

## Newsletter Term 1

# 11 March, 2022



## QUICK ACCESS TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

### School Improvement

A key action for me as the Principal is to ensure a whole school approach to integrating oral language, reading and writing to deepen literacy learning.

This term staff have begun a professional focus on Literacy. We have examined our current practices and identified key strategies based on research (as evidenced within the Department for Education Literacy Guide Books):

- Targeted differentiated teaching
- Clear learning intentions
- Intentional sequencing of the learning
- Explicit teaching
- Multiple approaches
- Ongoing formative assessment
- Quality feedback

With this common understanding, we have clarified the purpose and rationale of having a whole school agreement and critically reviewed the schools existing Literacy Agreement. By the end of the term we will have developed an updated agreement that reflects current best practices strategies, assessments and programming and planning.

### Three-Way interviews – upcoming in Week 9 and Week 10

Notes (hard copy) will be sent home with students on **next week**. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to your **ELDEST child's CLASSROOM TEACHER**. Confirmation of appointments will be sent home as soon as they are finalised (hard copy and SeeSaw message).

### COVID-19 Update – 7 March

#### Update to testing, isolating and quarantine requirements

SA Health has advised that classroom contacts can attend extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps if they don't have any symptoms.

### Fruit Fly

All metropolitan Adelaide fruit fly outbreaks have been successfully eradicated, and all fruit and vegetables can once again be packed in lunchboxes.

### Good news stories:

Week 5 saw the return of our school choir, led by our Performing Arts teacher, Mikaela Kelly. The choir is for interested students in Year 5 and Year 6 and the first session was well attended by many Year 5 students. Year 6 students did not participate to reduce the chance of further COVID cases however we look forward to welcoming them back next week, with no new cases reported in these classes this week.

Litter in and around the school grounds is an ongoing challenge. One of our youngest students, Jacob (Room 4) is leading by example. He has regularly been collecting rubbish, supported by his parents, as he walks home from school.



Thank you families and community members for your continued support with the change made at the start of the school day – no playground access.

We have continued to have some students bringing Pokémon cards to school. As communicated last week, it is extremely difficult for staff to determine the rightful owner of such items so we ask that you speak with your child/ren again to remind them not to bring very special or collectable items such as Pokémon cards to school. If they do bring such items the school cannot guarantee their safety.

## Welcoming Committee

As you may have noticed the hooks on the gates have recently been removed for safety reasons. This has created a new leadership opportunity for the students in Room 18 and 19. We would like to introduce you to the Welcoming Committee. In the morning, you will see some friendly faces from our Year 4 and 5 students who will be positioned at the Pine Avenue gates to help our younger students access the school grounds. The students are excited about this opportunity to provide students and families with a warm welcome each day.



## Room 14 & 15 - Showing our 'Energy' in Year 6

This term students have been focusing on identifying types of energy and developing their understanding of renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Students have been involved in investigating how different cultures use sustainable sources of energy. Students designed and built a simple machine to harness the wind. We tested the windmills with a fan and counted how many revolutions in 30 seconds.



## Traffic Monitors

Members of Room 14 & 15 have enthusiastically volunteered to be the traffic monitors of the crossing on Pine Avenue. This requires them to be on duty each morning and afternoon. Thanks to the school community who have been respectful and friendly to our monitors. They greatly appreciate it and enjoy greeting your children each morning.

## Room 18 & 19 - Future food experience

Room 18 and 19 have been very lucky to be selected to pilot a new educational program from Adelaide food design company, Post Dining! [Read more here....](#)

## 'Play is the Way' and 'What's the Buzz?'

At Seacliff Primary School the Early Years classes (Reception – Year 2/3) have been introduced to and are implementing two social and emotional learning programs, 'Play is the Way' and 'What's the Buzz?'

[Read more here....](#)

## OSHC News

The April Vacation Care program is here! We are still looking for an Assistant Director!

There are only five weeks left until the end of the term! We're all prepared for the April Vacation Care period, you can find our program [here](#). We've also made a [printable program](#) for your fridge to help you know what we are doing each day!

