

Newsletter Term 1

15 February, 2023



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From the Principal

Staff update

Jessica Watson is our newly nominated Autism Inclusion Teacher for this year. She will undertake two days of professional learning initially and then her role will be to build professional capacity through formal learning, collaborative practices and resources provided by the department. Jess will share contemporary evidence-based approaches with all staff to assist them to support and educate autistic children and young people. This will enable improved practice relating to autism that builds inclusivity.



This year Ruth Cameron will operate within her role as Student Wellbeing Leader from Monday – Wednesday. She has worked incredibly hard to set up a new Interception Space located in Room 6 and has already shared this space and its purpose with many classes and individual students. More information will be shared about this new space during the year.

We have also welcomed back Leah Watkins (returning from maternity leave and sharing a class with Cherie Saba (Year 4), Chelsea Todd (Year 3), Aaron (Year 5/6 while Yvonne Ridge accesses leave), Bianca Palmer (Reception), Jessica Watson (Year 3 /4), Emison Barrowcliff (Year 1 /2) and Cayleigh Davies (Performing Arts).

New groundsperson

As you would be aware, we have been without a consistent Grounds person since we sadly said farewell to Clive as he left to embark on his new venture. I am very excited to welcome Jason to our Seacliff Team. Last week he commenced in the position as our Grounds person and he is keen to bring our school grounds back to looking their best.

I am a quiet, friendly person that loves spending time with his friends and family. I love the outdoors and all the adventure that it brings. Jason



Attendance is so important

Regular attendance at school is vital to the ongoing learning and wellbeing of students. The school opens at 8:35am each day and a staff member is on duty in the yard from this time. Learning begins at 8.55am and your child misses valuable learning time if they are late.

We are aware that students sometimes cannot attend school due to a variety of reasons and that as a result of COVID, we continue to ask families to keep students' home when they display any symptoms of illness, **but did you know these facts about attendance?**

The Department for Education considers 10 or more days per term as chronic absence and 5 - 9 days per term as habitual absence.

Students who do not attend school on a regular basis;

- Miss important information and instructions
- Tend to worry and stress about school and are more likely to fall behind
- May find it difficult to maintain friendships

- Miss out on learning opportunities and fun events
- Find school increasingly difficult
- Are less likely to feel like they belong and have a place in the school community



If you feel that you would like to talk to someone about getting your child to school on time and regularly, please contact the Front Office. Scott (Deputy) and I are available to assist you, as well as our Student Wellbeing Leader, Ruth Cameron.

Nature play update

Site works commenced the week beginning 16 January 2023. The Contractors (LCS Landscapes) appear to be well on their way! A couple of little bumps with water pipes broken but so far pretty smooth sailing. They hope to be completed at the end of February but may spill over to March.



Diary dates

The following Pupil Free Days/School Closure dates were approved by Governing Council on Monday 13 February:

- Friday 10 March
- Tuesday 13 June
- Monday 24 July
- Tuesday 28 November

Monday 27 November – School Closure Day

- Adelaide Cup – March 13
- NAPLAN testing – March 15 – 27
- Whole school photo day – March 22
- Good Friday – April 7
- Easter Monday – April 10
- End of Term 1 – April 14 - Dismissal at 2:15pm



2023 Materials and Services charge rebate

A \$100 rebate (discount) is available for parents, carers and independent students who are required to pay the 2023 materials and services charge.

Invoices, M & S Govt. rebate credit notes and statements will be posted to families this week. Please note all credits will be applied to family accounts, credits show in brackets (.....). **Only the outstanding total on the statement is payable.**

Students approved for School Card assistance aren't eligible to receive the discount as they're already exempt from paying the materials and services charge.

All payments and permissions are to be made using the QKR! App

All payments and permissions for M&S Fees, Excursions, Sports, etc are to be made using the QKR App. No paper notes will be sent home, instead class teachers will notify parents of excursions via their communication tool for parents/carers, eg Seesaw or email. (If you are unable to access the QKR! App please collect a paper copy from the Front Office.)



Details of the QKR! App are available on our website along with instructions on how to make your payments. [Link to payments page on our website](#)

Please also note, due to mandated Department for Education policy, we are unable to accept payments with credit card details written down. We are only able to accept credit card payments if you come into the office to use the eftpos machine, or call the finance officer, Lynda, and make your payment over the phone.

