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Welcome back to a new school term and an especially warm welcome to the families of Lyla (Yr 5) who joined us late last term and Nate (Yr 5) and Isaac (Yr 6). We hope you are enjoying your start with the Seacliff Primary community. We have certainly had a positive start to Term 3 and look forward to seeing things like school sport, assemblies, excursions and even camps happening once again.

COVID-19 Update

The pandemic continues to impact on us all in various ways. In recent weeks, and having family members living in Victoria and the ACT, it has not been hard to contrast how we are experiencing this crisis with others. I am very greatful to be living in South Australia at the moment with restrictions gradually being lifted. That said, I have caught myself becoming complacent about some things despite all of the news and warnings coming out in light of the current Victorian experience. There is quite a bit of information that staff and families need to be familiar with so I have popped this on the website for your information; Term 3 Latest Department Advice COVID-19.

At Seacliff Primary, we have been requesting parents and caregivers to drop off at the school gates where possible and avoid coming into buildings unless it is really necessary. A positive side benefit of this has been an **increased level of independence** by our younger students. Unfortunately, the easing of restrictions (e.g. school camps, excursions and assemblies now allowed) still doesn't extend to adults entering buildings or visiting classrooms unless it is in a scheduled volunteer capacity. We are trying to find ways to work with restrictions and still enable some community interactions but it remains important that we follow Department advice.

COVID-19 SELF ISOLATION AND SELF QUARANTINE ADVICE (SA Health)

The current COVID-19 outbreak in Victoria is concerning and measures are being taken to protect South Australians from the increased risk caused as a result of this situation.

Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer, SA Health, answers a number of questions you may have. Watch the video >

Who needs to be in self-quarantine or self-isolation?

People waiting for their COVID-19 test result

After a person has been tested for COVID-19, they should stay in self-isolation until they receive a negative test result.

People who have tested positive for COVID-19



When a person has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (and doesn't need to be in hospital), they must stay in self-isolation until they are cleared by a COVID-19 GP Assessment Team doctor to leave self-isolation.

How to self-isolate / self-quarantine

- You must stay at a suitable place and not leave unless you need to seek urgent medical care.
- You must not go to public places this includes work, school, childcare, university, shopping centres, public parks, social or religious gatherings.
- You must not go shopping or to restaurants shop online or have family or friends deliver what you need to your door.
- You must not have visitors at your home. Only people who usually live with you should be in the home they must not sleep or be in the same room as you.
- If you must leave home to seek urgent medical care, wear a surgical mask.

Where to self-isolate / self-quarantine

You must directly travel to your chosen self-quarantine place.

You must ensure no one else enters or stays at the place you are self-quarantining unless:

- they usually live there and you need to provide care/support to them, or receive care/support from them,
 or
- they are also self-quarantining, or
- your house is appropriately set up so you do not have contact with other people, as outlined in the 'Living with other people' section below.

Because we need to minimise the number of people you are in contact with, you may need to make arrangements for yourself or other household members to stay somewhere else.

If this is not possible, please contact the COVID-19 Relief Call Centre on 1300.705.336 for information and assistance with accommodation support for people unable to appropriately self-quarantine at home. You can also email housingrelief@sa.gov.au.

Living with other people

Others who live with you are not required to self-isolate/self-quarantine.

However, if you develop symptoms and are suspected to have COVID-19, other household members will be classified as close contacts and will then also need to self-isolate.

- Avoid contact with other people living in the same home as you. Do not be in the same room as them.
- Sleep in your own room and use a dedicated bathroom and toilet (if available).
- Keep your door closed. You can open your window for fresh air.
- Avoid sharing towels, toiletries or other household items with others in your house.
- Wash clothes and bed linen in a separate load, using a hot wash cycle.
- Do not use the kitchen when other people are in the room. Eat your meal in your room.
- Make sure you have **separate items like plates and cutlery**. Wash dishes using the dishwasher or wash well in hot soapy water.
- **Regularly clean frequently touched items** with a detergent or disinfectant (eg. television remotes, door knobs, light switches, bench tops). Use disposable paper towel or disposable wipes or cloths.

For more information please follow the link to the SA Health website.

Years of service recognised

We are often presenting certificates and awards to our students at assemblies but this one was a little different! It was lovely to be able to give out certificates recognising years of service to education at our End of Term 2 assembly. Mel, Sue and Chanele (10 years), Suzi (20 years) and Yvonne (40 years) were all warmly applauded by the staff and students in attendance. Congratulations and thank you to you all!



