

Newsletter Term 1

15 May, 2024



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From the Principal

Important Diary Dates:

Pupil Free Days 2024

Term 2 – Friday 17 May

Term 3 – Monday 22 July (First day of Term 3)

Term 4 – Tuesday 26 November

School Closure Day – Monday 25 November

Reminder – Pupil Free Day Friday 17 May

The Australian Early Development Census

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) occurs every three years and will be conducted this term. The AEDC is a nationwide census undertaken to understand early childhood development. The AEDC provides evidence to support policy and planning for children. This involves Reception teachers completing a 'measure' for each of their students after their first term of schooling.

The school was successful with a recent Food Security grant application, receiving \$4000.00. Proposed projects needed to have a focus on students being able to grow, access and prepare food. Our application focused on the development of a **Community Orchard**. This will repurpose the existing frog pond area and we are looking forward to completing this project in conjunction with student, staff and interested community members. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

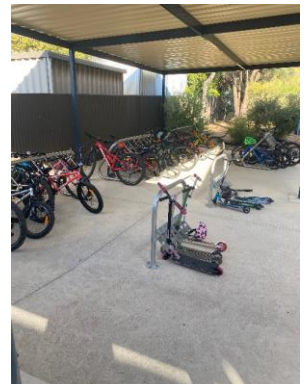


Pupil Free Day

Our next Pupil Free Day will occur this coming Friday 17 May. The focus will be on further developing staff knowledge of our identified Area of Impact, Effective Learners. We will clarify our understanding of metacognition and self-regulation as well as revise differentiation in response to staff feedback.

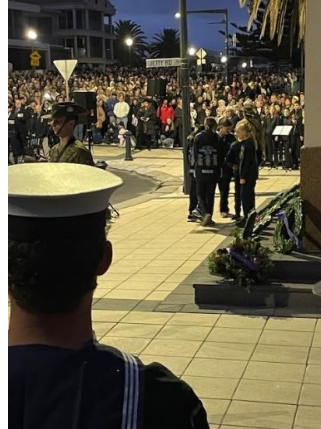
Bike and scooter use

Bike/scooter use before and after school was clarified with all students at the recent assembly. It is very exciting to see significantly more students now riding or scooting to and from school (our new bike and scooter racks are consistently full) however we have had several parents report to us that they have been hit /or nearly hit by students riding within the school yard, or have witnessed students riding or scooting in very unsafe ways. All students have now been reminded that they are unable to ride or scoot in the school yard before school. They are permitted to ride or scoot on the courts area after the 3:30pm bell under the supervision of their parents as long as sports training is not happening at this time.



ANZAC Day

On Thursday 25th of May I laid the wreath for Seacliff Primary School along with Layla and Adele. It was cold, dark and early but wasn't dangerous and we weren't risking our lives like the soldiers did. We picked up our wreath and lined up standing side by side with all the other local schools. We listened thoughtfully as people told stories about their loved ones going to war, what it was like and how they felt. We watched all the other schools walk up and lay their wreath. Finally, it was our turn. Layla, Adele and I walked up holding the Seacliff wreath, placed it carefully next to all the others and walked back. It felt special to lay the wreath for Seacliff.



I would recommend to go down (even if it's cold) to take one hour out of your day to remember the great heroes who stepped into the unknown so our country could have a bright future.

Governing Council would like to support our students in accessing important technology now!

Seacliff Primary School has a current 3-year plan to replace existing Promethean Interactive Whiteboards with Clever Touch screens in all our classrooms. Our students know and enjoy the benefits of Clever Touch screens as the majority of our classes have already been upgraded to this new technology. However, four classrooms are not scheduled to be upgraded until 2025. Our Governing Council are proposing the introduction of a fundraising option within Qkr! for any families who are keen to support this change happening earlier. If every family in our school community donated \$40, then all the students would have access to the learning experience this year.

Why?

All classroom students can interact with a Clever Touch screen simultaneously. There are 50 touchpoints, so multiple children can work together on the same screen. This is impossible with the old Promethean Whiteboards where any interaction requires a special pen. They are slow to respond, making them impractical and difficult to use. Usable wireless screen sharing brings more flexibility than HDMI cabling. Old Promethean Whiteboards are fit for purpose however, Clever Touch screens are easy to read, draw and note ... great for everything students need.

How?

Use Qkr! and select Fundraising—Technology upgrade. Any donations will be gratefully received and allocated to the purchase of the remaining screens.

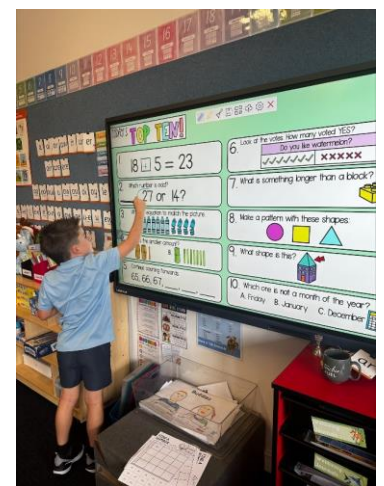
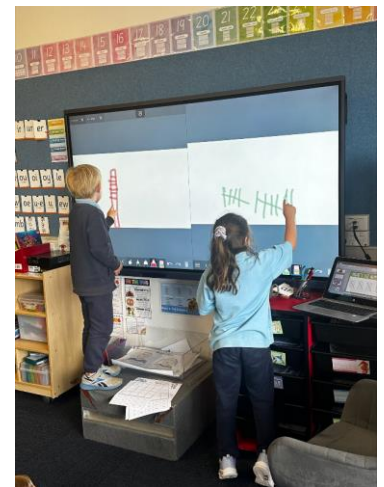
Why us?

