

Newsletter Term 3

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QUICK ACCESS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

Welcome Matthew (Room 17), Summer (Room 1), Amelia (Room 19) and Levi (Room 1) and their families to our school. We hope you settle quickly into school life and the community here at Seacliff.

Introducing Tim Scott



I am a newly qualified teacher, graduating from Flinders University at the end of 2020. For the first half of this year, I spent my time relief teaching across a variety of different schools and year levels. I am already very much enjoying the opportunity to have some consistency throughout this term in Room 3. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy listening to music, attempting to play the guitar and showing an interest in a variety of different sports. I am also very much looking forward to the re-opening of international borders, so I can continue to travel the world!

Planning underway for the 2022 school year!

As you'll notice from several topics in this newsletter, Term 3 is an important 'forward planning' time for primary schools. We need to establish our class configurations, allocate staff to classes, recruit new staff, conduct interviews, budget allocations etc. A crucial criteria for us is the numbers of students we have in each year level. For that reason, if you know or are planning that your child currently in Reception to Year 5 **will not be attending Seacliff Primary School next year**, could you please let your child's class teacher know and/or send an email to dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au so that we are aware of your plans.

Reception enrolments for 2022

Each year in August, our goal is to confirm numbers of in-zone families looking to enrol their children in Reception at Seacliff. This allows us to contact out-of-zone families on our waiting list if there are places available for their children. We have a lot of families on the waiting list and hope to give them as much notice as possible in case they need to secure a place in another school. I've already done quite a few school tours to share features of our school, the programs offered, cocurricular activities, community involvement, student leadership etc. If you know of any families intending to send their Reception age children to us next year, please encourage them to contact the school ASAP. Thank you!

Class placement parent information for 2022

We have reviewed our 2022 class configuration, based on our anticipated student numbers. We are now getting ready for the class placement process in preparation for next year. This is a complex and lengthy task involving teachers and the school leadership team. We anticipate that the new school year will start with 15 classes, and we endeavour to place each child in a learning environment that will support them to be successful.

Parents and caregivers may wish to provide information to the current class teacher in the following areas: emotional, social and personal needs of your child, specific learning needs and positive friendships which could impact on your child's placement. We ask that parents, with their child/children, complete a confidential friendship survey nominating up to five students in the same year level they would like to learn alongside in their class next year. **Please return this to school by Wednesday 15 September.** If you missed the email about 2022



Class Placement and the Friendship Survey, please click on the link: [2022 Class Placement Parent Information & Friendship Survey](#)

If you would prefer a hard copy of the Friendship Survey to be sent home, please let your child's teacher know or have them collect one from the office.

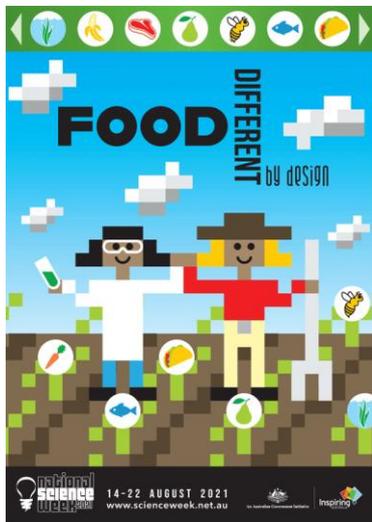
Please note, some classroom teachers are sending out the Friendship Survey using an electronic form.

Parent and carer information

Year 7 to high school parent update: The latest parent update is now available to help schools keep parents informed about the year 7 to high school move. This edition focuses on how we will help students navigate and feel comfortable in their new high schools. [parent update \(PDF 434KB\)](#)

National Science Week at Seacliff Primary School

National Science Week takes place from 14 to 22 August. The theme for National Science Week 2021 is *Food: Different by Design*. It honors the United Nations International Year of Fruits and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.



At Seacliff Primary School, each class will enjoy a workshop presented by provider, Science for Real. **(Just a reminder to pay for this experience on Qkr).** Workshop titles include 'Basic Chemistry', 'Magnetism', 'Electricity', 'Wonders of the Natural World' and 'Fun with Science'.

As well as this, the Year 3s from Room 17 will host other classes and show these visitors how to do the science investigations that they thought of and carried out during the Oliphant Science Awards. Room 16 students will be focusing upon Life Cycles. Room 2 children will be studying weather and the seasons, using Geography and the Tokyo Olympics as a basis. Year 7s will be analysing how to make sure that water is a renewable resource. Other classes may also be organising cross-class science experiences.

Perhaps also check community science events online, as these often take place right at the beginning of Science Week – although 'Science Alive!' takes place from 19 to 21 November, at Adelaide Showgrounds. One event taking place this week is 'Discover Bionic Animals', (learning how robots can mimic animals), at the Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes, Saturday 14 August. (Ages:- 9 to 12). Book on Eventbrite or Allevvents. There will be lots of other exciting events, as well!

And more science news...

Dr. Katharina Richter, of The University of Adelaide, has organised a National Science Week event called The Big Biofilm Hunt. The search is on for creative detectives to solve a slimy mystery case.

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/event/big-biofilm-hunt/>

Your child/ren may like to create a Biofilm art piece or solve the slimy mystery, (although time is short – we have only just been notified of this opportunity by Katharina).

