

Newsletter Term 1

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Dear Seacliff Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! We extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new families throughout the school who join us for the first time. We begin the year with 428 students. While our Reception students are just beginning their schooling journey, this year we will see both our Year 6 and 7 cohorts completing their Primary School years. There is **a lot** of information in our first newsletter of the year and what an exciting year it's going to be! Please try to find a few quiet moments to relax with a nice cup of coffee/tea and have a read through this information so you don't miss out on important bits relevant to you and your children. (Our newsletters won't all be this long...we promise!)

Covid news - Term 1 2021

As we settle into another year taking COVID-19 into consideration, we will try to keep families abreast of any changes through our updates. Hopefully these won't be coming out too often! And now for something new...

SA Health has a plan to gradually rollout the COVID SAfe Check-in system across the state. The rollout for metropolitan state schools begins on **Monday 8 February**. Individual QR codes have been allocated to all public schools, preschools and children's centres.

When we have downloaded Seacliff's individual QR code, we will clearly display these 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) will be in the admin building, the court yard and under the verandah at both entry points to the two storey building.

All **adults** (including **staff** and **parents**) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the paper recording log template.

Children and students (including adult students) do not need to check-in. Their attendance is recorded in other systems and can be easily made available to SA Health for contact tracing purposes.

Please note, 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.

Preparing and planning for the 2021 school year ahead...

Our first full week of preparation began on 18 January with many SSO and teaching staff on deck to set up classrooms, manage incoming orders, liaise with the various contractors and to deal with the many administrative tasks, to be set for a good start with classes. During this week, we had several meetings that had a focus on how we can promote our school values, further develop our work on **Environmental Education** and how we would go about establishing a **school culture of high expectation**.



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Having **high expectations** means believing students should always strive to achieve their best. Raising expectations is not about being strict or a micro-manager. It's more about believing in students' abilities to rise to the occasion and trusting that they will get there. By raising your expectations, students will work hard whether you're watching them or not. The goal is to create a classroom culture of hard work and self-belief. This obviously leads into one of our school's core values: **ACHIEVEMENT**. I hope that throughout the year you will see this coming to the fore in your child's class and that we

can work together to help children achieve their personal goals across a range of areas in their lives. For more about our plans on Environmental Education, please read on...

...Environmental education in 2021

Hi everyone. This year at Seacliff Primary School we are having a particular focus on Environmental Education. I will be serving as the **Environmental Education Coordinator** for the year. During Week 0, I conducted a session with the staff that looked at the reasons why Environmental Education is so important to be taught in schools. Sustainability is a Cross Curriculum Priority in the Australian Curriculum, so one of my first tasks has been to establish a committee to begin developing a scope and sequence that can be integrated across all learning areas and all year levels.

We are looking to work collaboratively with our local community organisations, including the Holdfast Bay Council, Green Adelaide, Glenthorne National Park and other groups to optimise the opportunities for our students to be involved in environmental initiatives.

Other school based projects that classes will take ownership and responsibility for include:

- Reviewing and overhauling how we recycle here at Seacliff Primary, including the Bokashi system.
- 'Kaurna Walk - Community Sustainability Garden' project (see article this newsletter)
- Maintenance and possible extension of vegetable gardens near Room 18.
- Establishing a sustainable recycling and composting program.
- Establishing a functional and sustainable paper, can, bottle & plastics recycling station (In the enclosure adjacent Pine Avenue).
- Development of a worm farm and possible seed propagation centre.
- Re-beautification of the school frog pond with native fish.

The students and staff are excited and motivated to jump into Environmental Education and it promises to be a busy year ahead. Regards, Murray Porter:
Environmental Education Coordinator



School values at Seacliff



Our school's 'Core Values' are COMMUNITY, ACHIEVEMENT, RESILIENCE, RESPECT, INNOVATION and INTEGRITY. We have been creating community art pieces as a means to support and promote these values in the way that we live our lives from day to day. We hope to have the RESPECT and ACHIEVEMENT art works completed before the end of 2022. To read more visit: [School Values at Seacliff](#)

Our Year 6 & 7 students share thoughts about Achievement



Achievement is one of Seacliff Primary School's core values, and it is being focused on in a big way in 2021. Some of the Year 7 students were asked what achievement meant to them and why they felt achievement was important in their schooling. The following responses were collated:

If you don't achieve, then you won't be able to learn more and you will stay at the academic level you are at forever. I'm going to make sure I listen, work hard and try my hardest in 2021. – Adam

It is important so that you can reach your goals. Without achieving, you won't learn anything new. – Ava

Without achievement, you are just learning the same things over and over. If you achieve then you will master the things you need to learn to succeed. – Harry

By breaking our goals down into smaller pieces and making sure that these smaller aspects are done to the best of our abilities, our larger goals become more achievable. The Year 7 cohort of 2021 have high expectations and with a positive mindset and the right strategies, they will achieve excellence.



What achievement means to us... (Year 6)

We will be persistent until we succeed. This means we will not just give up, because that's not how we achieve. Instead we will approach our learning with a positive attitude and growth mindset. We will push ourselves to our full ability in everything we do, take pride in our work and be confident in ourselves. Achievement is different for everyone because some people would set a goal for a specific sport whilst other people's goals might be something academic. In this way, part of achievement is encouraging other people, supporting their mistakes and celebrating their successes. We also like to set goals for ourselves because it helps us strive harder, be proud of

our learning journey, and reflect upon our successes.

