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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's wonderful to see that some of the COVID-19 restrictions are starting to ease slowly! It certainly has tested us all especially not being able to visit family and friends or having those social gatherings we all enjoy.

As we have been advised from the Chief Medical Officer it is important we continue our social distancing and hygiene to prevent a second wave occurring.

I have noticed at the end of the school day several families converging together less than 1.5m apart. I understand that you all enjoy a chat and catch-up but I ask that you please abide by these guidelines and socially distance.

There have also been times when adults have come onsite and onto the school grounds. Currently we continue to be advised that only essential workers/people can be onsite. If you require a child to be collected please ring the front office on 8595 3274 and a staff member will bring the child to the front of the school (this also applies for anything being dropped off or collected).

Mary Shannon

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE.

Help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance. Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings. Wherever possible stay 1.5 metres apart and practise good hand hygiene, especially after being in public places.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

Advice regarding **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** will change regularly. Keep up to date. Visit health.gov.au

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY



NUT AWARE

We have some children who have an allergy to nuts. Children are informed by teachers that they are not to share their food with anyone else.

We also understand that many food products contain traces of nuts, but we ask that you consider the food items that you send along to school for recess and lunch.



DISPOSITIONS : We are Brave - Persistent - Resilient - Adaptable - Communicators

STARR VALUES : Success - Team Work - Acceptance - Respect - Responsibility

FROM THE WELLBEING LEADER

BETTER BUDDIES

This term in Better Buddies our theme is Sustainability. Students will be working with a new class throughout term 2 on the project below.

Your child may ask you if they are allowed to take

a 'preloved' item that can be recycled, to school. Children and staff are thoroughly enjoying the buddy lessons and are looking forward to beginning this project today!



Our buddy project

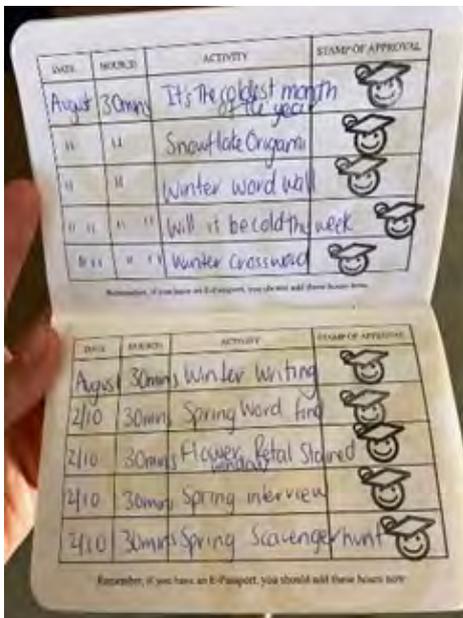
- ▶ This term out buddy focus is sustainability.
- ▶ Your task: is to take an old material and recycle it to make it something new. It can be anything and you can use the materials we have here at school to give it a new purpose. The object you choose to recycle can come from home or school too.

First buddy lesson	Learn about sustainability and plan your recycling project. Discuss with your group a recycle project you could manage. Have a look online to help! Create a detailed plan/design and list all materials you need to make your recycled project. Show a teacher your plan.
Second buddy lesson	Make your recycled project with your group involving everyone.
Third buddy lesson	With your group explain your recycled project to the rest of your class.

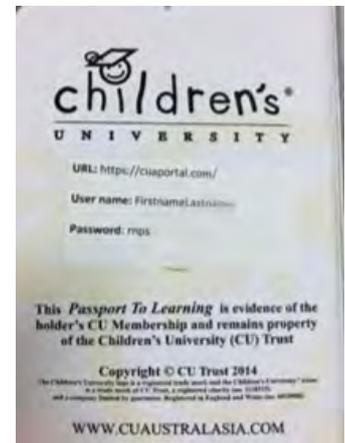
Attention Children University Families

I have had some parents asking some very valid questions as to how some aspects of the program work. I am sure some of you have the same ones. Please read the information below for some clarity. I found it hard to navigate last year when it was new to me but it does get easier and the new portal is user friendly.

What is a Children's University passport? The passport is used to record any activities students do. Please help your child record the activity they did and the time it took (See photos). Please then send it back to school and I will then approve it with the stamp. Children show me their passport every few weeks and then I add their hours together for them. If they reach 30 hours by the end of the year they are invited to a lovely graduation ceremony which is a very special, formal occasion. Parents are invited to attend.

