



QUICK ACCESS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 24 September – Early dismissal 2:15pm

Term 3, 2021 draws to a close

After a disrupted start to Term 3 with a statewide COVID lockdown, we've been able to enjoy a relatively stable 8 weeks of regular school activities. Science Week, Book Week, Swimming Week, JP and Primary Sports Days, class camps and a wide variety of environmental and class excursions have kept us all busy and engaged with school. These types of 'enrichment' activities often rely heavily on parental/family support, for which we are very grateful. Thank you and well done also to our volunteer parents and staff members who have continued to support a range of co-curricular programs such as choir (Festival of Music Performance) and winter sports: soccer, netball, volleyball, basketball, athletics and AFL. Of course there is also volunteering in the canteen, library and with classroom programs....all of these things continuing within COVID-19 limitations in mind.

Next term will continue in a similar, extremely busy vein! We'll have our 2022 Reception transition visits, more class camps and excursions, summer sports commence, conferences and Fundraising Committee activities. We'll be arranging class placements for 2022, preparing end of year reports, planning budgets and starting work on the 2022 – 2024 School Improvement Plan (hopefully with the new Principal being announced and involved).

The end of this term also marks the retirement of **Christine Hatzi**, our Marion Coast Partnership Education Director. She has a responsibility for approximately 50 schools and preschools in the southern suburbs. While most of you will not have met her, she has had a huge influence in the professional learning direction that our schools have taken over the last 10 years. We wish her well in her retirement and will soon welcome Heather Makris into this important Education Director role.

So, with Term 3 2021 drawing to a close, on behalf of the staff and Governing Council, I'd like to wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable time over the school holiday period.

Planning for the 2022 school year

A crucial criteria for our planning for 2022 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.

Room 1 Science & what we thought about the JP Sports Day!



In Term 3, Room 1 has been learning about how things grow and change in their science unit. Thank you to all of the family and friends who came to watch us on Sports Day. We had lots of fun! Thank you to the Sports Day leaders, our teachers and Ms Mooney-Doe too! Room 1 children were asked how they felt about the day. To see some of our Room 1 photos and to read our opinions please visit: [Room 1 Science & Opinions on Junior Primary Sports Day](#)



SAPOL: Southern Community Engagement - online child abuse trend

Please find below a link to an article from the Australian Federal Police regarding a growing online child abuse trend. I encourage you to share this with parents and students if you are able.

https://www.afp.gov.au/news-media/media-releases/afp-warn-about-fast-growing-online-child-abuse-trend?fbclid=IwAR05_tBV7BD9MXdoNJGMXshxWJ-FXnOOqHKi71nU88Djl6jSYKhzqB9jIE

Room 16 - Life's a cycle



Room 16 has been very excited about our science learning this term. Our focus has been on living things, what they need to survive, and their life cycles. We would love to show you our plants, Aqua dragons and Information Reports! To read and see more of the wonderful Room 16 work visit: [Room 16 - Life's-a-cycle](#)

Year 3 - 7 Sports Day



On Friday 17 September we had our Year 3-7 Sports Day. We started the day off with great team chants and a fantastic warm up. This continued into our sprints and long distance run before we went into our events.

The day was designed by our Sports Day captains, with Miss Mooney-Doe's help, to ensure a successful and enjoyable day for everyone. It involved a range of athletic events, sports, and group games. To see some photos visit: [Seacliff Year 3-7 Sports Day](#)

OSHC news



We are pleased to announce that Chris Beaty will be stepping into the role of Acting Assistant Director while Grace Royce goes on maternity leave. Chris has worked with us as a casual for a few months now, while other staff completed their teaching practicums. He officially starts his role in Term 4 and will also be our Educational Leader.

[Click here to learn more about our team.](#)

OSHC survey results

OSHC has been taking the time to seek feedback from families and our kids during August. We sent a general survey to families to get an overview of how families perceive OSHC and how satisfied they are. You can check the results [here](#).

We had 65 people anonymously respond to the request and did our survey which generally took 1-2 minutes. There was an overwhelmingly positive response from families about their satisfaction in our service. We have however identified some aspects of our service that we wish to develop and strengthen. Particularly our educators' relationships with families. We are going to seek to do this, by making families more familiar with our educator team. We'll also be looking to increase our outgoing communications to keep families updated on changes at OSHC, what happens in the service day-to-day and making sure families are informed of their child's time at OSHC.

We also surveyed our kids through August too. But we will be sharing our findings and developments in a later newsletter.

