

EA Southee Public School

Friday 7th of December 2018 Term 4 Week 8



EA Southee Welcomes Mrs Susie Wicks

Respect Responsibility Resilience

EA Southee would like to warmly welcome Mrs Susie Wicks to the team. Susie was the successful applicant for the permanent General Assistant position and brings with her a wealth of experience and horticultural knowledge.

Susie has already been utilising her gardening expertise, by guiding our Year 6 Gardening Transition class in re-establishing our garden spaces.



Aboriginal Art for EA Southee

Ms Amanda Levett has kindly painted and donated an Aboriginal art piece for EA Southee school.



During Ms Levett's recent visit to EA Southee, she taught our students about Aboriginal art. While here Ms Levett got students to place a thumb print on a canvas. These thumb prints were then used to symbolise the students of EA Southee sitting around a campfire.

The artwork captures our proud Aboriginal heritage and the unity of EA Southee.

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Up Coming Events

- Presentation Night 7/12
- Infants Frolic 10/12
- Year 6 Graduation 14/12
- Last Day of School 19/12

*In the Wiradjuri language
Cootamundra means,
'many long-neck turtles'.*



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Stage 3 NILE Project 2019

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend our Stage 3 2019 Information Session.

The students and families were informed about the Neoteric Innovative Learning Environment (NILE) Project, which is a new innovative learning space for Stage 3 students.

2019 will be an exciting time for the students in Stage 3 and we are looking forward to some amazing results through our students' achievement progress.

The NILE Project is being driven by a team of innovative and exceptional educators at EA Southee PS.

The staff involved are Mrs Sarah Dabin, Miss Ingrid Fish, Ms Natalie Dean, Ms Leeanne Craw, Mrs Judith Hall, Mrs Sue Smith, Mrs Kylie Chacon and Mrs Leonie Stevenson.

We look forward to sharing the Stage 3 journey with the whole EA Southee PS Community during 2019.



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Stage 3 Excursion

On the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of November Stage 3, accompanied by Mrs Sarah Dabin, Mrs Vicky Frilay and Mr Luke Dabin, set out on an amazing adventure to Canberra.

When we arrived in Canberra our first stop was the Australian Botanical Gardens for lunch. Sitting in beautiful grassed area surrounded by amazing gardens and a magnificent pond we enjoyed our lunch and the sunshine. After we finished eating we went for a walk to explore the gardens and found ourselves in a paperbark forest. Nestled in the trees was a viewing deck which the students climbed to see the view across the gardens. A few students including Mrs Frilay conquered their fear of heights to enjoy the sights.



After our walk we boarded the bus and proceeded to the CSIRO Discovery Centre. This was an amazing place that the students thoroughly enjoyed. The students were tasked with a game utilising iPads that challenged their collaboration and researching skills. The game required them to scan QR codes which gave them a question. Some questions were worth more points than others. The teams then had to explore the Discovery Zones to find the answers they needed. The team of Travis Watson, Ashlyn Perry and Zoe Hii were the winners. The students then got to explore the discovery zones and look at all the amazing things the CSIRO has developed and they also got to hold some stick insects.



Then we went to the Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre. The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre (IPTLC) stimulates an interest and awareness of the way things are made, shows how components fit together and demonstrates how innovation can solve everyday problems—from simple devices to higher end technology. The students were introduced to the process of innovation and building prototypes. We then went into the maker space and were shown a video on clean energy and how movement can generate energy. The students then went to work creating a prototype of a device that generated movement in the wind using only wooden skewers, pieces of paper and sticky tape. The students came up with some great ideas and could utilise their critical thinking skills that they have developed in their class STEM challenges to identify faults and redesign or adapt their models. These were then tested in front of a big industrial fan to see their effectiveness. They then had further opportunities to refine their designs and retest. They then got to experience the digital design stage of prototyping using tablets with a wind tunnel app. This gave the students a chance to see how forms can influence and manipulate the flow of the air. They had to then come up with a design that would not interrupt the flow to cause turbulence. The next room was the modelling room which had a number of 3D printers and plastic moulding tools. The kids were very familiar with these as they have had them in their classroom for the last two terms.



From here we took the bus out to our accommodation at Greenhill's Centre out in the Brindabella Ranges. Set in the bush with views over the mountain ranges and lots of wildlife it was a fantastic spot. After dinner we had a quiet night in watching Antman in the Auditorium.

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Stage 3 Excursion Cont...

