mrs Shepherd is unwell and recovering at home, I'm sure all Saddleworth families join me in wishing Mrs Shepherd a speedy recovery. In the meantime I would like you all to welcome Miss Demi Saint into the Saddleworth fold as our JP teacher while Mrs Shepherd is away. Miss Saint is a qualified Early Childhood teacher who is excited about this opportunity to work in Saddleworth School with our JP children.

We are also sadly farewelling Mrs Anita McGarry on Thursday. Mrs McGarry has worked at the school for 8 years as an SSO and has worked in both the JP and MP classrooms as well as individual student support. Her quiet and efficient manner is going to be very much missed around the school by both students and staff. We all wish her well on her new adventure!

I would like to congratulate our 2019 Sports Captains; Michael Hean, Tait Hadley (Gilbert), Rylee Smith, Penny Goodfellow (Horrocks), Erica Parker and Connor Michalak (Masters). All students presented some great speeches and should be very proud. We look forward to this group of students leading their house teams and also the whole school beginning with the Swimming Carnival on Friday.

Last Thursday we had a visit from the Children’s University co-ordinator Luca Prisciandaro and Riverton Library Manager Merrill Thwaites and they talked to the students about setting up the Children’s University program and how students can get involved.

Next Tuesday we have 4 Port Power players visiting the school - Jack Watts, Jack Trengrove, Xavier Duursma and Sam Hayes. Everyone is encouraged to bring along any merchandise they would like signed.

I have been away yesterday and today in Adelaide attending a Leadership day and Literacy Summit. These are great opportunities for me to build my knowledge on the directions the SA Department for Education are taking and the strategies we must employ to keep up here at Saddleworth PS. Last week we had Mrs Kenny and Mr Hughes away learning about teaching STEM and how we can implement it into our classrooms. STEM is teaching the skills required to learn Science, Technology and Maths and how Engineering and design processes and principles are used to achieve an outcome. When we do STEM well at Saddleworth PS we will be challenging students to stretch their learning.

Congratulations to Ben Noble and Tait Hadley who represented Saddleworth at the District Swimming Carnival last night in Clare. Well done. I hope we see as many parents as possible at Riverton pool on Friday, if it goes ahead. It will be a great day.

James Bryant
Principal
SECOND HAND UNIFORM GIVE AWAY
We have some second hand uniform to give away.
Tops, shorts, skorts, pinafore, summer dresses.
Students have been busy writing **Narratives** in **English**. Last week students wrote about a Magicians Workshop. The year 3’s and 4’s had to use as many adjectives as they could to enrich their writing and at completion highlighted these. Year 2’s had to check their work for capitals and full stops. All students completed a checklist of the elements of a narrative and wrote a goal to work on.

This week students wrote a combined **Narrative**. Each student started with an orientation, then swapped and wrote a problem, swapped and wrote a solution to the problem, swapped again and wrote a coda. At the end I asked for feedback from the students. Some said that they thought their story had been ruined, some stated that it was interesting because they got lots of different ideas, some thought it was difficult to read other people’s writing because it was untidy, but most thought it was a fun activity and would like to try it again.

In **Guided Reading Activity**, students designed a “Wanted Bad Dad” poster, for our class novel “Bad Dad”. Come and visit our classroom to see our range of artistic talents.

In **Oral Language**, students wrote and will share this week about “The most important person in their lives”. Some lovely script for parents to read about!

In **Maths** we have been looking at values of numbers identifying bigger or smaller numbers, writing numbers in words and expanding numbers in **Place Value**. We have introduced Prodigy into our mental maths routines and students are keen to complete activities. We will also be revisiting Mathsletics. These activities can be also accessed at home. Codes are recorded in students’ diaries.

**Weather in Other Places** was the topic for Year 2’s in **HASS**, while **Mapping** was the topic for Year 3’s and 4’s.

Looking at **Digital Systems** in **Technology**, students in Year 3 and Year 4 learnt about peripheral devices. Students worked at stations to record input or output storage. The Year 2’s are continuing to learn how to log in with their own code and how to use “Word”.
I can’t believe we are almost halfway through Term 1 already! With swimming lessons out of the way, we have started getting our class learning timetable structured and running well.

In Maths we are learning in our year level groups, with the Year 5’s finishing off factors and factor trees, the Year 6’s Prime, Composite, Triangular and Square numbers, and the Year 7’s are learning how to add and subtract positive and negative integers.

In Literacy, we have been continuing our spelling, with 4 different spelling groups operating, and these groups also have different level of grammar work. During class we refer to this time as SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation And Grammar) time. Students use the class time allocated to self-manage their learning, with support from myself and SSO’s who are in the room. Students are aware that their spelling activities (10) and grammar need to be finished and signed off by the end of each week. Negotiations can be made for extensions when required.

In writing we have just started on narratives, looking at the structure, character development and how to plan a story.

Health is getting interesting, with the student’s being set a Saddleworth Ninja Warrior task, where they have to design a course in the school, where participants will use each of the key muscles. Students need to make sure that the course is accessible to everyone in the class to participate.

We are about to start our first Science unit, looking at Biological Sciences.

In HASS we are focussing on History and starting to research the colonisation of Australia. To complement this, we are reading the story Nanberry: Black Brother White.

