

Newsletter Term 3

10 August, 2023



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From the Principal

Diary Dates:

Bookweek Parade – **Friday 25 August**

Fathers Day stall – **Monday 28 August**

Fun Run – **Friday 15 September**

Water Safety Week (Rec to Yr 5) – **Monday 25 September – Friday 29 September**

Important information - Canteen

We are reaching out to share the latest developments in our canteen's Right Bite policy. While designed to promote healthier choices, these changes have brought about some limitations in our menu offerings. Our dedicated canteen team, led by Mish, has admirably followed these new guidelines. However, sustaining the canteen under these constraints has proven challenging.

Following discussions during the recent Governing Council meeting, it has been decided to reintroduce select favourite items to the menu. We understand the significance of maintaining a balance between nutritious options and the enjoyment of familiar treats that the students love.

Considering the financial aspect, the potential of closing the canteen on Mondays and Tuesdays due to insufficient sales was deliberated. While we hope to avoid this step, its viability will be reviewed based on future sales trends. Your input in this process would be extremely valuable. An upcoming survey will be distributed to gather insights and suggestions for enhancing the canteen's offerings. Your candid responses will guide us in refining the menu to align with both policy guidelines and the preferences of our school community.

We appreciate your understanding and active involvement in ensuring the canteen's continued success. The topic will be further discussed in the upcoming Governing Council meeting, and we encourage your continued engagement.

NEW WEEKLY SPECIALS!

Tuesdays – Pizza Power

Wednesdays – Mexican Mayhem



Fundraising

The Snake Playground, JP Playground, Soundfield System Amplifiers, Interactive Screens in classrooms, iPads and the Bike Shelter. These are just some of the results of the incredible work done by the Fundraising Committee, but they need help.

This term the committee is running a Father's Day Stall in Week 6 and then the Fun Run on 15 September. To ensure the success of these and future events, we need more community members to donate a few hours and join the team. It is an enjoyable way to meet other members of the school community while also making a significant contribution to the school. If you need more information or can assist, please contact Scott Francis (scott.francis584@schools.sa.edu.au).

Father's Day Stall

On Monday of Week 6 (28 August), the Fundraising Committee will be running a Father's Day Stall.

Each class will be allocated a time to purchase something from a range of gifts for Dads. Gifts range from \$2 - \$10. If your child is absent on the Monday, the stall will also be open during lunch time on Wednesday 30 August.



Pupil Free Day

On the first day of Term 3 all staff were involved in a Pupil Free Day. The focus of the day was on clarifying and consolidating numeracy learning linked with our identified improvement actions. Areas explored included an Instructional Model for numeracy lessons, daily reviews, rich numeracy tasks that are low floor/high ceiling and provide challenge and stretch to all learners, and a range of assessment tools and diagnostic tests for each level of school.

Key principles of numeracy lessons reinforced on the day included:

- All students can learn.
- Effort increases ability as well as achievement.
- We do not learn best just by listening.
- Teachers do not foster creativity or insight just by telling.
- Much learning is social, so experiences in which the whole class participates contribute to building a class community.

[You cubed](#) is one quality resource explored by staff. It also includes a section to help students at home continue to explore and learn maths in rich and creative ways.

To conclude our day of learning we initiated a creative and fun cup stacking challenge with staff.

Staff competed in teams to earn the title of 2023 Cup Stacking Champions.

Our reigning champions are Jess Watson, Neg and Ruth Cameron who completed the challenge in 9 seconds.



Staffing News

Sue Matene commenced six weeks of leave this week so as a result there have been multiple changes to the staffing structure:

- Acting Principal – Scott Francis
- Acting Deputy Principal – Ruth Cameron
- Student Wellbeing Leader – Emily Crabb

Congratulations to Emily on winning the Student Wellbeing Role. Emily has a passion for this area, dedicating a significant amount of her professional development to it. She will be based in Room 6 (Interception Room) and will continue to provide students with the same opportunities and learning programs as Ruth.

NAPLAN 2023

Families of Year 3 & 5 students will receive their NAPLAN results this week. Our school summary report indicates strong results in all areas for Year 5s and in all areas apart from Grammar and Punctuation, for Year 3s. Staff analysed the results during a recent staff meeting so if you have any questions about your child's results please contact your class teacher. Please note that the format of the reports and the changes to the assessment structure means that results cannot be compared to previous years.

