



STRADBROKE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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16 NOVEMBER 2023

DIARY DATES

| 2023 | |
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| NOVEMBER | |
| Wednesday 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Classical Guitar Concert 10.20am Rehn Hall •Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm |
| Friday 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assembly hosted by L2 and L7 •Reception Orientation Visits |
| Tuesday 28 | Sports Presentation Evening – Rehn Hall 6pm Netball 6.30pm Basketball, Soccer and Cricket |
| DECEMBER | |
| Friday 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •RRHAN-EC + Volunteer Site Induction Training 9.30am •Assembly hosted by F4 and K2. |
| Wednesday 6 | 6pm JP Sing along – Rehn Hall |
| Thursday 7 & Friday 8 | Year 6 Transition Visits to 2024 Secondary Schools |
| Friday 8 | Assembly Hosted by OU2 and K1 |
| Friday 8 | 1.45pm Orientation Visits for new students commencing in Year 1 to 6 in 2024 |
| Monday 11 | Year 6 Graduation |
| Wednesday 13 | Semester 2 School Reports sent home |
| Friday 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •End of Term 4 •Casual Clothes Day •Assembly hosted by Student Leaders |

All Diary Dates are subject to change/cancellation based on advice from SA Health and the Department for Education

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1: Mon 29 Jan – Fri 12 April

Term 2: Mon 29 April – Fri 5 July

Term 3: Mon 22 July – Fri 27 Sept

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct – Fri 13 Dec

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2024

The class placement process for 2024 is underway. It is a complex process that takes many weeks and many hours of teacher time to complete. Our enrolment numbers at each year level will mean that we will have composite classes (two year levels together for example year 5/6 or 3/4). Earlier this term we invited parents to share with us any specific information that may impact your child's class placement. For some families there is anxiety about placement in a composite class. Current research indicates there is no discernible difference in academic performance between composite or single year level classes. Composite classes are a practical solution to managing the varied enrolment numbers at each year level without creating classes that exceed the Department for Education recommended class sizes.

Please be assured that we take your requests seriously however it is not possible to meet every request. We use our knowledge and expertise of how students engage at school and in classes to make decisions for the benefit of all children. For reasons of privacy and confidentiality we may not be able to tell you why a particular decision is made however we can assure you that we spend many hours considering alternatives before making the best decision possible for all students.

If your child(ren) are not returning to Stradbroke School in 2024, it is very important to let the school know by **Friday 17 November** by emailing dl.0923.info@schools.sa.edu.au or via the Audiri e-form 'Changing Schools in 2024'.

JP SING ALONG



The JP staff and students warmly invite you to our end of year Christmas sing-along:

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023

Venue: Singing from 6.00pm – 7.00pm in Rehn Hall

Entertainment: Your children

There will be a box for gold coin donations to support the nominated charity.



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JUNIOR PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

Junior Primary Sport's Day was held on Wednesday 15 November.

The Junior Primary students enjoyed a fun and fabulous outdoor sports experience. The events were filled with enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and lots of enjoyable experiences.

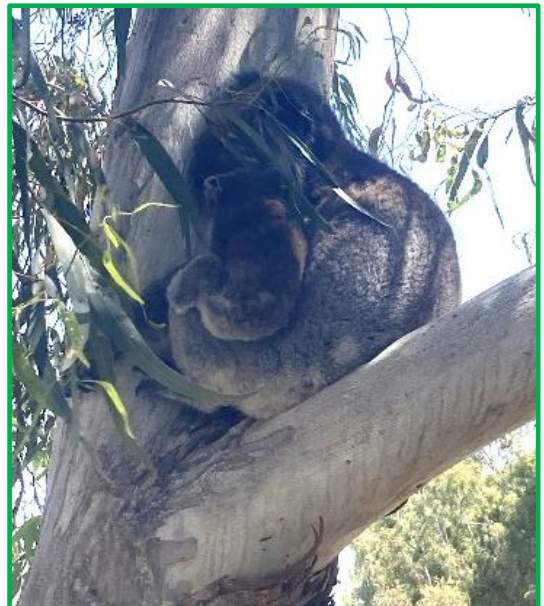
The students participated in a range of activities including an obstacle course, hurdles and long jump.

