



# Suneden News

August 2024



Dear Families,

It has been a lovely start to the term, with lots of sunshine breaking through the cold winter days. A sign that spring is just around the corner.

We are looking forward to seeing all the students in their costumes this Friday to celebrate Book Week. This year's theme is **Reading is Magic**. Please join us in the school gym at 9.30am for the students to parade their costumes.

We are also excited to invite everyone to our upcoming Art show **This is Me** on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. All the students have been working hard in the Art Room to create their own self portraits and we hope that you will all be able to join us to celebrate all their hard work. Please don't forget to RSVP your attendance to [admin@suneden.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@suneden.sa.edu.au). Please see flyer in newsletter for further details.

## Communication ipads

We all know how important communication skills are for everyone for a range of purposes including to greet others, to make requests, to comment, to ask questions, to protest, and to share information. This term we have been fortunate enough to purchase communication iPads with Proloquo2Go for all our staff. This means that we now have 3 iPads in each class dedicated to communication, with staff able to model language to students throughout the day including in the classroom, in the playground and out in the community.

Students are of course encouraged to bring their own communication device to school each day.



## Self Regulation and Engagement

At Suneden, safety of students is a priority and we aim to provide a safe physical and emotional environment for our students. We understand the importance of building positive connections with our students and supporting students to be regulated by ensuring they have access to a range of regulation tools. We know that only after these things are in place, can successful learning happen in the classroom.

This 'Model of Child Engagement' from Greg Santucci summarises our approach at Suneden, and we wanted to share it with you today.

## End of Day Routine

If you collect your child at the end of the day, you may have noticed that we have music playing in the hallways. As you know, we don't have bells and sirens as these can upset or trigger some of our students, but we thought it would be helpful for students to have something which alerts them to the fact that it's time to go out to the buses and get ready to go home. This new initiative has been well received by the students and is supporting the development of independence in our students.



### **State Government Capital Grant**

Late last year, we were fortunate enough to receive a State Government Capital Grant of \$73250. The grant has been put toward a number of improvements across the school including new classroom furniture in Senior Pink class, shelving in the gym store room, extension of the covered walkway out to the bus area, repairs to the paving in the staff car park and to the hallway vinyl, and a new warning system for evacuations and lockdowns. We have also been able to purchase a portable Smartboard for the student kitchen, and a 'Magic Mirror' for the sensory room.

A huge THANK YOU to the State Government for this funding.



### **People First Lottery**

Thank you to everyone who supported the People's First Community Lottery. A total of \$2240 was raised for our school.

### **Companion Card**

Do you have a companion card?

A Companion Card is for people with significant and permanent disability. When a cardholder buys a ticket at participating venues and activities in South Australia, their companion or carer will be given free entry. There are many venues that you can use this such as cinemas, concerts and sporting events.



<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/care-and-support/disability/companion-card/apply-for-a-companion-card>

### **Centrelink Visit**

Many families often ask us about carers allowances and disability pensions. In the past we have often had families miss out on allowances or have delays in receiving pensions because they don't have the necessary documentation for their child.

Please join us on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 11am** for an information session on:

- Carer payment and allowance
- Health Care Cards
- Disability Support Pension
- Eligibility criteria and documentation required



The session will be run by Denise, Community Engagement Officer from Centrelink.

### **Planning for 2025**

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year and it is time for us to begin looking at enrolments, classes, and staffing for next year. A great deal of time is spent each year in organising class placements. Staff take into consideration factors such as friendships, ability levels, and behaviour, in order for each class to be well balanced and for each child to have a successful year.

If there is anything that you would like us to take into consideration when planning for 2025, we ask that you please email us by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** to [principal@suneden.sa.edu.au](mailto:principal@suneden.sa.edu.au)

In addition, if your child is moving on to day options or work, or your child is leaving the school for other reasons such as moving interstate, please advise us in writing by email, so that we can take this into account when planning.



### ***Principal's Award***

Well done Ryan from Middle Yellow.