School Card 2023 online applications



For families experiencing financial difficulty, school card can assist with payment of the Materials and Services levy that schools rely on to provide much needed resources for the learning program. Online application forms for 2023 School Card are now available at sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

All types of School Card applications are now online.

Contact: [School Card Team](#), School and Preschool Financial Services, phone 1800 672 758

Notice of Governing Council Election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for parent members of the Seacliff Primary School Governing Council for 2023. A link to the nomination form was emailed to the school community in the Week 1 Newsletter this term, and is also available from the Front Office.

Nominations must be lodged with the Returning Officer (the Principal) by 3.30pm on Friday 3 March, 2023.

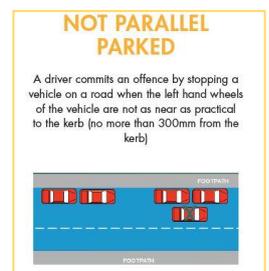
Please follow this link for further information. [Notice of Governing Council election and call for nominations](#)

Road Safety

We each have a vital role to play in keeping all children and members of our school community safe.

Traffic around the school at peak times such as drop off and pick up, can make the streets near our school very dangerous places. Children are still developing their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations, and are often not easily visible and may act impulsively. This means if you are driving near the school you must follow the road rules, drive to the conditions and take care to ensure the safety of all children.

Children take notice of what you do, so please set a good example by obeying parking signage, being respectful to others and not accessing adjacent business designated parking areas.



The Australian Road Rules provide a variety of parking restrictions at and near schools to achieve a safer environment for all children. These restrictions are designed to optimise traffic safety and movement.

Holdfast Bay Council will be supporting the school through an increased presence of Parking Inspectors in the coming weeks.

[Holdfast Bay – Schools, students and traffic](#)

Congratulations!



After running a recruitment process to appoint an Assistant Director in our OHSC service, we are very pleased to inform the school community that Taylor Atkins was the successful applicant. Taylor is passionate about providing a safe and nurturing OSHC environment and supporting every child's development during their time in the service.

Wellbeing News

What is Interoception?

Interoception is the internal sensory feedback the brain receives from the body. It tells the brain about what's going on inside the body. This includes messages from our organs, hormones and immune system. There are also internal receptors in the skin.

The Interoception Room

Weeks 1 & 2 saw a considerable number of students visit the new 'Interoception Room' in Room 6, both during lesson time and at lunchtimes. Some enjoyed using the exercises and equipment while others enjoyed chilling out on the couch and playing with the sensory toys.

Class Visits

It was so exciting to have classes come to the Interoception Room to learn about interoception, calming and regulating and how to use these strategies to cope with 'hard to have feelings' and how we can manage these to be successful learners and bounce back from hard things.

Calm Kits

Every classroom will soon be receiving their 'Calm Kit', which will be stored in the class calm/break space. Students will be able to access the kit when they need to regulate. The kits contain breathing exercise cards, play dough, sensory toys and a soft cuddly buddy.

Parent Visits to the Interoception Room

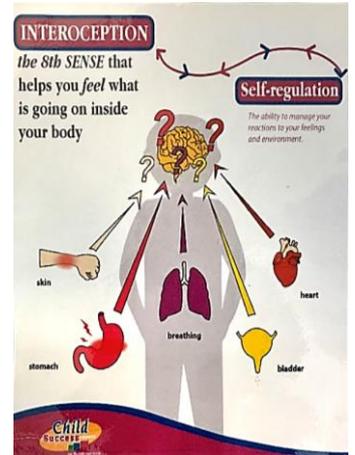
If you would like to visit the Interoception Room and see how it operates, send me an email to organise. You would be very welcome.

Can you help?

To add to our available sensory toys and mindfulness activities, we would love donations of any soft toys in good condition, themed toys (animals, dinosaurs, blocks etc.), jigsaws, puzzles or any fabric or material with different textures. Please contact me on ruth.cameron952@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank-you in anticipation!

Ruth Cameron WELLBEING LEADER



The beginnings for Room 1-5

Room 1

Room 1 have settled well into the classroom. They have been enjoying spending the last fortnight focusing on wellbeing and how to be kind and supportive classroom members. This



term we are focusing on living things and environmental sustainability and are getting organised for our beach excursion in week 6 with Rooms 2, 16 and 17.

