Christmas Wreath by learners in the Purple Stars Class

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we have been preparing for the end of the year assessing, reporting, constructing portfolios and examining evidence of learning over the year it is apparent that a great deal of teaching and learning has taken place at Kilparrin throughout 2011. Teachers have undertaken professional development as well as formal tertiary subjects, SSOs have kept up to date with the requirements of their jobs and the learners have participated in the exciting and rich curriculum offered in each class and the Kilparrin Early Learning Centre. A delighted audience witnessed the public aspect of learning at the End of Year Assembly and Christmas Concert, when each class presented an item as well as participating in the whole of school musical performance. I have shared with staff very positive feedback sent to me by guests at the Assembly. It is very special to receive such positive feedback and we appreciate people taking the time to put their response in writing. The Assembly was an extremely fast 90 minutes, at the end of which I completely forgot to thank the learners and staff for their contribution to the event. It was such fun, a clear demonstration of learning, not only of the content of the items but also of learning to be together, to take turns and to showcase the strengths and interests of each participant, to be inclusive and to respect each individual. While the learners excelled in their performance the staff attitude of respect, care, encouragement, expectation and fun was there for all to see. As the feedback I received states “…I want to especially make mention of the great preparation that must have gone on prior to the concert. This was evident in all students’ calm manner and expectation of different performance items. Everyone is congratulated on such an inclusive concert with each child being included in their own way. I know that you and your staff work with your students every day bringing out their best and helping them reach their potential. What I saw today was a group of people showing great respect and genuine affinity to and for students who are being educated in an amazing environment. I congratulate you all…” And I forgot to thank them!

Thanks too, to Cheryl Elwood, Pam Dunnett and the Coordinators Roley, Lea, Ellen and Rachel for their willingness and ability to take on responsibilities to support Kilparrin. Thanks also to the Statewide Support Service staff who provide such excellent support to our learners, their teachers and families across the state. Kilparrin is fortunate to have such a collaborative and successful staff.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Alison McWilliams
Principal
The students have enjoyed a variety of different activities during the term, “Swimming has been the best” Jake, “I have enjoyed riding the bikes and the water slide” Omer, “The best thing has been art” Letisha.

We have also been building up our friendships.

I have really enjoyed working with all of the students and their families in the Orange Circles. I would like to wish everyone a safe a happy holiday and look forward to hearing all about what everyone gets up to when we meet again next year.

We all enjoyed practising building the props and performing the Three Little Pigs. We also enjoyed the final Assembly for the year and the Variety Christmas Party.

Karen, Bruna & Mel.

GREEEN TRIANGLES

Christmas Tree
by learners in the Green Triangles Class

I honestly can’t believe we are at the end of the school year and Christmas is just around the corner! The year has flown by in the Green Triangles Class. We have had many fun learning experiences. It really is so rewarding to be able to observe the development of the learners over the year, including their developing physical skills, communication skills, independence and social skills.

Some of the highlights of the year include the development of our school garden, the opportunity to use the iPad as a learning tool, various excursions and visitors to the school, and last week’s Variety Christmas
Party. A great time was had by all with lots to do including face painting, dancing, Christmas displays, a fire truck, a ‘chill out’ area and clowns.

Rachel, Jess and Bruna

PURPLE STARS

Christmas Wreath
by learners in the Purple Stars Class

Well here we are at the end of another year!! And what a year it has been! The learners in the Purple Stars class have worked hard in all curriculum areas throughout the year.

The main highlights of the year include the various excursions we have been on, the Kilparrin garden being developed, growing plants from seeds and most recently, the Variety Christmas Party. The learners had a fantastic day full of music, food, face painting and seeing Father Christmas. It really was a wonderful way to end the term and a great time to spend together as a school.

I must thank my SSOs Jess, Lyn, Mel and Bruna for their support for both the learners and me over the year. Without their hard work the classroom would not be able to run as smoothly as it has this year.

We also thank the parents and families for their support over the year, and look forward to 2012 at Kilparrin.

A very Merry Xmas to you all!!

It has been a great year in the Purple Stars and at Kilparrin. It has been a pleasure working with the learners in the class towards their goals and working with Hayley and Elisha (SSOs) who provide excellent support in the classroom.