Ryan did some great work in English, sequencing the steps for brushing teeth and typing the instructions for each step.

Best Wishes  
*Heidi & Helen*

### **Important Dates**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Last day of school for term 3*

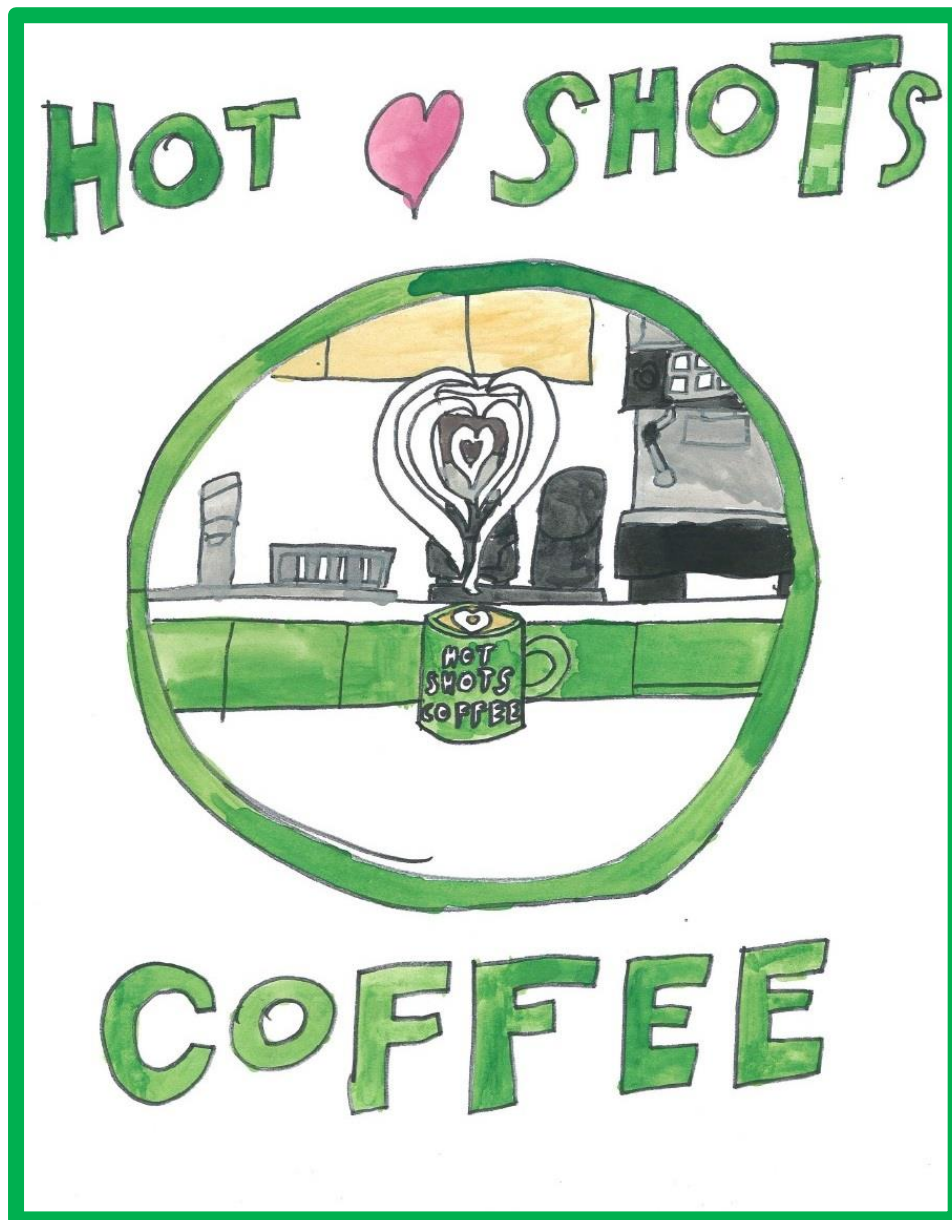
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
*School Resumes Term 4*



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
*Art Show*



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
*Student Free Day*



Art Work by Joseph Watson, TTW student.

