



Newsletter - Week 11 Term 1

Elizabeth South Primary School

Wednesday 8th April, 2026

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Diary Dates



End of Term 1 - Friday 10th April 2.00pm finish

Start of Term 2 - Monday 27th April

Principal's News

As we conclude term one and head into the two week break, I would like to reflect on some of the learning that occurred in the second half of this term. Firstly, I would like to invite families to our end of term assembly on Friday April 10 at 9:00 in the gym. Here, you might see your child sharing their recent learning.

R-5 Swimming

Daily swimming took place for all reception to year 5 students in week 9 at Aquadome. Students developed their gross motor skills, coordination and the left and right sides of their brain, as swimming is an ambidextrous activity. Students gained knowledge of swimming and water safety which is an essential life saving skill. Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children. All students had a splash of a time and many were exhausted and slept well that week.

Year 6 Aquatics

Year 6 students participated in a full day aquatics program held at West Lakes. The aquatics program focused on:

- *water confidence*
 - *water safety in, on and around the water*
 - *survival in the water*
 - *rescue of others*
 - *developing a range of aquatic specific skills*
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Students had the opportunity to participate in canoeing/kayaking, sailing, surfing and small boat handling.

NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN testing that consisted of: reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and a numeracy test. Most of these tests were conducted on a computer and all students across Australia participated in these tests within the same allocated time. Well done to those students who sat the test. Results will be available in term 2.

Staff Learning

Our school improvement focus is Mathematics. This term, staff have been narrowing in on the Big Ideas in Number. In particular, we have been working on developing collective responsibility and collective understanding in these big ideas. Di Siemon, responsible for The Big Ideas in Number framework, suggests that the concepts of 'trusting the count', 'place value', 'multiplicative thinking', 'partitioning', 'proportional reasoning', and 'generalising' are the checkpoints in number sense each student is required to pass through before progressing further in mathematics.

Pupil Free Day

On March 6, our staff dedicated the day to professional learning focused on the South Australian Curriculum. During the session, we explored how the South Australian Curriculum differs from the Australian Curriculum, with a particular focus on Dispositions, Capabilities, and Knowledge. These essential elements will empower our students to BE, DO, and UNDERSTAND as lifelong learners.

Looking ahead, the South Australian Curriculum will become the standard for all educators in South Australian schools from 2027.



Birthdays - March/April



Irfan

Didi

Aaisyah

Bahram

Elijah

Holley

Kenzie

Anthony D

Ali H

Levi

Jasmine

Tyler

Hunter

Alexander

Xavier

Kora

Ezekiel

Anastasia

Sapphire

Anthony W

Jayden

Kobi

Ali G

Diana

Harmony Day Global Picnic 18th March

BREAKING NEWS

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HARMONY DAY A RAGING SUCCESS

ALL ELIZABETH SOUTH STAFF AND STUDENTS ENJOY A DELICIOUS PICNIC TO CELEBRATE HARMONY DAY

"Big hit" claims one excited student. On the 18th of March 2026 Elizabeth South Primary School had one big day to celebrate Harmony Day!