Timeline

- 4 August, [Animation](#) release, call for Big Biofilm Hunt
- 24 August, [Biofilm art piece submission](#) deadline
- 25 August - 12 September, online voting for short-listed biofilm art pieces
- 12 September, winner announcement



Glenthorne nature play winner

Last term, Seacliff Primary School was invited by Minister David Speirs to participate in a competition for the newly established Glenthorne National Park. Students were asked to design one element to be included in the creation of a new nature play space in the park. Minister Speirs explained “it is going to be one of the biggest nature play spaces in South Australia”.

And the winner is, Georgie Hunt!

<http://seacliff.sa.edu.au/wp/glenthorne-nature-play-winner/>

Premiers be active challenge

This term I would love to invite your child to be involved in the Premiers Be Active Challenge.

The Premier's be active challenge is a physical activity program introduced by the Premier in 2007 to:

- Encourage students to be more active more often
- Improve the health and wellbeing of South Australian students



The Challenge requires students to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks between the beginning of the school year and late September. We will be starting our challenge in week 5 of this term. This can simply include recess, fitness, lunch, PE, walking the dog, bike riding, after school sport and many more ways! The list is endless. All students will be coming home this week with a recording booklet if you wish to participate. This will need to be returned to school at the end of the 4-week challenge. After 4 weeks of daily physical activity, students who are involved will be rewarded with a medal. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Emily Mooney-Doe

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School family accounts

Next week I will be sending statements home to show the balance of your school account. Any **credits** from cancelled excursions etc will show as a **minus amount** and must be used by the end of Term 4.

The easiest way to do this is via QKR when paying for any future excursions. Please see the detailed instructions below and do not hesitate to contact me on 8296 1950 if you have any questions regarding this.

Lynda

QKR! App credits

PLEASE USE YOUR CREDITS FROM YOUR FAMILY ACCOUNT WHEN PAYING FOR EXCURSION AND CAMPS ETC

QKR! is NOT connected to EDSAS (our school system) therefore it does not know how much credit you have on your account. Check your statement or contact the Finance Office to find out how much credit you have.

Click on the excursion, camp etc. that you would like to pay on QKR. You will have 3 options:

- Payment in Full
- Use Credit
- After Credit Balance

1. If you have enough credit to pay for the excursion in full (check statement or contact Finance Office), Select 'Use Credit' then continue to complete the permission form.

2. If you do not have enough credit to pay the whole amount, select 'Use Credit' then

'After Credit Balance'. Simply deduct your credit amount from the total due and input the amount outstanding. Then continue to complete the permission form.

Parent survey

You're invited to complete the 2021 annual parent survey, which is now open.

On Monday, 2 August you would have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, please contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school. Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes 5pm Sunday, 29 August.

For more information, visit [The-Department-for-Education-Parent-Survey-2021.docx](#)

Seacliff SRC supports 'Share the Dignity' with our 80's or bright clothing casual day on Friday 20 August



Share the Dignity has commenced its August Dignity Drive and our SRC members voted to support them during term 3. One of the SRC leaders, Year 7 student Michayla, has spoken to the SRC explaining why the work of 'Share the Dignity' is so important and has a significant impact on the lives of women experiencing hardship. Michayla's explanation focused on the difficulties faced by some females and was delivered in a manner that took into account the understandings of all SRC members.

'Share the Dignity' is a women's charity in Australia that works to make a real, on-the-ground difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough. They distribute period products to women and girls, who need support. When someone is doing it tough, the last thing on their mind should be dealing with their period.

On **Friday 20 August**, SRC will be hosting an 80s or bright clothing casual day, where students are encouraged to dress up like they did in the 1980s or wear something 'bright'. It promises to be an enjoyable day and donations can be made to support 'Share the Dignity' through QKR!.

Team Canteen term 3 special days starting with 'Hot Dog Day' on casual day

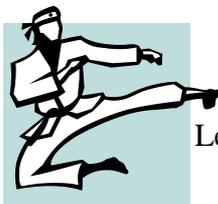
- **Week 5** Friday 20 August - Retro Canteen Order Day - Hot Dog, Flavoured Milk and a Donut! (to coincide with SRC 80's day)
- **Week 6** Thursday 26 August - Homemade Pizza Day (to coincide with Book Week)
- **Week 7** Friday 3 September - JP Sports Day Special
- **Week 9** Friday 17 September - Primary Sports Day Special

Bookweek 2021 parade of characters theme - old worlds, new worlds, other worlds.



Friday, 27 August at 9:15am on the basketball courts. Prizes and surprises for all.

Come in costume and enjoy the fun.



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Covid Safe School Certification Program 2020



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

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

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au

Please REMIND students to fill in their reading records as they read their books, and hand it in to the school contact person in **the LIBRARY** by: **Friday 27 August**. **Late entries cannot be accepted** this is a Department for Education recorded program with a designated finish date.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE your student to read a variety of books and challenge themselves to try something different. **Be their reading legend. Reading just 10 minutes each day makes a difference.**

We're looking forward to seeing many enthusiastic readers in Term 3.

Robyn and Kay – Library Staff