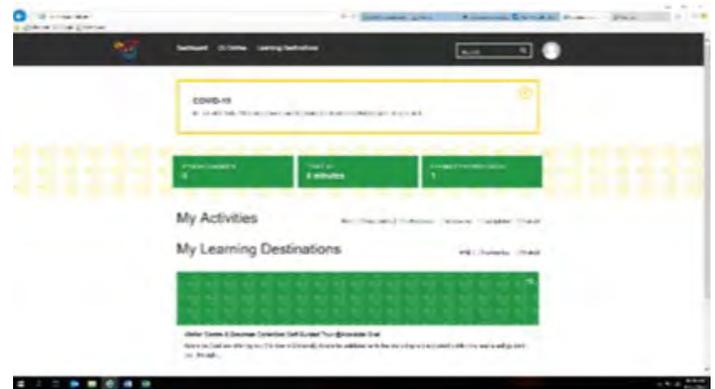


What is a learning destination? Children's University is working a little bit differently at the moment. Normally, children can visit 'Learning Destinations' after school, on weekends or in the holidays (Learning Destinations can be found on the portal home page once you have logged in) at the top of the screen in white writing in a black bar. These learning destinations are not currently open due to the COVID-19 situation, however we hope they open up again in the future. For example the Renmark Hotel is a learning station. So, on a weekend in the future when all is back and running you can go to the hotel and participate in their learning activity. This will give you 30 minutes in your passport. There are many Learning Destinations in Adelaide and other cities and towns around Australia.



Portal Log in

FACT: Even though many Learning Destinations are not currently open, we do have some nature walks around our region that you can do including Martins Bend in Berri, Willabalangaloo (on the Renmark to Berri road) and the Renmark Riverfront. If you would like to do any of these search 'Renmark' or 'Berri' in the portal and print off the activity sheets.

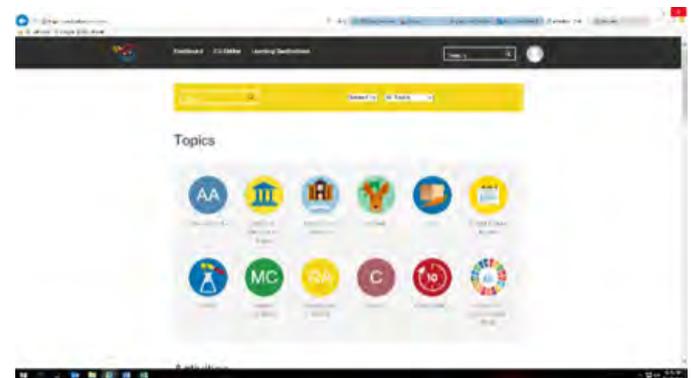


Portal Homepage

How do I access the portal and online learning?

Open your child's passport (look in pictures attached). Type in the URL and then log in using the username and password provided in the passport. Children can then select activities that they would like to complete based on an interest. For example you can select animals; this will then take you to all activities linked to animals.

Is all learning online? No. I can print activities for children to do at home. In the pack I sent home I gave you some activities and the craft needed to complete them. If you would like more hard copy activities and supplies please ask. I would be more than happy to organise this for you.



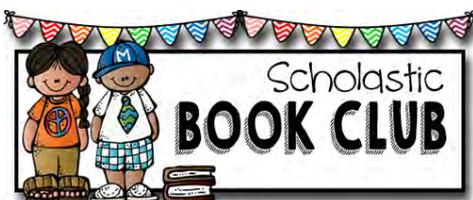
Portal activities

Wednesday Lunchtime Activities - All Children University students are invited to attend activities on Wednesdays at lunchtimes in Mr Abbotts' 4/5 class. I will run these sessions and children will receive between 30 minutes and an hour in their passports for participating in the activity. This week we did the Haigh's Chocolate activity where we looked at the different jobs chocolatiers have and designed our own chocolates.

If you have other queries please don't hesitate to give me a call or Dojo.

Dani Woolford

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ONLINE



Due to these unprecedented times, Scholastic Book Club will be online in Term 2.

Please follow the link:

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Orders will still be delivered to the school. All orders to be placed by Monday 18th May.

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

On Wednesday 11th March a group of our students who are participating in the Young Environment Leaders program went to the first forum hosted by the NRM education team. The theme for this forum was Connecting with Nature and it was held at Martins Bend riverfront and the walking trail. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day, even though they got hot. We participated in a cultural talk where the kids learnt to do Aboriginal weaving, and we went on a nature trail walk where we had to identify birds we saw and think about questions that were posted around the track. We finished the day with some mindfulness and learning about connecting to each other and nature.

