



# HUB NEWS

Aberfoyle Hub Primary School Parent and Caregiver Newsletter

RELATIONSHIPS RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE RESPECT



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## From the Principal by Sarah Magnusson

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you have enjoyed spending time with your family during the recent break.

What a great way the students celebrated the end of term 1, with the last 40 minutes of the school day spending time together participating in Fun Friday activities with their buddy classes which were all ably led by our school leaders. A great opportunity to see our school values being demonstrated by everyone.

### Our School Improvement Plan

Teachers continually reflect on their teaching and learning practices through self-reflection and feedback from students and colleagues which lead to improved student engagement and achievement.

Our school goal this year is to deliver a sitewide low variance pedagogical approach which will increase reading achievement for all R-6 students.

Over the next few weeks teachers will be observing a high achieving primary school to see a low variance pedagogical approach in action. Teachers will have opportunity through staff meetings to reflect and put into practice new learning.

### School Value - Resilience

Our school value focus for this term is Resilience – the ability to cope with and recover from setbacks. This was certainly demonstrated last Friday when we all travelled by bus to **AFL Max**. It was great to see how many students were encouraged by their peers to have a go at all the activities offered. For our primary years, AFL Max was a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate their school values before they attend camp next week.

### Canteen AFL Special - Thank You Trish & Naomi

A very big thank you to Trish Brewer and Naomi Edwards for volunteering their time to cater for last week's canteen special.

Trish baked 120 muffins; Naomi individually iced 120 logos and donated the containers. A massive effort and greatly appreciated by everyone.

### Language Learning at the Hub 2025

As per last Hub News issued last term, we will be inviting the school community of R-5 students to have input into which language will be taught at the Hub next year.

To help families make an informed decision we would like to extend an invitation for you to hear about each of the proposed languages after our whole school assembly this Friday 10th May, approximately 9.45am in the Hall.

Languages for consideration are:

- Spanish
- Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN)
- Japanese

### Students on School grounds before/after school.

A reminder that students are not permitted on the school grounds before 8:30am as there is no teacher on duty. All students are required to be picked up by 3:30pm. Please contact OSHC if you need care for your child before or after school. Our OSHC opens at 6:45am and closes at 6:30pm. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

### Sun Smart

Students only need to wear hats this term when the UV Index is 3 or above as the UV radiation levels start to fall from mid-May until the end of July. Go to the SunSmart app, or [www.myuv.com.au](http://www.myuv.com.au) for more details. Remember, it's UV and not heat that causes skin damage.

Ngaityalya (Kurna, thank you) & kind regards,

Sarah Magnusson  
**Principal**



**save the date**



## MAY/JUNE/JULY

FRIDAY 10TH MAY

MOTHERS DAY STALL, ASSEMBLY &  
WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY  
WEEK 2

WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY - FRIDAY 17TH MAY

YR 4/5/6 - EL SHADDEI CAMP  
WEEK 3

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

PEDAL PRIX - TALEM BEND  
WEEK 3

THURSDAY 23RD - 28TH MAY

BOOK FAIR WEEK  
WEEK 4

## JUNE

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC SOLO AUDITIONS  
WEEK 6

MONDAY 10TH JUNE

KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
WEEK 7

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

PUPIL FREE DAY  
WEEK 7

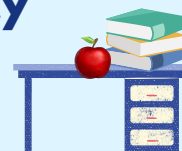


### Absences

The Front Office can be notified of any student absences by phoning 8270 5055 or sending a text to 0428 910 895



## From the desk of the Deputy Principal



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Next week is National Road Safety week. Walking to school as much as possible is a great opportunity to reiterate the importance of road safety and the importance of being physically active with your child/ren.

As part of the initiative, all Hub students will receive a road safety session from the RAA on either Wednesday 8th or Wednesday 15th May.

On Friday 10th May, we encourage all Hub students and their parents/ caregivers to celebrate Walk Safely to School Day by walking to school, or part of the journey. Staff and Year 6 leaders will be positioned at the front and back gate of the school, in the morning, to acknowledge those students who walked to school. We will also be surveying the classes throughout the day to see which class had the most students walk to school that day, weather it was part of or all of the journey.

Looking forward to seeing those students walking to school via the back gate on my normal before school duty.

### Emu Crossing - Students Crossing

Our Emu crossing is also located at the front of our school. It has white road markings, red and white posts and operates only when the children's crossing flags are displayed. Most importantly a speed limit of 25 km/h applies to all drivers when children are present. Drivers must stop for pedestrians using or about to use our Emu crossing.

