



# LOCK AREA SCHOOL

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**Integrity**

**Excellence**

**Community**

## TERM 1 WEEK 8

**18<sup>th</sup> March  
2026**

### DIARY DATES

**31-3-26**

Interschool Athletics  
@ Cummins

**3-4-26**

Public Holiday  
Good Friday

**6-4-26**

Public Holiday  
Easter Monday

**10-4-26**

Last day of Term 1

**27-4-26**

Start of Term 2

It was lovely to have another slow, deep soaking rain at the start of the week, setting up for a great start to the growing season. It's also great to have some water back in the tanks!

Congratulations to all students on a fantastic Sports Day on Friday! The camaraderie amongst team mates and the opposition was outstanding. A huge thank you to all the parents that helped out on the day, helping officiating events, serving at the P&F stall, or preparing, cooking and serving lunch. Despite it being a bit windy, it was a great day out.

Congratulations to our individual Champions on the day, Layla and Ziek, and our Champion R/U, Ottillie and Colby. Congratulations to **Terre** on their win, on 582 points, over **McLachlan**, on 551.

Our day wouldn't have run without the fantastic work done by the staff in the lead up to the day. Thank you for the extra work you all do to make these days a great success.

Thank you to the parents that stayed on after Sports Day for the Governing Council AGM. It was great to have so many present. The proposed constitution change was passed and we were able to fill all positions vacant. Thank you to the follow people for taking on roles on the Governing Council: Tim Zacher (Chair), Ashlee Kay (Vice-Chair), Tanya Habner (Secretary), Saxon Kay (Treasurer), Georgie Wheare (Committee). If you have any matters regarding the school, including buses, please contact one of these members.

Well done to all our Year 3/5/7s for their positive engagement with NAPLAN over the past two weeks. Students completed their four tests across the two weeks with a positive mindset. Although just a snapshot of one test on one day, these tests do give us some great data to help direct us with our improvement work.

Last week we were fortunate to have a visit from the SANFL as part of their Gather Round promotion tour. They brought along the Premiership Cups from SANFL, SANFL-W, AFL and AFLW to the excitement of the students. Our students asked some great questions about the cups and learning some interesting facts.

Have a great week,  
*Beth Sampson*



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of South Australia  
Department for Education

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**March**  
Skylar  
Ottillie



**April**  
Reuben

This  
**Friday**

**\$7**

## SRC **LUNCH**



*Teriyaki Chicken Sushi Cups*  
Order and Pay by **Thursday PM**



# R/1 Crew News



Exploring different ways to represent numbers



Gather round footy visit was a blast!





## 5/6/7/8/ Science

Last week students completed a science practical exploring how states of matter and their use in cooking. The aim was to show how heating and cooling can change materials state of matter, but that it is only a physical change, and that no new substance is produced. Students first melted chocolate by heating it, demonstrating how heat can change a solid into a liquid. The melted chocolate was then used to coat biscuits, and as the chocolate cooled it turned solid again. Students also looked at boiling and steam, heating water until it boiled and produced steam, which was used in a steamer to cook dimsums and corn. Finally, students explored freezing by making simple ice cream using cream, ice, and salt, showing how removing heat can turn a liquid into a solid. The practical highlighted how melting, boiling, steaming, cooling, and freezing are commonly used in cooking.