Koonga, Leabrook, Forest and Moriatta all joined in on the Health Hustle and performed their cheer chants.

Congratulations to all the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students who participated in Sport's Day.



STRADBROKE SCHOOL NATIVE FAUNA



We are so lucky that our school site is situated in such a beautiful location. Every day we experience flocks of stunning birds traversing the school grounds. In spring we often have visits from koalas who feast on the native gums trees on the school grounds. Last Friday there was a mother and her joey snuggled in a gum tree in the Koonga quad, much to the delight of students, staff and families.



MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE ONLINE POLL

Parents and caregivers received an email for the 2024 Materials and Services charge online poll on Thursday 2 November 2023.

The poll is open until Thursday 16 November 2023.

Please note only **one vote** is required from each family.

Rebecca Waddingham
Business Manager

GUIDELINES FOR BIRTHDAY FOOD

Birthdays are a special occasion and are acknowledged at Stradbroke School in a range of ways such as singing happy birthday, receiving a birthday sticker and recognition at assemblies. Celebration in class varies according to the age of students.

Parents and students are feeling pressured to provide treats for the whole class. The frequency of treats being distributed in class is increasing and this makes it very difficult for families to manage the intake of treat foods for their children.

If parents wish for their children to celebrate birthdays with classmates at school they are requested to comply with the following:

- A small cupcake for each class member; or
- One small bag of Natural Confectionary lollies (one lolly for each child and the remainder of the bag to be taken home)
- No party/treat bags; and
- No additional treats

From time to time, parents may wish to provide a small treat for their children to celebrate their birthday with classmates at school. Parents need to negotiate this with their child's class teacher. No more than one or two birthday treats will be distributed within one week.

Treat foods distributed at school for birthdays have caused concern. Distribution of party food results in a loss of class teaching and learning time, and can become time consuming. Students with allergies and dietary requirements must also be considered.

Please refer to the Insights article 'Making Children's Birthdays Special' by Michael Grose.

EXEMPTIONS

If a family holiday/travel is planned during term time of more than 3 days, a student exemption form (ED176) needs to be collected from the Front Office, completed and submitted to the Principal for approval.

For absences less than 3 days please notify the class teacher and the Front Office via the absence methods.

EARLY MORNING ARRIVALS

Students are allowed to start arriving at school from 8.30am.

Students who arrive before 8.30am must be booked into Kids' Zone. Students who are on the school grounds before 8.30am will be taken to Kids' Zone and families will be sent an invoice. This is a duty of care issue as there are no teachers on duty prior to 8.30am.

Classrooms will be opened at 8.40am and students may enter the buildings to put away their bags, talk to the teacher and get organised for the day. Music is played at 8.48am followed by a siren at 8.50am indicating that classes are commencing and all students need to be in their classrooms ready to start.

EARLY DEPARTURE

If your child needs to be away from school during school hours or collected early, e.g. to keep a dental or doctor's appointment, please send a message to the class teacher in the first instance.

A caregiver is required to come to Student Services in the Front Office and sign your child out. Front Office staff will call the classroom and request the child to come to the Front Office for collection as parents are not permitted to go to the classroom. Please note children are not permitted to wait in the pick-up zone as it is unsupervised. On return, an adult must accompany the child back to Student Services and sign them back in. Please note recess is 11.10am-11.30am and lunch is 1.00pm-1.40pm.

Please organise to collect your child/ren before/after these times if necessary.

YEAR 4/5 ITALIAN

In Italian, one of our topics of Inquiry was on Friendship and Travel.

Students enjoyed making passports and role playing conversations in Italian at the customs office.

Students successfully conveyed factual information to the topic of inquiry making use of short descriptions in Italian, talking about themselves, responding to questions and organising language.

Well Done!

Anna Maria Cavuato
Italian Teacher



TRANSITION AT STRADBROKE SCHOOL

Stradbroke School has positive connections with a wide range of preschools, child care settings and High schools so that transition into Stradbroke school and onwards to high school is smooth. We aim for staff to be well informed and have an understanding of each students' learning needs. During Term 4, leaders and teachers find out important information about the learning dispositions and needs of the children and families who will be joining Reception.

