

# Newsletter Term 4

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### REMINDER - 2:15PM EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Dear Seacliff Families,

This is our last newsletter for 2020! (Let's hope we don't need any more COVID-19 Updates!) I just want to offer a **huge 'thank you'** to all of our staff for the way you have managed throughout a very challenging year. Our whole school orientation on Wednesday 2 December gave our students a chance to meet with their 2021 teachers and classmates. We hope that all our students have a chance to feel optimistic about the year ahead and are looking forward to making new friendships.

Thank you also to our various volunteers for the **enormous** contribution you have made to the lives of the children at Seacliff Primary. Whether this is in the canteen, on excursions, listening to reading, coaching sport, assisting on school camps, working bees ... it is a very long list! To our Governing Council members and the various sub-committee members, I want to also thank you on behalf of the whole school community for all the work that you do, often behind the scenes.

The continued support of parents, grandparents and friends of the school is very strong at Seacliff. There is a genuine sense of staff, working in partnership with families, to provide a rich school culture in support of the development of the whole child. This is certainly something that we aspire to and really adds enormous value to the education offered to our children.

The end of the school year has been extremely busy once again and we've had to adapt our normal range of routines, celebrations and traditions quite a bit. Thank you to everyone for your understanding. A comprehensive overview of all staffing arrangements will be provided through the newsletter early in the new school year when all remaining contract positions have been filled and approved by the Department for Education.

Wishing you all a safe, refreshing and enjoyable holiday period ahead,  
Steven

### Friday 27 November - Classes shine on stage!



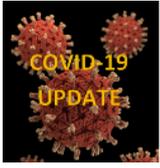
It was certainly a 'hot, 40 degree Friday, full of excitement as classes from across the whole school shared their Term 4 Performing Arts work. Playing to a smaller audience (just students and staff) than we'd originally hoped, it was still a great occasion. The costumes were fantastic and we salute the efforts of Mrs Theodosi and Mrs Angel for all of their preparation for the day. [Performance Article](#)

Here is the link for the concert video: <https://youtu.be/9zgG1MgbyHI>



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## Late Change to Graduation rules: a COVID-19 Update



There has been another change of guidelines for our Graduation Ceremony. As of **2:30 PM today** ☹️ (Thursday!) we must limit our numbers to **Adults Only**. Siblings and staff not directly involved in the ceremony are **not** able to attend (i.e. only parents and our Year 7 classroom teachers can come).

We are very sorry about yet another late change to arrangements. We appreciate that this is both disappointing for families and that it has made attendance increasingly difficult for those parents who will need to arrange care for siblings of the Year 7 students. An alternative suggested to schools is to cancel parental attendance altogether for the event and just film it. Our Year 7 students want their parents as a live audience.

### Year 7 Graduation (Wednesday 8 December)



To accommodate anticipated numbers, the graduation ceremony for our Year 7 students will be changing to an outdoors event.

In accordance with latest Department advice as of 2:30pm, Thursday 3 December: *'events on school or preschool sites can continue, however attendance outside the staff and student body should be **minimised**'*. I have checked (yet again) that our Year 7 Graduation Event on December 8 can proceed outdoors provided we:

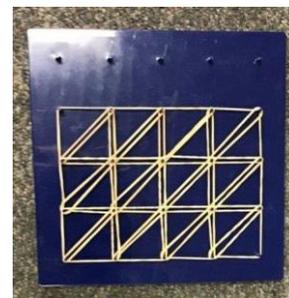
1. Minimise attendance by restricting this event to **parents only (it is preferable that only one parent attend, but this is at the discretion of each family)**.
2. Parents attending must not congregate around entry and exit points and must leave immediately at the conclusion of the ceremony.
3. Pairs of chairs will be set up in a checker-board style to ensure sets of parents are socially distanced.
4. Register Parents of Year 7 students attending on Eventbrite.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parents-only-seacliff-primary-school-year-7-graduation-tickets-131429289543>
5. Remind attendees to **social distance** and observe Covid-19 hygiene measures.