Sunsmart reminder



Below is an extract from the schools 'Sun Smart' Policy which has been endorsed by the Cancer Council, Governing Council and was reviewed with staff at a recent staff meeting.

Seacliff Primary School has a no hat, play in the shade policy from 1 September until 30 April and whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.

- To help maintain winter vitamin D, sun protection measures are not used when UV levels are below 3.
- Where applicable, staff are encouraged to access the daily Sun Smart UV Alert to assist with the implementation of this policy via www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv/
- The uniform includes polo shirts with collars and sleeves and long style shorts.
- Teachers and other staff are expected to wear appropriate hats and clothing with sleeves.
- All students and staff have access to SPF 50+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. Students are encouraged and reminded to apply sunscreen 20 minutes prior to going outdoors.
- Students will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours for activities which require them to be outdoors for extended periods eg sports day, beach days, sport clinics.
- Students are expected to wear rash vests or similar during all aquatic activities and reapply sunscreen every 2 hours to exposed areas.

As outlined above, the school does provide sun screen for students, but if your child has allergies to some types of sunscreen, it is advised that you provide a trusted brand for them.

Staff v Students basketball

Towards the end of each term, our senior students play a Staff versus Students match of one kind or another. This term, we played basketball. The match before lunch against the Year 6 students was very close and the match after lunch against the Year 7s also ended with only a few points separating the teams. The teachers won both games. Played in good spirit and a fun way to end the term. Thanks to the student umpires, scorers, spectators and the students and teachers for taking part!



VACSWIM

2021/22 Enrolments Are Opening Soon!



Can you believe the VACSWIM 2021/2022 season is upon us?

As previous participants and those who signed up for our newsletter, we wanted to give you a heads up that online registrations will be opening at: 9am, Wednesday 29 September.

Be sure to hop onto the VACSWIM SA website as soon as it opens to have the best chance at securing your preferred place and time. Please be aware that the site receives a lot of traffic during opening time and its 'first come first serve'.

The program provides pre-school children (aged 3 to 5 years) and primary school aged children (aged 5 to 12 years) with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in relation to water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

This year the program will be delivered as 5-day blocks across the December and January school holidays. Check out our website for the first release of locations and dates - with more to come!

The VACSWIM program is the only government subsidised and endorsed summer holiday safety program. It is conducted by qualified instructors in controlled environments located at school pools, public and private pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia. <https://www.vacswimsa.com.au/>

2021 NAPLAN Summary

The results for the 2021 NAPLAN Testing were received last week. The Year 3 & 5 results highlighted a general consistency of results when compared to 2019 scores. There were slight improvements in reading, writing, spelling and grammar & punctuation for Year 3s and in reading, spelling, grammar & punctuation and numeracy for Year 5s. The Year 7 results were down on the 2019 scores, however that cohort achieved at above average levels in comparison to all 'like' schools nationally. The results are consistent with previous cohort achievements. Teachers will be working through a process of analysing individual student results which will help in guiding their future planning. The Summary Reports for children tested will be sent home by next week.

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 explains what comes next after families have completed the high school enrolment process. [parent update \(PDF 478.4KB\)](#)

LOVE THE BEACH?

COME & TRY NIPPERS AT SEACLIFF

Children 5 to 13 years, develop water confidence and surf skills in a healthy and fun way!

**COMMENCING SATURDAY
16 OCTOBER 2021**

For more information and to register scan the QR Code or email juniors@seacliffslsc.com.au



Seacliff Club Of The Year 2021 

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOCKEY CLINIC

Play games, Learn new skills and Have some Fun!



Coach: Todd Kitto
Primary PE Teacher and Performance Hockey Coach

OCT 7 AND 8, 2021 • 9AM TO 3PM

Seacliff Hockey Club
To register or find out more information, please contact Todd.kitto88@gmail.com

**\$70 FOR 2 DAYS OR \$40 FOR 1 DAY,
2 CHILDREN \$120 FOR 2 DAYS, \$70 FOR 1 DAY**

SEACLIFF TENNIS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY



Free Event

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24TH

11AM - 4PM

Everyone Welcome

Food & Drinks available for purchase
Orex Home of the Creek
Souvlaki
Brighton Lions Club Sausage Sizzle
Moo's Ice Creamery
KCSC Coffee Canteen
Live Music

Hot Shots tennis
Kids tennis games
1 point tournament for Adults & Kids
Hit the target
Fastest serve competition
Prize giveaways
Jumping Castle
Rock Climbing Wall
Face Painting
Roaming Magician

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!

Lipson Avenue Seacliff