At Year 6, teachers and leaders prepare information to share with high school leaders through site visits, parent meetings and telephone conversations. There are opportunities for families and children to visit Stradbroke School during the year for Principal's tours. New Reception students' are invited to participate in an Orientation Visit whilst parents receive information about starting school.

At the end of Term 4, Year 6 students have transition visits to their various high schools to familiarise themselves with their new environment and staff. Students with additional needs may have adjustments to their transition experience which includes additional visits, staff meetings with external specialists (eg speech pathologists and occupational therapists) and student learning plans created and shared.

OSHC- SUMMER 2023/2024

VACATION CARE
Book Now

Stradbroke School OSHC will be closed from
6:15pm on 22/12/2023
and will reopen at
7:00am on 8/1/2024

Bookings can be made online:

<https://kidszone.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>



SA Dental

Your child's dental health is important to their overall health and wellbeing.

All children from 0-18 years are welcome to attend SA Dental. There are no out-of-pocket costs for most families. Book an appointment today!

To find your closest SA Dental clinic, visit www.dental.sa.gov.au/find-a-clinic

To request an appointment, visit www.dental.sa.gov.au/kids/request-an-appointment

IGNITE at The Heights School – REGISTER NOW



IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

WHEN DO STUDENTS ENTER THE IGNITE PROGRAM?

Students who wish to be considered for the IGNITE program sit the ACER assessment in Year 6 for entry into the program in Year 7. Entry does **not** occur at other year levels.

In 2024 Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2025. The date and location of the test are:

DATE: SATURDAY 24 February 2024 9AM - 1PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR THE IGNITE ENTRY TEST?

Register your child to sit the test at:

<https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>

A registration fee of \$135 applies for non-school card holders.

Registrations close on Monday, 12 February 2024.



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IGNITE PROGRAM Information Evening

Ignite program for gifted and talented students

When Tuesday 5 December 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Where Glenunga International High School
New Gymnasium enter via
Conyngham Street, Glenunga SA 5064

Register www.trybooking.com/CKXAN

Assessment for entry to the 2025 Ignite program will be held on Saturday 24 February 2024 for students commencing Year 7 in 2025.



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VOLUNTEERS

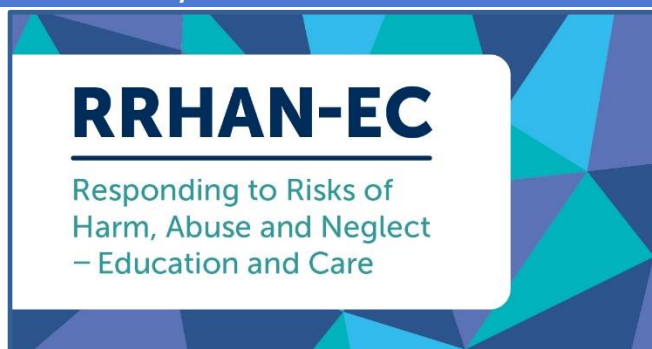


To ensure we meet appropriate standards for safety and quality of programs being delivered at Stradbroke School the following Department for Education procedures have been put in place.

- See the Front Office or Student Services for a Volunteer Information pack.
- Complete the Volunteer application form and return to Student Services.
- Obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC) – see Student Services or complete the eForm on Audiri if your WWC has expired.
- Complete Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RRHAN-EC) training.
- Complete General online induction register via www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf
- Attend Site Induction and sign Volunteer Agreement.

The Principal's decision is final in determining who is eligible to work as a Volunteer at the school.

RRHAN-EC/VOLUNTEERING TRAINING



The final Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RRHAN - EC) and Volunteer Induction Training for 2023 will be held at Stradbroke School on:

**Friday 1 December 2023
from 9.30am to 12noon**

Volunteer packs are also available from the Front Office if you are considering becoming a Volunteer in 2024.

The RAN/Volunteer Site Induction training is compulsory if you wish to become a Volunteer. Further sessions will be scheduled during 2024.

Please contact the Front Office/Student Services or complete the Audiri eForm to register by 4.00pm Wednesday 29 November.

CANTEEN NEWS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023

This year it has been decided to have a break from our traditional cooked school wide Christmas lunch.

