Dear Parent/ Caregivers,

It has been another busy couple of weeks with students meeting ‘Mighty Mushroom’ as part of their Father’s Day project, practising for sports day as well as engaging in lots of learning. This newsletter features another page from each class which provides more detail about what students have been learning about so far this term.

**Book Week**
Just a reminder that next Friday the 23rd of August is a dress up day to celebrate book week. The theme this year is ‘Read Across the Universe’. We will be having an assembly at 9am on this day where students will be able to do a parade in their costumes.

**Choir**
The South Australian Public Schools ‘Festival of Music’ (choir) concert is Friday the 13th of September, the end of week 8. The school order for tickets has been placed so if you still require tickets these can be purchased after August 19th through BASS at $31 each. Magic Millions practice is to be held next Thursday the 22nd of August. More information to come early next week.

**Sports Day**
Sports Day is fast approaching. It is now scheduled for **Friday the 6th of September**. A program including some new events (eg. an obstacle course) as well as more information regarding teams will be sent home soon.

My time at Manoora Primary School comes to an end on Friday as you welcome back Tracy on Monday. It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside and getting to know staff, students and families over the past 4 weeks. I would like to thank you all for welcoming me into your school and making it such a memorable time.

Enjoy the rest of the term.

_Sheellee Harradine_

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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“Australian Mushroom Growers are delighted to offer primary schools an opportunity to trial the discovery of the magical world of mushrooms. A limited number of trial schools in each state will be supplied with kits and instructions on how to grow mushrooms in the classroom culminating in a feast of mushrooms for students to prepare.”

In Week 3 on Friday the 9th of August we had a visit from Nick from Mushroom SA, Diane Allen from Riverton High School and some students. Here is what some students said about the visit:

Today Nick from SA mushroom and Diane from Riverton High School came to our school to talk about mushrooms. They asked us who likes mushrooms. Then he told us how you grow mushrooms.

1 Make compost. The compost had chicken poo in it.
2 Water only on the compost.
3 To pick the mushroom, you have to twist it.

Then we went to see Mighty Mushroom. We had a photo and gave him a hug.

By Sasha

Today Mighty Mushroom came to give us mushrooms. Nick from Mushrooms SA told us how to grow them. You need to make a compost with chicken poo and straw. Then scatter the seeds. You have to water the soil and not the mushrooms. It will take two to three days to pop up. Each day they will double in size. Then he told us how to pick them. You push down gently and then pull. Then we walked outside to the vegetable garden and saw Mighty Mushroom. We had a picture taken. We got to high five and cuddle him.

By Isaac

We are hoping to receive some mushroom kits so we can grow our own in the classroom. Later in the term we hope to attend a cooking demonstration.

Numeracy- Last week we concentrated on data and this week we are turning our attention to patterns.

In English we are investigating the genre information reports.

A big thankyou to Ms Harradine for being a fantastic fill-in principal while Ms Griffin has been on leave. We have all enjoyed having her here.
This is our last week of Fairytales! It has been such a busy and fun theme. A special thanks to Marie, who has tirelessly provided our class with a plethora of excellent ‘Fairytale’ resources to help our learning and ensure our class is a dynamic and interesting place to work and learn.

In weeks 3 and 4 we are looking at ‘Activating Prior Knowledge’, a thinking tool used before reading as a strategy for improving reading comprehension. We read ‘Rumpelstiltskin’, ‘The Hare and the Tortoise’ and ‘The Ugly Duckling’. Through questioning, highlighting key words from the text, linking key word activities in small groups, using dictionaries and recording what we already knew, we were able to improve our understanding of the stories. This week we are focussing on ‘Goldilocks’, ‘3 Little Pigs’, ‘The Little Red Hen’, and the history of Fairytales; Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson.

Sports Day Practise is in full swing! We are taking advantage of every sunny day to run through our team games and tabloids.

We have introduced the children to “Lego Digital Designer” this week. It is a free download and takes a short time to install on your computer. It is a good precursor to other architectural design programmes. Children are able to select, design and manipulate objects on a grid. This week we are building ‘castles’, and next week will be building ‘rockets’ to fit in with our new theme of ‘The Solar System’ for Children’s’ Book Week.

