

Newsletter Term 2

19 May, 2023



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From the Principal Walk to School Day

Today was National Walk Safely to School Day and despite the dreary weather we had many students and their families engage with this initiative.

This event:

- encourages parents and carers to walk regularly to school
- promotes the health benefits of walking and creates regular walking habits
- Helps children develop vital road crossing skills
- Reduces car dependency, traffic congestion and reduces the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise for your health because you can build it into your daily routine.

The school would like to acknowledge Brighton Woolworths and Brighton Foodland for their generous donations of delicious fresh fruit for our students to enjoy as they arrived at school this morning.

I would also like to personally thank Alex Gibbs, a parent and new Governing Council member for her initiative and drive in sourcing these fruit donations and organising the coffee van for our parents and staff to enjoy.



New Mobile Phone Policy

This term we are implementing a mobile phone ban in line with the State Government ban. For our school this means there will be very little change.

The new policy means students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices (such as smartwatches) off and away in their school bag while they are at school.

There will be no change to the existing arrangements for students with extenuating circumstances, such as students who use their personal device to manage a medical condition, or for another specific purpose that has been agreed by the school. This also applies while students are attending school activities including camps and excursions.

The ban will help our students learn free from distraction and encourage more meaningful face-to-face time with peers.

We appreciate your support as we implement these new rules.

The new mobile phone policy is available on the school's [website](http://phonesoff.sa.gov.au/) or you can find out more at <http://phonesoff.sa.gov.au/>.

Please contact the Front Office if you have any specific questions about how the policy is being implemented at our school, or if you need to discuss a request for exemption for your child due to extenuating circumstances.



National Volunteer Week

It's National Volunteer Week across the country. We thank all our volunteers who have supported the students, staff and school already this year.

We will officially celebrate and recognise the vital work of our volunteers at a special assembly in Term 4.



Governing Council Update of Membership

Continuing members – Petr Pavlik (Chairperson), Kate Hubl (Deputy Chairperson), Chris Thomas (Treasurer), Sue Foote, Milos Milutinovic, Doug Nairn, Alyssa Burton

Outgoing members – Luke Sandery and Nicole Morgan

New members – Alex Gibb and David Botha

Staffing Update

We have welcomed SSOs Ella Hutson and Taylor Atkins to our team and farewelled Jacquie Taylor who has moved on to another position. Jayme Mansell has been appointed as the teacher in Room 1 for the remainder of the year as Emison Barrowcliff commences maternity leave.

Diary Dates:

External School Review – **Monday 22 May**

Brainstorm Productions incursion 'Zanna and the Lost Code' – **Tuesday 23 May**

Principal Tour – **Monday 29 May**

Rail Awareness sessions Year 4-6 – **Tuesday 6 June**

King's Birthday Public holiday – **Monday 12 June**

Pupil Free Day – **Tuesday 13 June**

Bogan Bingo fundraising event – **Saturday 17 June**

Sue Matene,
Principal

2024 Enrolments for Families with Siblings at Seacliff Primary School

We are seeking your assistance to have all 2024 enrolment forms completed and returned to us by **30 June 2023**. This will allow us to allocate places (if any) to out of zone families in a timely manner.

Could you please either bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the Admin Office or email a copy to dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au, we can then provide an enrolment form.

Thanks in advance for your prompt attention.

Starting Secondary School in 2024

All year 6 families will now have received an email from 'education.noreply@sa.gov.au' along with a copy of the 'Starting Secondary Schools in 2024' booklet.

The email contains your child's unique URL link to a 'registration of interest online form'. The information supplied is used to determine which high school your child will attend in 2024.

Please ensure you have completed the online form prior to **26 May 2024**.

New Rainbow Playground Slide

After a very long wait for production, our brand new slide has finally arrived! Students are making great use of it now that it is open for play.



