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## Principal News Term 2 Week 9

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

There are only two weeks to go until the end of the term. What a year it has been! I would like to remind you all that next **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July our SRC** will be hosting casual clothes / bring your wheels to school day (gold coin donation please). This is our first SRC event for the year and we hope all students will enjoy the activities while following school rules and teacher instructions. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold our end of term assembly this term but on the last day (Friday, 3 July), there will be the usual early dismissal at 2:20.

**Upcoming Student Free Day Primary SCHOOL ONLY - Staff Development Day Term 3 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (Preschool will be a normal day)** The day will be separated into three sessions where staff will focus on aspects of our improvement work that will make the most difference to students and their learning outcomes. Students will be returning to school on the Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Easing of some COVID-19 restrictions as we move into term 3** – It is with great delight that we can announce the easing of some of the current restrictions. We will of course need to maintain social distancing and follow other guidelines.

1. Assemblies will be open to parents again in term 3
2. Classrooms will be open to parents
3. Playgroup and Extra transition visits for students starting preschool in 2021 will start again in term 3 / 4

**Mid-Year Reports** - Reports are scheduled to go home on Thursday of next week, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This will allow time for parents to contact teachers if they need more information or to discuss any issues or concerns before the holidays. Face to face, interviews that were postponed in Term 1 will be scheduled for term 3. As in previous years, if you have concerns or questions about your child's progress as outlined in the written report, please organise a time to speak with the classroom teacher. However, teachers will usually contact you at any time if they have concerns and you can always contact them at any time if need be.

**Year 6/7s** - Other changes are on the way. 2022 will be the first year that Year 7 students will be in high school in South Australian government schools. That means that in 2022, we will be farewelling not just our Year 7 students but our Year 6 students as well. Therefore, both the Year 6's and Year 7's will be entitled to wear a special uniform top and both year levels will be involved in end of primary school celebrations.

**Attendance Matters**- I have noticed a seemingly increasing number of students absent from school or coming to school late. Please remember that the school opens at 8:30am and lessons start at 8:50am. The first ten minutes of every day sets up the children for their learning for the rest of the day. Just 10 minutes late each day means one whole lesson missed every week or almost 2 whole days of learning missed each and every term. I must point out that all absences (illness, family and especially unexplained), along with late arrivals and departures are recorded in the roll books and then entered on the Department for Education's computer system. These absences and lateness is monitored and followed up by truancy officers if deemed necessary. Please contact the school if you require any help or support in getting your child to school and/or to school on time. Every minute of every day counts, your child's education is too important.



### Mobile Dental Here

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>  
June

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Hot Dogs \$2

**Wheelies & Casual  
Clothes Day** – gold  
coin donation



### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of term  
2.20pm dismissal

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Pupil Free Day**

Staff development day  
primary school only

### Preschool returns Term 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Primary Student's Return

Term 3 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
July

# Principal News continued

**Enrolling for 2021 Primary** - Do you know of someone that will be turning 5 before 1 May 2021 and are living in the area? We are now taking enrolments for next year. Please contact the front office for enrolment information.

**Volunteering** - Although volunteering at school has been largely on hold, now would be a great time to think about it. Anyone who wishes to volunteer in any capacity in a school or preschool and will have contact with children other than their own, must have a Working with Children Check. This check is free of charge and lasts for five years. All you do is provide the school with your name, date of birth and your email address. Once I have entered that information into the system, you will be sent an email asking you to complete the process and provide 100 points of identification.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, families and staff a safe relaxing holiday break for term 2; we are looking forward to diving in to learning and hearing all about your child's holidays.

Regards Melissa Claridge

## Cyberbullying

### How to make a cyberbullying complaint

As a part of the Child Protection Curriculum, all SA schools educate students on cyber safety to our students. Unfortunately, at school we cannot control what happens online outside of school and as such are unable to provide consequences for inappropriate online behaviour. If you are under 18 (or are reporting on behalf of someone under 18) you can make a complaint about cyberbullying or seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating online behaviour. The following information has come from the eSafety commissioner, a Government run website. We strongly advise any families to view the website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> for support in dealing with cyber bullying or any other issues involving social media.

#### Stay safe

If you are in immediate danger or at risk of harm call the police on Triple Zero (000), staying safe is your number one priority. Follow these steps to make a complaint

#### Collect evidence and information

Find out about the evidence and information you need in order to make a complaint. It is also a good idea to collect evidence before you report to social media services. Find more information about how to collect evidence by visiting <https://www.esafety.gov.au/report/cyberbullying/collecting-evidence>

Report to the social media service where the bullying took place.

The eSafety Guide has reporting links for social media services, apps, games and websites. If the abusive material is posted on one of the social media services we work with you should report it to them first and wait 48 hours for a response. View the eSafety guide at

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/report>

#### Make a cyberbullying complaint to eSafety

Once you have collected relevant evidence and information. To make a formal complaint to eSafety, visit the website.



## Parent Information

**Hot Dogs, Wheelies and Casual clothes day**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Gold coin donation for casual clothes SRC fundraiser**

**\$2 Hot Dogs**



# Community Notices

## BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

**School and Preschool fees are now overdue.**

Please forward payment before the end of Term 2.

Thank you

## COVID-19

Protect yourself and loved ones

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

### + WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.



### + COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.



### + DON'T TOUCH

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.



### + KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



### + STAY HOME

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.



### + GET HELP

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.



## Indoor Soccer

WEDNESDAY 08/07  
WEDNESDAY 15/07  
10:00AM - 11:00AM  
\$4/CHILD Waikerie Sports Centre



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