Feedback on Website/newsletter format

Thank you to the people who provided some feedback regarding our website and newsletter upgrade. Opinions are best summarised by the comment below: "Another great newsletter Sue. Love the fresh, modern, interactive format!"

Reception Enrolments for 2021

It has been lovely taking small groups of families for weekly school tours in recent months, rather than having large groups of 30 or 40 once a term. These smaller groups provide the opportunity for a more informal conversation with parents and carers about features of our school, the programs offered, cocurricular activities, community involvement, student leadership etc. By-and-large, families are looking at the school for their children coming into Reception. At this stage we have 55 in-zone children enrolled for 2021. Our aim is to identify all inzone children intending to start with us by August 6 so that any remaining places can be offered to parents on the waiting list. 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!



Last Chance for Indoor Volleyball Carnival sign-up

We know you haven't had much notice but registrations for this Year 4 – 7 tournament need to be in tomorrow for team nominations. If you have not returned your note by tomorrow you will not be placed in a team. Thank you to those who have already returned their permission notes with such short notice. – Emily Mooney-Doe



Room 18 Explores the River Murray

In Term 2, Room 18 embarked on a research project of the Murray River as part of our Humanities and Social Sciences Unit. We followed an inquiry focus, asking questions and conducting research on 'Who uses the Murray River and how do they use it?' and 'What are the problems that are associated with the river?'. To find out more visit: Room-18s-magnificent-murray-river-models

Room 3 Students Enjoy Challenges

They think they are: fun, cool, 5 star, difficult, confusing, tricky, easy and hard too! Whatever the challenge, students show persistence when trying to solve problems individually, with a partner or as a class. To find out more visit: Room-3-students-enjoy-challenges



OSHC News

OSHC has been busy over the holidays, with not only our Vacation Care Program but the construction of the new verandah. We also want to introduce and wish a warm welcome to our Acting Director, Jodie Reading who will be taking over from Sarah while she is on maternity leave. To read more: OSHC News!

SRC Support for the Cancer Council

Yellow Day

On Friday the 14th of August we will be having a SRC approved fundraiser called, "Yellow Day for the Cancer Council". The Cancer Council is Australia's leading cancer charity and the only Australian charity working across every aspect of every cancer, from research to prevention and support. Please dress in yellow clothing or wear something yellow. We are asking for a gold coin donation to raise money and promote awareness for the Cancer Council.

Michayla (Room 19)



Book Week 2020

BEGIN PLANNING YOUR COSTUME FOR OUR BOOK WEEK PARADE 'CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS'.

Week 6 of Term 3 on Friday the 28th August 2020.

All are welcome and prizes are given out for the most imaginative costumes.



2020/2021 Entertainment Books

Be ready to make some huge savings on school holiday entertainment now that restrictions are lifting. Digital copies via the App on your smartphone are available by clicking on the link below. Every copy sold raises \$14 for our school fundraising.

Entertainment Book Order Here

TEAM CANTEEN loves their New Oven and Stovetop!



As a result of the AMAZING support of YOU, the Seacliff community, Team Canteen have been able purchase an oven with a stovetop. We look forward to cooking up a storm of more nutritious, delicious goodies for your kids.

HELP ALWAYS NEEDED

Remember we could always do with a hand in the canteen, even just an hour a week makes ALL the difference to us and the kids.

NEW WINTER MENU Available NOW on QKR. You can order Fruit for Fruit time, Recess Packs, Lunch Packs AND Treats! Canteen Winter Menu 2020

Bike rack upgrade



We love the fact that so many students and parents/carers are riding and scooting to school. The upgrade to the bike racks and scooter parking area is under way and is already being well received by many of the students.

I asked a few students what they think of the bike rack area:



Lincoln (Room 0): I like them because they are near where we ride into school. I like that the cement is not so slippery.



Ted: (Room 18): I like that there are a lot more racks for the area. The old bike racks were a bit broken and the new ones hold a lot more bikes!



Alva: (Room 15): There is a lot more space to put our bikes and I like that it isn't muddy anymore.

Zanshin Freestyle Karate

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The Athlete's Foot School Rewards Program

A \$5 donation back to our school for every pair of shoes purchased. Click on the links for more information.

<u>The School Rewards Program</u> 2020 Shoe Guide