



Ramco Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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16th November 2020 Week 6 Term 4

IMPORTANT DATES

26th November

Splash Day – internal only

27th November

Year 7 Waikerie High School Transition

1st December

Governing Council BBQ

3rd December

Year 7 Waikerie High School Transition

4th December

Christian Option Advent Session

9th December

Christmas Concert

11th December

Colour Run

LAST DAY OF TERM

2.30pm early dismissal

2021

Wednesday 27th January

Welcome back to School



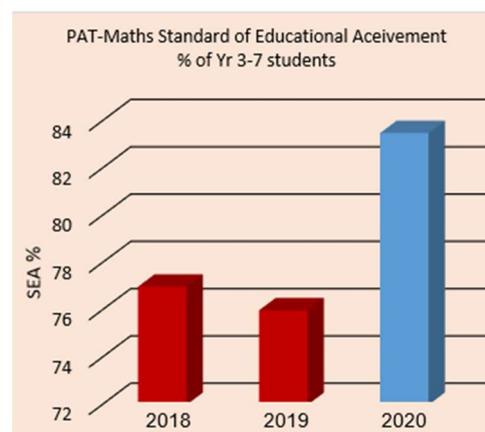
Principal's Report

Hello and welcome to Week 6.

Learning Improvement

At our recent student free day, staff spent time reviewing the learning of 2020 as well as getting an early start on refining our learning improvement focus for 2021 - so we can hit the ground running again next year! There certainly is lots to be proud of in a very challenging year, as reflected by the significant individual learning growth for all students across different areas.

Our focus on maths improvement, including 'big ideas in number', is particularly worth celebrating! This work has had a substantial, positive impact on learning across the school. Average student achievement (measured in the 2020 PAT-Maths assessment) increased from 76% in 2019 to 83.5% this year and our targeted numeracy groups have assisted students to quickly fill gaps in their number understanding.



Our School Improvement Plan is currently being refined to two key priorities for continued improvement in 2021.

Numeracy - Increasing student achievement in Mathematics particularly in the number strand

Writing - Improve student achievement in writing

Our reading focus across the school will continue to be a key component of our learning and work here at Ramco.

However, due to already having effective teaching and improvement systems in place in this area, it will not be on the school improvement plan in 2021.

'Every student is supported and challenged to be a lifelong Powerful Learner, who achieves their personal best'



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**POWERFUL LEARNERS at
RAMCO PRIMARY**

PROBLEM SOLVERS · SELF REGULATORS · RESILIENT LEARNERS

2021 Staffing

Due to the amalgamation process with Cadell Primary School, we have been fortunate to finalise our class teachers for 2021 in a much earlier timeframe than usual. We are very excited about the opportunity to have four classes of 20 students or less next year and welcome Susan Santella who will be joining our staff team. Susan brings a wealth of teaching and leadership experience as a teacher and former Principal of Cadell Primary School and is passionate about student wellbeing and learning success.

Ramco and Cadell students will have another opportunity this Wednesday to combine for a transition visit, (whilst the year sevens are at high school) and experience their class and teacher for 2021.

2021 Teaching Staff

Rob Smyth	Principal
Nicole Duffield R/1	Classroom Teacher
Sue Radolovic 2/3	Classroom Teacher
Susan Santella 4/5	Classroom Teacher
Tania Cain 6/7	Classroom Teacher
Danielle Mitton	NIT Specialist Teacher

Our SSO (ancillary) staffing and roles for 2021 are still being finalised and I will let you know of these positions as they are confirmed.



On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Hannah Marks who will be finishing here at Ramco Primary at the end of the term. We were very fortunate to have Hannah with us this year in the role of specialist teacher, Reception to Year 7, whilst Mrs Mitton was on maternity leave. Her positive enthusiasm around the school, as well as the wide variety of learning opportunities she has provided for students, has been terrific. We wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

Remembrance Day

Last Wednesday, Leila, Lachlan and Georgia represented the school at the Waikerie Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. The rest of the school held its' own memorial service back at school, to remember all of those who died as a result of war. Thank you to Ms Radolovic and her class for organising and facilitating this important service.



Attendance

With only 20 school days left in the year and some very important student events to come, it is vital that if your child/children are well, that they come to school every day. It will be very disappointing for them to miss these fantastic learning opportunities.



Year to Date (2020)



Previous Week

Kind regards,

Rob Smyth
'Together we learn'

Breakfast Club
Mon, Wed, Fri
8.30am – 8.45am



Riverland SAPSASA Athletics

Congratulations Poppy for being selected in the Riverland Sapsasa athletics team to compete in the state championships at Santos Stadium on Friday 20th November. We wish you all the best in competing this week and try your hardest.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Teacher	Student	Reason
Ms Duffield (Yr Rec/1)	Khaidyn.C Quincy Rhiannon	Showing good listening skills and producing great work in class Being a great role model and helper with the kindy transition students
Ms Radolovic (Yr 2/3/4)	Katlyn Tyson.C Tyson.M	} For being a resilient learners when learning their Oxford words and being determined to improve
Mrs Cain (Yr 5/6/7)	Ashten Sophie Jack	
Miss Marks	Tarkyn Khaidyn Marcus Kaeden Harry	
Principal Award	Tarkyn Calivin Lily	A positive attitude, resilience and effort Challenging himself to continuously improve as a learner and achieving outstanding results Positive effort as a Powerful Learner
Student Voice / Powerful Learner	Noah Koby Declan L	
Wally Award		

SPORTS DAY



Congratulations Pelicans on a very narrow win. Final scores were 1st: Pelicans 138.50, 2nd: Spoonbills 137.62, 3rd Swans 116.84. Our individual medal winners were:

Senior Boy: Ethan

Junior boy: Evan



Senior Girl: Poppy

Junior Girl: Annabelle

Well done to all participants, it was a fabulous day.



PCW NEWS

Separation Stresses

By now in Term 4, our kids are well and truly into a comfortable routine of arriving at school and saying goodbye to us as parents without any tears because they know that we will be there at the end of the day to pick them up again.

But what if we ask them to go somewhere unfamiliar and they refuse to say goodbye out of fear? What then?

There are lots of strategies that can be adopted, but some of the simpler ones involve a connection between parent and child. Whether that's real or perceived, it's the connection that kids are looking for.

Here at school, we were lucky enough to be given a small bag of hand-made hearts, to help kids overcome separation fears.

The wonderful gesture behind these crocheted beauties is that the child can hold one and the parent/carer can hold a matching one; and know that they are never far apart from each other, because they are holding each other's heart.

They were made especially for our school families, so if you think that a matching set of crochet hearts may help you and your child get through a difficult time of separation, please ask and we would love to give you a set.

Your PCW

Tamara





Cadell Primary School

*Save
the
date*

JOIN US FOR OUR
**FAREWELL
CELEBRATION**

**27TH
NOVEMBER
2020**

10^{AM} - 1^{PM}

415 CADELL
VALLEY ROAD
CADELL SA 5321

**MORE
DETAILS
TO COME**

