



Bute Early Learning & Primary School

Growth Respect Integrity Teamwork

Week 8 Term 3 2026

Diary Dates

Week 9

- 14/9 Minori Sensei Visiting BELPS
- 14/9 Governing Council
- 15/9 Student Learner Conferences
- 15/9 MP Excursion to St.Mary Mac - Musical Performance
- 16/9 Clown Day - Casual Day
- 17/9 SRC Excursion to Hospital School SA
- 18/9 Assembly @ 2:45pm

Week 10

- 23/9 Voice It Workshop
- 24/9 Tony Bones Book Performance
- 24/9 Cricket Clinic
- 25/9 End of Term Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish all the wonderful fathers and father figures in our community a very Happy Father's Day! We hope you enjoyed a special day filled with family, laughter and love.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HOSPITAL SCHOOL SA



Next week our School Captains and SRC reps will be visiting our friends at the Hospital School located at the Women's and Children's Hospital. This is always a wonderful event for our school and it truly does remind all of us to be grateful for even the smallest wins and moments in our lives. This year, Principal Matthew and I have been able to organise a visit from the Hospital Clown Doctors, who will be putting all the students through a very rigorous Clown School session! I am sure there will be many moments of joy and laughter throughout this experience. Since the Clown Doctors are taking time out of their busy day on the ward, we thought it would be nice to repay their kindness by involving our school and ELC community in a fun themed dress up day, to raise money for Clown Doctors Australia.

Clown Doctors Australia relies on the generosity of individuals, organisations, and communities to deliver the positive impacts of laughter to families right across Australia each year.

Below is a little more information about what Clown Doctors do;

Whether distracting a child during a painful procedure, easing anxiety in emergency departments, or being a joyful presence during long hospital stays, Clown Doctors bring warmth and wonder into moments that can otherwise feel cold and clinical.

Their humour is affirming, and they laugh with, never at. They seek permission, build rapport, and meet each child exactly where they are at. With empathy and expertise, they help children feel seen, heard and empowered – often making the difference between fear and calm, resistance and cooperation.

We invite all of our children in the ELC and school to get involved in supporting our Clown Day fundraiser.



LEARNER CONFERENCES - TERM 3

Learner Conferences will occur on Tuesday (15th of Sept.) and Wednesday (16th of Sept.) of Week 9. As we continue to strengthen the work we are doing in relation to developing Effective Learners at BELPS, our learners will be involved in sharing and discussing their learning during these conferences. We believe this is an important shift in our processes to develop Effective Learners who can articulate their learning, both the successes and areas for growth.

During the conferences, families will still receive important information such as reading growth. Students who learn within a OnePlan (Students with additional needs), will have plans available to be reviewed/discussed and for parents / caregivers to have input into these plans.

If you would like to book a conference, please either visit or phone (88 262 060) the Front Office to indicate a time you are available. Please indicate your preferred time by Friday, 11th of September. If those dates will not work for your family, please contact the relevant teacher to make alternative arrangements. Learner Conferences will run for approximately 15 minutes.

2027 SCHOOL YEAR

As we nearly enter the final term of the school year, we are busily organising staffing and class structures, student stationery orders etc. for the 2027 school year. To help us with this process, *please contact the school on 88 262 060 if your child(ren) will not be attending school at Bute next year.* Please make contact by Tuesday, 20th of October.

Just a reminder, The State Government has committed to removing universal materials and services charges from 2027 as part of its cost-of-living measures for South Australian families. Schools will not lose under this policy. This initiative will be funded by the State Government and our school will be provided with the funding that it would have received through the universal materials and services charge. Our school will also continue to receive funding to meet the needs of students and to staff classrooms.

Legislative changes are still required before the new arrangements can take effect. This information is provided to support families to plan for 2027.

Families will not be required to pay the universal materials and services charge.

The initiative will avoid the need for primary school families to apply for school card and this will reduce administrative burden for families and the school.

Families will continue to pay for items such as uniforms, digital devices and optional excursions, as has always been the case.

RURAL CARE IN THE HOLIDAYS

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 3 is nearly upon us. Leading into the holidays, I just want to encourage families utilising the Rural Care program, to notify the Centre on (08) 88 262 230, if their care arrangements will change in the holidays. We have a significant waitlist in the Centre and families are always appreciative of being able to access extra care during these busy periods. If you will be needing your care, that is absolutely fine, no need to change anything.

