

Newsletter Term 2

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We're trialling a new style of 'newsletter' this term. This will take advantage of sending families links to our new website and will reduce the amount of time spent by Sue formatting the old Publisher document style that we've been using. With parents accessing our fortnightly newsletter on so many different kinds of devices, there are certainly going to be some teething problems. Please be patient as we iron out some technical issues and transition to a new communication model. We will certainly ask for feedback in due course.

We're hoping that the new website will become a valuable communication tool for existing families and also provide a 'window into the world' of our Seacliff Primary community. Classes, specialist teachers, student leadership groups and various parent groups such as the Governing Council and Fundraising Committee will all find a forum to communicate with you through the website. If an item captures your interest, Control & Click on the 'Read More' at the end of the article descriptor.

COVID-19 Update in brief

With 86% attendance on Thursday and 87% on Friday, the return of students to regular classes has been steady and consistent. Reports on Friday morning radio indicate South Australia will be able to reduce certain restrictions from next Monday, while the emphasis on social distancing and personal hygiene practices remain in place. While we are still grappling with quite a few 'behind the scenes' COVID-19 administrative issues, the general working arrangements for classrooms and families seems to have stabilised for the moment.

Seacliff Primary takes a technology leap!



I've witnessed students working with Class Notebook, participating with classmates at home through Zoom, Webex and Teams, completing video tasks/activities on SeeSaw, using Education Perfect online for Japanese, sharing information with teachers via LearnLink accounts and collaborating with peers using OneNote.

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Flinders University Pre-service teachers setting a high standard at Seacliff



To play our role in assisting in the development of high quality teachers for future generations, Seacliff Primary School has signed a partnership agreement with Flinders University, which allows us to access and mentor pre-service teachers currently studying there.

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Staff reflect on planning in a COVID-19 world



In our first meeting for Term 2, Seacliff Primary staff discussed and reflected on their experiences over the last 7 weeks; how the events of COVID-19 had impacted them at a personal and professional level.

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Dental for Schools

In December last year many families accepted the opportunity to have free dental check-ups through Dental for Schools. They will again, be at Seacliff PS from Wednesday June 10th to do 6 month checks. Consent forms will be sent home this week and they need to be returned by Thursday May 28th, ready for collection on June 1st. If you have any questions please contact Dental for Schools on 72258142 or check their website:

www.dentalforschools.com.au

Notice to Parents,

We seem to be donating and recycling a large amount of unnamed and unclaimed uniform. Please name all items and check lost property often if your child has lost an item of uniform.

Parent Survey

ACSSO ([Australian Council of State School Organisations Ltd](#)) is conducting a Nationwide survey of families to inform to rollout of learning from home. The links are below.

CEO Dianne Giblin writes “Not only are we able to collect the data for advising the Federal Government, we can separate the data and give you the information for your jurisdiction. It covers all sectors so we hope that you will please share it through your networks. The different links also allow us to track as to whether it was responded to on Twitter, FB etc (giving us some unintended data as to where families best access these things – for future reference). Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give – we would appreciate the opportunity to share the data with you when collected from families.”

Share this one on **Facebook** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentCOVIDSocF>

Use this one **everywhere else** - eg website, personal emails.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACSSOParentCOVID>

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