As an alternative, we are offering a choice of Hot Turkey or Ham rolls with options to add cheese, cranberry sauce, gravy or mayo in weeks 8 and 9.

When available, **Christmas Lunch** will appear on the Qkr app daily menu and prices will start from \$5 depending on individual additional selections.

CHOCOLATE MARSHMALLOW SANTAS

Chocolate marshmallow Santas will be available for purchase over the counter in weeks 8 and 9 for \$1-00. The Santas will be available until our supply has been exhausted.

LATE LUNCH ORDERS or NO LUNCH PROVIDED

There has been a significant increase in the amount of emergency lunches/recess food/late orders that the Canteen is being asked to provide.

This is very time consuming and often delays the Canteen staff from being able to serve the other students for their recess and lunch counter sales.

Please assist the Canteen by double checking the Qkr orders and student lunch boxes before leaving home.

Please ensure that your child has enough food for the day in their lunch box – especially Recess if they have a lunch order from the Canteen.

QKR ORDERS

Qkr: Please check your receipts after placing lunch orders to confirm names and the day/date required. If there is an error, cancel the order and start again.

**Kate Majewski
Canteen Manager**

TRAFFIC MONITORS : TERM 4



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| Week 5 | am | Juniper H, Deona J, Devona J |
| | pm | Alex P, Erika P, Eleanor P |
| Week 6 | am | Alannah S, Yuden C, Sabrina K |
| | pm | Haider L, Tomas G, Lucas P |
| Week 7 | am | Sabrina L, Alec R, Yuchien L |
| | pm | Kiana V, Anna Y, Tomas G |
| Week 8 | am | Katherine L, Annika B, Harry M |
| | pm | Bailey C, Abigail K, Zom J |

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We would like to congratulate **Chloe M (FR3)** who was recently awarded the winner of the Junior Writers category (aged 7-14years) in the recent Campbelltown Writers Competition.

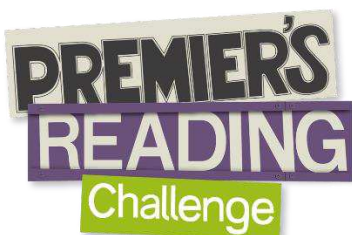
Judged by Writers SA, Chloe's story was based on the theme of 'seasons' with a tie to the local area.

Chloe's winning story will be published on Campbelltown Council's Library website in the very near future.



LIBRARY NEWS

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Premier's Reading Challenge certificates and medals are being sent home next week (Friday week 6).

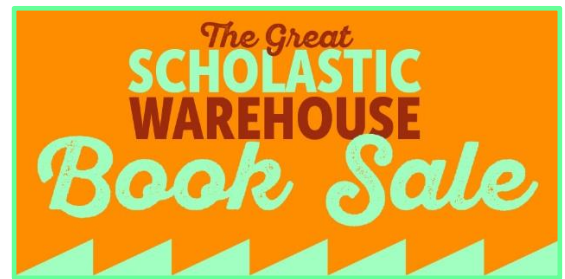
Well done to the **594** students who participated this year.

Congratulations to the **61** Year 6 senior students who have participated in the PRC every year since they were in Reception.

Many kids also did the extra challenge of reading 20 books for the 20th anniversary of the PRC.

What a fabulous achievement!

Library Staff



Don't miss the GREAT Scholastic WAREHOUSE SALE!

TWO DAYS ONLY:

Thursday 30 Nov: 8am to 5pm

Friday 1 Dec: 8am to 5pm



Thousands of children's books, including picture and chapter books, novels and activity items.

- Children's books 50% off RRP!
- \$2 HOT TITLES selection.
- Teacher Resources.
- PLUS, FILL a BOX of books for \$45 from a selected range of books.

Stock will be replenished throughout each day!

**Norwood Warehouse Sale
ScholasticWarehouse**

39 - 41 King Street, Norwood SA

**DID YOU MISS OUT ON GETTING
A DRINK BOTTLE?**

DON'T WORRY - WE HAVE THEM NOW AVAILABLE ON QKR.



**COMMEMORATIVE
DRINK
BOTTLES
\$10**



Thanks for your support!