Now it is time to say good bye for the year and look ahead into 2012! Wishing you all a good break and a Happy Holiday!!

There have been many other individual highlights and achievements made during the year and one in particular is Angela competing one moderated SACE subject and two unmoderated SACE subjects. Angela has worked very hard this year on her SACE and will continue to do so next year! Well done Angela!!
Becci, Hayley and Elisha

YELLOW SQUARES

Christmas Trees
by learners in the Yellow Squares Class

So... it's the end of 2011 already and it's time to look back over what we have achieved this year. There have been many challenges but overall, the Yellow Squares learners have moved forward.

Sometimes our achievements are small victories, or take a long time to materialise... and sometimes we rush headlong into new skills or discoveries. Without a doubt our most startling gains this year have been made in the areas of literacy and communication. The learners' communication is so central to everything that they do and parents' comments have reflected that better communication is helping with independence and improved behaviour. Next year Kilparrin will continue to focus on the areas of literacy and communication for all learners.

One of our favourite activities this year was maths and science lessons in the new school garden.

We were very successful at growing broad beans and our "catering company" served them up in a lovely salad to some very appreciative teachers! Our cooking lessons have been fabulously successful and the learners have gained valuable new skills and certainly improved their cleaning up.

We are excited to see Nasser heading off to school in Term 1 next year, and he has shared this excitement with a group of friends from Forbes who are also finishing at preschool this term.

Dylan will return to preschool at the beginning of next year for Term 1 before making his transition to school, and Madi expects to remain with us for all of 2012.

It has been a pleasure to look back on the year at preschool and reflect on aspects of each child's learning through their year at preschool.

The first year for KELC in the inclusive setting at Forbes Children's Centre has been a happy and settled one. The friendly and calm environment has ensured that both KELC children as well as staff have enjoyed the year and look forward to 2012.

I have really enjoyed putting together the Yellow Squares portfolios this term and really thinking about what the boys have achieved in 2011. I hope that you have as much fun reading about their year and looking at the pictures of them really making a good effort to learn this year at Kilparrin. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Marina Gallop for being our SSO and Auslan 'language specialist' in 2011 and teaching all of us to communicate better through sign.

Jess and Marina

Our year at KELC has been a busy and productive one, with Dylan, Nasser and Madi all demonstrating enjoyment and

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provide families with a representation of their year at preschool that they can share with others and enjoy for many years to come as Nasser, Madi and Dylan continue to grow, develop and learn.

Jenny, Kay & Christina

**MUSIC**

2011 has been a very eventful year with musical activities, events and performances.

Throughout the year our learners were involved in various activities with songs, instruments and movement related to the term themes, special days and events; **Belonging, Harmony Day, Move To Learn, Being, Becoming and Christmas.** Each term we presented our items during school assemblies.

We began the year with being a part of the **2011 COME OUT Festival** in March and attended the **Instant Orchestra Workshop** at Adelaide Festival Theatre, playing and experiencing the sound of the Indonesian instrument called an unklung.

In Term 2 we experienced the sound of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra during the live performance of **Peter and the Wolf** and **The Musical ZOO** at the Grainger Studio.

In September this year our learners participated in **Musica Viva in Schools** program and attended a live and interactive performance at Kilparrin by **The Rhythm Works.**

Four professional musicians delivered a program covering an enormous range of percussion music from African drumming to Caribbean inspired steel drum melodies and fast, exciting Latin tunes.

Another big event also took place in September at The Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga. We attended the Patch Theatre production **Mr McGee and the Biting Flea** by Pamela Allen. This was a story about three curious warehouse workers transforming a storeroom into enchanting little miracles of music and play.

For the fourth consecutive year some of Kilparrin learners participated with learners from Ascot Park Primary School and SASVI in the 2011 Primary Schools Festival of Music. Letisha, Jake and Karoo sang with the Park Holme campus choir in a concert at the Festival Theatre in a very large choir made up of choirs from 20 other schools from around South Australia. Thank you to Eileen for her support during choir rehearsals and the final concert.

Once again our learners participated in the Australia wide event **Music! Count Us In.** We learnt a new song **We’ve Got the Music** for this event which took place on September 1st.