SAPSASA NEWS

Football / Netball Carnivals

Seacliff entered a netball and football team to compete with other schools in our SAPSASA district on 14 March. This is a great opportunity to showcase teamwork, sportsmanship and sport specific skills. These carnivals are also used as a selection tool to invite talented players who stand out on the day to come and trial for the district SAPSASA team.



(Netball photo: Elsie H and Summer M absent)



Ollie W

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to trial.

Football: Ollie W and Cruze M

Netball: Holly C, Aria W and Georgia P

Congratulations to Ollie W from Rm 14 who has now been selected in our district SAPSASA football team. Good luck at the state carnival on Wed -Fri Week 3!

Cross Country

Congratulations to the 27 students that went to West Beach to compete in the South West SAPSASA Cross Country event. All students gave their best and managed to complete the course representing our school admirably. Well done to Jesse P (Rm 18) who finished 5th in his age group and has been invited to compete for our district at state championships at Oakbank racecourse on Thursday 8 June.





Hockey

On 31 March we had 75 students go and compete at Seacliff Hockey club in the Tiger Cup. This is an introduction to Hockey competition that aims to teach students the basics of the sport in an enjoyable and competitive format. Congratulations to Ollie, Will, Anthony, Cruze and Iroam for winning the boys div 1 final!



Term 2 Japanese Update

Students in Rooms 1, 2, 10, 11, 16 and 17 have been learning about weather and seasons. Students have been practising weather vocabulary and discussed the differences between weather in Japan and Australia. Over the last couple of weeks we have focused on Autumn. Students went for a leaf walk to admire some of the beautiful Autumnal colours in the school yard and also collected leaves to use for leaf art. Students recreated the kanji word for Autumn (Aki) using leaves and also used their vocabulary knowledge to write some sentences in Japanese describing Autumn weather.

Also, on Friday 5 May, the Kodomo Ni Hi (Children's Day) festival was celebrated in Japan. We highlighted the event in Japanese lessons across several year levels by making koi kites and learning about how they symbolise strength, good health and success. Other learning so far this year has comprised of Harmony Day, Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) and Oshougatsu (New Year), with a special focus on the Zodiac animals and celebrating the Year of the Rabbit.

This year I would also like to highlight the enthusiasm and commitment of our 2023 Japanese Leaders: Lily, Sophia, Jade, Isla, Sena and Penny. They are brimming with ideas to promote Japanese learning at SPS and have already shown wonderful leadership and organisational skills in Origami Club.

A couple of our leaders have provided their own updates of Japanese learning below:

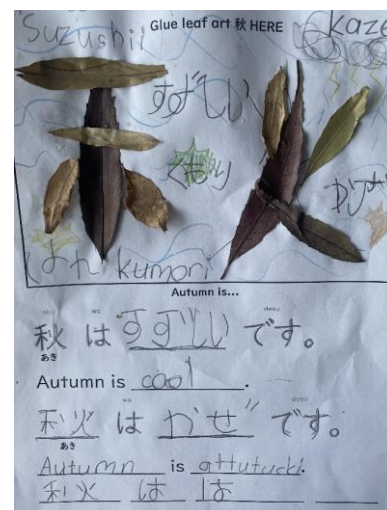
Preposition Learning – By Jade

In Japanese this year we have been learning about directions and to practice these words, we've done a lot of engaging and fun activities. One of which was a guiding activity to score points. One partner in a pair was blindfolded and the other person gave them directions to lead them blindfolded around stuffed animals to earn points. Another game we thoroughly enjoyed was ninja hide and seek. To play, we just hid our ninja somewhere and told our partner where it was, but in Japanese. For instance, perhaps the ninja was to the right of the table. We would say "Ninja wa teeburu no migi ni imasu" – meaning the ninja is to the right of the table. We really enjoyed playing these fun games over written work!



