

Dear Seacliff Families,

Covid news - Term 1 2021

Please note a slight change in the QR Code check-in below (***bold italics***)

Seacliff's individual QR code is now clearly displayed at all entry point gates and some buildings/doors. Please remember to bring your mobile phone with you to do the check-in. The government's paper recording template (for people who don't have a smart phone) is kept in the front office. All adults, including staff and parents, are expected to COVID SAfe Check-In when entering classrooms/buildings on site. ***At this stage, it's not necessary to check-in at the school gate to enter school grounds.*** The COVID SAfe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace our normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office/reception on arrival.

Rooms 18 & 19 – Classroom Culture

Establishing a positive classroom culture paves the way for a very successful school year! During the first week of school we collaborated to develop our class contract. It is created around our 6 school values. As a class we unpacked what each value meant so students were able to develop a deeper understanding of each. Students worked in groups to create 'we will' statements for each value. [Rooms 18 & 19 - Classroom Culture](#)



Student use of Mobile Phones and Personal Devices Policy



On our website is Seacliff's draft policy [DRAFT Mobile Phone and Device Policy 2021](#) of the Department's new guidelines around the use of mobile phones and other devices for primary aged students. We are gathering input from staff, students and families about the policy, particularly in relation to storage of personal devices and non-compliance by students. As part of our consultation process, we invite parents and care givers to send through any feedback for consideration by Governing Council before they endorse the policy. Feel free to email this feedback to: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au

(N.B. – the current Mobile Phone Policy remains visible on the website until the new one has been endorsed.)

Surplus Furniture Clearance

Hi everyone. Over time we have collected a surplus of unwanted school furniture and other items. The time has come to address this as we're freeing up space to make room for several student driven and environmental action projects. As a result, we will be conducting a 'Surplus Furniture Clearance' here at school on **Saturday, 27 February between 9:00-11:00am**. We are simply asking for a gold coin donation for all the items. Please come along; you may find a hidden treasure! All items claimed will need to be removed then and there. [Seacliff-Furniture-Clearance.pdf](#)



Governing Council – Call for nominations

Governing councils are bodies that govern schools. At South Australian Government schools, the school principal works together with the Governing Council to develop future directions for their site.

Seacliff Primary School Governing Council meets twice during each term (generally in weeks 3 & 8). Next week, parents will be emailed more details about what is involved in being on Governing Council and the process for nominations and voting procedures if required. Please feel free to chat with current members of Governing Council if you are interested in nominating for this important role.

School Hats

We've received information from our Noarlunga office that several retail stores are selling 'school hats' with cords again. Please be aware that in Department for Education sites, only cordless hats are to be worn. (This decision came about following a fatal incident involving a student.)

All payments and permissions for M&S fees, excursions, sports, etc are to be made using the QKR! App

In support of our Environmental Education Coordinator this year, our Leadership Team have decided to go as paperless as possible. We are very conscious of the amount of paper used for excursions/incursions and are endeavouring to support our eco-warriors at the school and within the community.

With this in mind, all payments and permissions for M&S Fees, Excursions, Sports, etc are to be made using the QKR App. No paper notes will be sent home, instead class teachers will notify parents of excursions via their communication tool for parents/carers, eg Seesaw or email, etc. (If you are unable to access the QKR App please inform the classroom teacher in order to receive a paper copy.)

Details of the QKR App are available on our website along with instructions on how to make your payments. [Link to payments page on our website](#)

Please also note, due to mandated Department for Education policy, we are no longer able to accept payments with credit card details written down. We are only able to accept credit card payments if you come into the office to use the eftpos machine, or call the finance officer, Lynda, and make your payment over the phone.

Thank you for considering our environment!

School Tour on 2 March

On 2 March from 9:30 – 11:00am, we will be having a School Tour for parents and care givers thinking about enrolling their children at our school. If you have friends or neighbours interested in enrolling their child or children at Seacliff, please let them know.

Parent Information Evening: SPELD SA supporting children's reading at home

Endorsed by Governing Council, Seacliff PS and Kindy parents are invited to an information evening run by a SPELD SA Consultant, that will focus on strategies they can apply at home, to meet the needs of all preschool and primary students, as well as children with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia.

SPELD SA is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 1969. They provide advice and services to children and adults and those who care for, teach, and work with them.

When: Tuesday 23 February – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Seacliff Primary School Library

Cost: \$5 per family – payable through QKR

To book your place please complete the registration and make your payment through QKR.

Please contact Scott Francis at school if you have any questions.



Sports Day 2021



Due to the ongoing threat posed by Covid-19, the decision has been made to conduct our annual sports day in September, towards the end of Term 3. Hopefully this will allow us to run a more 'normal' event where the number of family members allowed to attend will not be restricted. We also hope to be able to provide more food and drink options through the 'Fundraising Committee' stalls and the canteen. We will still, however, need to be

guided by the Department for Education regulations relating to Covid-19 at that time.

A request to principals from the Australian Council on Children and the Media

To parents/carers: Your views on children's online privacy

Protecting children's privacy when they are online or playing electronic games can be tricky. Please spare 3 minutes to tell us your views about how easy or hard it is to protect children, and how important this is to you?

The Australian Council on Children and the Media (ACCM) is developing resources that could be helpful to parents in this regard. Your input will help us. *[NB: Your identity remains anonymous unless you choose to share your email address.]* Take the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRVNJDQ>

School Card 2021 online applications



All types of School Card applications are now online.

For families experiencing financial difficulty, school card can assist with payment of the Materials and Services Charge that schools rely on to provide much needed resources for the learning program. Online application forms for 2021 School Card are now available at sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

Parking restrictions at schools are for the safety of all children

The Australian Road Rules provide a variety of parking restrictions at and near schools to achieve a safer environment for all children. These restrictions are designed to optimise traffic safety and movement.

Holdfast Bay Council have informed the school that there will be an increased presence of Parking Inspectors in the coming weeks.

**BRIGHTON
SECONDARY SCHOOL**



Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening for Years 6 & 7

Everything you need to know about auditioning for the Brighton's Special Interest Music Program

Tuesday 30 March 2021, 5:30 to 6:30pm
Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall
Followed by a free short concert on the front oval
(bring a picnic dinner and chairs)

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons 8375 8215
email: pamela.parsons939@schools.sa.edu.au

PREMIER'S READING Challenge



Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2021??

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total (8 from the PRC list)

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, get them signed off as they go and hand it in to the school contact person in **the LIBRARY** by **Friday 27 August**. **Late entries cannot be accepted** as this is a Department for Education recorded program and finish date.

**** Junior Primary classes will read the books as a group ****

Their class teachers will fill out the forms

Year 3 to Year 7 students will receive an individual Reading Record sheet, and are responsible for recording their own reading and verifying from an adult.

8 of these books MUST be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website

(www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au), or identified with labels in the school library, and 4 of their own choice.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE your student to read a variety of books and challenge themselves to try something different.

Student reading record sheets are available from your child's teacher, or from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library.

Be their reading legend. Reading just 10 minutes each day makes a difference.

Enjoy the Challenge! Yours Sincerely, *Mark Williams* Premier's Challenges.

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au : Department for Education and Child Development