All students benefit from this new technology, and with only 4 units left for upgrade, let's make it happen! If we do, then almost 100 more of our students could see the difference Clever Touch brings to their learning.

Overall cost

Our fundraising target is **\$14,000** to replace the remaining 4 Promethean Interactive Whiteboards.

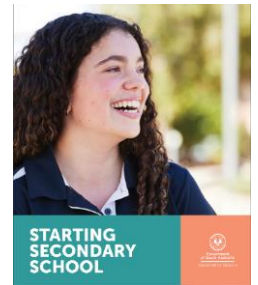
Should we exceed our fundraising target, additional funds will be utilised to purchase additional Phonak Sound Field units for teaching spaces. Students currently experience excellent benefits through the use of these units in multiple classrooms allowing all students to hear better irrespective of where they sit in their classroom.



Petr Pavlik,
G.C. Chairperson

Starting Secondary School in 2025

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 2025' 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 2025. Please ensure you have completed the online form prior to 24 May 2024.



2024 SRC

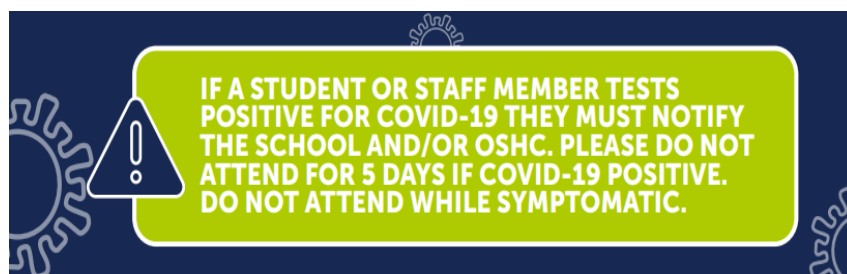
Congratulations to our 2024 SRC representatives. They will be representing all of the students in their classes at fortnightly meetings, to discuss and make recommendations relating to issues important to the students. I wish you all the best in this exciting and challenging leadership role.



COVID-19 update

Unfortunately, we have recently had some confirmed positive COVID cases at school. Please support us to stop this spreading by keeping your child/ren home if they have any symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, fever, chills, headaches or feeling tired.

If your child does test positive, please let the school/OSHC know and your child is not to attend for 5 days. **Please note that the day of your child's positive test result is day 0.**



Walk Safely to School Day

Last Friday was National Walk Safely to School Day. The school celebrated the event by providing students who walked, rode or scootered to school with a fresh piece of fruit and a sticker or tattoo. The fruit was kindly sourced by parents, Alex Gibb and Nicola Glendenning and donated by Brighton Foodland and Hallett Cove Woolworths. We thank them all for their support.

The aim of the National Walk Safely to School Day is to encourage families to think about their transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as a part of a healthy, active way to get around.



Mother's Day Stall

Our Fundraising Committee led by Donna Awad along with some willing volunteers ran two very successful days of Mother's Day shopping. Their hard work and huge selection resulted in approximately \$1620.00 being raised! These funds will go towards the purchase of additional Soundfield Systems.





SAPSASA Golf

We wish Reid Coleman the best of luck in the upcoming SAPSASA golf competitions. Reid will participate in a district competition and hopefully receive an invite to the state championships later in the year. Reid currently plays competitively for the Vines of Reynella Club and was a part of the successful McMillan Shield Team, in a junior interclub competition.

Congratulations Reid.



Check if you qualify for free home internet!



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Call 1800 954 610

and our helpful team can check for you

National Referral Centre (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)



Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services available



Scan the QR for more information.

If you have a school aged child and have had no active NBN broadband connection in the past 14 days, your family may be eligible for free home internet until 31 December 2025, through the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI).

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Visit the [SSBI National Referral Centre website](#) for more information.



COLLABORATION = ENRICHMENT



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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: Decoding the world with mathematics

Explore the mathematics that can be seen in the world around us. From famous architecture and art to the motion of vehicles, we will explore mathematics through practical, hands-on ways.

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.

For more information contact:

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Program

The Primary Mathematics Extension Group (PMEG) program will be delivered through two after-school sessions and a final session during school hours where participants join our International Science Fair Expo.

Session overview:

+ Session 1 - Thursday 13 June, 4pm to 6pm

ASMS students will present our theme and facilitate an exploration of the mathematics in the world around us. PMEG participants will be supported to develop their own inquiry question related to the theme.

+ Session 2 - Thursday 8 August, 4pm to 6pm

ASMS students and staff will work with participants on the development of their poster. Teachers and parents will gain insight into how student agency in problem-based learning can extend students understanding of mathematics.

+ Session 3 - Thursday 5 September, 1.30pm to 3pm

Participants showcase their work, celebrate their achievements, and receive their certificate during our International Science Fair Expo.



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Disability SA

Term 2 'What's the Buzz?' Classes

A 16 week program aiming to:

- Develop emotional and social intelligence
- Build resilience and social skills
- Help students who find it challenging to make friends

Aberfoyle Park Location

Early Years (5 - 8 year old's)

Tuesdays Commencing 14th May

Tuesdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Primary Years (9 - 11 year old's)

Tuesdays Commencing 14th May

Tuesdays 5:00- 5:45pm

CLASSES ALMOST FULL

Bookings finalised

Monday 6th May

Get in quick!

BOOK NOW:

admin@disabilitysa.com.au

or 0438 570 909

****Times may be changed based on demand****

All Facilitators are successfully trained in "What's the Buzz?" by Noni Le Messurier and Mark Le Messurier, Co-Creator, Author & Trainer of What's the Buzz - www.whatsthebuzz.net.au