

Mt. Torrens Primary School Newsletter

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STUDENT FREE DAY



Please be aware there will be a
student free day on

Tuesday

11th March 2014

(Following Adelaide Cup day)

Teacher will be learning about the new Geography
Curriculum with other local schools

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday was our family acquaintance night. It
was great to see so many of our students and
families attending.

Thank-you to everybody for their help, especially
Ellen for the running around finding sponsors, Kerry
for helping with salads, Kirsten for organising the
fun-trailer and Roger for cooking the BBQ. Thank you
to all the parents who helped on the night and
especially to the wonderful local business who have
support our school.





Thank-you to the local; businesses who supported our acquaintance night



Busy Bouncers Jumping Castle Hire
Address: Care of Mount Torrens Post Office
Mount Torrens
South Australia
email: info@busybouncers.com.au
Tel: 08 8389 4195
Mob: 0404 771 002

ONKAPARINGA MEATS



15 Main St, Lobethal
SA 5241
Phone: (08) 8389 6484
Fax: (08) 8389 6100

Coopers of Mt Torrens



25 Townsend Road,
Mt Torrens, SA 5244
Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 1pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm
Public Holidays 10am - 2pm

Contact John & Natalie at Mt Torrens
Phone: 8389 4188
Fax: 8389 4288
Email: coopersmt@adam.com.au

KLOSE'S SUPERMARKETS



Lobethal Foodland IGA

18 Main Street
 LOBETHAL SA
 Phone: (08) 8389 6280
 Trading Hours: 7:30am-8pm Every Day

Woodside Foodland IGA

59 Onkaparinga Valley Road
 WOODSIDE SA
 Phone: (08) 8389 7021
 Trading Hours: 7:30am-9pm Every Day

Balhannah Foodland IGA

Balhannah Junction Shopping Centre
 84 Onkaparinga Valley Road
 BALHANNAH SA
 Phone: (08) 8388 4258
 Trading Hours: 7:30am-9pm Every Day

Littlehampton Foodland IGA

85 Princes Highway
 LITTLEHAMPTON SA
 Phone: (08) 8391 4195
 Trading Hours: 7:30am-9pm Every Day



Would you like to help kids learn skills for their future and have a great time doing it?

Can you volunteer for 1 or 1 ½ hours on a Monday night 5.30pm -6.30pm or 6.30pm-8pm at the Mt Torrens Hall?

If so. The Torrens Valley Scout Group needs you.

For more information contact Colin Muller on

gl.torrensvalley@sa.scouts.com.au



Mt Torrens Playgroup

You are invited to join us!

When: Friday morning 9.15 to 11.15

Where: Mount Torrens PS Indonesian Room

Why: Fun for kids aged 0 – 5

Phone 83894278 and ask for Karen for more information.



Junior Football 2014

The Torrens Valley Football Club welcomes you to the 2014 season.

Under 13 and Under 15 training will commence on Thursday February 27 5.30pm at the Mount Torrens Oval

2014 will be another exciting year for junior football.

So write the date in your calendar and encourage all your friends and family to come along and join the ***"Lion Pride"***

We will start training by introducing our coaches for 2014, player registrations and a BBQ tea.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



A new children's dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Crafty Pots

Students have been preparing some beautiful flower pots for the Mt Pleasant Show. They are beginning to look really good.

Special thanks to Marie, Kirsten and Kerry for all their help.



From the Learning Unit

Dear Parents/caregivers,

I can't believe it is already week 4! I had planned to send home a welcome note sooner but we have had such a hectic start to the year that it got away from me. So finally, I would like to welcome all the children and families back/to Mount Torrens Primary School for 2014. I am so excited to have the opportunity to return to Mount Torrens for 2014 and looking forward to working with this amazing group of students.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Cathy McHolm to the Mount Torrens team. Cathy's wealth of experience teaching across many sites and year levels will be an asset to our learning community. I am looking forward to working with, and learning from Cathy as we develop a program that engages and challenges our students.

I am passionate about developing a learning community at Mount Torrens that supports the involvement of parents in the education of all our students. With such a small group of students, I think we have a wonderful opportunity to work closely together to support each child to be successful. At the heart of my teaching philosophy are relationships and respect. I believe that in order to get respect we must have good relationships and be good role models for our students.

We have a busy term ahead of us including Sports Day later in the term and Camp at Arbury Park. The students have some great ideas to liven up the curriculum and make our learning fun including some special days like 'pets day'. I look forward to getting to know you all as the year progresses and encourage you to call in or ring me with any questions or concerns. Let's work together to make Mount Torrens a great learning community for our students.