SPORTS NEWS

2024 Basketball registrations for Term 1 and 2 season and 2024 Cricket registrations Term 1 and 4 2024, are now open and will close at 10.00am on Monday 27 November 2023.

Students currently in a Basketball or Cricket team are not given automatic entry into a 2024 team, registration needs to be completed to be placed into a team by the closing date.

Sport Registrations will now be done online via Edsmart. An email will be sent to all relevant age children's parents via Edsmart. A reminder email will also be sent closer to the closing date for registrations.

If your child/ren are not interested in registering for after school sport teams, please IGNORE and delete these emails.

Email dl.0923.sports@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any queries regarding Sport at Stradbroke.

STRADBROKE SCHOOL SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

Stradbroke School Sports

Presentation Evening in the Rehn Hall

Tuesday 28 November 2023

6.00pm - 6.25pm—Netball

6.30pm - 7.15pm—Cricket, Soccer and Basketball

Celebrate the 2023 season with your team and coach.

Parents must be in attendance.



BASKETBALL

| Year 2/3 | | Coach: Alice Castello Team Manager: Courtney Nicolas | | | |
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| Stradbroke White | 20 | Def | Pembroke 2/3 Green | 12 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 7 November | | | | | |
| Stradbroke White | 26 | Def | EM Lightning | 23 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 14 November | | | | | |

| Year 2/3 | | Coach: Belinda Sykes Team Manager: Angela Jang | | | |
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| Stradbroke Blue Dragons | 36 | Def | Vale Park Raptors | 8 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 7 November | | | | | |

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| Stradbroke Blue Dragons | 18 | Def by | East Adelaide 2/3 White | 26 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 14 November | | | | | |

| Year 2/3 | | Coach: Leilani Mortal-Antezana Team Manager: Sarah O'Brien | | | |
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| Stradbroke Blue | 8 | Drew | SPX All Stars | 8 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 7 November | | | | | |
| Stradbroke Blue | 8 | Def by | SJP Bears | 24 | |
| Game Played: Tuesday 14 November | | | | | |

| Year 4/5 | | Coach: Michael Overmaat Team Manager: Kate Beerworth | | | |
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| Stradbroke Kangaroos | 24 | Def by | EM Stars | 27 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 8 November | | | | | |
| Stradbroke Kangaroos | 4 | Def by | SPX Cyclones | 16 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 15 November | | | | | |

| Year 4/5 | | Coach: Arthur Ang Team Manager: Jess Bui | | | |
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| Stradbroke Warriors | 25 | Def by | Athelstone Thunder | 26 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 8 November | | | | | |
| Stradbroke Warriors | 27 | Def by | St Aggies | 40 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 15 November | | | | | |

| Year 4/5 | | Coach: Alexandra Pukallus Team Manager: Courtney Nicolas | | | |
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| Stradbroke Stars | 28 | Def | Trinity Tornados | 21 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 8 November | | | | | |

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| Stradbroke Stars | 24 | Def by | SPX Hot Shots | 30 | |
| Game Played: Wednesday 15 November | | | | | |

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| Year 4/5 | Coach: Julien Robert Team Manager: Roy Lee | | | |
| Stradbroke Tigers | 32 | Def | SPX Boombers | 24 |
| Game Played: Wednesday 8 November | | | | |

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| Stradbroke Tigers | 36 | Def | Vale Park Titans | 15 |
| Game Played: Wednesday 15 November | | | | |

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| Year 5/6 | Coach: Matt Overstreet | | | |
| Stradbroke Eagles | 38 | Def | EM Dragons | 22 |
| Game Played: Monday 6 November | | | | |

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| Stradbroke Eagles | 36 | Def | EM Lions | 26 |
| Game Played: Monday 13 November | | | | |

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| Year 5/6 | Coach: Maja Kruger Team Manager: Ruth Hock | | | |
| Stradbroke Phoenix | 0 | Forfeit | SPX Hurricanes | 20 |
| Game Played: Monday 6 November | | | | |

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| Stradbroke Phoenix | 39 | Def | Pembroke 6 Blue | 17 |
| Game Played: Monday 13 November | | | | |

NETBALL

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| Primary: Dazzling Blues | Coach: Bianca Johnston Team Manager: Greg Johnston | | | |
| Stradbroke Dazzling Blues | 13 | Def | Comets | 7 |
| Game Played: Friday 3 November | | | | |

All the players enjoyed a great game against a great team. Accurate shooting and strong communication between players helped guide us to our second win. Players are starting to find space, get in a good position, and call for the ball. Lots of encouragement for each other and high fives.

