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Respect

Caring

Fairness

Responsibility

TERM 1 WEEK 2

**4th February
2026**

DIARY DATES

13-2-26

Swimming Carnival

18-2-26

Governing Council
AGM – 7pm

20-2-26

Interschool
Swimming at
Wudinna

Welcome to the 2026 school year. It is great to be back, exciting to see our new Crew groups bonding and busy setting up for a successful year.

Crew will continue to be a major focus for us this year. Our Crew time each day is dedicated for personal development, character traits and values, team building, goal setting and reflection. We will also introduce Community Service into our Crew, allowing students to experience the personal satisfaction and the importance of giving service to positively contribute and promote success for their community. Our Community Service will focus on our school community at this stage but we will look to expand this to the wider community later in the year.

Our Governing Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th February. We have not filled our membership to capacity in the past few years so it would be great to see as many families as possible attend and consider nominating to be on the committee. The Governing Council meets twice a term on an agreed day/date/time. Please find nomination forms attached to this newsletter if you are interested on being on the committee or would like to nominate someone.

We have registered as a school with the Children’s Uni again in 2026. Those students from R-8 who wish to participate can register via the online form that was sent by email to all families last week. Registration is \$5 per student to be paid to the school once your child is registered

A huge thank you to Gabby Zerk for delivering our swimming program this week and next week. We are very lucky to have her expertise available to us to deliver this program and we look forward to seeing each student develop their skills across the fortnight. They will be able to share their growth at our Swimming Carnival on Friday 13th February. We will combine with Elliston Area School again this year, making for a great day out for those that would like to come along!

Families with school aged children who do not have reliable internet at home can apply for free wireless internet to support learning through the Student Home Internet Program (SHIP). The program provides internet access to support learning and study at home for eligible students. To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, [visit the department’s website](#).

This year we have the following class structures and staff across the school:

Kindy: Miss Ryan

R/1: Miss Benc/Miss Ryan

2/3/4: Ms Johansen

5/6/7/8: Mr Smith

R-8 NIT Bu Casey

Home Ec: Mrs Zacher

Finance: Jodie

Admin: Jodie/Meryl

Classroom Support: Jodie/Meryl

Library: Mrs Zacher/Jane

Grounds: Graham



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This year we have created a new public Facebook page to share our learning and connect with the community. Please look for our page and follow so you can get updates.

Our Facebook page has a link to the school card application for those families wishing to access this. If you need any support with your application, please see Jodie in the office.

Congratulations to Sienna on her successful completion of SACE last year. Sienna earned As and Bs across all her SACE subjects, resulting in her getting into her University preferences. We look forward to hearing what she chooses to do in 2026.

Congratulations to our students who have been elected into Student Leadership roles this year. Jesse and Nathan have been elected as our School Leaders for 2026. These students were elected into this position via a student vote after delivering their election speeches. Congratulations, I look forward to seeing your leadership skills throughout the year.

Congratulations to our House Captains for 2026. The students have elected Jax and Ziek to represent Terre, and Kaiden and Daniel to represent McLachlan.

Our Term 1 Class Captains are Sadie, Yasmin and Connor, who will join Jesse and Nathan to for our Student Representative Council (SRC) for Term 1. We look forward to seeing what our SRC achieve this term.

Have a great week,
Beth Sampson





JANUARY

Mackenzie
Jax
Tidus



FEBRUARY

Ziek
Kaiden
Finn

BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be no Breakfast Club this Thursday 5th February and next week, Thursday 12th February.



**SWIMMING CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 13th February**



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek

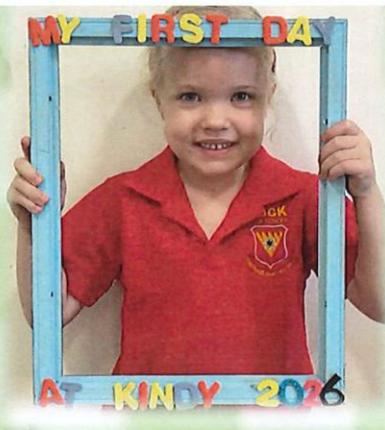


Slide



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer





Our Crew a community of people Learning, Playing and Growing together.