Room 2

Room 2 have had a great fortnight settling into Year 1. We have had a wellbeing focus and begun meeting the Kimochi's characters. In week 1 we met Bug who taught us it is okay to feel shy and sometimes new things show us how to be brave. This term we have a focus on Living things in the environment and are looking forward to our Beach Excursion with Room 17, 2, 16 and 1 during week 6. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.



Room 3

Children have transitioned from kindy to school extremely well. Room 3 have had an excellent start to the year. We have been focusing on establishing classroom routines and behaviour. Children have started to recognise the importance of positive and negative behaviours. Children have really enjoyed getting to know the kimochi characters and relating these emotions to their own personal lives. It has been fantastic to see all children become enthusiastic about their schooling life.



Room 4

21 New Receptions have begun school in Room 4. They have all settled in beautifully! They enjoyed meeting their Specialist teachers. The children have loved meeting the characters and learning the sounds from Little Learners Love Literacy! Well Being has been a whole school focus and 'being kind' has been a focus in our class.



Room 5

A great start to the year. We have been talking about classroom expectations, setting routines and developing our working habits. Discussions and activities are being focussed on our feelings, wellbeing and building our resilience and working together as a part of our classroom community.

The children have a working buddy in our room as well as being buddies with the children in Room 13.

I have had the pleasure of meeting most of my families and look forward to the exciting year ahead.



Uniform shop

At Seacliff Primary School, it is compulsory for all students to wear the correct school uniform as endorsed by Governing Council. Get a copy of the [Uniform Policy](#).

The uniform shop is located in the Front Office.

Purchases made via the [QKR! Smartphone app](#) (preferred method) will be delivered to the student in their classroom.

[Uniform Shop Price List](#)

Uniform Shop hours:

Monday 8:45am – 9:30am

Wednesday 2:45pm – 3:30pm

Friday 8:45am – 9:30am

Seacliff Fundraising Committee Update and Invitation

At the beginning of 2022, our previous Fundraising Chairperson, Nicole Morgan, resigned to take on the role of treasurer for the school's Governing Council.

This made for a somewhat rocky start – as we found our way, and at times it was a bit overwhelming and super busy! Who knew (A shout out to all previous fundraising volunteers)!? But, with a great team of people it came together and a whopping \$18,500 was raised, through events such as the whole school FUN RUN, The Halloween/Fancy Dress Disco, Quiz Night, Celebration Night, Movie Night, Father's Day Stall (we hadn't regrouped in time for Mother's Day, but this year there will also be a Mother's Day Stall).

This money, along with \$10,000 raised in 2021, will go towards a new bike shelter, a sound system (similar to that used on sports day) and a fridge/freezer for the fundraising kitchen in the hall.

A big thankyou to all the committee members, staff, families and the wider community who supported these events and activities, with donations, volunteering their time and /or attending events.

We would love to welcome new members and new ideas. So, if you are interested, please contact Simone on 0410 646 177. Meetings are generally held on a Monday (every few weeks).

Simone Retallick

Fundraising committee Easter raffle

Tickets - \$2 each or \$5 for 3 - available on QKR
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be drawn in Week 10.



Easter Raffle

3 Easter Hampers to be Won

Tickets \$2 Each or 3 for \$5

Purchase on QKR

Raffle will be drawn in Week 10

Seacliff Primary School Fundraising Committee



Seacliff PS Movie Fundraiser

Capri Theatre

Wednesday 12th April

Super Mario Bros

Details to be confirmed

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Brighton Secondary School Open Day



Join Us, Thursday 16 March

Morning session 9am - 11.00am | Afternoon session 6pm - 7.45pm

We are proud to showcase our rich tradition and culture, where we foster successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

Join us on Open Day to experience our school life and culture, discover our diverse range of academic and co-curricular opportunities, meet students and staff, learn about special interest programs and tour our extensive facilities.

Schools are much more than the teaching and learning that takes place in class. With a focus on building student connectedness, our aim is that each young person finds their place, and is valued and understood by their teachers and peers.

Register to attend at <https://www.brightonss.sa.edu.au/open-day/>

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