



Suneden News

April 2024



Dear Families,

We are now nearing the end of term 1 and what a busy term we have had. We hope you had a lovely Easter and took some time to relax with your families. I'm sure the Easter bunny visited everyone!

Wellbeing Week

During the term, students enjoyed some lovely enrichment activities in Wellbeing Week which was held in weeks 7 and 8. We are sure you have already seen some photos of your child on seesaw but we have also added some more at the end of this newsletter.

The activities included Yoga with Leah from Bumblebee Yoga, Art expression with Cath from Connected Self, Interactive story telling with Elisa and Rory from StoryTrove, Dance with Alana from All abilities Cheer and Dance, a Drumming show and drumming workshop with Xavier from the Amazing Drumming Monkeys, cooking school with Jess and Tilly from Sprout, and a farm visit with Nat from Old MacDonald Travelling Farm. In addition to wellbeing week, we have also had Urth Clay visit and the students have all created and painted their hand print that will be displayed within the school at a later date.

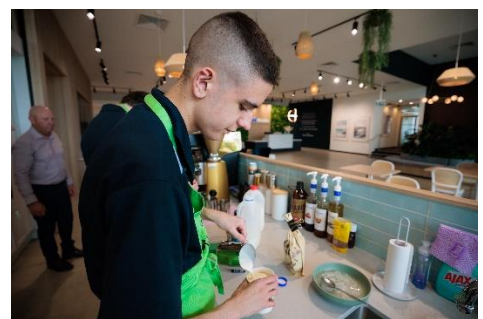
The students were amazing and embraced every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity. We are so proud that we can bring so many new experiences and activities and have observable results as they grow in confidence and self-esteem whilst adding new topics for communication.

Individual Learning Plans

Thank you to all families who came in to meet with their child's teacher for the ILP (Individual Learning Plan). It's such an important time to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you have, along with setting new goals for your child. The ILP will be sent home for you to sign and return and then we sign and send it home for you.

TTW Work Experience

Mark McGill (CEO of Variety) organised two work experience opportunities for some of our TTW students, where the students had the opportunity to use their barista skills and make coffees for the team at Weeks Homes in Richmond. Well done to William, Joseph and Oscar!



Suneden Disability Services Expo

Many of our students will transition out of school into Day Options Programs and the expo will bring together a number of different providers all under one roof. Parents will have the opportunity to gain valuable information regarding the types of services available, and this will hopefully help you in making plans for your child for life after school. It is never too early to start the planning process, so we encourage all families from Juniors through to TTW to attend. We hope as many families as possible can join us on this day.



Emma Fitzpatrick (teacher in Middle Orange) is taking leave for the remainder of the year to travel. We wish Emma all the best as she heads over to Europe for the adventure of a lifetime and look forward to seeing her back at Suneden in 2025.

Isaiah Fan will be replacing Emma in Middle Orange commencing week 2 term 2. Many of you will already know Isaiah as he has been working as an SSO at Suneden this term across a number of classes.



We say goodbye to Harley Hywood from Junior Green at the end of this term. Harley is moving to Queensland to be closer to extended family.

We will all miss Harley's cheeky smile and his love of music! We wish Harley and his family all the best and thank them for being part of the Suneden community over the past three and a half years.

Best Wishes
Heidi & Helen

Important Dates

LAST DAY
OF
TERM 1

Thursday 11th April

FIRST DAY
OF
TERM 2

Tuesday 30th April
School Resumes for Term 2

**SUNEDEN DISABILITY
SERVICES
EXPO**

Friday 10th May
Suneden Disability Services Expo



**DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD
GRADUATES FROM SCHOOL?**

SUNEDEN DISABILITY SERVICES EXPO

We have invited a range of disability providers who you can talk to about the services they offer with a focus on day-options programmes.

Some of the providers include: Minda, Bedford, Utopia, Ross Care, Novita, xlent, Ahh lifeskills and many more.....

WHEN: FRIDAY 10TH MAY

WHERE: SUNEDEN SPECIALIST SCHOOL - IN THE SCHOOL GYM

ADDRESS: 21 MCINERNEY AVENUE MITCHELL PARK

TIME: 9AM-12PM



Mitcham Library Service
**April School
Holiday Program**

School Holiday Program:

Nature themed activities

LEGO STEM Create and Code Workshop

Modern Mending

Walking together with Kaurna

Learn to Solder (kids)

Get To Know Your Sewing Machine

Decorate Laser Cut Eggs

Outside Storytime

E-textiles

Nature Craft Weaving

Meet the Bugs

Nature Clay Workshop

Cubby Building with Nature Play SA

Tricky Joe Magic Show



Visit our events
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information



JUNIOR RED

Term 1



Each week the students in Junior Red participate in a KinderGym session at the Seacliff Recreation Centre. KinderGym is a Fundamental Movement Program designed to allow students to explore and develop their physical, social and emotional skills. Our sessions offer students a safe and fun way to play and learn.