Whole school French is held in the Upper Primary Class on Mondays and Fridays with Sylvia. We thought it was an excellent way to extend year 2 and 3 students, whose French was at a good standard, and also a good transition for students from our class who will soon be in the UP room. In French with Sylvia this week, children had to stand up, introduce themselves and introduce a friend to the class. The friend then stood up, and did the same, until all the class had had a turn. It was a lot of fun practising our French and achieving success from lots of listening and practise. We repeated the names of body parts, named parts of the body from flashcards, then sang ‘Allouette’, a song about body parts. We sang ‘Freres Jacques’ in rounds. Sylvia has kindly volunteered her time and expertise for our students, it is such a wonderful and unique opportunity for our students. We are very grateful to her. Sylvia also ensures the teachers are learning as well, the best kind of Training and Development, by including us in class language exercises.

Banksia class has started learning our lines for our next French play, ‘Les Trois Petits Cochons’ (The 3 Little Pigs). We are using the AIM Programme which Parent Club bought last year.

Last Friday, both classes met in the Upper Primary class to hear a talk about Mushrooms. We are very excited at the prospect of growing mushrooms. Only 1 student from Banksia likes mushrooms…..but Mr. Mushroom is hoping to change that!
Design & Technology

In Design and Technology with Miss Harradine, students in the Banksia class had to design a form of transport for Cinderella or the Prince to get to the ball. They also had to write a list of materials and equipment they would need. Students then made their design. Here are a few of the creations.

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“I made the Prince a quad bike” by Jesse.

“I helped Cinderella get to the ball by making her a limo” by Lydia.

“I made the Prince a jet pack” by Hayden.

Sandpit Creations

Over the past few weeks, some students from the Banksia class have been very creative in the sandpit at recess and lunch times. Students have worked together to create numerous settings including a mine with bridges and tunnels, a town and a zoo enclosure. The vocabulary and imagination that students were using was just brilliant.

Above: The developers and their creation.
Above right: “My job was to flatten the roads” by Milly.
Right: “I made a botanical garden for the town” by Lucy.
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 to Friday 30th August. All sales benefit our School.

Manoora Primary School
Governing Council

FIREWOOD FOR SALE
$195 PER TONNE

Please ring the School on 88484304 to order your firewood – limited supply at this price, so get your order in soon!
Footy Colours Day

Thursday of Week 7
Come dressed in your favourite footy gear and donate a gold coin for a good cause.
At lunchtime there will be a football long kick and trivia competition held- both 50c to enter.

What is Footy Colours Day?

This year Footy Colours Day is held on Thursday 5th September 2013 and is the one day in September that you can help fight cancer and change lives.

Thousands of Australians unite and don their favourite football team’s colours, be it AFL, NRL, Rugby Union or Soccer – to help raise money for children living with cancer.

So show your true colours in your workplace, school or club and make a difference to the lives of children fighting cancer, by participating in Footy Colours Day 2013.

Wear your football team’s colours all day– jerseys, scarves, beanies or anything else you have – and make a donation to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

Thankyou to Chris Palmer and Tracy Nicholls who organised our Special Lunch Day last Wednesday. It was delicious thankyou!!

Thankyou to all families who donated slices for AW Vater’s funeral on Monday. We had plenty of food and the family were very appreciative of our efforts. Also, thankyou to Kathy Behn who helped me plate up on the day. Chris Palmer

With today’s Newsletter are 2 copies of the Christmas Raffle letter, so you are able to hand to businesses to help gain prizes for our Christmas Raffle. We are asking each family to find or donate at least $100 or more towards our end of year raffle. If you need more letters, please contact the front office, or photocopy.

Please keep those business names with prizes so we are able to send thankyous out and print names for advertising with tickets. Also, approximate value of prize is needed. Please have donations at the school by Monday 16th September so we are able to organise and have tickets out before the holidays.

Thankyou, Parents’ Club

MUFFINS FOR FOOTBALL

Muffins for football this weekend Saturday 17th August:-
2 dozen each: BELINDA NICHOLS AND RACHEL WILLMOTT

Thankyou.
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2014
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In January 2014 we will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Japan, the USA & Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also view some student profiles on our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!