

Newsletter Term 2

20 May, 2022



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From the Principal

It has been a busy start to the term.



Governing Council AGM

Our Governing Council Annual General Meeting was held on 9 May where the new Governing Council were elected. On behalf of the school community, I would like to sincerely thank the following members for their work over the tenure of their positions.

- Clare Coupar
- Sam Parkin
- Larissa Leese
- Brendan Moriarty
- Sofia Calmark
- Corey Treleaven

The new Governing Council and their roles will be included in the next newsletter.



PUPIL FREE DAYS

On **Friday 10 June** the staff will be working on our school improvement actions in the area of literacy. Supported by the Curriculum Guarantee Unit we will refine our whole school approach to our literacy practices.

Additional Pupil Free Day dates confirmed at this time are **Monday 25 July** (the first day of Term 3) and **Monday 12 September**. More information and dates will be provided as they are confirmed.

COVID update

Every school is being affected by COVID-19 in different ways. At the end of Week 4 the Department for Education will advise us of any changes to current COVID restrictions. Until then, we follow previous directions.

I will continue to communicate its impact to you daily and make local decisions about what activities are able to resume with COVID safe measures in place.

We are anticipating assemblies can recommence in the Gym this term. The first one will be held week 6 and more information about this will be communicated prior.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have participated in these tests over the last two weeks and results will be provided to the school and families later in the year.

Events so far

Year 3 – 6 classes have enjoyed an incursion to build their understanding and awareness of resilience, positive connections and cyber safety; a very relevant area for this age group.



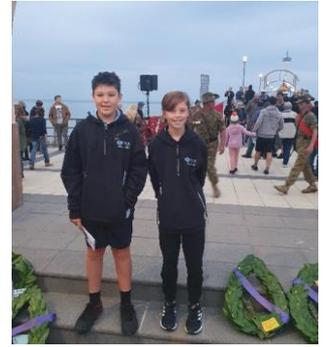
We had a group of keen participants attend a Cross Country event and currently Reception – Year 5 students are developing their fitness, creativity and coordination through Footsteps Dance Sport sessions.

Sue Matene, Principal

Anzac Day

We were chosen to lay the wreath on Anzac Day to represent Seacliff PS. When we got there at about 5:30am we were very nervous. There were about 10 other schools and clubs there too, also laying wreaths. Once the Memorial started we waited for our names to be called. Once they were, we walked up and layed our wreath. We both felt very honoured for this once-in-a-life-time opportunity. We can't believe that we were chosen and will never forget that experience.

Archie P and Madi W



Starting Secondary School 2023 online form reminder

The "Starting Secondary School in 2023" online form was emailed to all Year 6 families on 6 May 2022. This process is used to allocate your Year 6 student to a High School. Please ensure the form has been completed by **27 May 2022**. If you have questions, please contact administration.

Community Garden Development with a focus upon Kurna Culture – Parents, Come and Plant!

In 2020, with the endorsement of Governing Council and parent support, Seacliff Primary won a grant to develop a community garden in collaboration with Kurna personnel. The aim of the project is to develop networks and relationships between the school community and Kurna personnel and to heighten understanding in the school community of Kurna Histories and Cultures through development of a garden on the school grounds. Only species native to our area will be planted. After some challenges such as COVID restrictions, the project is now coming together.



Parents and carers are invited to a community planting event on **Thursday, 16 June**. Please email brian.schiller977@schools.sa.edu.au with the email title, 'Garden Planting Event', if you can assist. We are hoping to get lots of offers!



This event will be extended to planting in the verges opposite the school on the same day with Holdfast Bay Council and Trees for Life.

Other events related to this project include:

- Students designing gardens at a session on 5 May with Kurna advisor, Clem Newchurch, to hone designs.
- A workshop for some classes with Clem about Kurna interaction with the environment.
- An anti-racism workshop for all R to 3 students with ActNow Theatre and Reconciliation SA on Wednesday, 15 June.
- A Sustainability workshop with Green Adelaide for parent volunteers and their children on the morning of Thursday, 16 June.
- Workshops in the Kurna Language for our higher year levels in Term 3 with Kurna educator, Kira Yaltu Bain and Doctor of Languages, Lou Upton, supported by Curriculum Manager in Languages, Kate Chandler.



The combined events will lead to an increased level of understanding and learning for our students.

Reconciliation Week 2022

Reconciliation Week 2022 will take place from **27 May to 3 June**. Seacliff Primary's anti-racism and Kurna Culture workshops are closely linked to this event.



Native creatures love our school too!

On 29 March, 'Animal Capers' visited Seacliff Primary. Students from Rooms 10, 11, 13, 16 and 17 attended while presenter, Jodie introduced a python, freshwater crocodile, owl, magpie, ring-tailed possums and sugar gliders. Children did research about these creatures and their habitats, beforehand. This event added to the students' understanding of the importance of preserving the environment so that these amazing creatures can survive.



Adelaide Symphony Orchestra visits Seacliff Primary School

On 31 March, Reception and Year 1 students were treated to a brilliant musical entitled 'Little Maestros', performed by members of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and guest vocalist. In the weeks leading up to the event, the students learnt rhythms and movements and created art for a large-screen display during the show.

On Wednesday 6 July, the Symphony Orchestra will visit again to present a new musical, "The Tale of the Phoenix", to Year 3 and 4 classes. Beforehand, students will learn related rhythms and songs.



The work of the orchestra is definitely inspiring our students and enhancing their connection to The Arts.

2023 Reception enrolments

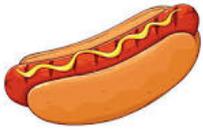
We have now begun the enrolment process for 2023. Please can families with siblings of current students collect an enrolment form from Administration at your earliest convenience. We require a copy of your child's birth certificate when collecting the form.

Seacliff OSHC will be open for the Pupil Free Day! Have you joined our Facebook Group? We are starting a Pen-pal Program!

Hey Families! **We will be open 6:45am - 6:15pm for Friday 10 June Pupil Free Day**. This is the Friday leading into the June long weekend. OSHC will be hosting a 'Fashion and Craft Day'. Children will have the opportunity to tie dye or print on t-shirts brought from home, learn cross stitch, embroidery and sewing skills. We'll also have a range of other activities for those not interested in textile crafts. Follow this [link](#) to our program and consent form. Please email it to seacliff.oshc966@schools.sa.edu.au or hand in the hard copy to the OSHC office.

Did you know OSHC has a [Facebook group](#)? Parents and guardians of children enrolled at OSHC have access to the group. Here we post our menu and program each week, reminders and news of current events and more. If you request to join, please make sure you answer the security questions, as we won't accept the request otherwise. This is to make sure the group stays safe and secure with no access to the public.

Our Education Leader Taylor Atkins has initiated a pen-pal program with another OSHC. We are excited for our kids to make connections with others, develop their literacy skills and receive post every other week. We are even hoping to host the other OSHC to visit during the July Holidays for a shared program!



Canteen special days Term 2

Week 6 - Thursday 9 June - Hot Dog Day

Week 9 - Thursday 30 June - Sausage Sizzle Day in the undercroft

Premiers Reading Challenge

Has your child taken 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 2 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!



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