Please remember that we only accept scans, hard copy or electronic copies of booking forms. We won't accept photos. To ensure you get the bookings you need, please make sure your forms are back before the cut off on Friday Week 10.

You'll notice that our program is a little different this time. We are following the Department for Education's advice and sticking to outdoor excursions or venues where we are the only occupants.

So far, we've been unsuccessful in filling to Assistant Director position. We are still on the look out for the right person. The role is for 20 hours a week, with a fixed contract until mid-October. The applicant would need to hold an ACECQA approved qualification, have their Working with Children Check and Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect certificate. Applicants should email [seacliff.oshc966@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:seacliff.oshc966@schools.sa.edu.au).

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

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 such as Seesaw or email. (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 school payments page on our website](#)

Please also note, due to mandated Department for Education policy, we are unable 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!

## Materials & services charges polling result

The poll conducted by Seacliff Primary School Governing Council during Term 4 2021 resulted in a majority of voters (87%) agreeing to the Materials & Services Charges for 2022 increasing to the prescribed sum of \$385.00 per student.

## Materials & services charges for 2022

The Materials and Services Charges of \$385.00 were itemised on individual student invoices and sent home to families. Thank you to families who have already responded with payments!

The Governing Council has approved a Tax Deductible Voluntary Donation of \$50.00 per family to the Seacliff Primary School Building Fund (ABN 82 568 280 442). This contribution will greatly assist in the costs associated with the expense of building modifications.

All types of School Card applications are now online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au). Applying online is easy! Simply follow the step by step instructions enclosed. Please note that families must submit an application form each year to be eligible. (Please contact the front office if you require assistance or do not have internet access).

Summary of Charges for 2022	Amount
Materials and Services Charges for 2022	\$385.00
Governing Council approved Tax Deductible Voluntary Donation to Seacliff Primary School Building Fund.	\$50.00 (per family)
	<b>Total: \$435.00</b>

Seacliff Primary School payment options are Cash, Cheque, Credit Card,  (our preferred method) or BPoint (Internet) <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/seacliffprimary>

(Please include description of payment: Materials & Services (MS), Voluntary Donation to Building Fund VDBF) eg BJones MS385 VDBF50)

## School Card 2022 online applications

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 2022 School Card are now available at [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard).



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

## Team Canteen – Term 1 specials available via the QKR! app

**Week 7** - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March- Taco Day

**Week 10** - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Pizza Day

**Week 11** - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Hot Dog & Slushie Day

Team Canteen  
Ph (08)8298 8937

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March Canteen Special**

Meat or Vegetarian



**Homemade Tacos \$4 each**

Or

**Taco and Slushie \$6**



All Topping choices included in price!

Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream

## Premiers Reading Challenge



Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2022?

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records this year and that you sign off their books as they go. Please make sure your child hands the record to their teacher or the school Library by **Friday 2nd September** to be entered into the Education Departments records.

The Challenge is to read 12 books in total.

- **Reception to Year 2** : your child's form will be completed in Library lessons and submitted to be recorded for their award.

- **Year 3 to 6** Your child is responsible for completing their own form

**8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available at <https://premierreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

Any books in the school library on the challenge list are labelled with the appropriate coloured sticker, and the other **4** are of their own choice.

Student reading records for **Year 3 to Year 6** are available from your child's teacher, or from the school Library.

**There are 14 awards to collect** - **First year** – Certificate, **Second year** – Bronze medal, **Third year** – Silver medal, **Fourth year** – Gold medal, **Fifth year** – Champion medal, **Sixth year** – Legend medal, **Seventh year** – Hall of Fame medal. Students can elect to have their name appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Honour Roll. **Eighth year onwards** – Hall of Fame Reader for Life certificate reflecting the number of years participated.

Enjoy the Challenge!

Yours Sincerely,

Mark A. Williams

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Book Club

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our School is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year.

Once a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. Catalogues are available in each classroom this week and

orders are due by **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. We recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

**It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.**

**PLEASE do not send Cash**

I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school library, however there is never any obligation to order. We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,  
Robyn and Kay, Library Staff

## 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 a continued presence of Parking Inspectors.

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

## The Athlete's Foot



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