By Immy, Willow and Billy

(I have been really impressed by the start that our senior students have made and I'm sure we all wish the Year 6 and 7 students all the best in their graduation year! – Steven)

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.

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!

Some excellent news from the Fundraising Committee



The JP kitchen has had a face lift! Over the school holidays the JP kitchen was gutted and refurbished with a whole new R-7 student kitchen. Seacliff Primary now has a beautiful R-7 student kitchen where small groups of students of all ages can learn some basic cooking skills. This has only been possible with the amazing support and involvement of the Seacliff School Community in all the events and fundraising activities over the past two years. An outstanding effort seeing we have had lots of restrictions imposed upon us with COVID.

I am stepping down from Governing Council and Fundraising this year and so I would like to send a massive THANK YOU to the school

community for their support of all the events and activities the Fundraising Committee have held over the past few years. Without this support we would not have been able to achieve improvements to the school such as the new R-7 student kitchen, a new JP play ground, and iPads for all the teachers to allow them to use SeeSaw to name a few. Thank you to the Fundraising Team who have put in so much time and effort over the years, we've had lots of fun along the way. The most important part though is seeing the children enjoying themselves at the events. I would also like to thank the School staff who have always been so supportive and eager to participate in all our events.

I hope the school community will continue to support the Fundraising Team in whatever direction it takes in the future.

Kind Regards, Kerryn



Room 5 tests out our 'new' kitchen

Room 5 children have also had an opportunity to be involved in **small group cooking** activities in Seacliff's amazing new R-7 student kitchen and GUESS WHAT? Yes, they were the first to use it! Having the kitchen upgraded will make such a big difference to the hands-on experiences our children can have. Thank you again soooooo much to the Fundraising Committee! [Room-5-tests-out-our-new-kitchen](#)

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 February 23rd – 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.



Seacliff summer sports

Students from Years 1-7 are invited to nominate for the summer sport teams listed below.

- A or B Grade Cricket (Year 6-7) Sat 8-30am
- C Grade Cricket (Year 4-5) Thurs 4pm
- Year 2 Master Blaster Cricket Sat 8-30am
- Year 3 Master Blaster Cricket Sat 9-30am
- Mini-ball Basketball (Year 2-7) Match days vary depending on year level:
 - Mon – Year 6-7
 - Tues – Year 4-5
 - Wed – Year 2-3 & Year 3-4
 - Thurs – Year 5-6
 - Fri – Year 1-2

[For more information click here](#)



Team Canteen news

Our canteen staff and volunteers do a magnificent job here at Seacliff. Check out the latest menu treats, how to order/pay and how to become a volunteer member of Team Canteen by following the link: [team canteen-news](#)

Meet the teacher sessions

We're really looking forward to meeting families and sharing information about classroom routines and general expectations at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Teachers are making arrangements with families across the first few weeks of school. Unfortunately, this year the 'Community BBQ' that accompanied the sessions (which were all held on the same evening) will not be happening. Hopefully a chance for us to come together as a whole school community will happen later in the year.

Our specialist teaching staff

By now many of you will have met your child's classroom teacher. Some other important people in the teaching team are our specialist staff in Performing Arts, Physical Education, Japanese and Library. To meet the Specialist teachers click on the link: [introducing-our-2021-specialist-teachers](#)

The changing face of the Seacliff School library



Our library is multi-functional and a focal point for student learning. We endeavour to promote the excitement of the written word and provide opportunities for students to use a range of resources and technologies on information literacy – expanding imagination, understanding and questioning as a springboard to a life of learning. To see some themes across the years visit:

<http://seacliff.sa.edu.au/wp/the-library/>

Successful grassroots grant application



Our school vision, to create a community culture of inclusion, connection and sustainability, just received a huge boost! Towards the end of last year, Brian Schiller applied for a **Grassroots Grant** to develop a project; '**Kaurna Walk - Community Sustainability Garden**'. This will enable us to develop practical and meaningful projects that directly link with the school curriculum that provide 'hands on' experiences for our students. To learn more visit: [Seacliff PS](#)

[Environmental Focus](#)

School Card 2021 online applications

**APPLYING
FOR A
SCHOOL
CARD**



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 levy 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.

To see if you are eligible or for more information, including [a step-by-step flyer on how to apply](#), the procedures and fact sheets, can be found on the [School Card page](#) on EDi.

Contact: [School Card team](#), School and Preschool Financial Services, phone 1800 672 758

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.

[Holdfast Bay – Schools, students and traffic](#)

Register now for IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School

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

Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2022.

Year 7 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 8 IGNITE program in 2022.

[IGNITE Aberfoyle Park High School Tests](#)

Kelly Sports sizzling summer sports program includes:
cricket, athletics, teeball, tennis

More information and registration available through [this link](#) or at www.kellysports.com.au.

Adelaide Botanic High School

Health & Sciences (STEM) Pathways Program

Applications now open for selective entry into Year 7 and Year 8 in 2022

For further details, visit:
www.abhs.sa.edu.au/health-sciences-stem-pathways-program/



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