

## Newsletter Term 1

# 31 March, 2022



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### From the Principal

#### COVID-19 update

COVID continues to impact our school as we experience increased numbers of positive COVID-19 cases across our wider community. Difficult decisions have been made to minimise the risk of further transmission within our school and to reduce the impact to student's learning, families and their work commitments and to staff. I appreciate this is disappointing and inconvenient for many students and families and thank you for your ongoing support. Student/Parent/Teacher discussions had already commenced this week for most classes. As parents have still not been able to be in classrooms, staff have elected to continue these as a vital way to communicate information to families about student's progress. COVID safe measures are in place and teachers will be in touch with you directly if there are any changes to your existing bookings.

#### Thank you

Thank you to Scott Sailsbury Group for your very kind donation of 4 Ipads with covers to our school. They are greatly appreciated and will be configured and added to our school network before being distributed out to support our students with their learning.



#### Asbestos removal

Please be advised that the school grounds will not be accessible to the public **all day on Saturday 9 April due to scheduled asbestos removal.**

#### School drop off and pick up

School drop off and pick up are challenging times for families. The school is working with the Holdfast Council to monitor this and we ask for your continued support in following parking signage, being respectful to others and not accessing adjacent business designated parking areas.

#### Annual General Meeting



Unfortunately we have also needed to postpone our Governing Council AGM until Term 2. **The meeting will now be held on Monday 9 May, 2022 at 6:30pm.** Below is additional information about the purpose of the Governing Council and how you can be involved.

#### Governing Council – call for nominations

The current Governing Council is keen for parents who have previously not been involved in council or parents who have younger children in the school, to think about joining council for the first time. We would also readily welcome back past Governing Council members.

Benefits of being on Governing Council include:

- You get to share your thoughts and opinions

- You hear what other people think
- You become well informed about what is happening in our school
- You get to know other parents
- You get to understand how the school works

Governing Councils work with the principal to help set and monitor the direction of a site.



A governing council meets regularly, usually twice each term in weeks 3 and 8.

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- Involve the local community.
- Develop and approve local policies.
- Set the broad direction and vision of the site.
- Monitor and review the [site improvement plan](#).
- Be the [employing authority](#) of some services, including OSHC and canteen.

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- Give educational leadership.
- Carry out the site's policies.
- Carry out the site improvement plan.

Our Governing Council has a number of sub-committees which meet and discuss certain aspects in detail, these sub-committees are where you can really get involved. **This is where the action is.**

Sub-committees are convened by a Governing Council member; however, parents and interested community members are welcome to join a sub-committee without being on the Governing Council. Sub-committees report back to Governing Council and any recommendations from sub-committees are discussed and decided upon at Governing Council. Our sub-committees include **OSHC, Canteen, Fundraising, Finance, and Values.**

**Nomination forms can be accessed [via this link](#)** or under 'Handbook & Forms' on our website.

If you would like more information about the role and responsibilities of the Governing Council please talk to our current Chairperson, Luke Sandery and other council members, the Deputy or Principal.

More information can also be found on the Departments Governing Council portal <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>

Sue Matene  
Principal

## Chris Collin visit

On the 16th and 17th of March, Chris Collin, the celebrated children's author, came to Seacliff Primary school, to do presentations for each class at our school. [Read more here](#)

## Cherry Blossom picnic lunch

Konnichiwa Families (Hello Families)

This year at Seacliff PS, we are excited to celebrate はなみ Hanami (flower viewing) by holding a Japanese Cherry Blossom picnic lunch for students to celebrate this festival in conjunction with Harmony Week on Wednesday 13th of April in Week 11.

[Read more here](#)



## OSHC news

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

There are only two weeks left until the end of the term! 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).

## 2023 enrolments

We are now beginning the enrolment process for 2023. Can families with siblings of current students collect an enrolment form from Administration at your earliest convenience. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate when collecting the form.

## Middle Primary news

Congratulations to Year 5 student Senna Cook. Senna is very proud to have taken part in The Worlds Greatest Shave and is donating her hair to Ella Wigmakers who support the Kids with Cancer Foundation.



## NAPLAN co-ordinated practice test

All Year 5 and the Year 3 students from Room 13 participated in a Co-ordinated Practice NAPLAN Test which is run to test the effectiveness of the testing platform and school's network and devices, in preparation for NAPLAN testing in Term 2. Student work is not assessed and no results are provided. It is however, an opportunity for students to experience the testing platform and have exposure to the types of questions they will encounter in the actual tests. This year tests are scheduled between May 10th and 20th. Year 3 students from other classes will have their practice tests early in Term 2.