"Rousing success" - Chelsie
"I loved being outside with all the classes" - Lilly

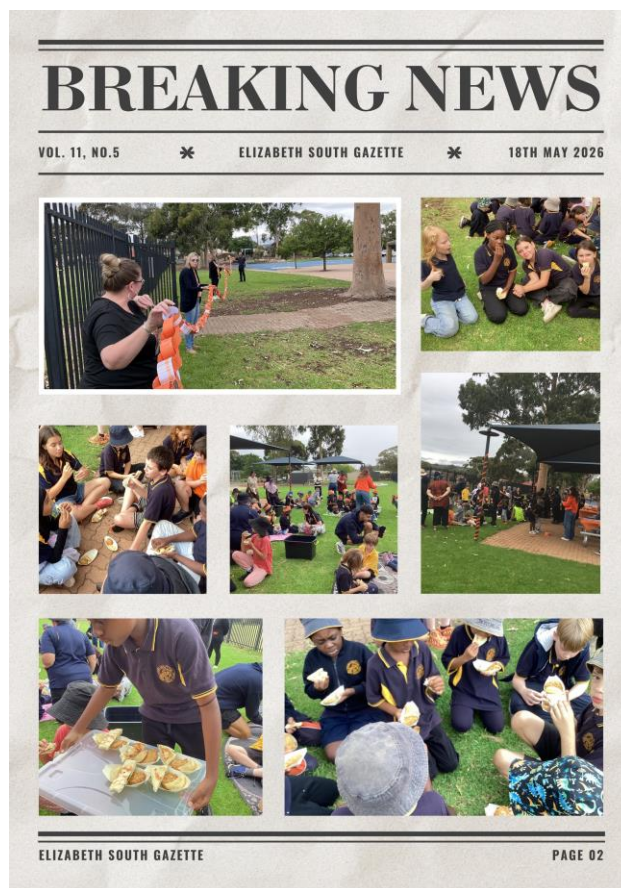


All students and staff created a link in our paper chain to represent the fact that our culture connects us all. We then shared a snack of Samosas, Gozleme and an ANZAC biscuit prepared by some amazing volunteers from D2 and Miss Holloway.



BEST DAY EVER!

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Reporting in 2026

In 2026, the school will transition to a new reporting format beginning in Term 2, moving to a concise short report. This change will be complemented by an interview with families, providing an opportunity to discuss each child's learning in detail. Interviews will be conducted in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 2. Please keep an eye out for more information about scheduling these interviews, which will be shared closer to the time. Further information regarding reporting for Term 4 will be communicated later in the year. This process aims to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring families gain a clear understanding of their child's progress and achievements.

Sports Day

On 2nd April, Elizabeth South held its annual Sports Day, with the reigning champions, Kadli Dingos, aiming to secure back-to-back victories. The competition was fierce, as Nantu Roos and Kurraka Magpies were equally determined to claim the shield for themselves.

The day was filled with excitement as houses cheered each other on and created a vibrant and supportive atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many students step outside their comfort zones and give their best effort, regardless of the outcome. The strong sense of community was evident throughout the day, with everyone coming together to support the event.

The final results were:

1st – Nantu Roos (Red) - 1025 points

2nd – Kadli Dingos (Green) - 980 points

3rd – Kurraka Magpies (Blue) - 960 points



























































Term 1 Finish Time - 2.00pm



Monie & Phoebe - 2 Brushtails

Located in Mount Barker, SOWFI offer a 24-hour wildlife rescue service for the entire Adelaide area. SOWFI is exclusively run by volunteers and relies on donations to remain operational. They offer training as well as fun activities for students to get involved in. On their website there are photos of native wildlife they have rescued, which people can sponsor. Monie and Phoebe have now been sponsored by Elizabeth South Primary School with the help of donations to the school disco!

MEET MONIE & PHOEBE - 2 BRUSHTAILS = \$175

Monie and Phoebe share a possum palace and are getting along well but it took a little time for them to warm to each other.

Monie was found on the ground so dehydrated she needed subcutaneous fluids and regular electrolytes drinks. Phoebe was found wedged between a sliding door and a screen.



SOWEL
SAVE OUR WILDLIFE FOUNDATION INC.

Cooking Classes



Interested in **Cooking Classes?**



Learn budget-friendly, easy recipes for your home!

We are looking to provide a series of cooking classes here at ESPS for parents and carers.

All ingredients and recipes provided.
(Both to eat on site and enough to take home)

Contact the front office if interested!
More details to follow depending on interest and success securing funding

Elizabeth South Cafe - Term 2



... **Important Announcement!** ...

Elizabeth South Cafe Closed on Fridays

Please note that the Elizabeth South cafe will be closed every Friday commencing in Term 2.

Library News



The logo for 'Books in Homes' is on the left, featuring an orange square with a white dot and the text 'Books in Homes' in orange and black, with the tagline 'EMPOWERING KIDS, LITERALLY' below it. To the right is the 'MAINFREIGHT' logo in blue, with a blue arrow pointing to the right.



