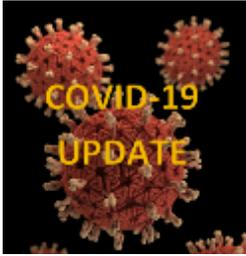


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COVID-19 Update

I'm typing this up while watching a 2:00pm webinar from our CE, Rick Persse and Education Minister John Gardner. I've included points most relevant to our school. The Premier has announced a 6 day statewide lockdown from midnight tonight. Preschools, schools and childcare centres will close for this period. This is a challenging time, and the department has approved the following:

- Thursday 19 November – school closure day.
- Friday 20 November – school closure day.
- Monday 23 November – pupil free day. Teachers work from school or home to develop their online learning program.
- Tuesday 24 November – pupil free day. Teachers work from school or home to develop their online learning program.

Schools will provide a 'skeleton staff' to provide day care for **essential workers and vulnerable students only**.

- I'm waiting on advice about OSHC services.
- We have encouraged our students to take home school laptops/devices, books, and anything they need to continue their learning from home if/when the 6 day lock-down is extended further.

This is a challenging time and things are changing fast. Rest assured that the team here at Seacliff Primary will do our best to support our students, you and each other through this time. A 'generic' letter to families from the Department for Education is currently being written and I will get this out to you as soon as I can.

All the best and take care,

Steven and the staff at Seacliff Primary



And if/when we do return to 'normal'.... Schools have been asked to prepare a plan just in case a COVID-19 case is detected and students are required to be sent home immediately. At Seacliff, we will notify parents by year level at 5 minute intervals, starting with Receptions, should this be necessary. Children will be waiting in their classrooms to be collected when parents arrive. Teachers will keep a roll of children being collected. Please leave promptly and safely to reduce traffic congestion around the school.



Speaking of traffic congestion...

I have again had local residents speak with me about not being able to access their driveway safely due to cars being double parked on Barwell Avenue, waiting for the school day to finish. Not only is this an unsafe practice for our students, it is against the law. So, a 'heads up': Holdfast Bay Council community safety officers will be monitoring school zones closely, snapping photos of vehicle registration numbers and issuing **finer of \$102** to the small number of people not doing the right thing.

ROOMS 10 and 11 - Humanities & Social Sciences (HASS)



The Year 4/5 students of Rooms 10 and 11 have been engaged in HASS studies related to the geography of the continents of South America, North America, Europe and Africa. The focus of this work was on natural and man-made land forms, populations, location, area and environmental change over time.

As a final assignment to demonstrate their learning, students created their own map of an imaginary country; including the many features that they had learned about throughout the Unit of Work. To see more visit: [Rooms-10-and-11-humanities-social-sciences-hass](#)

Performance Day - (Nov 27)

To be advised depending on COVID-19 advice.



South West District Athletics

On Tuesday the 27th of October, 41 students attended the South West District Athletics Carnival held at Athletics SA Stadium. It was an early start – leaving school before 8am! It was a fantastic day with great sportsmanship displayed by Seacliff. To learn more visit: [South-west-district-athletics-day](#)

SAPSASA: South West District Representation

The SAPSASA state carnivals and championships are for district representative teams. Seacliff Primary School is one of 19 schools in the South West District. Each year, students from Seacliff Primary try out to represent the South West District in a range of sporting competitions. Some of our 2020 representatives and team reports can be found on the following link: [South-West-SAPSASA-reports](#)

Year 7 Graduation (8 Dec)

To accommodate anticipated numbers, the graduation ceremony for our Year 7 students will be changing to an outdoors event. A description of the evening program, COVID-19 instructions and booking details via **Eventbrite** will be emailed home to all families separately very soon.

Caring for all our kids - Drop-off and pick-up times



Disciplining children is such an individual thing. Every family's approach is slightly different and, of course, most people think that their way of doing things is best. It can be tricky if you're in a situation where you feel the need to discipline someone else's child. If they're being unsafe on the playground or doing something that could harm another child, then of course it is right to intervene. However, it is important not to lose your temper, shout at or humiliate a child.

If another child's actions or behaviour towards you or your child is causing a problem, please notify the school rather than taking matters into your own hands. Below is an extract from an article referencing psychologist John Mayer, Ph.D.

When should you consider disciplining another person's child?

If you have time to think, it's important to weigh a few factors before stepping in, says licensed clinical psychologist John Mayer, Ph.D., author of Family Fit: Find Your Balance in Life. He recommends mulling over the following:

- *Are the child's parents present, and if so, are they taking action?*
- *Are you familiar enough with that child and that family to be certain that the behavior should be disciplined?*
- *If you don't discipline the child, will it place that child or another in harm?*
- *Do you have permission from the child's parents to discipline their child?*
- *What effect will this have on your child or your child's friendship with the other child?*

OSHC Bookings for Monday 30 November School Closure



Monday 30 November is a School Closure Day. Our OSHC beach day will be at Kingston Park and Seacliff beach.

We'll be leaving for the beach 10am and returning back to OSHC 4pm. Please return a hard copy of your booking form directly to the OSHC office. Deadline for booking is Friday 20 November. Thanks, Jody

Information and booking sheet: [Beach Day 30 Nov 2020](#)

OSHC Bookings for Vacation Care December/January

Vacation Care Before Christmas	
14 th December - 23 rd December	
Not for children with known allergies or chronic health conditions.	
	Monday 14th Dec - Wheels Day Children of all abilities learn to bring their bike, scooter and skateboard to OSHC to enjoy the beach this day, as it gives children an opportunity to develop and share their skills with others. If you are unskilled in either activity, bring along someone to assist you or vehicles to use up in the hall. Safety helmets are compulsory! <small>Bring a variety of snacks, helmet, cream, lunch, water and please wear sunscreen.</small>
	Tuesday 15th Dec - George Wildlife Park Today we will be visiting George Wildlife Park to see our favourite Aussie animals at a number of Wildlife Creek in the town's delightful hills. You will also see exotic animals, birds and reptiles. This is a longer travel journey so lots of very healthy snacks, as these will be suitable for our very young children or those who suffer from travel sickness. <small>Bring: Snacks, lunch, water, a cool backpack and please wear sunscreen. Transport: Family Van, Datsun, 10 Datsun, Renault, 6 Datsun.</small>

If you are planning on using our OSHC Vacation Care program, it will be important to get in early! Please click on the links for information about the program of comprehensive and fun activities available, the booking/consent details and the policy information. These details can be found on the OSHC page of our website for future reference.

[Dec.Jan 2020 Vac Care Program](#)

[Dec.Jan 2020 Vac Care Booking Sheet & Consent Form](#)

[Dec.Jan 2020 Vac Care Cover Page & Policies](#)

Library News - Last dates for borrowing, due to stocktaking requirements

Student borrowing will end in week 6, 20 Nov, and all take home readers need to be back by the end of week 7, 27 November.

Also a huge thank you to all those who came and supported the Scholastic Book Fair this year. We raised over \$1000 for the library to purchase new books. Thanks, Robyn

School Holidays Cricket Clinics

Coming up in the New Year is the **Strikers School Holiday Programs** for students in Reception to



Year 5. We have numerous programs running in Adelaide and surroundings suburbs. The programs run for a few days and works through a series of activities and modified games. A great way to keep the kids active in the Holidays!

Bring the energy of your Adelaide Strikers and play fun and fast games with friends in an outdoors, non-contact environment. Make your own backyard swing ball, learn about how healthy food choices can give you more energy when you're playing, and colour your own Adelaide Strikers playing top! Contact holidayprogram@saca.com.au with any questions, or [click here](#) to find out more.

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