Please help keep our students, your children, safe by driving at the appropriate speed near our school.

Regards,

Amanda Allen  
**Deputy Principal**



## HUB PLAYGROUP

Fridays Week 1 - Week 9 of each term at Aberfoyle Hub Pre-School, Taylors Rd. 9am -10.30 am Come and explore with your child, Cost \$45 for the term (\$5 per session).

Weekly sessions are run by Hub Teacher - Kate Videon with the support from Hub Leadership Sarah Magnusson, Amanda Allen and Hub Preschool Director.





# THE HUB RESOURCE CENTRE

**AT THE HUB WE VALUE RELATIONSHIPS, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE AND RESPECT**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Book Fair 23/5 – 28/5
- National Simultaneous Storytime ,Bowerbird Blues, 22/5
- Book Week Reading is Magic, 19/8-23/8
- Book Week Parade 23/8 in the courtyard

### National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 22nd of May our students will be watching a live stream reading of the book, Bowerbird Blues.

Bowerbird Blues is written and illustrated by Australian author Aura Parker. Aura designs and creates delightful picture books, prints & textiles. Her work is joyful, imaginative and brimming with details to explore. Aura Parker's storytelling through words and pictures inspires imagination, courage and confidence in young readers.

Students will then have the opportunity to do a craft activity based on the book. These will be displayed in the Resource Centre.

Julie Campbell  
**Librarian / SSO**

## You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Find these books and more at the Fair!



Date 23rd, 24th, 27th & 28th May Time Before School 8:15 - 8:45 & After School 3:10 - 4:00  
Place Aberfoyle Hub Primary School Library Cash, Eftpos & Online Payments available

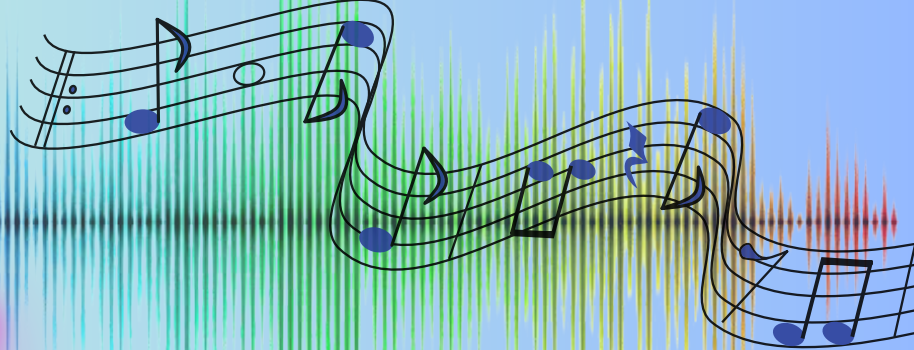
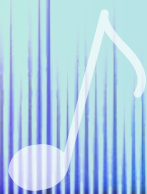


**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**



**SCHOLASTIC**





# THE ARTS

School Incursion 14th May featuring

**Adam Page**  
**Multi-Instrumentalist Musician and Composer.**



I'm thrilled to share the exciting news that our school will be hosting a whole school interactive show featuring; Adam Page - a renowned multi-instrumentalist, composer, and music educator from Adelaide, South Australia!

Adam is widely known for his critically acclaimed solo multi-instrumental looping performances and his ability to create music out of everyday items.

This whole school incursion will be made possible at no cost to students, as it will be subsidised by the school.

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During Adam's visit, your child will have the opportunity to witness the fascinating process of music creation using toys, mixers, cereal boxes, and more. With his loop pedal, Adam will build songs step by step, inviting the children to join in and create music together. From funny beatboxing to playing unconventional instruments, Adam's show promises to be both entertaining and educational.

This year, Adam has also collaborated with composer Robyn Habel to write music for the Primary Schools Music Festival, showcasing his dedication to music education.

Looking forward to an enriching musical experience!

Helen Nicholas  
**Performing Arts Teacher**

**Congratulations**



## CHOIR SOLOISTS – MADELYNN AND MIA

Congratulations to Madelynn W and Mia K for their success in passing the school-level choir auditions last term and earning nominations to represent our school in this year's Festival of Music solo auditions. The final auditions are scheduled for week 6 of Term 2.

Madelynn and Mia will be among the select group of talented students from schools across Adelaide, competing for solo opportunities in this esteemed event. Successful candidates will have the honour of performing their solos at the Festival Theatre in September alongside a massed choir.

