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Department for Education

SEACLIFF Primary School

Newsletter Term 1

6 March, 2025

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Important Diary Dates:

Pupil Free Days 2025
Tuesday 11 March
Monday 19 May
Monday 21 July
Monday 24 November
School Closure Day – Friday 21 November
Whole School Photos – Wednesday 19 March

From the Principal

Student/Parent/Teacher Discussions– will be held in Week 9 and Week 10

This year bookings will be managed using the 'Interviews' icon through the SENTRAL for Parents app and information has been sent home to all families this week. Parents will be able to **select booking timeslots from Tuesday 11 March until Friday 21 March.**

We encourage all families to make a time as these discussions form part of our reporting process for the term, and they provide a valuable opportunity to gain information about your child's progress so far.

If you have any challenges with booking in or you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please phone the school for support on 8296 1950.

Pupil Free Day

As part of our work with the Department for Education's SA Strategy we identified a need for our students to engage in a broader range of learning opportunities to enhance their skills in metacognition (learning how to learn) and self-regulation (managing their behaviours and emotions). On Tuesday 11 March staff will be continuing our work in this area in addition to further exploration of the new SA Curriculum.

LEARN AND THRIVE

Road safety around our school

Drop off and pick up times are very busy times, and our aim continues to be ensuring the safety of all students, community members and other motorists. It has been fantastic to see so many students and families walking, riding or scooting to and from school.

Student traffic monitors on Pine Avenue take their role very seriously and enjoy saying hello to everyone as they cross. Remember to model and teach your children to use the available crossings and ensure they are wearing helmets. Please refer to this video to support children to build their understanding and awareness.

I ask all members of our community to observe the parking restrictions around the school. This includes not performing U-turns in the drop of zone on Pine Avenue or parking in the adjacent Chemist carpark, thank you.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is the national assessment that helps teachers, parents and carers see how students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time.
NAPLAN tests what students have been learning every day in the classroom in their previous years at school and is linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.
This week students have participated in online practice tests to ensure they are familiar with the platform and the types of questions (multiple choice, drag-and-drop, short answer) that they will be given during the assessments.
The testing period commences next week on Wednesday 12 March with all students beginning with WRITING. Over the two weeks, students will also complete assessments on READING, CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE and NUMERACY.

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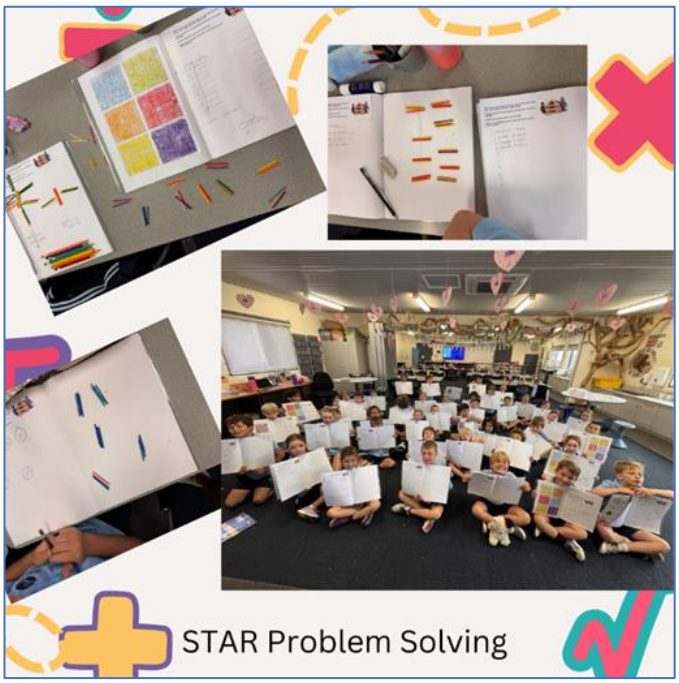
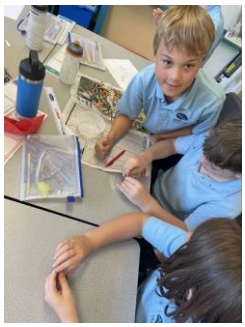
A Snapshot from Room 18 and 19

In Room 18 and 19 we have been learning about lots of interesting things. In Science this term we are investigating living and non-living things. In Art we have begun to look at the colour wheel. We used the three primary colours to mix our own secondary and tertiary colours. In Maths we have been using a problem-solving method called STAR to help us solve tricky problems. We have been using counters and matchsticks to help us work out the problem and then show our working out with sums and pictures in our Maths books. We have been working really hard and are proud of our efforts so far this term.



Room 10 and 11 Buddies!

On Friday afternoons, Rooms 10 and 11 have been working on group challenges together. One of our most memorable from the term so far has been our 'largest structure challenge'. For this challenge, all groups were given the same materials (matchsticks, plastic tub, newspaper and a certain amount of sticky tape) to have a go at building a structure. Everyone worked so well, there were smiles on everyone's faces all afternoon and the end results were very impressive.



Room 10's Journey: From the Pit to Proud

The Learning Pit

Room 10 have been talking about something that helps us become better learners - The Learning Pit.

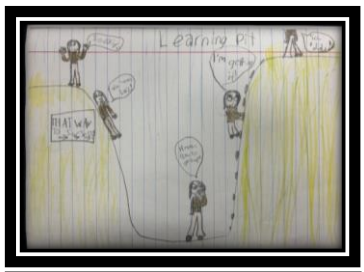
Have you ever tried to learn something new? At first, it might have seemed easy, but then suddenly, it got really hard? You might have been stuck, confused or even frustrated. That's exactly what happens when you fall into the Learning Pit!

