

CAMBODIA 2019

PROJECTS ABROAD SERVICE TRIP

September 21st – October 5th

After 14 days of a service trip to Cambodia, Courtney Downing, Jacqui Couzner, Tessa Francis, Kate Daly, Tess Kitschke, Liana Webb and Charlotte Rogers have grown and learnt in unspeakable measures. Their capacity to care for others and learn about a foreign country and its challenges, history and children was remarkable. I couldn't be more proud of them.

The students embraced the difference that they were exposed to with curiosity, consideration and a willingness to contribute. Phnom Penh became our temporary home and Koh Dach Primary School on Silk Island our workplace. With classes reaching high fifties, teaching English as a second language, with a basic familiarisation to Khmer, was unique, rewarding and challenging. Our girls quickly learnt the value of non-verbal communication, expression, songs and games, which they embraced with gusto...even teaching the Macarena across the school! Lessons covered varied aspects of English including geography, body parts, numbers, seasons, hygiene, the alphabet, food etc. Our students became the teachers, responsible for a class in teams of three, for two lessons a day, and then undertook maintenance each afternoon while at the placement.

Our maintenance added safety, care and a youthful joy to the school site, in a road crossing, concrete surrounds, repainting a building frontage and upgrading two toilet blocks. The results speak for themselves and our students were undoubtedly proud of their contribution. We also taught the students how to wash their hands and collect and sort rubbish during a community session, ideally raising awareness and building their capacity to improve their self-care. Again, such common practices for us, but so exciting and important for them.

Coupled with a donation from a Jamestown couple, the students contributed to purchase toothbrushes for the students at Koh Dach Primary. For the Junior Primary Classes this was their first toothbrush, for the upper primary their second. Explaining the concept of brushing your teeth and providing a demonstration to 300 students was certainly unique. The delight at our gift was extraordinary and again made our students reflect on the privileges we have.



Of notable importance is that while their country is deprived of fair distribution of some basic amenities that we take for granted, their pride is high. Cambodian students wear their national logo on their shirts, sing their anthem with strength and take pride in their possessions. They don't raise their voices and they feel fortunate to attend school. We can all take heed of this, rethinking our critical perspectives and judgement when we are overflowing with resources. Australia certainly is a lucky country, but it is our collective choices, actions and appreciation that determine the level of fortune. Our 7 girls were a credit to our community throughout the entirety of the service trip. They not only acted on instinct, they committed to representing all of Jamestown in their pursuits to leave Koh Dach better than we found it; helping Cambodia to progress forward, piece by piece.

Danya McKay







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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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DIARY DATES – Term 4

Week 1: 14/10/19 to 18/11/19

- Thursday to Friday – Yr 7 Camp
- Friday – Bizzy Bugs

Week 2: 21/10/19 to 25/10/19

- Monday & Tuesday – Parent Interviews
- Tuesday – Immunisations – Yr8 & Yr 10/11 Catch-ups @ 9am
- Thursday – Hornsdale Wind Farm Visit Yr 10, Yr 11/12 Physics Students 9am-12.40pm
- Friday – Last day of Yr 12 (Non-exams) & Yr 12 Breakfast
- Friday – Story & Rhyme Time
- Friday – Donut Van

Week 3: 28/10/19 to 1/11/19

- Tuesday – Yr 8 Transition 2020 Evening 6pm-7pm
- Friday – Bizzy Bugs

Week 4: 4/11/19 to 8/11/19

- Monday & Tuesday – 2020 Yr 8 Interviews
- Friday – Yr 12 General Maths Exam 9am
- Friday – Story & Rhyme Time
- Friday – Donut Van

Week 5: 11/11/19 to 15/11/19

- Monday – Traffic Lights go Home Yr 7-11
- Tuesday – Scien-tastic Tour R-6
- Wednesday – 2020 Reception Transition Parent Session 5.30 - 6pm

IMPORTANT DATES

- *Student Free Day - Friday 15/11/19 (Week 5 Term 4)*

Welcome back to Term 4. While Term 4 is shorter in duration than other terms, it is always a very busy term for students and staff as we work towards finishing learning programs across Reception to Year 12.

Our Year 12 students are in their last two weeks of formal lessons, finishing final assessment tasks as well as revising for exams. Stage 2 exams for our students commence on Monday, 4th November with Biology, and conclude with the Physical Education exam on Friday 15th November.