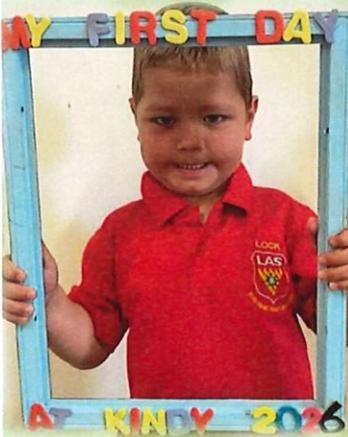


Our First Week at Kindy 2026

Crew- Getting to know each other, trust, play, belonging, respectful and trusting relationships.



Children have a strong sense of Identity 1.1 Children feel safe, secure and supported.



YEAR 2/3/4

The year has started with high temperatures, but the feeling of being back at school is full of enthusiasm and positivity!

Our first week included an outbound segment where we reconnected with old classmates and warmly welcomed new members to our class crew. It was wonderful to see friendships renewed and new ones begin. We played a range of games designed to build trust and strengthen our school values, including the Human Knot challenge (pictured), which required teamwork, communication, and plenty of problem-solving. We also enjoyed two yoga sessions with Gabby—who knew some of our students were so flexible! These experiences set a positive tone for the year ahead and helped us grow as a connected and supportive group.

Over the holidays, our vegetable garden thrived thanks to the dedication of Meryl and Graham, who kindly kept up the watering while we were away. We're incredibly grateful for their help—our garden never looked better!

In the kitchen, we embraced our inner chefs by preparing a delicious Italian sauce and learning how to make fresh pasta—something I picked up during a master class while traveling through Italy in January. We cooked half the pasta for a delightful class lunch and packaged the other half to take home for our families to enjoy. It was an exciting and rewarding experience that everyone loved.

Swimming lessons also kicked off on Monday of Week 2. There were plenty of shivers after just 20 minutes in the pool, but spirits remained high! By the end of Week 3, we hope to build our stamina so we can all take part confidently in the upcoming school swimming carnival.









R/1

This week the R/1 students completed a series of challenges while focussing on teambuilding and growth mindset, with a little bit of Indonesian thrown in to get them ready for a great year of learning another language.

They did a fantastic job following instructions and learning five different games. There was lots of jumping like a frog, passing balls around a circle and laying on their backs moving their arms and legs.



2/3/4

Week 1 with Bu Casey



The Year 2/3/4 students also completed a series of challenges while focussing on teambuilding and growth mindset in Bu Casey's room... also with some Indonesian revision thrown in for good measure.

Tiga lingkaran (3 circles) was a particular favourite of theirs. They continually challenged themselves to the point that they had three groups of students going through the three different sized rings at the same time! Something that many of them thought was impossible at the start.... but they can now say that it most certainly is not!

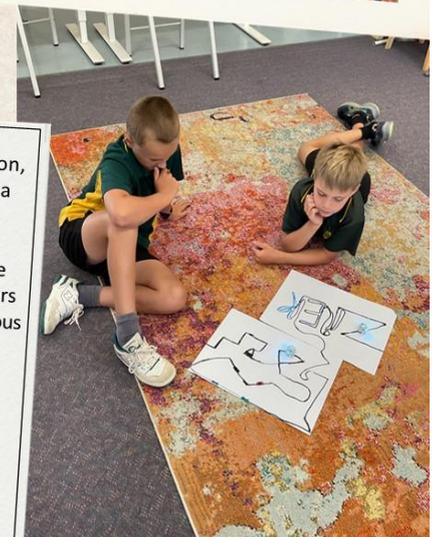


5/6/7/8

The 5/6/7/8 lessons were looking at collaboration, with a particular focus on collaborative art (and a small amount of Indonesian too).