As usual in Term 4 we have been involved in various activities in preparation for the **End of Year Assembly** which was held on Wednesday 30 November. All the learners successfully presented their items to parents, caregivers, friends and invited guests.

Congratulations to all learners!

Below are some photos from our

End of Year Assembly.

Drawing the Raffle
Decorating the Tree
Singing
Welcome Father Christmas!

Merry Christmas Everyone

I would like to thank all SSOs and volunteers for their help during group music sessions and school assemblies. Also special
thanks to Dot for preparing resources and organising various props for us.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone, a very safe and restful holiday and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Krystyna & Christina
Music Team

Curriculum News

What we teach makes a statement about our values and goals as well as about our own knowledge of children and understanding of curriculum. Choosing what to teach is one of our most vital tasks.

At Kilparrin our goal continues to be to provide the optimum program for children with vision impairment, hearing impairment and additional disabilities. This year we have implemented the Australian Curriculum, the Early Years Learning Framework and the Teaching for Effective Learning framework. Planning what we teach may take many forms. Teachers plan each day’s activities, develop weekly plans to provide continuity from day to day and plan in very general ways to provide direction for the week, the term and the entire school year. Planning is essential in a smoothly functioning program, as teachers we choose how much we will plan and in what detail.

At Kilparrin planning for effective learning looks like; personalising and connecting learning, appreciating diversity, enriching children’s thinking, collaborating with other teachers and sharing knowledge.

The relationships children have with teachers are of great importance in determining the quality of their educational experiences. Based on these relationships children will decide if the classroom is a safe and trustworthy place in which they may play, explore, learn and develop.

It has been a pleasure to observe the teaching, playing, learning and enjoyment in the Kilparrin classrooms over the year. What an exciting year we have shared and what an exciting year 2012 will be for the learners, the teachers and all staff!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, an enjoyable holiday and an exciting and healthy 2012.

A thought by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

Lea Thorpe
Coordinator
Curriculum and Pedagogy

SPECIAL THANKS

At our End of Year Assembly learners’ achievements were acknowledged and various awards presented.

Congratulations to all learners and thanks to the staff who supported them in their achievements.

Festival of Music Certificates and Medals presented by Krystyna Misiara, Music Teacher

Jake Bowman
Karoo Samson
Letisha Abrami (absent)

Premier’s be active Challenge Medals presented by Ms Maureen Maclean, Electorate Assistant to Mr Steve Georganas, Federal Member for Hindmarsh

Letisha Abrami (absent) Champion
Angela Bass Champion
Shaylem Bland Champion
Stuart McKechnie Champion
Stephanie Nicolaides Champion
Karoo Samson Champion
Zane Vasilikiotis Champion

Logan Catalano Gold
Shaun Menzies Gold
Tom Sander Gold
Tyson Vogelesang-Burke Gold

Omer Akyildiz Silver
Angus Duncan Silver
Chelsea Guinan (absent) Silver
James Sweet (absent) Silver
Brooke Warman Silver

Jake Bowman Bronze

Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates and Medals
presented by Ms Dionysia Hatzi, Chairperson, Kilparrin Governing Council

The following learners have entered the Hall of Fame and were awarded special medals for their achievements over several years.

Hall of Fame Medals:
Letisha Abrami (absent)
Angela Bass
Shaylem Bland
Stuart McKechnie
Stephanie Nicolaides
Karoo Samson

Other awards:
Zane Vasilikiotis Legend
Omer Akyildiz Gold
Jake Bowman Gold
Chelsea Guinan (absent) Gold
Logan Catalano Silver
Angus Duncan Silver
Patrick Fogarty Silver
Shaun Menzies Silver
Tom Sander Silver
Tyson Vogelesang-Burke Silver
James Sweet (absent) Bronze
Brooke Warman Bronze
Georgia Smith Certificate

We made $346 from this fundraiser. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dionysia Hatzi, Chairperson
Kilparrin Governing Council

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Notice of Governing Council AGM

All parents/caregivers are invited to the Kilparrin Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7 February, 2012 at 5:30pm.

The guest speaker will be Jane Farrall who will be talking about iPads for Kilparrin learners.

Please find additional information attached to this Newsletter

2012 Taxi Transport Important Information

SERU will send a letter to all parents/carers of children who have been approved for taxi transport in 2012.