The top three things that they saw or learnt about the day included:

'Aboriginal weaving, listening to the birds and identifying the birds' – Charlotte

'Aboriginal weaving, doing the nature walk and listening to the sounds' – Sophie

'Looking at the birds, trees and water' – Maggie

'Seeing the birds and trees on the nature walk and doing the weaving' – Chloe

'The trees, Aboriginal talk and weaving' – Amber

'Walking trail, weaving and looking for birds' -Braxton

'Different birds, a nature hunt and weaving' - Justin

Over the April school holidays our school competed in The Renmark Schools' BioQuest. It was run by the Renmark Paringa Council and Renmark Paringa Landcare. The competition was open to all 5 Renmark Schools.



Renmark North was the only school that competed, so it ended up being an internal competition. The BioQuest competition involved children going around the Renmark area, taking photos of any plants and animals they saw and uploading them onto a specific app. They then had to try their best to identify what they had found and put them into categories ie; flowering plant, fungi, reptile, arachnid and insect.

Our team included Ryan, Caitlin, Mia, Alissa, Chloe, Axel R, Alexis M, Makayla, Amber, Isabella B, Kaylee, Rylee, Kayden, Liam, Ryleigh, Hayden, Rhylan and Hadley.

Congratulations to Alissa who was our Overall Champion Spotter and has won first prize for the competition, with Ryan coming second. Alissa scored the most points for the competition as well as being the top identifier.

There were five other prize categories and those were awarded to;

Novice Champion Spotter—Ryan

Overall Champion Identifier—Chloe

Novice Champion Identifier—Rylee

Best Find— Kayden

Best Photo-Liam



Our school was highly commended by Myles the Environmental Officer for the Renmark Paringa Council. He was very impressed with the plants and animals that were found over the competition. Myles also made a special mention to Isabella who spotted a rare plant—Spiny Daisy, which was thought not to be in our area anymore.



Photo by Ryan V



Photo by alissa



Photo by ChloeChristian



Photo by alissa



From your Pastoral Care Worker

Hi everyone! I hope you're all keeping safe and well in this season of life! As some restrictions are slowly being lifted, it's still really important to be considerate and careful about visiting and socially interacting with the other people we share this world with. I realise many families are choosing to stay home on the weekend, so I wanted to continue with some at-home activity suggestions!

Chalk Photo Shoots are heaps of fun! They give you and your children a chance to get a bit arty and they make great pictures to frame for yourself or send to grandparents. If you search Chalk Photo Shoot on Pinterest, there are a ton of examples, but here are just a few:

If you don't have a concreted space for large chalk drawings, maybe you could have a family picnic in your backyard instead! Pack some sandwiches, fruit, cheese and biscuits or veggie sticks and dip and find a nice patch of lawn to roll a blanket out to share some time with your family.

If there's anything I can do to support you and your family, contact me by phoning the school or emailing me at:
narelle.fielke729@schools.sa.edu.au
or messaging me on Dojo.

Blessings,

Narelle Fielke



Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and well being of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any update including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- **Start Smart:** these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- **The Beanstalk:** offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.



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THURSDAY AT RECESS
50C - \$1.00 EACH**



Special Lunches

**Every Monday and Friday.
Order using the QKr! App.**

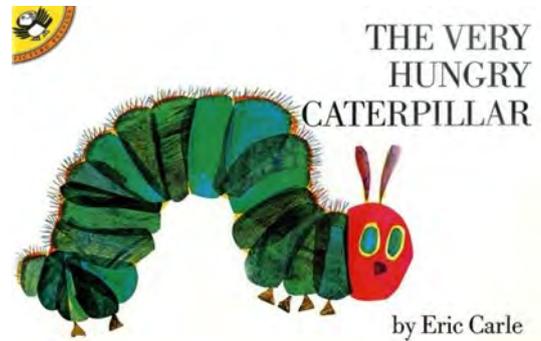
**New closing time for orders will
be 8:00am on the day of
ordering.**

Preschool and R/1 Fun

Miss Moldovan's Preschool children and Miss Pipinis' Reception / year 1 class have been working together since the start of term 2. We are excited to see how the children have adapted to our new learning routine. It has been fantastic to see new friendships being built, teamwork, leadership and adaptability all being displayed.

We look forward to continuing and building on this budding relationship with each other.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Book based learning about sequencing a story, syllables and days of the week.



Playing partner games.



Learning about patterns in Maths.

We have been practising continuing patterns and making our own patterns using colours, shapes and musical beats.