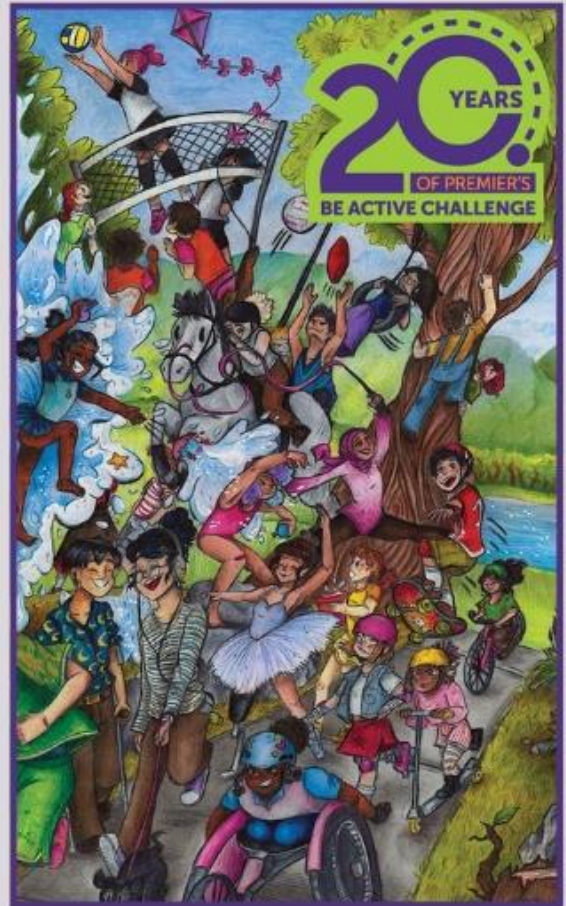
# ***KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!***



## **WEEK SEVEN**

**FOR MOST OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO AIM FOR 10 WEEKS OR THE BIG 20 WEEK CHALLENGE.**

**If you have a week where your child hasn't reached 5 days of 60 minutes of activity, that doesn't mean that they are no longer able to participate in the big 20-week challenge. As long as, by the end of Term 3, they have had 20 weeks all up where they have reached the minimum 60 minutes a day for 5 days, they are still eligible.**



**SASTA**

**OLIPHANT  
SCIENCE AWARDS**

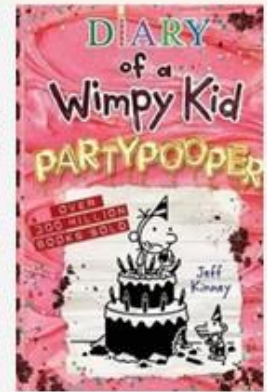
## ***STARTING AGAIN NEXT WEEK***

The Mark Oliphant Science Awards competition is up and running again for another year at Lock Area School, with a mix of support from Mrs Zacher, Mr Smith and Bu Casey in the library at lunch times across coming weeks for those looking to start researching Science topics, or to talk through their ideas with an adult.

Bu Casey has already spoken to classes about the different categories, and many students have already shared their interest in participating again (or for the first time). Please see the categories in this newsletter as a reminder of the options and have a conversation with your child. Registration forms will be available soon.

We have a handful of students who managed to secure awards for their efforts in 2025, which was very exciting. Looking forward to seeing what amazing ideas students come up with for their entries this year.

GREAT READS



# Library



Lunch in the library

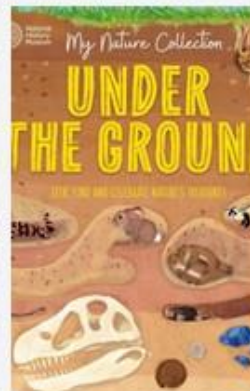
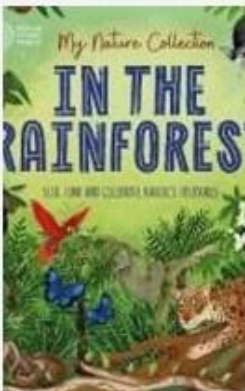


Mr Archimedes

Story & Science Kit



By Pamela Allen



It's that time again...

## 2026 Oliphant Science Awards topics



### 2026 Commemorative Science Writing Topic:

#### "Discovering Spriggina: South Australia's Window into Life's Beginnings"

80 years since the discovery of Spriggina



The Oliphant Science Awards, in partnership with the Flinders Ranges Ediacara Foundation, present a special commemorative Science Writing Topic celebrating 80 years since one of South Australia's most extraordinary scientific discoveries.

Back in 1946, Spriggina was uncovered in the Flinders Ranges. Imagine the excitement of that moment. Why was this discovery such a big deal for South Australia, and how did it change what scientists know about the first animals on Earth? In the rugged hills of the Flinders Ranges, geologist Reg Sprigg discovered Spriggina, a tiny fossil that would transform our understanding of life's earliest beginnings. This ancient creature, preserved in rocks over half a billion years old, provided the first evidence of complex animal life from the Ediacaran Period—long before dinosaurs walked the Earth. Through this topic, students are invited to explore the science behind fossils, geology, and evolution, while reflecting on how one South Australian discovery reshaped the global story of life on Earth.