**Hot  
Shots  
Coffee.**



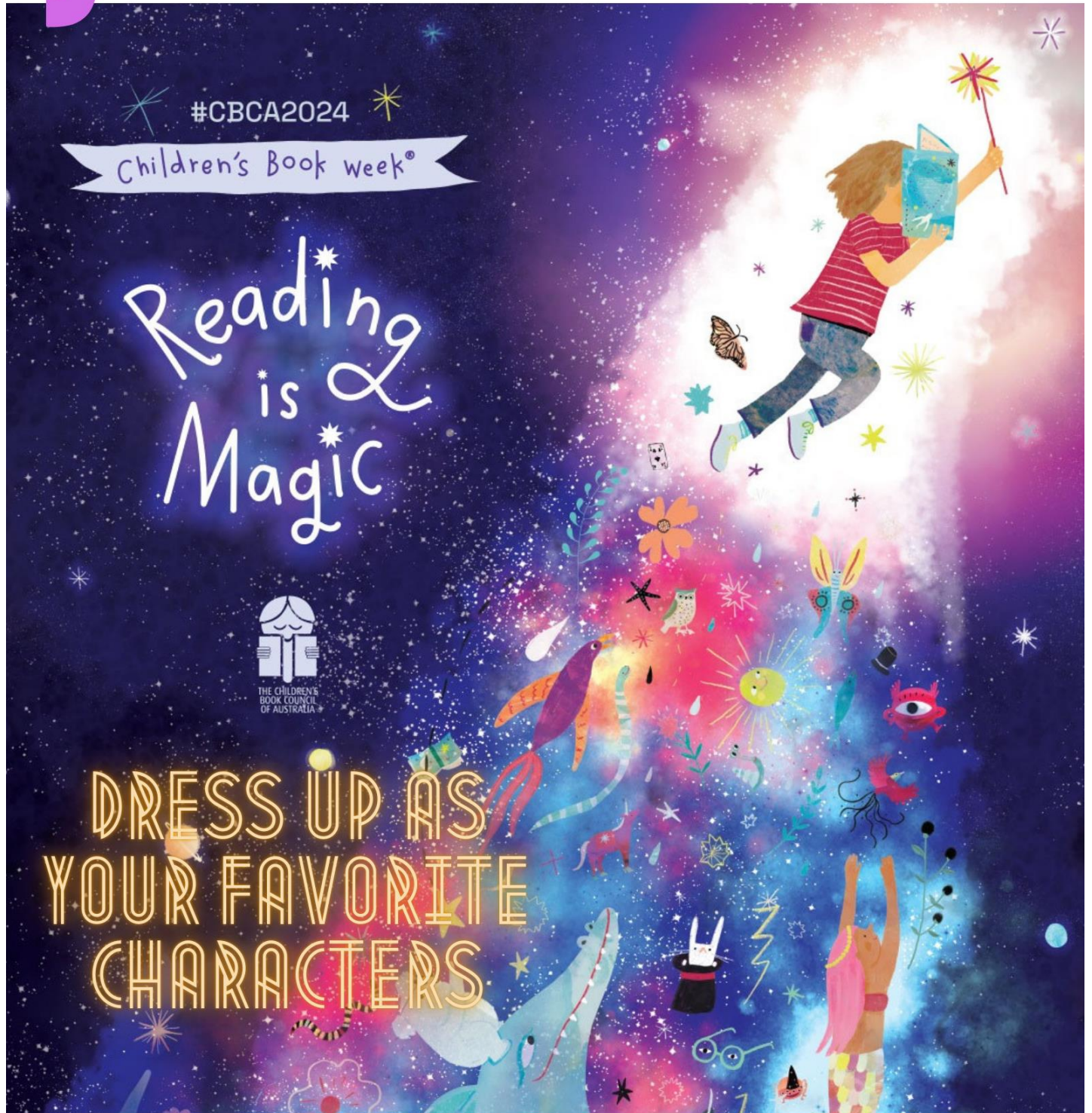
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Wed- Fri

Parents please come and visit  
the TTW class and grab a  
coffee.