FATHERS DAY

UPPER PRIMARY

UP learners have been busy preparing for Father's Day and celebrating the dads and special male figures who make a difference in their lives. We began by brainstorming the many things we are grateful for, reflecting on the fun, support, kindness and special moments we share with these important people.

"THE BEST PART OF FATHERS DAY ACTIVITIES WAS GETTING TO MAKE LEGO WITH DAD AND RUPERT." HENRY

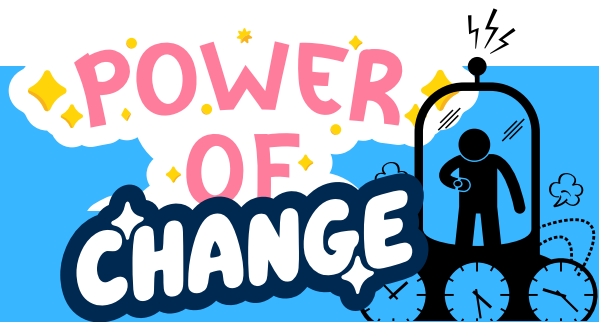


Putting our learning and creativity into action, learners designed and personalised their own marshmallow launchers, ready to share some laughter and friendly competition with our special person. There was plenty of excitement as everyone thought about how they could make their launcher unique for their special person!

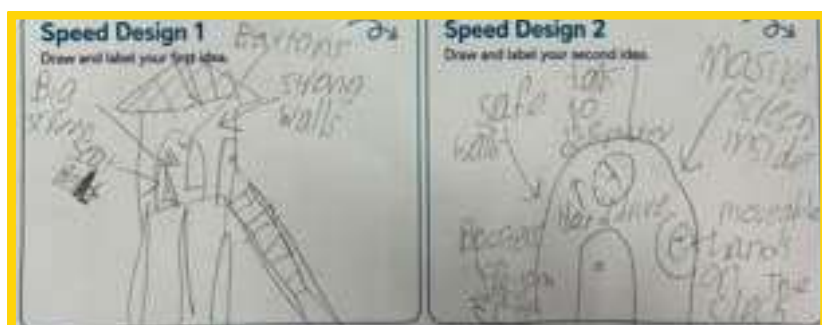


To finish our Father's Day learning, learners became designers once again, creating a personalised lolly combination for Rocky Road Bark. From thoughtful ideas to hands-on creating, it has been wonderful to see learners putting so much care into making something personal to say thank you to the dads and special people in their lives.





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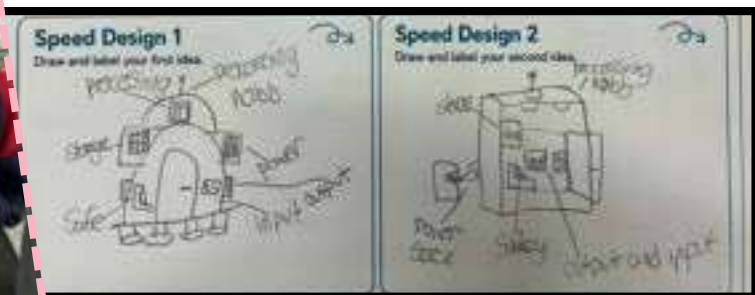


As part of our Power of Change Connected Learning, learners have been busy completing a Design & Technologies Time Machine Design Sprint. Students applied their learning about the key features of technology—including input, processing, output, storage, power sources and safety features—to design their own creative and functional time machines.

These designs will now come to life as a key prop in our stop motion films, helping our characters travel through time to explore how technology and our world have changed!



