



# Summit Sun

"Let us Shine"



The festive season is already well and truly upon us. Term 4 is a wonderful time of the year for our students and local community as it provides us with an abundance of learning experiences and celebrations throughout. The first 4 weeks have been nothing less than rewarding and are best illustrated in this issue of the Summit Sun.

**Student Portfolio Update**-Staff have reviewed the survey results circulated to families and the feedback was very supportive and appreciative of staff time and dedication towards providing the resource for learning conversations to be shared at home. Portfolios will continue, as they are well valued within our community.

**BSEM Parent Workshop 25<sup>th</sup> October**- Was held online in order to support participation from neighbouring schools. Despite a quaint representation from all 5 sites, the 90-minute presentation facilitated by BSEM director Cheree Taylor, provided participants with an overview of *What is BSEM?* and how it works, how stress affects learning, and how explicit teaching about the stress response and de-escalation helps our students grow and learn. Parents were able to make strong connections with some of the explicit language being taught through the program and were provided with ways to consolidate it at home, including ways we celebrate your child's strengths to improve stamina for learning and wellbeing. (Our Learner Qualities-Teach this extremely well!). A separate session will be held for our community again onsite early in 2024.

**2024 Reception Transition Visits**- We are all very excited to welcome our new students and families to our school with a series of Wednesday morning transition visits held from 9am-12pm during Weeks 6 to 8. Please keep a friendly eye out and make them all feel welcome.

**Stirling Christmas Pageant- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**- Our school will be participating in this year's Stirling Christmas Pageant. Our theme will be 'A very cherry Christmas' with a fun promotion of our surrounding areas and the impact that Sir Thomas Playford has made. Sarah Neville (Florence's mother) is coordinating the creation of our entry together with interested families on Friday mornings (10-10:45am) during Weeks 5-7. All welcome!

**Snake Season**-As the weather finally provides us with some warmth and sunshine, we are not the only ones who begin to enjoy it. Snakes also love the warm weather. Please be careful and make sure that you keep an eye out for our reptile friends. If you sight a snake on site, please report it to a staff member.

The next few weeks are once again going to be filled with many events and experiences to enjoy. We welcome you all to take the time to call in, volunteer to listen to your child read, volunteer in our garden, and enjoy the many events with our fabulous community.

Shaun Barber  
Principal

## Events on the Horizon

### NOVEMBER

#### **Wednesday 22**

9am – 12noon Reception  
transition visit

#### **Wednesday 29**

9am – 12noon Reception  
transition visit

#### **Monday 27**

Pupil Free Day

#### **Tuesday 28**

6 - 8:30pm OSHC & Governing  
Council meeting at  
Uraidla Hotel

### DECEMBER

#### **Sunday 3**

11am – 2pm Stirling Christmas  
Pageant

#### **Tuesday 5**

Mobile Library

#### **Wednesday 6**

9am – 12noon Reception  
transition visit

#### **Thursday 7**

6- 8pm End of Year  
Celebrations

#### **Tuesday 12**

Year 6 graduation dinner

#### **Friday 15**

Last school day for 2023  
2.20pm early dismissal

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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### Year 4-6 Biodiversity Excursion

What a fabulous day we had today in the Cleland National Park. We collected native and introduced species of plants and used the guides to identify what they were. An excellent walk through the bush and quite a steep climb back up again.

The second part of our excursion involved having lunch back at the Summit Centre, before pressing and preserving our plant samples. They'll be ready for framing next week and we cannot wait!

Thank you to Mr Barber for organising the excursion and to our guides Kim, Kristen and especially Peter for an interesting experience. We appreciate all of your hard work to make this possible for our students.



### World Teachers' Day Celebrations

World Teachers' Day at our school has been celebrated over several days to include all of our wonderful teachers. Our staff were treated to an amazing morning tea, flowers and handmade cards with personal messages from each student.

On behalf of our support staff, students and broader school community, each teacher's dedication, positivity, and never-ending desire to create a learning environment that supports the whole child, never goes unnoticed, and is what makes our small school so great!



### Pupil Free Day 16th October

Was designed to be a 'Just in time' session, allowing staff to begin championing 2023. At a relaxed pace, staff spent time; reviewing the upcoming term's events, Professional Development opportunities, exploring and analysing individual and cohort PAT Results in Reading and Mathematics, updated Semester 2 Report Maths Content Descriptors in line with our Maths Yearly Overview, participated in WHS Area Audits, before spending the afternoon planning units of work in teams.

Our next scheduled PFD will be used to finalise data sets, class structures, student handover and preparation for an amazing 2024.





## Working Bee Success

Many thanks to our amazing families, staff and broader school community for attending our recent Working Bee. What a difference 3 hours makes. As a group, we were able to spread mulch in garden beds, re-stain the outdoor gazebo, change the School Sign and put in a new one nearest the community centre.