They passed drawings around the room to create shared artworks, mirrored a partner on the pavers outside using chalk, and even created a continuous track using their names for the ozobot robots to follow (a task that they discovered was a bigger challenge than it first sounded).

They are also designing segments for a shared art piece, using their names and a trick with carbon paper... more on this when it is finished.





The Premier's be active Challenge is a physical activity program introduced by the Premier in 2007 to:

- Encourage students to be more active more often
- Improve the health and wellbeing of South Australian students.

The Challenge requires students to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks between the beginning of the school year and late September.

After 4 weeks of daily physical activity, students will be rewarded with a medal. After 10 weeks of daily physical activity, schools are in the running to win \$1000 to promote physical activity. This year there is also a special 20-week challenge, where students can earn a special badge to celebrate 20 years of the challenge!

Bu Casey has introduced the challenge with classes this week and students have set an individual goal of how many weeks they think they can do. They have also started filling in a challenge sheet working towards the 4-week minimum to start with, while swimming lessons are on!

20-week challenge booklets to come home soon with those students interested in aiming for the full 20 weeks.

All South Australian R-12 students are invited to create an A4 design for the 2027 DreamBIG Children's Festival poster responding to the theme 'Constellations'.

**DREAM
BIG**
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Adelaide
Festival
Centre 

 Government of South Australia
Department for Education

The winning artwork will be professionally adapted and reproduced for the 2027 Festival poster, advertising, signage and resources.

The winning entrant will receive:

- The opportunity to see their artwork adapted by a professional designer to create the DreamBIG 2027 hero image
- A \$300 gift voucher from an arts supplies store

Additional artworks, or components of artworks may also be selected and adapted for use in festival materials.

Entries due to Bu Casey by the end of Week 7 for selection of 2 entries per class. The Art Room will be open on Tuesday at lunch for students to work on their entries if needed.

The entry criteria and design brief is available at:
dreambig.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/school-resources/dreambig-poster?competition

Oakbank of the West Coast

60th Anniversary celebration

Lock

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SUN 15 FEB



FASHIONS ON THE FIELD PIMMS BAR
BAR & CANTEEN FACILITIES BOOKIES
KIDS PLAY AREA SHADED & MOUND VIEWING

\$15 at the gate
Kids <15 FREE

GATES OPEN 11am 5 RACE PROGRAM
Free camping Bouncy Castle Shady Trees

A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT



Orders are Open!

CLASSIC	• \$10
SOURDOUGH BREAD	
SEA SALT & ROSEMARY	• \$11
SOURDOUGH FOCACCIA	
SOURDOUGH	• \$12
ENGLISH MUFFINS 6PK	
SOURDOUGH	• \$10
CHOC CHIP COOKIES 4PK	

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MESSAGE LISA BURROWS TO ORDER
0449533266

The Parent & Friends will be selling Fruit Salad & Ice Cream at the Swimming Carnival, Friday 13th February.

They will also have available Lucky Number Squares to purchase on the day.



Lock Area School P&F

FRUIT SALAD
& Ice Cream **\$5**



\$2

**Grab a number on our Lucky Number Square
to win \$50**
**Winning number drawn at
presentations at the end of the day**
Thanks for supporting our fundraiser ♥
Lock Area School P&F



*****SAVE THE DATE*****

**ELLISTON
EASTER SUNDAY
FISHING
DAY COMPETITION
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
2026**

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**LOCK
PLAY GYM**
EST. 2023

EVERY FRIDAY @ 9-11AM
(DURING SCHOOL TERM)

LOCATED AT 20 WEST TCE, LOCK (OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH)

0 - 5 YEARS OLD WELCOME

TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
BRING SNACKS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)
GOLD COIN DONATION

 FIND US ON FACEBOOK TO STAY UP TO DATE 

LOCK OP SHOP

The Op Shop will re-open on Tuesday 17th February 10am – 2pm.