We will be farewelling our Year 12 students with a whole school assembly on Friday 25th October at 12pm. We invite all members of our school community to join us at this time to pass on our best wishes to our Year 12 class of 2019.

Year 11 students continue formal lessons until the end of Week 5 before sitting their exams in Week 6. The annual Canberra camp will take place in Week 7 with a majority of our Year 11 students attending with staff members Danielle Malone and Hayward Paynter.

The continued focus for our Reception to Year 10 students will be on engaging in learning programs right up until Tuesday of Week 9. For all of these classes there is still significant curriculum to be covered and a range of skills and knowledge to be developed.

All students received written reports at the end of last term which contained feedback from class teachers describing strengths of their work, as well as areas they should look to focus on during Term 4 to improve their achievement. I encourage parents to take up the opportunity to discuss these reports in more detail with their child's teacher at Parent-Teacher interviews next week.

CAMBODIA SERVICE TRIP

Danya McKay and our 7 students returned home safe and sound from Cambodia during the middle weekend of the holidays. The front page of this newsletter described the wide range of experiences the students had while away, complementing our school's Facebook page which posted regular updates and images during the holidays.



In talking with the students since their return, it is clear that the experience was a positive one for all who attended. While students found the trip challenging, and even confronting at different times, they all have had nothing but positive comments to make about their experience. It is also evident that their time away has had a significant impact on each of them.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Individual NAPLAN results were sent home to families of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students at the end of Term 3. NAPLAN results are used in conjunction with a range of other assessments, as well as ongoing teacher judgement, to monitor individual student progress and plan learning programs that provide the right level of challenge for each student.

If you have any questions about your child's results, please contact their Home Group teacher or relevant sub school coordinator.

Regards,

Michael Gaunt
Principal

R-6 NEWS

Welcome to Term 4! Cannot believe we only have 9 weeks of school left for the year! As usual there is lots happening this term – with plenty of activities and learning to be completed. Please ensure you read the newsletter each fortnight so you don't miss any important events/information that is coming up.

TERM 3 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following award winners for their efforts and recognition in Term 3:

Reception

Student of the Term: Emerson Hagger

Most Improved: Raymond Kerby

Year 1

Student of the Term: Jake Hogan

Most Improved: Piper Wilkinson

Year 2/3

Student of the Term: Sam Butterick

Most Improved: Riley Hughes

Year 4/5

Student of the Term: Ryan Couch

Most Improved: Chelsea Morgan

Year 5/6

Student of the Term: Ryan McKay

Most Improved: Hannah Morgan

SWIMMING LESSONS

During Week 7 (25 November – 29 November), R-6 students will be participating in swimming lessons. This is an invaluable week where students are taught strokes, survival and the importance of being safe around the water. More information will be sent home closer to the time along with a program of when your child/ren lessons are.

Once again, it has been difficult to secure enough instructors to run the program, so if you (or someone you know) are thinking about becoming a swimming instructor to help provide these invaluable lessons to our

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students then please either contact me at the school or go to the DECD website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/projects-and-programs/swimming-and-aquatics> for more information and the essential training and credentials that need to be undertaken. It is a great way to earn some money whilst at uni or undertaking further study too!

HATS

Please remember to bring a school bucket hat to wear when outside (caps are not sufficient sun protection as per our SunSmart policy). As the weather is warming up the UV rating increases which means you are required to wear a hat to protect yourself against the harmful rays of the sun. There are plenty of school hats to purchase from the Front Office. Please remember that hats need to be in a neat and tidy manner also; i.e. no rips, cuts or inappropriate language/advertising on them. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Should you have any queries or issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via email jillian.hudson336@schools.sa.edu.au

Jillian Hudson
R-6 Coordinator

7-9 NEWS

Welcome back everyone. This term looks to be a very busy one with the Year 7 Camp to Bundaleer starting us off for this Thursday and Friday. We have Year 7 and 8 in 2020 Transition Information Night, transition days and school interviews to name a few of the main events in our Middle School for this term.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT DAYS

During the school holidays, Codi Benton (Year 7) attended the Youth Parliament Camp in Adelaide for 2 nights. During her time on this camp, she learnt the general running of Parliament, how to write a bill and introduce it to the House of Representatives and how to address Members of Parliament. This camp, run yearly, is a great opportunity for students to learn first-hand how Parliament plays an important part in the running of South Australia. More information about next year's camp will be made available next year for students who are interested.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

An important part of our transition from feeder schools and our primary students into our middle school is the Parent/Caregiver Information Night. This presentation will be given on Tuesday October 29th at 6pm. The presentation will detail our middle school structure, the transition program, parent/teacher interviews and important policies. If you are unable to attend this presentation and would like more information, please contact me at the school.