"The best part of making my time machine was deciding what all the parts would be for." Floss

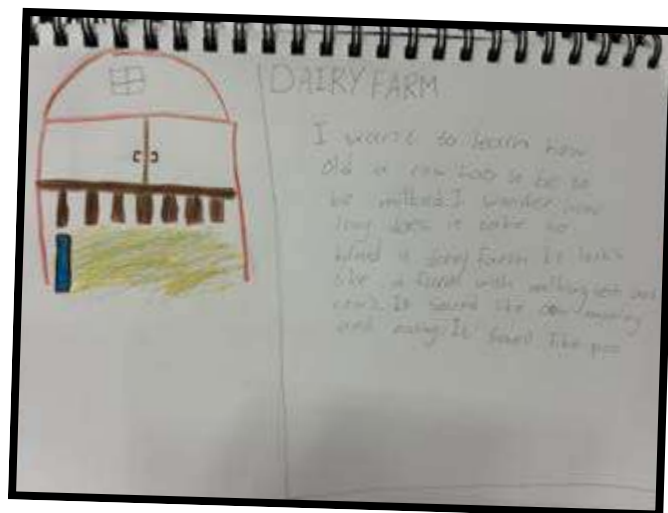




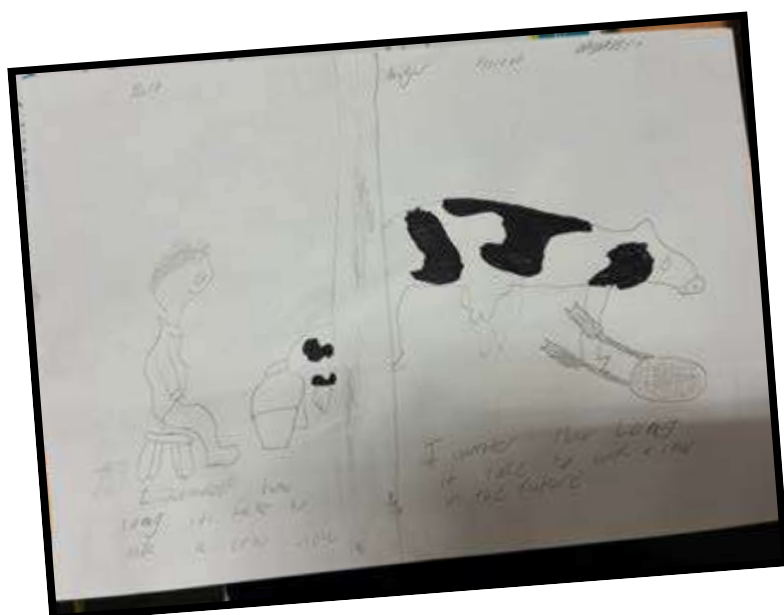
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What does it look like, feel like or sound like?



UP learners activated their prior knowledge of dairy farming before taking part in a virtual dairy farm excursion. They then compared dairy farming in the past and present, discovering how changes in technology have transformed the way farms operate. Learners explored how new technologies support farmers, care for animals and make dairy farming safer and more efficient.





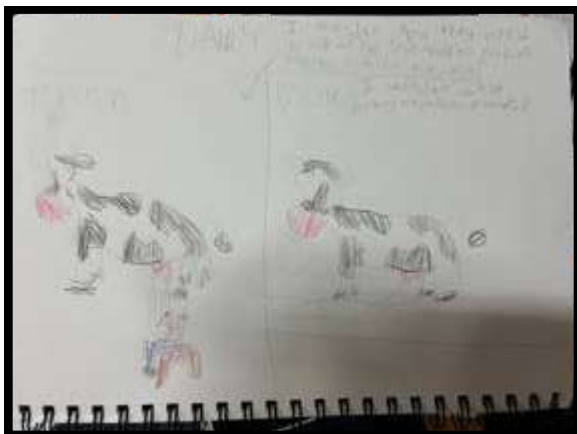
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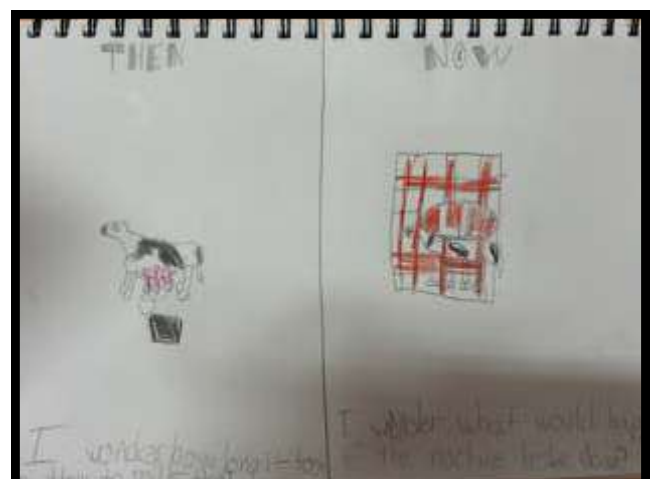
"I LEARNT THAT DAIRY FOOD IS REALLY GOOD AND HEALTHY FOR YOUR BODY" EDDIE