## Year 3-4 science

During the Physical Sciences topic, Room 13 students have been studying the concept of 'Heat'. They have shared their prior knowledge of how the temperature of an object can be changed and how they and other animals react to changes in temperature. We were introduced to some adaptations that allow animals to survive in their environment. Students conducted a school audit to identify heat sources and then classified their discoveries into categories that identified where the heat came from. Throughout the topic student vocabulary is being expanded with topic specific words regularly being added to a 'Word Wall'. These words are then used as a part of 'Word Study' in English.



## Lacrosse

Students in Rooms 11 and 13 are participating in a series of Lacrosse sessions run by coaches from the Brighton Lacrosse Club. For many of our students Lacrosse is a sport unfamiliar to them and the skills of passing and catching using a lacrosse stick were initially challenging. Students were explicitly shown the correct techniques and were able to make some connections to throwing and catching a ball by hand. Through practice drills with a partner, students quickly improved and many challenged themselves by increasing the distance of their passes.



## 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 Department's 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://premiersreadingchallenge.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!

# CHESS

**When - Wednesday's 3.30-4.30**

**Where - Seacliff Primary school**

(Exact location to be confirmed but will be in doors with in the school grounds)

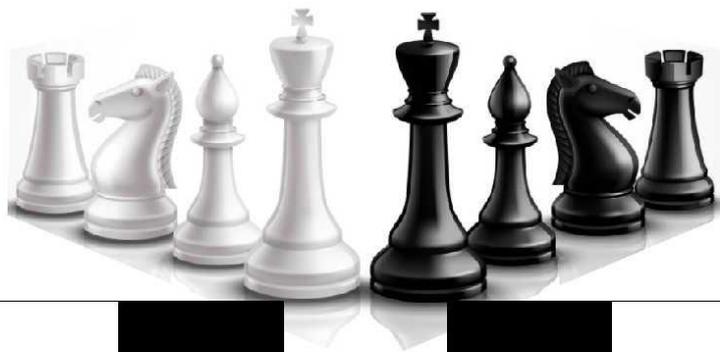
**Start - Week 2 in Term 2**

**Cost - \$54.00(based on 9 weeks)**

Hi, My name is Lorraine and my son is a year 1 student at Seacliff Primary school that enjoys playing Chess, I'm hoping there are more students out there that have the same interest in the historically strategic game. I have been able to confirm a Chess coach to take a group of 30 kids. If your Child is interested can you please email me (laine1411@hotmail.com) by no later than Thursday the 14th of April. We also require 3 parents that are willing to assist with these lessons that have the necessary clearances to do so.

Thanks in advance

**Co-ordinator - Lorraine Julian  
(laine1411@hotmail.com)**



# Canteen News

## Specials

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Homemade Pizza Day \$5 each

**Margherita-**

Fresh tomato & Herbs

**Hawaiian-**

Ham & Pineapple

**Meatlovers-**

Ham, Salami, Chicken

**Chicken-**

Chicken & Red capsicum

**Vegetarian-**

Fresh Tomato, Red Capsicum, Mushroom & Spinach



All with the choice of Tomato, BBQ or Garlic Butter Base

**Add a Garlic Bread and a Juice for \$4.50**

Wednesday 13th April

### Cherry Blossom/Harmony Day Picnic

**Sushi \$4.20**



Tuna, Chicken Teriyaki or Veggie

**Special Fried Rice & Spring Rolls \$6.00**



**Cherry Blossom Snack Pack \$5.50**

Pink Jelly, Cherry Blossom Biscuit & Strawberry Milk or Apple & Blackcurrant Juice



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Hala Ahmed in Room 13 for winning the Taco Special competition with a prize of a free lunch with all the trimmings!

### **VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!**

In order for our canteen to continue running and to keep prices down we desperately need more volunteers!

#### **Immediately we are in need of:**

- 1 Volunteer to prep easy food items **Mondays from 9-11am.**
- 1 Volunteer **Wednesdays from 9.30am-12.30pm.**
- 1 Volunteer to pick up Sushi **@12pm on Wednesdays** and deliver it to school.

In addition, we need to build up a solid volunteer base so if you have a day a week, a day a month, a day a term or any time at all whether regular or sporadic that you could come and volunteer please come join the fun and laughs and see your child in their school environment!

Any questions please do not hesitate to pop in or call us on 82988937!