

## Term 4, Week 8 - Final Newsletter for 2023

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

#### From the Principal

As another year draws to a close there is much to once again acknowledge and celebrate.

2023 included: Sports Days, Swimming and Aquatics, SAPSASA, Choir, Festival of Music, Book Fair, and Book Week excitement, Celebration Evening, Graduation, camps, excursions and so much more.



#### Staffing

I would also like to acknowledge staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year and wish them all the very best in their next adventures; Hannah Bennett, Anni Giles, Jessica Watson and Mish Wesson. Thank you for your contributions to our student's learning and to our school community. We hope to have some of these people return to Seacliff in the future. We will also be welcoming several new faces to our Seacliff team: Elle Turner, Rhian Harrison, Karalee Randell, Ashlee Durdin, Marcelle Thompson and one additional teacher still to be confirmed.

#### Governing Council

I would also like to thank the Governing Council and its various sub-committees including Fundraising, Finance, Canteen and OSHC, who have been ably led by Chairperson Petr Pavlik. Thank you, for your ongoing commitment to working with and supporting positive outcomes for the students and the school this year.

#### Canteen

Our school canteen is run by our Governing Council and in recent years it has been challenging to maintain a financially viable service. Mish has led Team Canteen with a passion for providing a quality product for our students. She developed authentic opportunities for student leadership within the canteen and has fed our school community on numerous occasions at whole school events. Mish's vibrant personality and dynamic smile will be greatly missed by all but we know she will continue to inspire and support others in whatever she pursues next.

**Please note that the final day for ordering from the canteen will be this Friday 8 December. Stocktaking will occur next week.**

In 2024 our Canteen service will look different. We have engaged the services of Metro Canteens to provide food and drink service to our students on Wednesday – Friday each week. Menu information will be provided to all families as soon as it is finalised. Ordering will continue to be done through the QKR! app.

#### Class placement

Teachers have worked extremely hard to finalise student placement into 2024 classes and to meet parent requests where possible. Students will visit with their new teacher and classmates in their 2024 classroom next week and parent notification of 2024 classes will be included with student end of year reports sent home on Thursday 14 December.

Despite all the work that has gone into student class placements, these will never be perfect for everyone and the placement process often has to deal with conflicting parent requests.



Please be assured that every effort has been made to place your child in the best possible class for their learning. Sometimes students will find that they are not placed in a class with all of their friends. This provides a great opportunity for them to make new connections with other students, while it is also important to remember that they have the chance to reconnect with friends from other classes every day before school, at recess and lunch time. Please access information provided by Madhavi Nawana Parker from Positive Minds, Australia to support you with these conversations.

## Volunteers

Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted us in so many ways this year. Last Friday we held our Volunteer Appreciation Assembly, where we acknowledged over 100 volunteers. Staff and students at Seacliff really appreciate the efforts of school volunteers. Volunteers add a great deal to school life at Seacliff and if you are keen to be a volunteer in 2024 please check the [school website](#) or read the information further in this newsletter for more information.

## Year 6 graduation

Next Tuesday our Year 6 students will enjoy a meal together before being formally acknowledged at their Graduation Ceremony. I wish of these students every success as they prepare to begin high school next year.

## School building works

I would like to also make our school community aware that significant building works will be occurring over the holiday break (commencing 18 December and concluding just prior to the start of the 2024 school year). These works will be fenced off but we ask that families try and minimize accessing the school grounds during this period.

## Parking

Drop off and pick up times are busy times and our aim continues to be ensuring the safety of all students, community members and other motorists. With this in mind, I ask all members of our community to observe parking restrictions around the school. This includes no parking in the adjacent Chemist carpark, thank you.

As we reach the end of the 2023 school year, I would like to thank all Seacliff staff for their outstanding efforts to ensure that Seacliff students have access to the best possible learning opportunities, and I hope you all have a well-deserved break during the summer holidays.

To the students of Seacliff, congratulations on a fantastic year of learning and extracurricular activities and I look forward to working with you again in 2024 as we strive together towards continuous improvement across an amazing site.

Have a wonderful holiday break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 29 January, 2024.

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## Volunteering at Seacliff Primary School

We are very lucky to have the support of many parents/grandparents and community members volunteering to support their children at our school.

To be able to volunteer it is a DfE requirement that volunteers have a current Working with Children Check and have undertaken an online course – RRHAN (Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care).

In preparation for next year, if anyone is thinking of volunteering, it would be a good time to get the paperwork organized. All the information and [links to assist you are on our website](#) but please do not hesitate to contact Elaine – Admin, if you require any assistance.

## Materials and Services Charge

We recently emailed information to all families regarding the polling dates for the 2024 Materials and Services Charges. Please note the Poll is open from 6 December 2023 to 20 December 2023.

## Lost Property

Please ask your children to check lost property next week to collect any missing items. We will be donating any unclaimed items.



## Japanese Tea Ceremony Incursion

On Thursday 30 November, students in six lucky classes were able to experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, known as *chanoyu*. Students learned the meaning behind parts of the word *chanoyu*, *cha* meaning tea, *no* meaning's and *yu* meaning hot water. Put together, *chanoyu* refers to 'tea's hot water'. Gilbey Sensei demonstrated immense skill and passion during her teachings of the intricacies of the tea ceremony and she greatly appreciated the respect and interest shown by students on the day. Students were able to make their own macha tea using a traditional tea whisk known as a *chasen*. They also tried a sticky rice cake. The year 6 Japanese leaders assisted on the day and were also lucky enough to participate in the ceremony themselves.

It has been wonderful to hear positive feedback from some families and students about how much they enjoyed the experience. We hope to plan further cultural events and experiences for students at Seacliff in 2024.



## A Seacliff star at the Australian Open

Sadie has been selected to represent SA in the National Super 10s competition during the Australian Open in Melbourne in Jan 2024.

Sadie is also part of the Tennis SA National Development squad and her commitment to the sport is amazing!





## Fun Run Assembly

Students who earned \$100 or over in the Fun Run were acknowledged and received a gift at the Week 6 assembly. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraising event, which raised over \$9000. Governing Council and the fundraising committee will make decisions in consultation with school staff and students, as to how the money will be spent. Thank you to all of the volunteers who supported the organisation and running of the Fun Run.



Reception to Year 1 Fun Run prize winners



Year 3-6 Fun Run prize winners