Origami Club – By Isla

On Friday lunch playtime, we are hosting origami club. Students are welcome to come up to Room 7 and make some beautiful creations with us. We have our Japanese leaders (Isla, Jade, Penny, Sophia, Sena and Lily), come up and help run it. Origami has existed for about a thousand years and makes precious gifts and decorations. We are thinking about promoting a project to make 1000 cranes, which means good health. Origami is a fun way to make a piece of paper into a model of numerous things without cutting or gluing the piece of paper. Some are very complicated though some are simple. There are a few that are so realistic that I can't tell the difference. We would love for more people to join us and make wonderful origami pieces!



Canteen News – Garden is up and running!

Thanks to Jason (our Groundsman), the veggie garden next to rooms 18 & 19 is producing fresh homegrown veggies and herbs. We're able to pick fresh lettuce and herbs daily to use in making lunches as well as veggies in our homemade hot meals.

Winter menu!

Team Canteen is currently transitioning into our Winter Menu so keep an eye out for lots of comforting and nutritious goodies to order on QKR!



HALF PRICE MAD MONDAY'S - STARTING NEXT MONDAY 22 MAY!

Mouthwatering Mac and Cheese and Scrumptious Sausage Pasta Bake -Only \$3.00!!

PLEASE HELP!

The Seacliff Canteen can only run efficiently and cost effectively with the help of our parents, grandparents and carers.

It only takes 1 hour a term/ a month/ a fortnight/a week to make a HUGE difference. Your kids will LOVE seeing you in the Canteen and we REALLY need a hand.


We understand you may not have time to contribute to the Canteen. You could show your support of our service by ordering just one lunch order a week or even just one a month for your children. We also love the donations of goods. Any of the following would be greatly appreciated and will assist us to maintain reasonable menu pricing and deliver quality homemade food.

Please remember all the food we sell must be prepared in the canteen itself.

Fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, bags of carrots, reduced salt tinned tomatoes, reduced salt tomato paste, spiral pasta, white rice, loaves of wholemeal bread. If you are able to contribute please place donations in your child's classroom lunch order box and they will make their way to the canteen.

Thanks for your support.

Team Canteen



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Dear Parents and Carers,

National Simultaneous Storytime will be celebrated around Australia and New Zealand on 24th May. We encourage everyone to join in and read together. Robyn will include activities in her lessons.

Hoping everyone enjoys 'the Speedy Sloth' book about having a go, doing your best and achieving your goal. Anyone can REGISTER before 20th May, to be involved and gain access to activities on the day, via ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2023. <https://form.jotform.com/221667380621859>

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, family day cares, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

By facilitating NSS we aim to: promote the value of reading and literacy, the value and fun of books, promote an Australian writer and publisher, promote storytime activities in libraries and communities around the country, and provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

NSS receives positive media coverage and generates a great deal of community interest. 2022 was our biggest and most successful NSS to date with over 2.18 million participants at over 59 thousand locations!

What do we look for in the National Simultaneous Storytime book? Each year, interested publishers send in possible titles. The criteria for choosing from the books include: a positive storyline; appeal to a modern and diverse audience; suitability for read-aloud (language and length); how well the book lends itself to craft and other activities.

Regards. Robyn and Kay in the Library

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Primary Mathematics Extension Group

The Australian Science and Mathematics School (ASMS) is offering an exciting short course extension program for students in years 5 to 6 involving inquiry-based learning.

Theme: The greatest mathematical discoveries

Students will explore the greatest mathematical discoveries in history! Students will embark on a journey to discover the fascinating stories behind some of the most important mathematical breakthroughs of all time. Through hands-on activities and engaging discussions, they'll learn about the mathematical geniuses who changed the world, from Pythagoras and Euclid to Newton and Einstein.

Participants will be guided by our students and staff to develop an inquiry question related to the theme and present their learning on a digital poster.

To Register:

Student registration can be done via the link below. Any teachers or parents who wish to attend must also register.

[Registration link](#)

Program cost: FREE!

Car parking at the ASMS (Flinders University campus) costs approximately \$4 in short-term car parks.

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