The next morning the staff held a team building morning full of trivia and crazy games. The trivia covered a broad range of topics including Canberra where the students learnt a lot about the place we are visiting. The students had a lot of fun in the games. The first game was like a "floor is lava" game where the teams had to get from one side to the other on small squares of carpet. The catch was there was not enough squares for each person and someone had to be in contact with the squares at all time. This really challenged their ability to work together. The next game was pool noodle hockey which was very entertaining with Mrs Dabin and Mrs Frilay getting into the action. Mrs Frilay was very dedicated to getting a win for her team and ended up on the ground receiving a carpet burn in the process. The next game was a chopstick relay where the students had to transport a Malteaser across the room. A few of our students lacked some chop stick skills.

We then headed off to the National Arboretum for lunch. The weather was looking ominous and the wind was blowing a gale. However the view was amazing and the Pod playground was outstanding. The weather took a turn for the worse and we got hit by a hail storm. A quick dash back inside while we then waited for a break in the storm and rushed off to the bus.

We were early for our next appointment for the War Memorial so the bus driver took us on a tour of the Embassies and Consulates in Canberra. We then went to the top of Mount Ainslie and looked out over the War Memorial, Old and New Parliament House.

The War Memorial was an eye opener for the students. The students were infatuated with the Afghanistan display as it was very real and relevant to them. The War Memorial discovery centre was a great a great experience for the students with a hands on display. They got to sit inside a helicopter and pretend to fly it in a theatre setup, which provided a sight and sound experience. There was a submarine too, which gave insight into life on a sub including a compartment which had the smell of life on a submarine. Needless to say those that braved to smell it regretted the decision. The WWI bunker experience was great too as it showed the harsh reality of fighting in the trenches and an insight into trench foot which was not pleasant. We then further explored the War Memorial and the kids were in awe of the aircraft displays.

After the War Memorial was the highlight of the excursion for most of the students. We visited the Phillip Ice Skating Rink. With very few, if any, students not having ever been ice skating it was an eye opener. However they all showed great resilience and persevered with a few mastering the basics of ice skating. Jesse Collins claimed the prize for the most times falling over, somewhere near 200 times according to Jess and Niall Lambert had the biggest crash of them all.

An early night was had by some very exhausted students.

The weather the next day was very cold and we were booked into the big splash water park. Unfortunately when we arrived they had closed due to the weather. After a few quick phone calls with the excursion organisers we got into an indoor pool with a slide. The kids enjoyed the time to relax in the pool and be out of the weather. The day was then topped off with some glow in the dark Putt -putt golf which was great fun.

An exhausted troop of students then boarded the bus to head home. It was a great excursion and the students must be commended for their exceptional behaviour. A big thank you also to Mrs Dabin for the time and effort she put in to making this all happen.



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PBL Rewards

EA Southee students enjoyed a movie afternoon with popcorn on Friday the 30th Nov. This reward came about due to the whole school reaching this reward, by following our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



Last Primary Transition Day

EA Southee primary school students enjoyed their last day of transition last Friday. Due to the hectic schedule at the end of term with presentation and graduation night coming up we have had to put an end to a fantastic program.

Mr Robert Plain, the Year 7 year advisor from Cootamundra High School paid a visit to see how the program went for our year 6 students. Mr Plain has commended the school for this innovative approach.

The year 6 students also got to have a say about how they felt the program went. The students provided some very positive feedback and further suggestions on what to improve for future students.

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Transition Photos



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Share Our Space

Schools are the heart of our communities and offer a range of quality recreational and play facilities.

Over the coming school holidays, the NSW Department of Education is rolling out a Program at 184 schools across the state, which will open up the playgrounds, ovals and sports fields for the whole community to enjoy.

EA Southee Public School will be participating in the program during these school holidays.

The gates will be open between:

| School Holidays | Dates | Time |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Summer | 24 Dec 2018 - 25 Jan 2018 | 8am - 6pm |

A security guard will be in place to monitor safety and security, and gates will be locked at closing time each evening.

As always, if you need to report a security issue at the school, you can call security 24 hours on 1300 880 021. For more information on this program, please visit schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 1300 482 651.

We hope you have an enjoyable break, and invite you to use the play areas at your local school these holidays.

Infants Frolic

EA Southee is having a frolic for our infants. Make sure you come along for lots of family fun.

When: Monday 10th December 2018

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Where: EA Southee Hall

Theme: Country & Western



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Claim this Date

Year 6 Farewell
*To be held Friday 14th
December 2018
6:30pm
At the Ex-Services Club*

1000 Club

Get in quick!!!

Only 1000 tickets available.

CASH

\$5000.00 1st prize

\$3000.00 2nd prize

20 x \$100.00 draws

Tickets available from front office.

\$20.00 each