A more detailed letter will be sent home with each student report, outlining the most significant changes.

NAPLAN Proficiency Levels

	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Reading	Strong	Strong
Writing	Strong	Strong
Spelling	Strong	Strong
Grammar & Punctuation	Developing	Strong
Numeracy	Strong	Strong

SRC News

Thank you for your wonderful support of the end of term casual day in support of Make A Wish Australia. We raised just over \$500 which will be used to bring amazing people together to grant inspirational, life-changing wishes for children with a critical illness.



State SAPSASA Hockey

During the 2nd week of Term three, Senna and Georgia travelled to Hobart to represent South Australia in the 12 and under National Hockey Championships. They played matches against Queensland, WA, ACT, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania throughout the week. They had wins against WA, ACT and Tasmania and drew with Victoria. As a result, Team South Australia finished the week in 3rd place. The girls received a bronze medal and some wonderful memories. They loved the experience and made many new friendships. Congratulations Georgia and Senna.



Science Week at Seacliff Primary School

National Science Week will take place from 12 August until 20 August.

At Seacliff Primary School, Science for Real will present their workshop, 'Science is Fun!' to all classes, Rec to Year 6, from 15 -17 August. Please make sure that you have paid on QKR! We are still awaiting payment from many families.

As well as hosting the workshops, certain classes of our school will be enjoying Science investigations with buddy classes. Students in some classes are being supported to exercise Student Voice by initiating their own Science investigations. Different classes are focusing upon the topics of Forces and Motion, Changes in State of Matter and Earth and Space Sciences.

A number of our school's families attended the Science Alive Fair at Adelaide Showgrounds last weekend. Many excited students have communicated about their learning there, further motivating others.

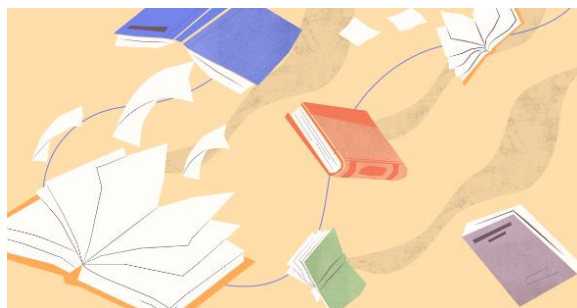
Around this time, there will be a lot of other community Science events that may benefit your child. You may be able find advertised in-person and online activities, as well as virtual tours. See <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

Premiers Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that completed forms must be returned by 1 September (Friday week 6), to the library.

Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Certificates and medals will be delivered by late term 4.



AFL Max Camp

All year 3 & 4 students attended the AFL Max camp during week 2. The camp consisted of a 2 day, 1 night stay. AFL Max combined fitness, nutrition, positive education and fun to learn about finding the balance to become a healthier and happier person. The camp was divided into four quarters which included:

- ❖ Q1: Fitness - Students learnt exercises and strategies to keep their bodies fit and healthy, but also learnt that fitness can be great fun.
- ❖ Q2: Nutrition - Students learnt that in order to keep our body and mind healthy we need to eat a variety of nutritious foods. Team nutrition games and education including healthy vs unhealthy foods, food labels, sugar education and more.
- ❖ Q3: Mindfulness – Students learnt to truly be healthy, we need to care for our mind, just as much as our body. Students participated in box breathing strategies and activities including being aware of, and regulating our emotions.
- ❖ Q4: Fun - The importance of fun in our lives. Students participated in fun activities including rock climbing and trampolining to conclude the camp.

Overall the camp experience was excellent and the students had a great time participating in all experiences. We are very proud of all students for representing Seacliff Primary School in such a positive way and we thank all staff members, parents and volunteers who gave their time to make this a great success.



Banana Spike Volleyball Winners

On the very last day of Term 2 we played our grand final at Brighton High School.

We had worked very hard to get up to this point and we won by one set!

This game was extremely hard and the sets were very close. The first one we won by 4 points (21-25). The the second was exactly the same, then for the last set it was a buzzer beater. The last set was 13-15 our way and we won!

And that just goes to show that Banana Spike wins every time!



BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE

FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

9.15—10.45

**Dress simply to show off your
delight of reading books.**

**No need to buy elaborate
costumes :)**

**Coffee van on site to
purchase a warming drink**



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