Middle Orange



This term Middle Orange have been learning all about money. On Wednesdays, the students participate in a structured money lesson in the classroom. On Fridays, students go on an outing to Coles to purchase ingredients. Then on Mondays, students participate in a cooking lesson.

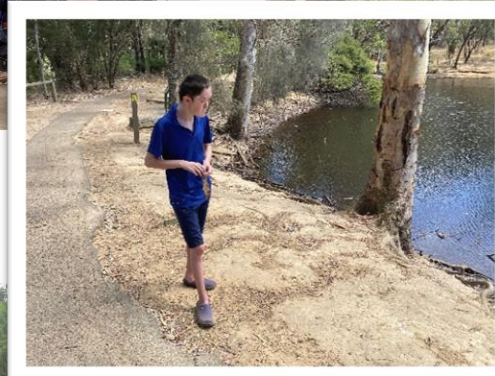




Belair National Park

This term Senior Pink have visited Belair National Park each week with Senior Purple class. Students have gone for walks to explore the Playford Lake and Pines Picnic areas and enjoyed the opportunity to socialize with the other senior students and staff.

While exploring the area we have been lucky to see koalas, kangaroos, kookaburras, turtles, a variety of water birds and even a horse and cart! We have explored the vegetation in different habitats including waterways, woodlands and forest (bush).



Transition
to Work
Class



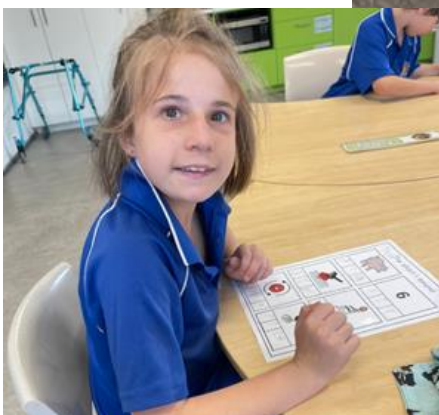
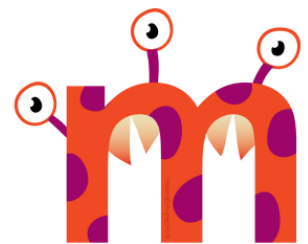
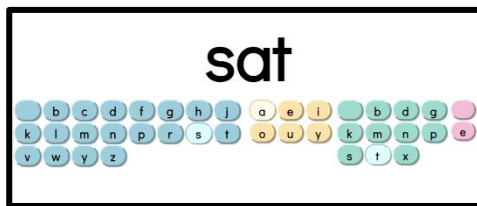
iCommunity: Surf Life Saving

This term the TTW students have had the opportunity to access the community through the surf life saving program in collaboration with Seacliff Surf Club. Students have engaged in a series of both beach and water activities aimed at promoting physical well being, developing beach safety skills, and fostering community inclusion. Students have thoroughly enjoyed and embraced all elements of this program, building confidence, fitness and knowledge as well as developing a sense of comradery and teamwork.

Speech Pathology

In Junior Blue this year, we have been using the Systematic, Synthetic Phonics program UFLI. Literacy is the building blocks for many important skills such as comprehension, writing, and overall communication skills. Developing this skill allows students to become more independent and empowers them to access the community and become more self-reliant.

The students have been learning about the letter sound relationship, and starting to build two and three letter words based around the sounds that we have learned this term. We use a combination of writing on whiteboards, typing apps, talkers, voice, and moveable letter visuals so that all students are able to participate and learn.



OT Life Skills



This term Pink and Purple classes have been focusing on those practical Life Skills during our OT group time. We've been kitchen prepping, cooking, cleaning and getting some laundry done.



We've used plenty of visuals to help us learn and to stay organised, including a "Doing the Laundry" sequence strip and a "Kitchen Prep- What do we need?" visual.

Fresh, clean laundry smells are one of my favourite things, but I think the class consensus is that nothing's better than cooking for a motivating outcome! :)