We extend our best wishes to Madelynn and Mia for their upcoming performances!

Helen Nicholas  
**Choir Trainer/Performing Arts Teacher**







# SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE

## KEEPING SA SAFE



Government of  
South Australia



Last Wednesday (01/05/24) Matt from SAPOL visited our school to deliver a Cyber Safety session to our yr 3/4 and 5/6 cohort. This supplements the work students will complete during Health lessons.

Matt provided our students with information and practical strategies to help them make safe choices online. He also surveyed our students on their online habits with some interesting results regarding social media app usage.

Here is some useful information on many of the common apps that your child may be exposed to:



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



Think first then dial



**Triple Zero**  
Police, Fire, Ambulance  
in an emergency

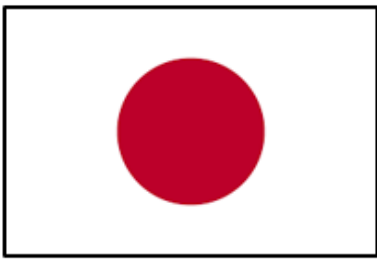


**131 444**  
Police Assistance Line  
for non-urgent police assistance



**1800 333 000**  
Crime Stoppers  
report crime anonymously





謹賀新年

# WHICH LANGUAGE AT THE HUB 2025?

## Japanese

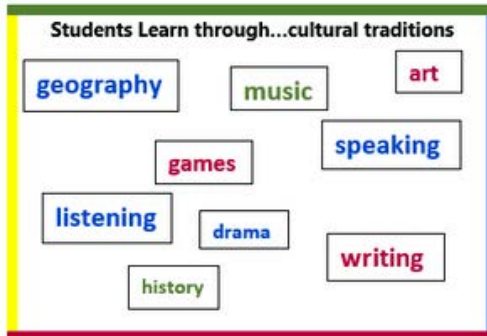
- Japanese has been taught in Australia for more than 100 years and is widely taught as a second language in Australian schools.
- There are 132 schools offering a Japanese language program.
- The strong relationship between Australia and Japan has led to many collaborative projects in education and intercultural exchange.
- Learning Japanese will help students learn to appreciate and understand the Japanese culture, including how to speak and write words and phrases.
- Japanese is roughly divided into three dialectal groups: Eastern (Eastern and Northeastern Honshu, Hokkaido), Western (Western Honshu and Shikoku), Southern (Kyushu), (Alpatov 1998). Dialects from different areas can be so different that they are not mutually intelligible, but most speakers are able to communicate in standard Japanese, which is based on the Tokyo dialect.



**Español** (Spanish)



*"To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world"* -Chinese Proverb



**WIDELY SPOKEN**

Second most widely spoken language in the world (over 500 million native speakers)

Second most studied language in the world

Official language of 21 countries  
Spoken in 44 countries (with at least 3 million native speakers)

10<sup>th</sup> most spoken language in Australia with 170,000 speakers

49 public schools teach Spanish in SA

Australians learning Spanish and visiting Spanish Speaking countries is on the rise

## Auslan

### What is Auslan?

Auslan is Australian Sign Language, the native language of the Australian Deaf community. It uses manual communication such as hand shapes (including orientation, location and movement), non-manual features (including eye gaze, facial expressions and body postures) and gestures to express thoughts and meaning. Auslan was added as an official language in the Australian Curriculum in 2016 with many schools quickly taking it on as their Language Other Than English (LOTE).

### Benefits to Learning Auslan:

Incorporating Auslan into a school's program has many benefits for both Deaf and hearing children.

### Auslan can:

- Improve spatial awareness and multi-tasking skills
- Strengthen memory and contribute to better cognitive and emotional development
- Improve hand eye coordination
- Improve overall literacy skills
- Increase enjoyment and inclusivity in communicating for both hearing and deaf children
- Aid as an alternate form of communication when verbal communication may be difficult e.g. when angry or upset

### Fingerspelling

Fingerspelling is used to sign proper nouns such as names of people/places or movie/TV titles. Use your dominant hand to form each letter and perform any movements.

ABOUT  
**3.6 MILLION**  
AUSTRALIANS  
HAVE SOME LEVEL OF  
HEARING LOSS

MORE THAN  
**1 IN 3**  
AUSTRALIANS  
HAVE NOISE-RELATED  
EAR DAMAGE

**90+**  
Schools  
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
LEARN AUSLAN



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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