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14h August 2019—Week 4 Term 3

Dear Parents/Grandparents,

Hi all!

We have had a terrific start to the term, with students engaged in varied activities across Key Learning Areas. In History and English lessons, students are learning about the Gold Rush in Australia, the class novel being *"The Banner Bold"*, a Diary of Rosa Aarons, which is about a young girl's journey from London to Ballarat in 1854.

During Science, the unit is "Shaping the Earth's Surface"—students have been having a great time categorising rocks and learning how they change through heat and pressure. They have also each chosen an Australian landform and are working on projects to describe how they have been formed. A "Museum in a Box (Rocks)" will also be arriving in week 7, hired from the Australian Museum, which we are looking forward to.

The ukuleles are out of the music storeroom and the students have already learned 3 chords! We are also learning to sing 2 songs, one being the 2019 Music Count Us In song called "We Are". On 7th November at 12:30PM, students will combine online with thousands of students across the nation to sing the song together; always a very touching experience. Recorders will be out of the storeroom in the near future also, sorry! But I assure you that with practise sweet sounds will emerge! The "Drumbeat" and "Rock and Water" programs have also recommenced, thanks to our school chaplain Jono—such valuable programs.

On Thursday 8th August, students attended the Local Government celebrations at the football oval in Urana. Winners of the writing competition were awarded and students were fed a lovely sausage sizzle, including paddle-pops and poppers! I must admit, I did partake of a chocolate paddle-pop—took me back to my childhood! Students also enjoyed socialising and playing games with students from Oaklands.

We look forward to the return of Declyn and Melissa next week. By all accounts, they have been having a wonderful time at Stewart House, sightseeing and participating in many fun activities. The pair will arrive home on Friday evening. I'm sure they will be bombarded with questions from the other students and the staff! Importantly, we also welcome our latest enrolment, Dylan Williams! Dylan has settled in beautifully. We all love having you here Dylan!

Anita Houldsworth

Relieving Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

Last week Reyen and Melissa competed at the zone athletics' Melissa came first in one of her races but unfortunately will not be competing at Riverina.

Also on Monday 5th August Melissa and Declyn went to Stewart house and will be coming home on Friday the 16th. August.

We have also been learning about what shapes the earth's surface and all the things that lies below the earth's surface like different types of rocks like igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.



For maths the stage 3 are doing adding and subtracting fractions and the rest are doing adding and subtracting.

Coming up

We have not one but two excursions first on the 27th of August the whole school is going to Melbourne to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Then 4,5,6 are going to Ballarat to go gold panning and that is all from the classroom.

NADIOC DAY



What is happening in our school?



This is the email that Margaret Fullarton received from Australian Books for Children of Africa Ltd after Urana Public School donation books and readers to this charity .

Thankyou to Ms Fullarton for all her organisation.

Hi Margaret

Thank you so much for the wonderful books and readers that greeted us on our return to Melbourne. They are fantastic and will be loved by our African students.

I attach photographs of students from Kids Palace Nursery and Primary School with their ABCA books; a photograph of the squatter camp in which they live; and a video of a beautiful student reading Spots Birthday magnificently.

Thanks once again for your support and the lengths that you go to, to get the books to us.

Kind Regards

Elise



Coming Up

15th August: Small Schools' Principals' Network meeting,
Mrs Houldsworth

16th August: Students return from Stewart House

21st August, 12:30pm: Book Week Parade and sausage
sizzle

27th and 28th August: Melbourne Excursion

2019 Book Week theme is

"Reading is My Secret Power"

Please join us at 12:30pm on Wednesday 21st August for
our Book Week Parade and free sausage sizzle
afterwards!

Everyone is welcome!

Reading is
my secret
power. Is it
yours?