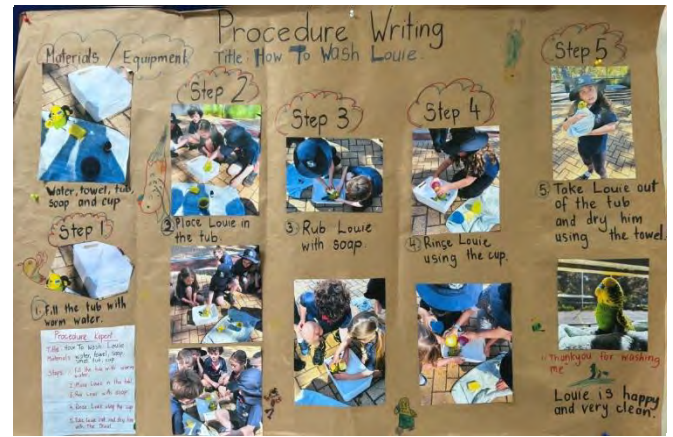
Our school and surrounding areas continue to look so neat and tidy.



## Governing Council School Tour

We had a wonderful time sharing our student learning with our Governing Council during our last meeting. Many thanks to Ms Raptis for the guided tour and card games.

We welcome our families to make the time to come through and see some of the great learning on display any time before or after school.



## Mr Barber's Make a 'Mistake Art'

Showing children that it's okay to make mistakes is an important first step in building their resilience. A fun and effective way to do this is by making "mistake" art. By encouraging children to explore through artwork, they're able to problem-solve by considering alternative approaches to creativity.

To craft mistake art, you'll need the following supplies:

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Coloured pencils
- Crayons

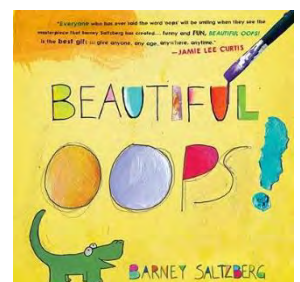
Washable paint and paintbrushes (optional)

With your materials in hand, give your child the go-ahead to make their very own oops-filled masterpiece:

**Step 1:** Give them a piece of paper and let them choose which art supplies they'd like to draw with.

**Step 2:** Tell them to close their eyes and make a line or circle on the paper.

**Step 3:** Once they've made their first mark (i.e., their "oops") on the page, remind them that it's alright to make mistakes. Instead of starting over, they can come up with ways to turn their line into something creative. If they're unsure of what to do, you can suggest they turn it into an animal or a shape, or incorporate it into an entire artistic scene.

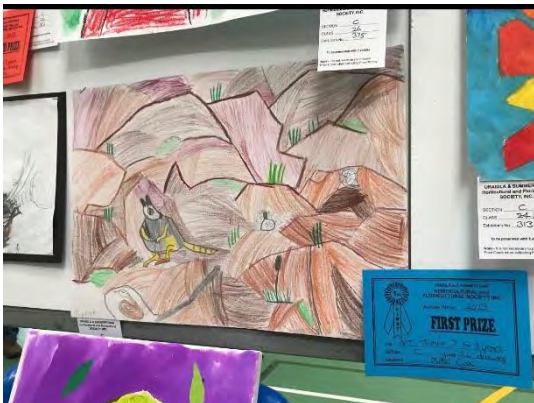
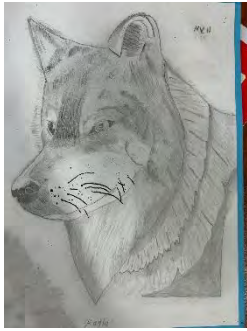




### Uraidla Show News

Congratulations to all of our students who submitted entries into a variety of categories at this year's show. The following students received official places in their age categories;

- First prize Art- Georgie Cox
- First Prize Art Junior- Mitch Cox
- First Prize Art Junior- Daisy Lima Agostini
- First prize Art Intermediate- Bob Foster
- Third Prize Art Intermediate- Rory Brereton
- Third Prize Art Youth- Kayla Alexander



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**FIRST 2 LESSONS ARE FREE**

## Ashton Christmas Party

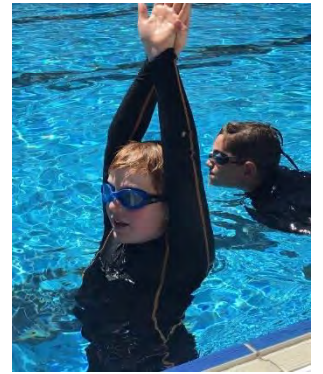
- Dieter Horvat
- Marty Summer
- Lucinda Grace
- Stephi
- Banjo Jackson
- Shifty Peaks
- Alex Harris
- & Finbar McCarthy

**Saturday 2nd Dec**  
**Ashton Oval**  
**3pm, BYO picnic**

ASHTON HILLS VINEYARD



# Water Safety Lessons – Week 4





NORTON SUMMIT OSHC  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
**No School, Let's Party!**

**Let's have a Pyjama Day!**



**Cost: \$53.00 Full Day**

Last day to book Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
(need 12 to run and no further bookings accepted after this date).  
Any last minute cancellations will still be charged.

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**BOOKING ADVICE PUPIL FREE DAY**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

NAMES OF CHILD/CHILDREN ATTENDING

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§ TIME OF ARRIVAL .....

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

**Students to bring recess, lunch and a drink.**

**Afternoon tea provided. Parents please sign students in on arrival.**