# JOIN US

23 AUG 2024  
FRIDAY  
BOOK WEEK PARADE



PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE  
BOOK WEEK PARADE AT THE SCHOOL GYM  
AT 9:30 AM



ART SHOW 2024

# THIS IS ME



**Friday 30th of August 6:30PM - 7:30 PM**

**Students self portraits will be on sale for \$10**

Please RSVP to [admin@suneden.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@suneden.sa.edu.au) by Wed 28<sup>th</sup> August



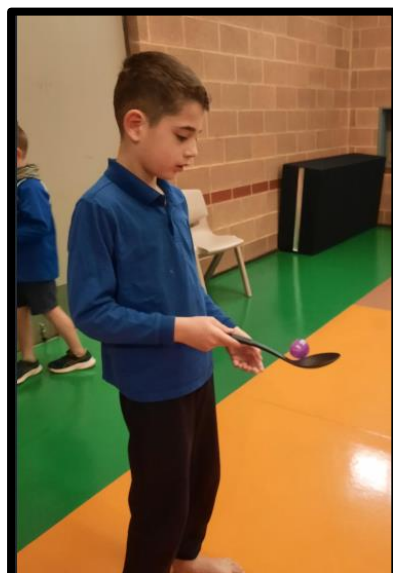


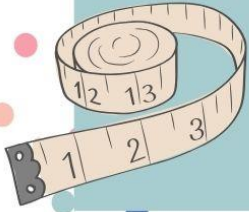
# Junior Green Olympics



Over the first few weeks of Term 3, classes in the junior area competed in their own Junior Olympics.

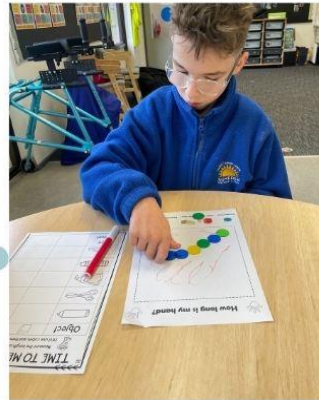
We started with an opening ceremony, then each week we participated in different events including, a ring toss, bean bag throw, relay races, hurdles and egg and spoon races.





# JUNIOR BLUE

Term 3 2024



This term, students in Junior Blue are learning about different types of measurement. So far we have measured the length of different items around the classroom as well as our own height and the length of our feet and hands.



# Middle Yellow

Term 3 has arrived! It may be cold but we have had a hot start to the term with some fantastic learning.

## English

Last term we completed some excellent writing to make information reports by using laptops. We are continuing to develop writing pieces this term using laptops, this time making procedure texts. So far we have completed these on tasks that are familiar to students which has included brushing our teeth, using a microwave and using the magic mirror.



### **BRUSHING YOUR TEETH**

#### Steps



Wet your toothbrush with water.



Put the toothpaste on the toothbrush.



Brush your teeth up and down and side to side.

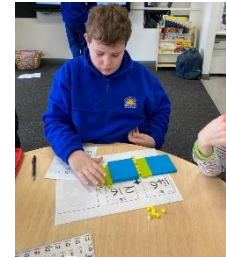
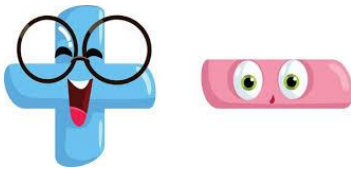


Spit out the toothpaste and wipe your face.

Step 1/7

## Maths

We have begun the term learning about addition and subtraction. It has been great to see the students using different materials such as base 10 blocks and counters, as well as strategies to reach answers.