So, please register Parents Only on Eventbrite by Monday 7 December to assist us with our planning. Thank you! Steven

## Room 16 - SHAPES, SHAPES, SHAPES



Room 16 have had a busy end to the term, especially in Maths. We have been learning about a range of 2D and 3D shapes and objects. Have a look at some of our learning. We have been practicing recognising two dimensional shapes around the classroom and using some of these shapes to create tangram pictures. To view this work visit: [Room-16-shapes-shapes-shapes!](#)



## Canteen Specials

End of year specials to keep the kids cool!

Ice cream cones **only \$1.00**

Sunshine ice blocks **only \$3.00**

Slushies (Thursday & Friday) **only \$2.00**



## Lost Property Reminder



We have a **huge** amount of lost property in the courtyard area. Many items of school uniform are not named. Please ask your children to check for their items. All unclaimed lost property will be disposed of at the end of Term 4.

## Take Home Medication Reminder

To all parents of students that have medication stored at school. Please remember that **ALL** Epi-pens are to be taken home over the Christmas Holidays.

If your child will be attending OSHC over the holidays their medication will be taken to OSHC on the last day of school. If your child's plan requires updating or medication is close to expiration date, please ensure this is updated before returning the medication to school on the first day back in 2021.

## Room 17 - Zoo Snooze



At the beginning of this term, the Year 3's from Room 17 enjoyed our 'Zoo Snooze' camp. This event tied in with our Sustainability learning that has taken place throughout the year with Green Adelaide, Natural Resource Management, Trees for Life, Holdfast Bay Council and Aboriginal Community Education Officers. To learn more visit: [Room 17 Zoo Snooze](#)

## Seacliff School Holiday Site Works

Just for your awareness, we have several significant projects being undertaken between now and January 2021. Some of this work will be essential maintenance and below ground. Some projects are done to improve the aesthetics of the school and amenities to support school programs (such as the R-7 student kitchen made possible largely through the efforts of the Fundraising Committee). For families who may use the school facilities for recreation over the school holidays, large sections of the school grounds will be closed off. These major projects include:

- replacing the majority of our sewer system
- removing the old, rusting air conditioners from the two storey building and glass replacement
- renovating the R-7 student kitchen
- repairing storm damage to the staff room, teacher prep room and roof

Securing most of this program of work has involved much planning and negotiation over several years. Thank you to Suzi (Business Manager) and other staff who, in various ways, have contributed to these site improvements.

## Congratulations Old Scholar - Allysha Sims



Allysha Sims, a graduate from Seacliff Primary School in 2015, has completed year 12 this year and has just been offered a position with the Australian Volleyball Academy in Canberra. This is the equivalent to the AIS for women's volleyball in Australia. Below is a link to an article about her achievement:

[Allysha Sims to join the Australian Volleyball Academy in 2021](#)

The Australian Volleyball Academy (AVA) is excited to announce that Allysha Sims will be joining its AVA athlete Cohort in Canberra for 2021. The South Australian athlete began playing volleyball in 2012 in a Spike Zone Volleyball program. [www.volleyballaustralia.org.au](http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au)

## 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 surrounding 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](mailto:holidayprogram@saca.com.au) with any questions, or [click here](#) to find out more. Bryn Loots | Participation Officer - South Central | SACA



Australian Council on  
Children and the Media

## Are apps part of your child's entertainment?

The Australian Council on Children and the Media [ACCM] is asking parents / carers to spend just 3 to 4 minutes completing an e-survey about their children's use of apps.

Your participation would be a valued contribution to baseline data being gathered across Australia for a project that ACCM is doing in association with Macquarie University.

All responses are anonymous and cannot be linked back to you or to your family.

<https://childrenandmedia.org.au/news/news-items/2020/take-our-e-safety-survey>



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Dec closing: 2nd Dec  
Jan closing: 20th Dec