Welcome to our *Library News* as we come to the end of a fun-filled and activity-packed **Term 1**.

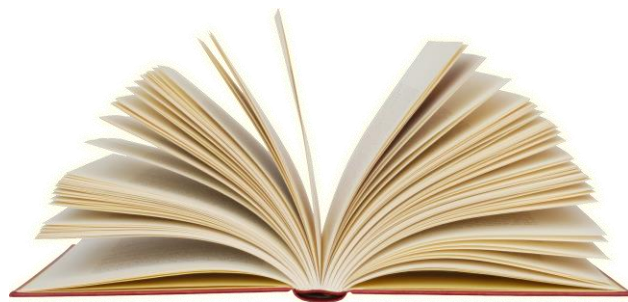
Easter craft was a highlight during break times, with students creating beautiful decorations for our **Easter tree** or making baskets ready for their chocolate haul! Classes also enjoyed listening to **Easter stories**, and many festive books were eagerly borrowed.

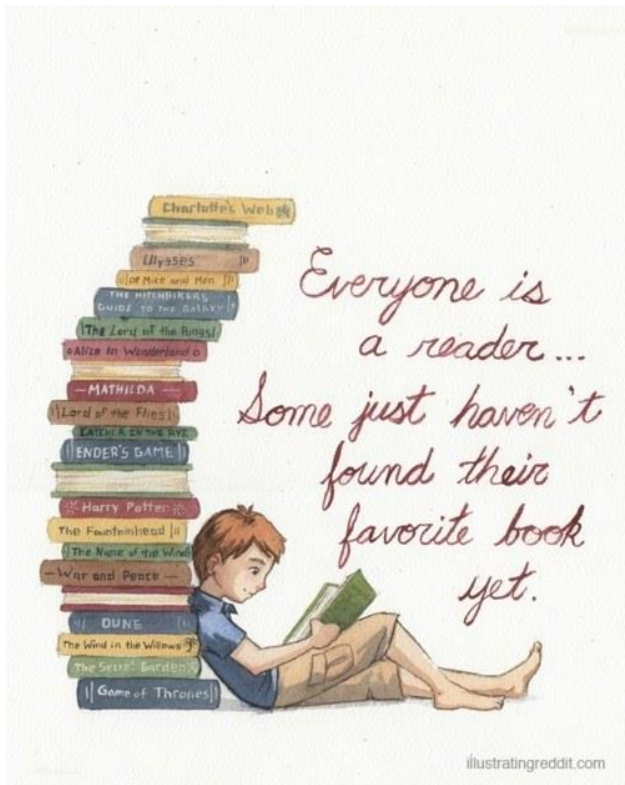
Our **dinosaur display** has been a roaring success! Students have loved exploring facts and stories, while our resident **T-Rex** proudly watches over as they engage in imaginative play and role-play with the dinosaur figures.

We have also celebrated a number of students receiving a '**Caught Being Good**' Award. Thanks to the generous support of **Mainfreight** and **Books In Homes**, these students received a **book of their choice** along with a small prize. These awards recognise students who demonstrate kindness, helpfulness, or who consistently show our **School Learning Code**. Their achievements are proudly showcased on the library slideshow.

We are looking forward to our first **Books In Homes Assembly** on **Thursday**. This year marks the **fourteenth year** of support from **Mainfreight** and **Books In Homes**, and we are incredibly grateful. Through this program, every student receives **three books of their choosing, three times a year**—a wonderful opportunity to build home libraries and foster a love of reading.

Keep an eye out for your child bringing home their **Books In Homes bag**, ready to enjoy some holiday reading!





















Saverplus



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops


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THE WALKER GROUP

Basketball Tournament - Fremont Park

A PLAYFIT EVENT

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Playford

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT!

- ✓ PRIZES FOR 1st & 2nd !
- ✓ 3v3 Half Court Games
- ✓ Music
- ✓ BBQ
- ✓ Minigames and Activites

10TH APRIL: (3-6PM)

REGISTER BY SCANNING QR

Fremont Park
Basketball Courts

REGISTRATION



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