Hint: entries in the Science writing category can be a number of genres such as recount, narrative, explanation, discussion, response, information report, procedure, persuasion/exposition, description, comic (graphic writing) or infographic.

#### Poster (create a poster using one of these titles and themes)

- Natural History Illustration (hand drawn only)
- Clues from Ancient Life - How do fossils help us understand what life was like millions of years ago? What they reveal about Earth's history, climate and evolution?
- Everyday Chemistry: Good or Gross? - Explore the chemistry of everyday substances—some helpful, some harmful.
- Algae Alert: When Blooms Become Dangerous - Show how toxic algae blooms form, and why they matter for ecosystems and health.
- Space Watchers: How We Use Satellites to Study Earth - Visualise how satellites track weather, climate and disasters from space.
- Waste Not - Show creative science solutions for reusing, recycling or reducing waste.
- Pollinators in Action - Show how pollinators like bees, birds and insects help plants grow—and why we need to protect them to keep ecosystems and food systems healthy.
- Harvesting Tomorrow - Explore how science is helping us design smarter farms—using less water, protecting soil, reducing emissions, and producing food in new ways.
- Carbon in Balance - Show how carbon moves through plants, animals, air and soil—and explain how greenhouse gases are disrupting the balance and warming the planet.
- Under the Surface - Explore soil, roots, fungi and life below ground.

#### Photography (take up to 6 photos based on a topic)

- Animals in Nature
- Close Encounters: Macro Photography of Nature's Details
- Carbon Catchers
- Patterns in Nature: Discovering Hidden Designs
- Against the Odds: Plants in Tough Places
- Everyday Climate Solutions
- Nature's Architects
- Water Works
- Life at Ground Level
- Wind at Work
- From the Shadows



For more information about categories go to:  
<https://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/>

#### Models and Inventions (3D construction)

Create a scientific model of something that already exists, or construct an invention to solve a scientific problem. They must communicate ideas clearly, be interactive, and have accurate scientific content in a written report.

#### Multimedia (eg. video, PowerPoint, webpage)

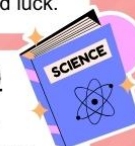
Create a digital production on a scientific topic of your choice. They must communicate ideas clearly, demonstrate good technique and quality of production, and have accurate scientific content with a written report.

#### Games

Construct a physical board game on a scientific topic of your choice. Games must be original, visually appealing, interesting, and fun to play. They must include accurate scientific content and involve players in learning about the scientific content, not just winning by chance or good luck.

#### Science Writing (research and write on a topic)

- Seeds of Science: How Plants Shape Our Lives
- Science for Peace: Small Discoveries, Big Changes
- Inventing Tomorrow: Climate Solutions for a Cooler Planet
- Next Giant Leaps: From NASA to Life Beyond Earth
- From Trash to Treasure
- If We Could Cure It: The Promise and Ethics of Stem Cells
- Chemical Reactions That Changed the World
- Bloom Trouble: What Toxic Algae Tells Us About Water Health
- Listening to Country: What First Nations Science Can Teach Us
- My Backyard Biosphere



# Lock Clubrooms Cleaner Position Vacancy

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# WE ARE HIRING

**Lock & Districts  
Community Sports  
Club**

PAID  
CLEANER POSITION

APPLY NOW

APPLICATIONS IN WRITING  
TO JANE PEARCE

COOEEANNA@GMAIL.COM

APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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# LOCK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
at 7pm

Lock Football Club  
Apologies to Jane Pearce



Little Town Productions presents

In partnership with ifarmwell

# Kick off ya BOOTS



COMMUNITY MOVIE EVENT  
CLEVE DISTRICT HALL

Saturday 28th March at 5pm

TICKETS \$25 - 2 course Meal & Movie

Doors open at 5pm for Dinner, then 7pm Movie start



SCAN FOR  
TICKETS

### WHAT TO EXPECT

Eyre Peninsula Field Days are proud to be hosting a 'Kick off ya Boots' (KOYB) movie screening event, to be held on Saturday, 28th March, 2026 at the CLEVE DISTRICT HALL.