## Funtopia & Recycling

We enjoyed an excursion on the last day of term 2 to Funtopia. We were able to use the money we raised in recycling to fund this excursion. Well done to all of the students for their hard work to earn this. We have continued with our recycling this term and currently sit at over \$150 raised for the year.



## Lego Club, Café, & Speech

This term we will be completing a Lego Club lesson each week with the assistance of our awesome OT Jo. In these sessions, students will be working on constructing different creations and exploring Lego sets. It will provide a great chance for students to work collaboratively in different roles, to communicate to make objects. Our first few sessions have been highly engaging for the students. We will also be continuing to work on our communication skills and social conventions out in the community through our café visits. Our class will also have a weekly session with Bianca. In these sessions we will continue to work on expanding our vocabulary, in particular our descriptive vocabulary through a range of fun hands on learning experiences.

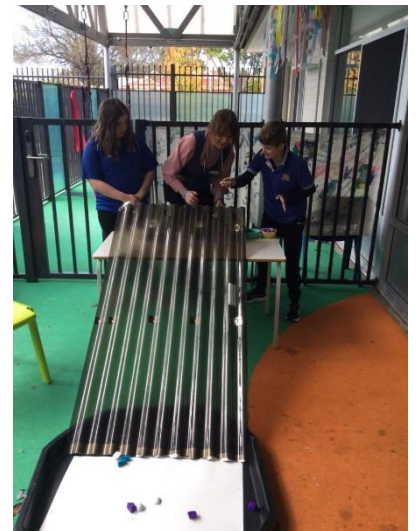
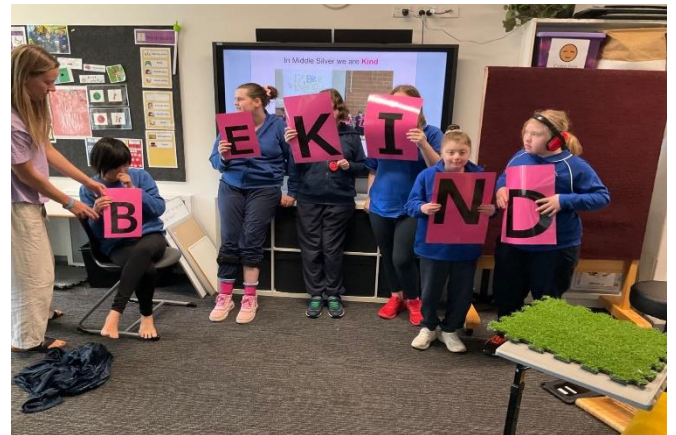


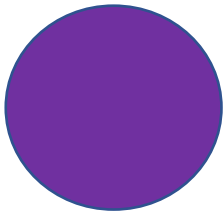
We look forward to an awesome term and have already enjoyed a successful start.

# MIDDLE SILVER

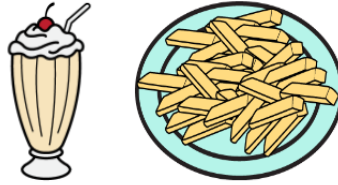


This term in Middle Silver, we have been loving swimming, developing our measurement skills, team building activities, and getting ready for the upcoming book week.





# Senior Purple Community Outing to Café 72



This term, the Senior Purple Class is attending weekly excursions at Café 72. Students are practising their ordering skills, using money to purchase items, and enjoying hanging out with friends.





## Work Experience

Congratulations to Tyson, Owen, Joseph and William for successfully undertaking work experience at Bunnings during term 2. This was such an invaluable opportunity for our students to learn and practise their vocational skills in an open-employment setting.

Our students represented themselves and the school outstandingly and should be very proud of their achievement.





To broaden their acts of citizenship and connect with community, the TTW students went for a visit to Anglicare and performed some line dancing and ukulele numbers for some of the elderly residents there.

This was such a special and fun experience for both the residents and our students who have been invited to come back again.