Regards
Nicol Bliss

Dear Parents/ caregivers,

Just a quick "hello" from me and a big thank you to all those parents that I have already met for making me feel very welcome here at Mt. Torrens School. I am looking forward to the year ahead. Already we have enjoyed swimming lessons and are now getting stuck into our topic for the term - one that the children have chosen - Animals.

During the day I will be working mainly with the Reception and Year 1 students for both Literacy and Numeracy and then in the afternoon with the whole class/school for some work in the subject area of Geography. We will be using the topic of animals to explore both local environments and those of other countries throughout the world.

We will explore these places on maps, atlases and using the internet, looking at climates, vegetation and the effects that humans have had on these natural environments. I will be in every Monday so please feel free to drop in either before or after school if you have any questions

Cathy McHolm

Show and Tell Roster



Monday - Hayley M, Millie

Tuesday - Angus, Alex

Wednesday - Maddi, Gage

Thursday - Max, Will

Friday - Upper Primary

Needed

- cardboard boxes
- plastic containers (not nut or honey though)
- egg cartons
- junk mail
- any other useful construction materials

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please note, dates are proposed and may change

Term 1 Week 5	24/2/14	25/2/14	26/2/14	27/2/14	28/2/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	1/3	2/3
Term 1 Week 6	3/3/14	4/3/14	5/3/14 Governing Council Meeting	6/3/14 Mobile Library	7/3/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	8/3	9/3
Term 1 Week 7	10/3/14 Adelaide Cup day	11/3/14 Student Free Day	12/3/14	13/3/14	14/3/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	15/3 Mt Pleasant Show	16/3
Term 1 Week 8	17/3/14	18/3/14	19/3/14	20/3/14 Mobile Library	21/3/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	22/4	23/4
Term 1 Week 9	24/3/14 GRIP Yr.6 Leadership conference	25/3/14	26/3/14	27/3/14	28/3/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	29/3	30/3
Term 1 Week 10	31/3/14	1/4/14	2/4/14 Governing Council Meeting	3/4/14 Mobile Library	4/4/14 9:00 Playgroup BELLS Active After Sch.	5/4	6/4
Term 1 Week 11	7/4/14	8/4/14	9/4/14 CAMP	10/4/14 CAMP	11/4/14 CAMP	12/4	13/4

Maths Quiz

Last newsletter's quiz:

A blind-folded man is handed a deck of 52 cards and told that exactly 10 of these cards are facing up.

How can he divide the cards into two piles (possibly of different sizes) with each pile having the same number of cards facing up?

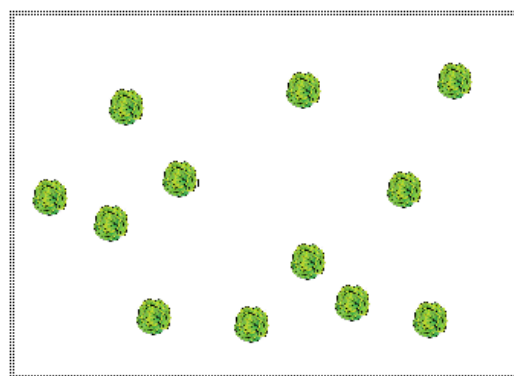
Answer:

The blind-folded man divides the cards into two piles with 10 and 42 cards each. He then flips all cards in the smaller pile.

Done!

This newsletters quiz:

Using three straight lines, divide the cabbage patch up into six sections with two cabbages in each section.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Thank-you to everybody who has supplied clearances from Department of Communities and Social Inclusion or have lodged application form.

If you have not returned this application please see Eddy as a matter of urgency. All we need is 5 minutes and 100 points of identification (a birth certificate and driver's license). It won't hurt a bit and will ensure we can work together to continue improving Mt Torrens Primary School.

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Parent involvement – the secret ingredient to children's school success

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as holding their school in high regard.

If you want the best outcomes for your child or young person then it's important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child's education as practical.

The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Parent involvement takes energy

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Unfortunately, finding parents who are willing to take part in these activities is increasingly difficult. Many parents find themselves worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. They find themselves with no energy left to be involved in their child's school.

Make sure kids are school ready every day

Participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child.

These include: talking with your child about their day, hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having had plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

- ✓ Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child's school apart from others.

- ✓ Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R's.
- ✓ Direct conversations through the correct channels such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.
- ✓ Become an advocate for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- ✓ Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- ✓ Consult with your child's teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven contributor to student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school life.



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