We are continuing to have a lot of fun, laughter and music in the room as we start to focus hard on our learning!
Value of the Weeks: COURAGE

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”
Winston Churchill

“Mistakes are always forgivable if one has the courage to admit to them” Bruce Lee

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage it is the silent voice at the end of the day that says, “I will try again tomorrow” Mary Anne Radmacher

What is courage?

Children need courage when they:

- **try new things even if they are scared**, like learning to ride a bike or entering a new social situation.
- **keep trying to master a new skill** even when they are frustrated or other children laugh at their attempts.
- **do the ‘right’ thing in difficult situations**, like standing up for another child who is being unfairly treated.
- **admit to mistakes**, like owning up to breaking a neighbour’s window while playing ball and then apologizing and offering to help clean up and pay for the damage.

Having courage helps children to persevere against challenges, and in the process it raises their self-esteem. When children feel good about themselves and see that they have the personal power to make courageous choices, they are more likely to lead personally satisfying and successful lives.

How can parents help children to show courage?

Parents are their children’s first and most important teachers and, as such, have a powerful influence on their development. You can:

- **Make sure your children understand what courage is.** Define it and point it out when you, they or someone else demonstrates it. Use news stories, television programs, movies, or books as learning tools.
- **Use everyday situations for your children to demonstrate courage.** Encourage them to:
  - stand up to peer pressure,
  - refuse to go along with the crowd when the crowd is doing something wrong or dangerous,
  - participate in a new class,
  - master new skills and persist in the face of frustration.
- **Praise your children when they demonstrate courage.** Highlight the positive!
- **Use mistakes as learning opportunities.** Do not use them as a reason to punish. Create a positive atmosphere that will encourage them to face and admit their mistakes openly and honestly. Teach them what they can do differently and how they can make amends.
- **Be a source of support for your children.** All people, and especially children, can better demonstrate courage when they know they are not alone and that someone “has their back.”
- **Teach your children that sometimes asking for help takes courage.** Let them know that they don’t have to face all difficult situations by themselves and that it can be a sign of strength to ask for help.

*Audrey Krisbergh, Certified Parenting Education*
The Middle Primary and Upper Primary classes have been exploring aspects about their identity. They are designing a poster for themselves with a positive affirmation for themselves as the focus.

Some examples are: - I am focussed, persistent and will never quit. My presence is my power! I am in charge of how I feel! My strength is greater than any struggles.
I am enough! I am my own Super Hero! I have the power to create change. I am honest, I am a problem solver, I am brave. I am a marvellous creation. I will search for the good that comes even in bad situations. I am a good friend. I am whole, I am a star!

With such great attitudes and with the virtue of courage, the idea of having a Talent Quest has been discussed. I will liaise with SRC members to organise this exciting event.

Create a Skit – Check YouTube for some skit ideas or write your own skit. Do a skit with jokes or try being a comedian. You can create a skit for as many friends as you can convince to join you. Remember that costumes are important and keep your act to no more than four minutes.

Perform a Dance Medley - Choose a song, dance, or monologue that is not terribly difficult and practice, practice, practice.

Sing a Song – solo or group. Display a physical talent – gymnastics, juggling, even hula hooping!

Start talking to your friends to enter an item! Individual and group performance sections!

All the best for Swimmers in the upcoming Swimming Carnival.
All the best for players in Junior Basketball, Tennis and Cricket as finals approach for the 2018/19 season!

Cheers

Chris Schmaal
Pastoral Care
RSMU Hawks Presents
Free Port Power Clinic

When: 5th March @ 3:45pm-5pm.
Where: Riverton Oval.
Free to participate, followed by a free sausage sizzle.

*Opportunity for autographs and photos with some of the players after the training!

Junior Registrations will open for 2019, please see Steph & Simone in the clubrooms to help with registrations!

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FIRST JUNIOR TRAINING INFORMATION
MINARO

**NETBALL**
J5, J4, J3, J2, J1, U15
Net and Set

- Thursday 4th April – 4:45 pm
- Wednesday 17th April 4:45 pm

Netball Junior Co-Ordinator – Anita Fogden Mobile: 0408 214 683

**FOOTBALL**
U17’s
- Tuesday 26th March 5 pm (Tuesday & Thursday nights)

U14’s
- Thursday 28th March 5 pm (older U14’s welcome to join U17’s Tuesday’s)

Sub Mini’s U9
- Thursday 4th April 5 pm

Mini’s U12
- Thursday 4th April 5 pm

Auskick
- Thursday 4th April 5 pm

Football Junior Co-Ordinator – Brendan Ackland Mobile: 0439 422 801

**** PLEASE NOTE ALL SENIOR AND JUNIOR TRAINING BEFORE EASTER ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL ****

New players please contact Junior Coordinators prior to first trainings.
Parent information meeting for all junior parents at 5PM Thursday 4th April.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

**Clare**
Clare Sports Club
Main North Road, Clare

- Wednesday 13 March 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Thursday 14 March 10:30 am – 7:00 pm
- Friday 15 March 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

To make a group booking call 1300 886 524

To make an appointment call 13 14 95
or visit donateblood.com.au

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