



NEWS SHEET

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30th August 2017

PRINCIPAL NEWS



Dear Families

At Redwood Park we encourage our students to use mathematical ideas effectively, to participate in daily life and make sense of the world. We ensure that we incorporate the use of numerical, spatial, graphical, statistical and algebraic concepts and skill in a variety of contexts.

Our students need to be able to recognise and understand the role of mathematics. It involves choosing the right mathematical strategy, applying mathematical skills and evaluating their use to solve problems in the world around us. Highly numerate students interpret, apply and evaluate mathematical strategies and communicate mathematical reasoning in real world situations.

You may feel that the maths children do at school is different from how you were taught, or that maths was not your best subject. You are however, still able to help your child in many ways.

- Maths today is about understanding , not learning by rote.
- There is always more than one way to achieve the correct answer.
- Ask "What is the question asking you?"
- Don't jump in with the answers.
- Stay positive
- Remember your way of working out a maths problem is just another strategy your child is learning.

Here is an example of a Problem solving Activity on Fractions

"Last night my family and I bought a packet of Tim-Tams to share for dessert. Before I knew it my brother had eaten 4, my dad had eaten 4 and my mum had eaten 2 and there was only 1 left for me!" How could we have shared the Tim-Tams so that each of us could have had the same exact amount?

To successfully participate in this problem

- **Students need to...** Be able to figure out how many Tim-Tams are in the packet. Be able to figure out how many people are in this family in particular. Use fractions to divide the Tim-Tams up equally among 4 people.
- **Students might...** Figure out how to equally divide the Tim-Tams packet up for their family in particular once they have solved this problem.
- **Possible strategies are...** Draw a picture showing you dividing up each Tim-Tam into sections for each person, with lines. Cut up pieces of paper to show the equal division in groups. Use numbers to show how much each person has. Use fractions to describe how much each person gets.

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Calendar

Parent/Teacher interviews
by Request—Tues 5th—
Thurs 7th Sept

Assembly - R/1 team
- Wed 6th Sept @ 1.50pm

Grounds meeting
- Fri 8th Sept @ 9.15am

Year 4/5 camp
- Mon 11th — Wed 13th

International Dot Day
- Fri 15th Sept

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Principal's News continued...

Maths is an integral part of our life and it is important that we continue to challenge and build students strategies at school and in the home. Try this with your children – How many ways can you represent the number 24?

Outstanding Quiz Night

On Saturday 19th of August we held our Quiz night which was our major fundraiser for the term. With the theme of the night being 'Crazy Hair or Wig', we were engulfed with many wonderful and crazy hair styles. With over 200 people in attendance the night presented many wonderful surprises and creative answers. During the night parents raised lots of money by tossing coins, buying raffle tickets, silent auctions and purchasing a bottle from our fabulous wine wall.

Our night would not have been a success if not for the fabulous work of **Simone and Dave Silcock** and their merry band of helpers. We were spoilt from the many wonderful donations by our local business community and parents and as a result we were able to raise \$5800 which will go towards the development of our senior Nature Play area.

A big thank you to everyone for making the night a tremendous success!



Interviews and information sharing

Next week we will be holding our midterm interviews and we are encouraging all parents to take the opportunity to make a time to talk to your child's class teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning and the progress that has been made since the mid year report. Please make a time during week 7 to ask, clarify or discuss how you can work collaboratively with the school to support your child's learning.

School Crossing

During our last Governing Council meeting we discussed how difficult it has been this year getting parents and students to be on our school crossing roster. As a council we are investigating alternative options of how we can better manage the crossing and we are asking our parent community to provide us with any suggestions or feedback they may have to address this situation. Please email any suggestions to dl.1090_info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Entertainment Books

Thank you to those families who have already purchased an Entertainment Book!

This year, with your support, our school has raised \$1469.

If you wish to purchase one in the meantime... head to www.entbook.com.au/1609x24

Regards Ian, Mandy and Michele



RPPS Quiz Night 2017



Book Week 2017

Escape to Everywhere

In Week 5, Redwood Park Primary celebrated the books we love during Book Week. This year's theme of "Escape to Everywhere" let imaginations run wild, which led to interesting classroom decorations and costumes for the Book Week Parade.

Students were encouraged to bring the book that matched their costume and it was fantastic to see so many students and staff dressed up. Many students showed detail and creativity in their choice of attire, and a big thank you to parents who supported this special event. At the end of our parade we all joined in the 'Book Week Dance' which had been rehearsed prior to the day. There was a really great vibe around the school throughout the day!

Lunchtime activities were held every day during the week in the Resource Centre. Students enjoyed craft activities and scavenger hunts that tested student knowledge of characters and settings. These were as much fun for the teachers as it was for the students! Guessing which staff member matched to their favourite book on display was very popular, and Miss Cunninghams's class won with 6 correct guesses. Congratulations!



Little Red Riding Hood
and Ron Weasley

Let's get
active
with the
Book
Week
Dance!



The Cat in
the Hat
dropped
by to give
out the
Values
Awards.