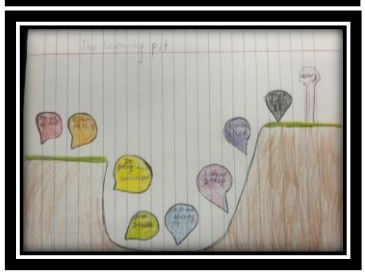
Don't worry, the Learning Pit isn't a bad thing. In fact, it's where our best learning happens. When we struggle with something, our brains are working extra hard to figure it out. Our brain is like a muscle and when we make our brain work, it gets bigger and stronger.

As a class, we have been discussing the Learning Pit and thinking about how it feels when we are in different stages. We each created our own Learning Pit to show what strategies we can use when we feel stuck.

Some of our ideas were to stop and think, ask for help, try another way and learn from our mistakes. We now remind ourselves that it is ok to struggle and when we keep trying, we can get out of The Learning Pit and feel proud of what we have achieved.

So next time you feel stuck, remember The Learning Pit is a place where we become stronger, smarter and more confident. Just keep trying and don't give up, then you will get out every time!





All the ways I am smart

We read a book together called 'All the ways I am smart' by Davina Bell. This book helped us to think about what it really means to be 'smart'. Sometimes, people think being smart is just about getting good marks in a test, being quick in Maths or reading all the words in a book. But this story showed us that there are many different ways to be smart!

Some people are smart at solving problems, others are creative and love drawing or singing. Some people are great at sports or making people laugh. This book helped us to see that everyone has their own unique strengths, and being smart looks different on everyone.

As a class, we thought about all the ways that we are smart and thought about our personal strengths. We liked that we are all different.

To celebrate this, we wrote our strengths on peacock feathers, because just like how a peacock is proud of its feathers, we are proud of what makes us, us.

Every single strength is important, and together they make our class a place where we can learn and grow. So, let's remember, there's no one way to be smart. We are all smart in our own special way. And that is something to be proud of.

RAA Street Smart

During week three all of our students participated in the RAA Street Smart Program. Each class focused on age appropriate issues relating to road safety, including the use of booster seats and seatbelts, crossing roads and designated crossing areas, bike and scooter safety and the importance of being with an adult. It is a free program for schools, presented by RAA teaching staff, that is an important part of our Student Wellbeing focus.

Canteen / Lunch service update

We are pleased to announce that Friday lunch orders will resume starting from 7th March. While remediation works on the damaged facilities are in progress, the Governing Council has secured an external provider to treat our students to tasty lunches on Fridays. On offer will be the most popular menu choices. The service will rely on volunteers to help with the lunch distribution.

Orders are to be made via the QKR! app using the 'Friday only menu'.

Please note that the cut-off time for orders is 8:30am.

Petr Pavlík
Governing Council Chairperson

Free home internet access

Families with school aged children who do not have reliable internet at home can apply for free internet to support learning.
There are 2 options available:

- NBN broadband internet access until June 2028 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative
- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the student home internet program.

Find out more about what options are available and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the department's website.

Autism SA School Holiday Program

Can you believe school holidays are almost here?
We're running a variety of fun, creative, therapeutic programs for kids aged 3 - 17.

- On your marks, get set, school! (3-6 years)
- Aqua Skills (3-9 years)
- Lego Club (7-12 years)
- Dungeons and Dragons (8-12 years and 13-17 years)
- Fidget Masterclass (9-12 years)

In addition to our school holiday program we also have vacancies across the following services. Click the link to learn more:

- Social Work
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Mealtime Assessment Therapy
- Aquatic Therapy
- Psychology
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Counselling
- Autism Inclusion Program (school years)
- School Readiness Program

We welcome your to reach out to learn how we can support you,
From the team at Autism SA ♥
View the full program for ages 3 - 17 years

Languages Alive!

As part of the government's Languages in Schools initiative, the School of Languages has expanded the across-sector R-6 **Languages Alive!** program. The April 2025 program will provide students with interactive language learning opportunities in a range of languages, including Croatian, French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Korean.

WHEN/WHERE: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 April at School of Languages (West Croydon)
Thursday 17 April at Stirling East Primary School

COST: $10 per student per day; School Card/Health Care Card Holders: **FREE**

To register for tickets go to: https://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive/

Nature Play SA

Connection • Wellbeing • Belonging

It's the news you've been waiting for ...

Our eighth annual Forest Festival is coming these school holidays!

We're as excited as ever to bring you this event on Tuesday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 16, at Kuitpo Forest.

And tickets are on sale now!

Forest Festival is a thoughtfully curated celebration of children, nature, Aboriginal culture, and community.

It's an opportunity to slow down, breathe the crisp forest air, and follow your child's lead as their curiosity takes them on a meandering path of wonder, joy and creativity.

We'll be joined by Kaurna/Narungga Elder, Kauwanu Tamaru, along with live acoustic performances.

Crowd favourite, The Amazing Drumming Monkeys, will again join the entertainment lineup.

There will be nature play activities for all ages throughout the day, as well as stalls and giveaways.

We can't wait to see you there!

LET'S GO FOREST FESTIVAL

And for something new this year!

All ticket purchases automatically go in the draw to WIN a 2-night **CABN** stay for a family of 4 (plus one lucky pet)! Enjoy a late check-out, firewood (seasonal), and more—a prize worth over $1,000.

*The prize winner will be announced post event *T&C's apply*

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MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
TWILIGHT TOUR
MONDAY, 31 MARCH 2025
4:30PM - 6:30PM
Experience the unique opportunities at the only unzoned, all-girls public school, led by Principal Rosie Heinicke.
Tour concludes with a complimentary BBQ.
To register, visit mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au/school-tours/