KOYB is a highly acclaimed dinner theatre production performed in Loxton, SA developed in partnership with ifarmwell.

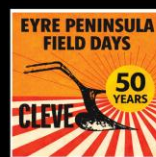
It follows the life of the Conners - a farming family spanning 5 generations who are struggling with the issues of drought, finances, succession and family communications. It uses humour, fun parody music and impactful storytelling to focus messaging around normalising conversations about mental health and well-being, and finding strategies to create a good work-life balance.

The Cleve event will include a screening of the professionally filmed 2024 KOYB Loxton Production of "This Farming Life", and a 2-course meal by Head Catering. Doors open at 5pm for Dinner, followed by 7pm Movie start. Tickets are \$25, and Bar Facilities will be available.

We would love to have you join us in this unique 'Kick off Ya Boots' experience while enjoying a fun night out with friends and neighbours in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tickets are available through [www.trybooking.com/1542681](http://www.trybooking.com/1542681) or by scanning the QR code below. Enquiries to Phill Elleway at 0429 900 495.

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TICKETS



Follow Kick off ya Boots on Facebook to learn more about the show



**Ages 12-25** (Children under the age of 10 are welcome with a guardian)

# YOUTH WEEK EVENT!

**FRIDAY 17 APRIL**  
Coordinated by **WCYCS**

10:30am - 12:30pm  
**FISHING**  
at the Elliston Jetty

West Coast **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY** Support  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF **ELLISTON**

BBQ & Drinks Provided

1pm - 3pm  
**BUBBLE SOCCER & MORE**  
at the Elliston Oval

## JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN



Did you know that towns in regional South Australia rely on volunteer ambulance teams made up of locals who generously step up to support their community?

Have you ever considered volunteering? SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is calling on Far North and West Coast residents to 'Join the Team in Green'. By becoming an ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of a dedicated team and make a meaningful, life-changing difference in your community.

Claire Morichaud, pictured below, is a volunteer based in Balaklava, and says her time with SAAS has been incredibly rewarding.

"I enjoy using my experience as a teacher to support new recruits through their training. It gives me the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the community," Claire said.

With flexible training options and the ability to fit shifts around family, work or social commitments, volunteering with SAAS offers the chance to gain nationally recognised clinical skills while giving back in a meaningful way.

Volunteers receive comprehensive training at no cost, ongoing peer and leadership support, free Ambulance Cover for themselves and immediate family members, and the chance to be part of a close-knit, community-focused team.

If you're ready to join the team in green and become a SAAS volunteer, visit [www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au](http://www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au) or call 1300 175 584. The team in green is excited to welcome you!

SAAS is recruiting volunteers for the following Far North and West Coast stations:

- Cleve
- Port Kenny
- Cowell
- Quorn
- Cummins
- Roxby Downs
- Hawker
- Streaky Bay
- Kimba
- Tumby Bay

**JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN**

Volunteer with SAAS today.  
1300 175 584  
[saasvolunteer@sa.gov.au](mailto:saasvolunteer@sa.gov.au)



**Easter Saturday 4.4.2026**  
Elliston Parklands 10am - 2pm

## Elliston Easter Markets

Hop on down to the Elliston Easter Markets - enjoy local stalls, tasty treats, and a day of family fun!

