Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a great start to term 3 with staff and students really engaged in their teaching and learning. Banksia class have been learning about fairy tales. This has involved a lesson on following a recipe and measuring ingredients to make gingerbread biscuits. Waratah class have been beginning to explore space.

We are still in the consultation phase of deciding how we might ‘spend’ our 5220 ‘Earn and Learn’ points. Students have been working through a process to decide how we could best use the points to put towards resources and equipment for our school.

There has been a change in the date for the South Australian Public Schools- Festival of Music (choir). Our concert date is now Friday the 13th of September, the end of week 8. Tickets will be on sale through the school at a cost of $29 each or after August 19th through BASS at $31 each when ticket sales are open to the public. Further information about the choir and ticket sales will hopefully be available early next week.

Last term staff made changes to the report format in an attempt to ensure that relevant information about your child/ren’s progress was provided. There is now an opportunity to comment on the report format, either verbally at meetings such as Governing Council or Parent Club or in writing via this newsletter. Your feedback would be appreciated and will assist staff in continuing to provide you with quality information.

We are going to have a dress up day on Friday the 23rd of August to celebrate book week which runs throughout week 5 of this term. The theme this year is ‘Read across the Universe’. Therefore students will be able to dress up as a character that relates to the theme such as an alien, planet, star, astronaut, etc. Students will be able to do a parade in their costumes as we will be holding an assembly at 9am on this day.

Shellee Harradine
Teaching our class is a Fairytale most of the time. But Week 1 and 2 have been especially so, with our Fairytale Theme.

In Week 1 we looked at ‘Snow White’ and ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’. We had fun reading different versions of the fairytales, and talked about how they were similar and different. Children presented a ‘Fast Fairytale’ in grades. This meant that they chose the beginning, middle or end, had to start with “once upon a time”, make up characters and a problem that could be solved, then end with “and they lived happily ever after”. We sequenced story cards, wrote poems “Mirror, mirror, on the wall…..”, then drew pictures of ourselves in a mirror.

This week for ‘Literacy and Numeracy’ week, our activities have revolved around ‘The Gingerbread Man.’ We wrote our sight words in a gingerbread man shape, did gingerbread man dice activities in maths groups, and measured the perimeter of small, medium and large gingerbread men. Year 2 and 3s used string and a metre ruler, whilst R and 1 students measured with blocks, teddies and counters. R/1 children wrote ‘LOST’ notices with a picture of the gingerbread man, and year 2 and 3 students wrote a letter to the gingerbread man encouraging him not to run away. We finished the day cooking gingerbread men with Mrs. Schwarz. They smelt and tasted delicious….and didn’t last long enough to be photographed!
Book Week is Week 5 this term and the theme is ‘Read Across the Universe’. In the Waratah class we have been creating some space displays and discovering interesting space facts.

Georgia- A comet’s tail can be millions of miles long.
Sasha- Mars is like a desert.
Georgina- At least 31 moons move around Saturn.

In Design and Technology this term students are creating a zoo habitat for their chosen animal. Animals have been chosen and research has begun. We can’t wait to show you the end result later in the term.

In History students are learning about ancient Rome.

We would like to welcome Ms Harradine into our school and hope she enjoys her time here.
Book Week Dress Up Day

Friday the 23rd of August, Week 5

Theme: Read across the Universe
Prizes available
Assembly 9 am

You are invited to come and browse through the books at our Book Week Scholastic Book Fair
Held in the Library Monday 19th August to Friday 30th August.
Brochures are attached today.
The Annual General Meeting of the Manoora Hall Committee will be held Monday 19th August at 7.30 pm at the Hall. If you are interested, please attend. Everyone welcome.
In Week 10, the Hub Leadership group joined together at Farrell Flat hall. Together they enjoyed various “Rock and Water” activities based around eight leadership qualities. Everyone enjoyed the physical and mental challenge of the activities. Students were challenged to work with a variety of students and not stick with their “everyday peer group.” As well as participating in the activities, students contributed to meaningful discussions about the skills required to be a good leader and the qualities that they need. They also looked deeper into the activities they had participated in and why/how they would help them in everyday life.

We look forward to the next leadership day!
Last Friday was National Tree Day for 2013. Our Year 7’s Georgia Nicholls and Lachlan Behn planted a tree in the front garden of the school, and Jed Voigt read out a poem. Thankyou to Mrs Belinda Nichols for organising the day.