In the letter parents/carers will be asked to contact their child’s school from 23 January 2012 for details of their child’s run if they have not heard from SERU by that date.

Governing Council Christmas Hamper Fundraiser

Special thanks to those members of the Kilparrin community who made donations and purchased tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle Fundraiser. Thanks also to Kristy Sander and her mother who gift wrapped all of the hampers.

Raffle winners were;
Trudy Welch
Krystyna Misiara
James Elwood
Trevor McDougall
Logan Catalano
D. Fogarty
Marina Gallop
Eva Hatzi
Edith Williams
Zane Vasilikiotis
Jenny McGinn
Angela Bass
Tracey W.
Sally Willis

SunSmart Tips for the Holidays

Avoid sun exposure between the times of 11am – 3pm as that is when UV levels are at their highest.

Always use an SPF 30+ on children as well as adults. It provides the highest protection factor available in Australia and should always be used when exposed to the sun.

Infants and young children should always wear hats and clothing when out in the sun. A sunscreen product should not be relied on as the primary means of protection.

Don’t just rely on sunscreen. Always wear a hat, sunglasses and clothing when in the sun.

Apply your sunscreen liberally 20 minutes before sun exposure so it leaves adequate time for your skin to absorb the lotion’s protective elements.

Make sure your sunscreen has both UVA and UVB protection (broad spectrum).

Make sure you apply sunscreen on overcast days; even when the sky is cloudy the sun’s ultra violet rays still reach the earth’s surface.

Reapply your sunscreen at regular intervals (at least every 1 – 2 hours) and especially after swimming, towel drying or exercising.

Healthy Snacks for the Summer Holidays

Melon and Pineapple Ice-Blocks

Photography by Ben Dearnley

Equipment
You'll need a 6-hole, ¼ cup-capacity plastic ice-block mould.

Ingredients
600g seedless watermelon
¼ (350g) honeydew melon
¼ cup pineapple juice

Method
Using a melon baller, scoop 6 balls from watermelon. Cut in half. Repeat with honeydew melon. Place 2 watermelon halves and 2 honeydew halves in each mould. Carefully pour 1½ tablespoons pineapple juice into each mould (don’t overfill). Place lids on moulds. Freeze for 4 hours or until frozen. Serve. (Makes 6)

Tip:
You could use paddle-pop sticks instead of plastic lids for the moulds.

Source: Super Food Ideas
Recipe by Nadia French
February 2011, Page 71

Honey Yoghurt Tropical Ice-Blocks

Photography by Ben Dearnley

Equipment
You'll need a 6-hole, ¼ cup-capacity plastic ice-block mould.

Ingredients
½ cup honey yoghurt
½ medium mango cheek, sliced (see tip)
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup passionfruit pulp (2 medium passionfruit)

Method
Spoon 1 tablespoon yoghurt into each mould. Freeze for 1 hour or until just firm. Blend mango and orange juice until smooth. Transfer to a jug. Stir in passionfruit. Carefully pour over yoghurt in moulds. Place lids on moulds. Freeze for 4 hours or until frozen. Serve. (Makes 6)

Tip:
Freeze remaining mango cheek in a snap-lock bag for up to 3 months.

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Tropical Ice Treats

Ingredients
1 fresh mango, peeled and chopped or 425g can mango
1½ cups orange juice
410g can apricots in natural juice, drained and chopped

Method
Puree mango in a blender and add orange juice. Divide apricots between plastic cups. Pour mango and orange juice over fruit. Add a pop stick to each cup and freeze until set. Run under hot water to remove from the cup. Makes 6 cups.

FRUITY ICE TREATS

5 minutes preparation
6 serves of fruit in this recipe

Equipment
6 disposable plastic cups
6 pop sticks

Strawberry and Kiwi

Ingredients
1 punnet strawberries, hulled and chopped
2 kiwi fruit, peeled and chopped
1½ cups orange juice

Method
Drop strawberries and kiwi fruit into each disposable cup. Pour orange juice over fruit. Add a pop stick to each cup and freeze until set. Run under hot water to remove from the cup. Makes 6 cups.

On behalf of the Kilparrin Staff and Learners
We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year

Christmas Tree
Logan Catalano, Yellow Squares Class

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