**ELLISTON MARKETS**  
ART, CRAFT & PRODUCE

For Further Information please contact the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre on (08) 8687 9200 or [info@elliston.com.au](mailto:info@elliston.com.au)

**1 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2026**

FISH FROM LAND SHERINGA TO MT CAMEL NEAR THE MAGNIFICENT ELLISTON

# 2026 ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP

**PRIZES TO BE WON:**

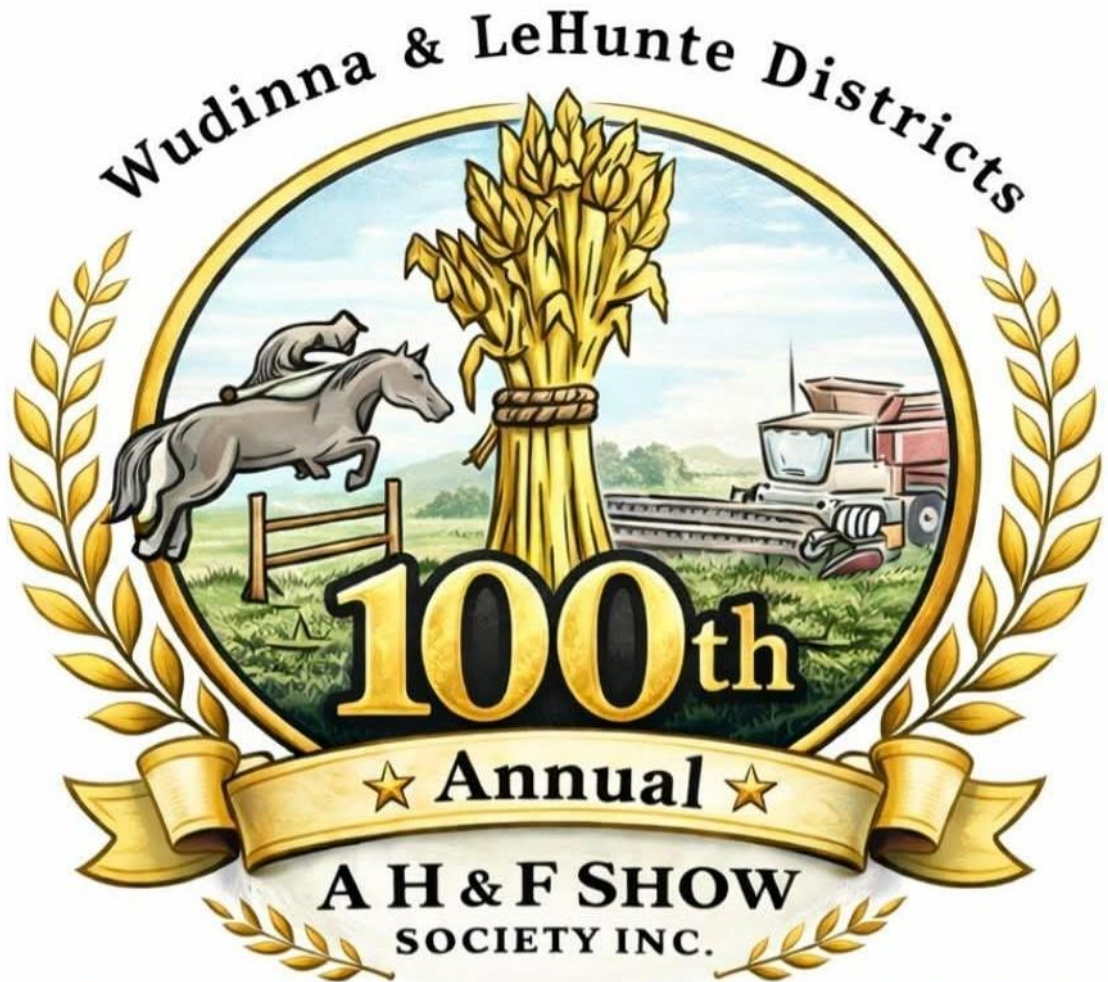
- Overall competition heaviest fish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall competition heaviest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall competition heaviest
- Junior overall competition heaviest fish
- Monthly heaviest fish
- Weekly Mystery Weight

**Entry Fees: Adults: \$15 Juniors: \$10**  
Tickets available from participating businesses. Weigh-in at Elliston Caravan Park.

For further information visit:  
[www.elliston.com.au/salmon](http://www.elliston.com.au/salmon)  
Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre  
[Info@elliston.com.au](mailto:Info@elliston.com.au)  
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**ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN SALMON FISHING CHAMPIONSHIP ELLISTON**



**19th September 2026**