HATS

It is great to see so many of our middle school students wearing their hats again for this term. As the UV Index rises, students need to ensure they are being sun-smart and wearing a hat that adheres to our school uniform policy. Hats are available for purchase through our front office if students need a new one, their current one is damaged or has graffiti on it.



MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to check our Mobile Phone Policy, located in the student diaries, about student use of mobile phones in our middle school. Students who are found using their mobile phones without prior consent for educational purposes will have their phone taken and given to the front office. Students will then need to collect them at the end of their day, having a sticker placed in their diary. On the second incident, a student is able to collect their phone from front office and a parent/caregiver will be notified. If a student's phone is taken a third time, a parent/caregiver will need to come and collect it from the front office. Students need to remember the appropriate use of mobile phones.

Please contact me via the front office or on Morgan.Slattery157@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any issues or questions.

Morgan Wallis
7-9 Coordinator

10-12 NEWS

Year 12 Breakfast & Assembly

Acknowledging the last official day for all students, next Friday morning our Year 12s are treated to a cooked breakfast prepared by their teachers at 8am in the Home Ec Room. This relatively new tradition has been received with enthusiasm by students and we look forward to keeping it going.

At 12pm in the Stadium the whole school farewells our Class of 2019. Please join us in bidding them well and acknowledging their progress.

Holiday Tuition Sessions

These holidays provide the final opportunity for our Year 12 students to participate in intensive revision sessions provided by varied tuition centres in Adelaide. Well done to those who attended. Don't forget to bring in your receipts for reimbursement.

Year 12 Exams and Subject Progress

The end of the year 12 year is arriving quickly. Exam-based subjects are set to conclude Friday November 1st, with non-exam subjects concluding Friday 25th October. Time is precious, so a balance of study and wellbeing tasks is required, most effectively planned and scheduled at times positioned to be successful. Thanks in advance to parents and community members who encourage this. If you are worried about your child's progress and/or wellbeing during what can be a stressful period, please let me know.

Our Year 12 Exams will be held at the Uniting Church, Jamestown. Thanks also to the Uniting Church community for assisting us with this.

Calendar Dates

- **Year 12 Breakfast** *Friday 25/10, Week 2, Term 4 @ 8am in the Home Ec Room*
- **Year 12 Last Day Assembly** *Friday 25/10, Week 2, Term 4 @ 12pm in the Stadium*
- **SWOTVAC Week** for exam students *Monday 28/10 – Friday 1/11 Week 3, Term 4*
- **Year 12 Exams** *Monday 4/11 – Friday 15/11 Week 4 & 5, Term 4*





- Year 12 Dinner
- Year 11 Exams
- Year 10 Exams
- Canberra Trip

Friday 15/11, Week 5, Term 4
 Monday 18/11 – Thursday 21/11 Week 6, Term 4
 Monday 25/11 – Friday 29/11 Week 7, Term 4
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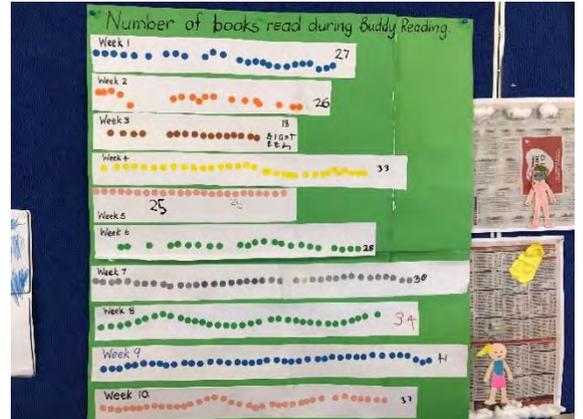
If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to make contact via email Danya.McKay149@schools.sa.edu.au

Danya McKay
10-12 Coordinator

RECEPTION NEWS

MATHS

Last term in Maths we were learning about collecting data and recording the information. In Buddy reading each week we read books and record them on a link to make a chain. We decided to count the links in the chain and record the number on a graph. We could see which week we read the most and least number of books. We also compared the length of the chains hanging in the room with the graph to see they were the same.