"WHAT I LEARNT ON THE DAIRY FARM VIRTUAL EXCURSION WAS THAT BEEF COWS ARE MORE BULKIER THAN DAIRY COWS." HENRY



"I WONDER HOW LONG IT TAKES TO MILK 250 COW WITH NO TECHNOLOGY?" MAILEE

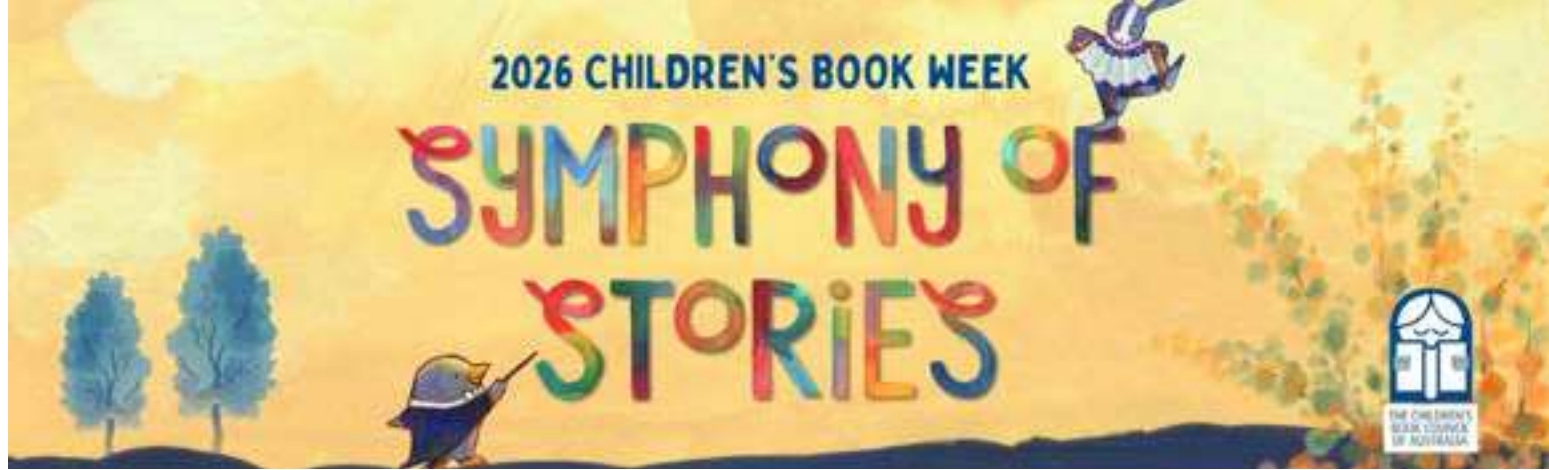




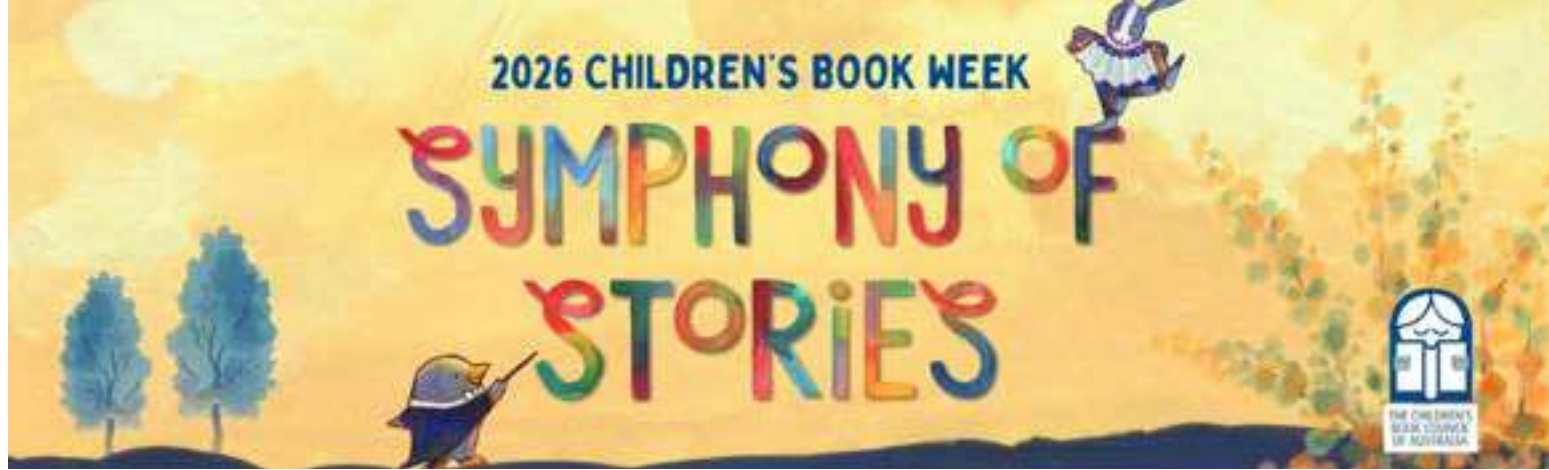
WHICH CHARACTERS CAN YOU SEE?