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| Primary: Arctic Wolves | Coach: Hannah Bartlett Team Manager: Giulia Innamorati | | | |
| Stradbroke Arctic Wolves | 6 | Def | East Marden Rosellas | 4 |
| Game Played: Friday 3 November | | | | |
| Another fabulous win for the Arctic Wolves. Well done girls. | | | | |

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| Primary: The Royals | Coach: Anita Sebastiani Team Manager: Jackie Rice | | | |
| Stradbroke The Royals | 8 | Def by | Comets | 12 |

Game Played: Friday 3 November
What a great Game by the Royals! The team was enthusiastically lead by captain Lydia. All team members worked hard and didn't give up against a challenging opposition. Proud of the girl's determination and grit. Well done Royals

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| Sub Junior: Stradroke Thundercats | Coach: Melissa Danielse Team Manager: Carmen Allington | | | |
| Stradbroke Thundercats | 4 | Def by | Comets | 15 |

Game Played: Friday 3 November
A superb effort by our Thundercats against a tough opponent.





Making children's birthdays special

Children's birthday parties seem to be getting bigger every year. But bigger is not always better when it comes to celebrating children's birthdays

There's no doubt a child's birthday is a special day. It's one day of the year when they legitimately become the centre of attention for their family and friends.

It's not just children for whom birthdays have significance. A child's birthday is also a milestone for mums and dads. Another year older means another year along the parenting journey and plenty of fond memories too.

Traditionally a child's birthday has been recognised with gifts, a family gathering, and perhaps a special treat with a few friends. Essentially it's been a relatively low-key family affair with parties to celebrate milestones such as fifth, tenth and thirteenth birthdays.

Over the last decade children's birthday parties have become an annual celebration; and they've become increasingly bigger events.

Where once a few good friends would gather; we are now seeing the emergence of the BIG party where everyone, or close to everyone, in a child's class gets an invitation whether they are close friends or not. **This Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** is interesting to say the least.

It's obviously beneficial for the 'birthday child' as the number of presents they receive increases astronomically. Somehow there is something not quite right about a child receiving twenty or more presents, not to mention the gifts from his or her family.

Having the whole gang along removes the special opportunity for celebrating a birthday with their closest friends.

I know many parents organise whole class parties to encourage friendships. However in wanting to promote friendships they may inadvertently be making it more difficult for kids to form





friendships as little differentiation is given between a good friend and a child in their wider social circle when invitations are issued en masse. Good friends need to be recognised as such.

Some parents invite the whole class so that no child is left out or feels disappointed. That's a great intention, but it removes the chance for parents to teach the 'birthday child' to be discreet when issuing invitations and to be mindful of the feelings of those that aren't invited. It also removes the difficult decision-making process of choosing whom to invite from a child, which can be a great learning experience in itself.

The **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** places enormous pressure on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Backing up a BIG PARTY year after year is hard work.

If you are over the **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** here are a few ideas to make celebrating your child's birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity in tact and incorporate your child's friends as well:

1. **Alternate** birthday parties with gatherings or sleepovers of a few friends (without presents) every two or three years.
2. If you have a party each year then consider **matching** the number invited with their age. That is, six year olds can have six friends and so on.
3. **Identify** the different groups your child is in and allow him or her to invite a small number from each group. So school friends mix with friends from outside school.
4. **Involve** children in choosing and preparing the activities, food and treats for their party.
5. If organising a BIG BIRTHDAY BASH is for you, then keep it for your child's **milestones** such as their tenth birthday.

Birthdays like a lot of things can get out of hand. It's probably better to aim for SPECIAL rather than BIG and that means surrounding your child by his family and **close** friends to celebrate his or her special day of the year.

NOTE: Get your Kids' Chores & Responsibilities Kit when you subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael's FREE weekly parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au