SHOWTIME

In the lead up to the Jamestown show the class spoke about what things they would see at the show. Students drew pictures and these we made into a poster to display in



the pavilion.

Students completed a fun craft activity using pre drawn animal shapes and pegs to make farm animals which maybe viewed at the show.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Students have been learning about Fairy Tales with Mrs. Hall. They chose a fairy tale and then planned and designed a scene from the story. Following this, they created a diorama in a box. A number of them were displayed in the school show display.



Lee-Anne Zwar
Reception Teacher

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CAMBODIA Talk

Projects Abroad Service Trip

Our Cambodia Crew have returned with many photos, videos and stories to tell.

Please come and listen to their experience next

Wednesday, October 23rd at 2.30pm in the Community library.

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2019

Immunisation Providers will be visiting Jamestown Community School on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 @ 9.00am to administer the following vaccines –

Year 8 students

Dose 2 HPV Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Gardasil)

Catch-up Vaccines FOR Year 10/11 students absent on the last visit.

It is important that students have breakfast on the day of immunisations.

Any queries contact Dymph, Gladstone Health Centre ph: 86622158 or dymphna.catford@sa.gov.au

Meningococcal ACWY catch up: adolescents aged 15 to 19 years

Since 1 April 2019, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine has been added to the National Immunisation Program (NIP) as a funded vaccine for students in Year 10 through the school-based vaccination program.

The free vaccine is also available for adolescents aged 15 to 19 years through the NIP catch up program by visiting a GP or immunisation provider.

CANTEEN FRUIT & VEG ROSTER

Please provide donations of any produce that can either be frozen or put in the pantry. Items can be either left at the front office or taken directly to the canteen on a day that suits you during your rostered week.

Week beginning:

Mon 14th October

Kristy McLeod, Sonia Paynter, Sarah Ramsdall, Letitia Rattley.

Mon 21st October

Octavia Strawbridge, June Reid, Cathy Rice, Cindy Ritchie, Nikki Rogers.

Mon 28th October

Kathryn Scott, Tania Seddon, Mandy Sims, Claire Smallacombe, Tracey Peters.

THANKYOU

We would like to thank all parents who donate goods to the canteen and the parents who volunteer their time in the canteen to help Julie out. Thank you.

DONATIONS of the following goods are appreciated as they are used regularly:- Strawberries, Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Grapes (seedless), Watermelon, Onions, Carrots, Zucchini, Broccoli, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Sausage Meat, Mince Meat, Sausages, Steak (stir-fry), Chicken Breasts, Hot Dog rolls, Wraps, Pasta (spaghetti & spirals), Rice, Packet Cake Mix, Icing Sugar, Patty Pans, Puff Pastry & Ice Cream

Please note that Canteen Roster is now on FlexiBuzz



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 1

14/10 Colleen Broad
 15/10
 16/10
 17/10 Barb Carr
 18/10 Kylie Wells

Week 2

21/10 Ali Cooper
 22/10 Kerrie Robinson
 23/10
 24/10 Stacey Goodes
 25/10 Louise Cadzow

Week 3

28/10 Nicki Morgan
 29/10 Janelle Butterick
 30/10 Kylie Kupke
 31/10
 1/11 Karen Heness

Please note that all Canteen Rosters are now on FlexiBuzz

CHOIR NEWS

Music! Music! Music!

PIANO

Congratulations to the following students on the results of their recent piano exams.

Their continuous steady commitment and hard work paid off and all received excellent results.

Well done and keep playing! You'll be so glad you did!

Preliminary:- Codi Benton, Zara Cooper, Chloe Hammat

Grade 1:- Sally McKay

Grade 2:- Aysha Woolford, George Wilson

Grade 5:- Kent Rattley



BELALIE LODGE VISIT

The school choir and several of the piano students recently entertained the residents and staff of Belalie Lodge with a short concert.

They performed well and the audience was delighted. Thank you to all involved.

"CAROLS IN THE PARK"

"Jamestown Carols in the Park" will be held on the evening of Sunday Dec 15th and choir and band rehearsals will be starting soon. If you are interested in being involved, please let Margie Symonds know on 0428818752.

Everyone is welcome!

Margie Symonds
Choir Coordinator

