

# TEMIS

## Newsletter

The Ela Murray International School

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Term 1 Week 2 Thursday, 31 January, 2019

### Principal's Message

Religious Education for children from our Catholic and Protestant families has been part of the fabric of life at TEMIS for some time. However, as an international school that caters for 30 nationalities and an equally broad span of religious denominations, we have found that interest has decreased in this program which has typically taken place during the school day.

So as to continue the tradition of R.E. at the school and following discussions with our teachers and Board of Governors, we are making a change to the way in which Religious Education will be delivered to our students and the following arrangements will come into place from Week 4 of this term, coinciding with the start of our After School Activities.

Religious Education will be offered as an After School Activity on Wednesday afternoons (the only meeting free day for teachers).

- The session will last for 45 minutes and will take place for up to 7 weeks each term.
- There will be no charge for students attending R.E.

The advantages of making Religious Education a voluntary, After School program are that:

- Religious Education will be led by TEMIS teachers who will be able to tailor the program to the needs of specific age groups.
- We can increase the time that will be available for the program.
- The school will oversee the content and quality of the program.

Religious Education will therefore be listed as an option on the After-school Activities application form and interested parents should register their children there.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

*Peter Baker*

### News from the Curriculum Team

Part of our role as deputy principals is to oversee the delivery and development of the curriculum here at Murray. Within the school development plan, there are several areas which we will focus on this year.

The first will be the development of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) / ICT/Computing programme. One event which will take place as part of this is next Tuesday: World Safer Internet Day where all students will complete activities to help raise their awareness of potential issues.

To support learning at home and in school, we have also subscribed to Mathletics and Literacy Planet. Later in the term, we will run some information sessions for parents, to help introduce these to you so you are able to guide your children in their use.

**Reading at Home:** Reading with your child is a valuable way to support your child's progress in becoming a happy and confident reader. There are different roles that you and your child can take on when reading: you can read TO your child; read WITH your child; or have something read BY your child- all are equally important. Once a child has finished a story/chapter it is important to *dig a bit deeper*: talk about the story- which part did they enjoy the most? What characters did they like? Why? Were there any words they didn't really understand? This leads to looking up words and the importance and features of a dictionary. Remember reading doesn't stop with the book, so talk about what they have read, refer back to it and build background knowledge by making links, but most of all, reading should be FUN!

**Pastoral Care** - the Peer Support Programme will continue to run in 2019 and we will also look at developing the work which is done in class to ensure students are supported in developing positive relationships with each other and positive ideas about themselves.

If you have any concerns regarding the curriculum, the first point of contact is always your child's class teacher. They will either arrange an appointment to discuss the concern or advise you as to who to talk to next.

*Helen Mortimer and Morissa Hadden*

**Bronze Certificates** - Congratulations to Hannah Agonia and Ellena Saito who will receive a Bronze Certificate this week at assembly.

## ELC News

### Back To School At ELC

The ELC will continue to focus on the development of a play-based program geared towards engaging children in the learning process. Our focus is on an experiential approach where children literally get their hands dirty. We strongly believe that play is essential for young children to learn their place in the world and how it works.

Our curriculum is based on the IEA 5 Key Outcomes: *Be self-directing, Communicate effectively, Behave ethically, Work collaboratively and Analyse and solve problems.* Activities are created that encourage children to apply and demonstrate these key outcomes at their own individual pace. At the beginning of the year, our major emphases are on *Work collaboratively and Behave ethically*, building relationships with children and families and practising procedures that will become routines.

Separation anxiety, for both children and parents, is the norm and is expected. Staff are very experienced and very adept at assisting children to settle into their ELC day. Consequently, although upsets may continue for some, most children have transitioned very smoothly into the ELC program. If parents have any concerns, a quick call can give you an update on how your child is settling.

ELC contact numbers: 321 4304 7348 1293 (unfortunately our Bmobile number is not working).

## Craft Market

The next TEMIS Craft Market of the year will be held at the Ela Beach site as usual on Saturday, 23 February from 7.30am to 11.30am.

### Craft Market fees for 2019:

Annual stall holders - K250.00  
Casual - K25.00 per market day

## Important Dates

WK 2	ASSEMBLY—CAPTAINS	FRI	01/02
WK 3	PARENT INFO MEETINGS	TUE	05/02
	SAFER INTERNET DAY	TUE	05/02
	ASSEMBLY—SRC	FRI	08/02
WK 4	ASSEMBLY—5/6K	FRI	15/02
WK 5	INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING	THU	21/02
	INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING	FRI	22/02
WK 6	SDD STUDENT HOLIDAY	MON	25/02
	PREP PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	TUE	26/02
	PREP PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	WED	27/02
	ASSEMBLY—7/8G	FRI	01/03
WK 7	WORLD MATHS DAY	THU	07/03
	INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING TBC	THU	07/03
	INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING TBC	FRI	08/03
WK 8	ASSEMBLY—3/4W	FRI	15/03
WK 9	GR.1-8 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE	TUE	19/03
	GR.1-8 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	WED	20/03
	ASSEMBLY—1/2P	FRI	22/03
WK 10	ASSEMBLY—PREP E	FRI	29/03
WK 11	ASSEMBLY—PERFORMANCE	FRI	05/04
	TERM 2 BEGINS	WED	24/04

## Community News

## Use of Site

Friday, 1 February, 2019  
5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players

Sunday, 2 February, 2019  
5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players

### Newsletter by email

Parents and friends who wish to have their newsletter emailed, please advise Boio Davana on email address:

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