Call in and check out the newly refreshed look of the shop and have a browse through all the great goods available.

ROSTER

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 17th – Amanda Hodge

Friday 20th – Toni Sheridan

Tuesday 24th – Lisa Kammermann

Friday 27th – Nadine Pearce

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd – Lyn Cummins

Friday 6th – Kaye Holman

Tuesday 10th – Judy Wilson

Friday 13th – Lynne Hentschke

Tuesday 17th – Sally Zacher

Friday 20th – Gabby Zerk / Petra Aloha

Tuesday 24th – Jacinta Young

Friday 27th – Jane Pearce

Tuesday 31st – Merilyn Kelly



Term Planner – Term 1 - 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	26/1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1
2	2/2 Swimming	3/2 Swimming	4/2 Swimming	5/2 Swimming	6/2 Swimming
3	9/2 Swimming	10/2 Swimming	11/2 Swimming	12/2	13/2 Swimming Carnival
4	16/2	17/2 SA Governor Visit	18/2 Governing Council AGM – 7pm SAPSASA Cricket Trial - Cowell	19/2	20/2 Interschool Swimming Wudinna
5	23/2	24/2	25/2 SAPSASA Cricket Trial - Kimba	26/2	27/2
6	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
7	9/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/3	11/3 Naplan - Writing	12/3 Naplan - Reading	13/3 Naplan
8	16/3 Naplan	17/3 Pancake Day Naplan	18/3 Naplan	19/3 Naplan	20/3 Harmony Day Naplan
9	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3
10	30/3	31/3 Interschool Athletics Cummins	1/4	2/4 Autism Awareness Day	3/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
11	6/4 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4



Nomination Form

Parent member nomination form

I (full name)

wish to nominate (full name)

to be elected as a parent member of Lock Area School Governing Council.

Nominator signature: **Date:**

Candidate to complete the following sections

I, (full name)

email phone number

accept the nomination made by (full name)

I am an employee of a government school, administrative unit for which the Minister is responsible, or a person appointed under the Act, or the Technical and Further Education Act, 1975. Yes No

I hereby declare that I meet the following eligibility requirements to be nominated to serve on the governing council:

- I am a parent of a child or student(s) enrolled at or attending Lock Area School.
- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature, or of or involving violence.
- I am not subject to a barring notice issued under section 93 of the *Education and Children's Services Act 2019*.
- I have not been issued with an intervention order in accordance with the *Intervention Orders (Prevention of Abuse) Act 2009*, or with a foreign intervention order as defined in that Act.
- I am not a prohibited person in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016.
- I will comply with directions issued under the Emergency Management Act 2004 or the South Australian Public Health Act 2011.
- I am not serving a sentence of imprisonment (whether or not the sentence is suspended or being served in the community on home detention or under an intensive correction order).
- I have not been removed from a governing council pursuant to section 44 of the Act.

I understand that should any of the above declarations change, I will need to relinquish my nomination to join ([School name](#)) Governing Council effective immediately, as I will no longer meet the membership requirements prescribed in the constitution and the School Governance Administrative Instructions.

Signed:..... **Date:**

Candidate's personal profile

Please feel free to provide a brief description about who you are, and why you would like to be on the governing council. You may also want to include what contributions you think you can bring to governing council such as any skills, knowledge, or special interests etc.

This information will be used to give parents of the school community an insight into who you are and will support your nomination.

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Candidate signature:..... **Date:**

The candidate will be notified when the nomination has been received by the returning officer.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the governing council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine the candidate's eligibility.

The candidates name and personal profile will be included in a list of governing council candidates posted in a prominent position at the school and on a ballot paper (if required).

If the candidate chooses not to give some or all the information requested, the nomination may not be accepted. If the nominator or candidate have any questions about the governing council nomination process, please contact the returning officer on dl.0230.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

For school office use only:

- Date nomination received: _____
- Date of nomination receipt sent to candidate: _____
- Date of personal statement received (if applicable): _____