If you would like a copy of your child's Book Week photo please text the school.



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RURAL CARE



We have been focusing on childrens individual learning goals, developmental milestones and learning dispositions, via childrens interests, skills, abilities and needs.

We have been exploring experiences and resources within our environment based upon childrens voices; some of these include, our Bunnings store, story tables, a flower shop, puppets and story telling, lego and messy play, just to name a few.

These experiences assist in challenging childrens problem solving skills, critical thinking, communication, gross and fine motor skills and social skills, whilst promoting a sense of belonging, identity and agency.



RURAL CARE



Rural Care Reminders:

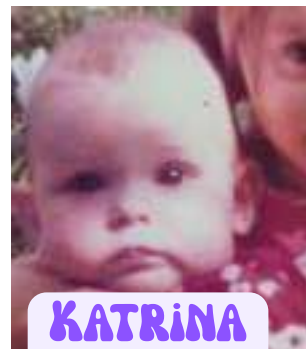
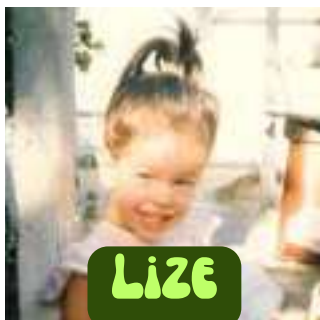
- Notify Educators of your school holiday care requirements or absences. Availability is limited for bookings, so get in touch ASAP. 2 weeks notice required for holiday advice.
- Spare change of clothes, hats and sunscreen (if necessary) to be provided with the warmer weather approaching.
- We are on the lookout for some wonderful helpers to dedicate some time on a weekend to help us paint the inside and outside of our cubby house (: Let us know if you're interested.

GUESS WHO???

ANSWERS

How did you go?

Who will be crowned our Baby Photo Champion??



Have a look at your photos and see how much you have changed over the years!

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NOTICES



TOM VENNING SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD

Nominations are open to a staff, parent or community member who has 'gone the extra mile' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for our School, Preschool and Rural Care. Governing Council has the privilege of conferring on a suitable nominee for 2026. We are opening up the initial nomination process and would like to hear from anyone associated with the school/ELC. Please give this some thought and return your nomination in a sealed envelope marked **CONFIDENTIAL GOVERNING COUNCIL** to the Front Office before Tuesday, 20th of October.

ATTENTION: Governing Council – re: Tom Venning School Community Award

I nominate _____ for the 2026 Tom Venning School Community Award. They have provided an outstanding contribution to our school in the following ways:

[illegible]

Nominated by:

Signed:

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Eddie, who recently qualified for the Adelaide SAPSASA Athletics! Eddie competed in the 100m Sprint and 100m Relay, representing our school with pride. Well done, Eddie, on this fantastic achievement!



BUTE BASKETBALL CLUB

SEEKING PLAYERS
FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON



BOYS & GIRLS
BORN IN
2012 - 2016



REGISTRATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER 2026
AT 4:30PM
AT BUTE SPORTING CLUB

If your child is interested in playing this season and you can't make it, please message your child's name and **DOB** to



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