



# LOCK AREA SCHOOL

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**Integrity**

**Excellence**

**Community**

## TERM 1 WEEK 4

4<sup>th</sup> March  
2026

### DIARY DATES

6-3-26  
1500m Race 9.10am

9-3-26  
Public Holiday

13-3-26  
Sports Day

31-3-26  
Interschool Athletics  
@ Cummins

I hope everyone managed to catch a good drop into tanks and get some moisture into soils of paddocks and gardens over last weekend. It was certainly welcomed after such a dry spell and luckily came down gradually without any flooding damage.

We attempted to hold our Governing Council AGM in Week 4 but did not have enough in attendance to form a committee so it has been rescheduled for next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, at the conclusion of Sports Day Presentations. We hope this makes it convenient for parents to attend. Information regarding a Constitution change has gone home. A decision on the changes will take place at the AGM.

Congratulations to Nathan and Connor who represented Lock Area School as part of the Combined Team (Miltaburra, Karcultby, Elliston, Lock) at Interschool Swimming. Both students swam well. Competition was tough for their individual events but both had success in the relays.



Thank you to the Get Up & Goers who came into school last week and spent some time with the 2/3/4 class playing board and card games. Our students love engaging with this group of people and we look forward to it each term. The Get Up & Goers will return to visit and work with the 2/3/4 class again later in the term.

On Monday we held our 800m race for Sports Day. Well done to the students that participated. Winners will be announced and presented with their ribbons at Sports Day. We will hold the 1500m race on Friday from 9:10am. Spectators are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the front office.

Next week the NAPLAN window opens for testing of Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students. These tests will take place over a two-week period. The results from these tests give us valuable data that informs our Improvement Work.

Students are busy preparing and practicing for Sports Day, held next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Families are encouraged to come along and cheer on their child/ren. We will need volunteers to help officiate events throughout the day. Please lend a hand where ever needed if you can. We are looking forward to a great day!



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It is with sadness that I announce that Ms Karen-Lee Johansen has decided that retirement is calling. Karen-Lee will finish off the term before taking her leave. Although we will farewell Karen-Lee at the end of the term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Karen-Lee for her time at Lock Area School and wish her all the best as she closes this chapter and moves into the next. Please make sure you reach out to Karen-Lee before she departs at the end of the term. We are currently actively seeking a replacement to back fill her position from Term 2.

This weekend is a long weekend – no buses or school on Monday. Enjoy the extended weekend!

Have a great week,

*Beth Sampson*



## 800m Race





**Outcome 2-Children are connected with and contribute to their world.**

Children develop a sense of connectedness to groups and communities and an understanding of their reciprocal right and responsibilities as active and informed citizens.



We welcomed the secondary class into our Kindy space and worked together to create a poster about what we each bring to our Crew. This experience helped children to share information about themselves with others in our community, building a sense of belonging and connection. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen relationships and develop confidence in communicating with people beyond the Kindy room, supporting our journey as connected and contributing members of our world.



## R/1 Lessons with Bu Casey



In Indonesian, the R/1 students have been looking at numbers, colours, feelings and descriptive words like big and small.



In Tech, The R/1 students have been looking at different types of robots and how they function, including coding a Talebot to go through a zoo map, coordinating a Bluebot dance and creating line mazes for an Ozobot using patterns with coloured pens to code it go faster, slower or even spin around.

## YEAR 2/3/4 CLASS

The Year 2, 3 and 4 classes have been motoring along brilliantly over the past few weeks. Our new Year 2 students (Joey's class) have settled in wonderfully and are working seamlessly alongside the Penguins (Year 3) and Lightning (Year 4). It has been fantastic to see how well the students have blended, creating a positive and productive learning environment.

In Mathematics, students have continued exploring patterning and extending their number knowledge. Their confidence and enthusiasm for tackling new challenges have been impressive.



We also enjoyed a special visit from the Get Up and Goers, who kindly joined us to play number board games. It was particularly pleasing to see some students confidently taking on the role of banker in Lock Monopoly — correctly paying and collecting money while demonstrating strong understanding of number concepts.



## YEAR 2/3/4 CLASS

Art has been another highlight, with students producing some outstanding and highly creative pieces. They have been experimenting with pencils, pastels and paints, and the results have been wonderful to see.

We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm the students continue to show across all learning areas.



# KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

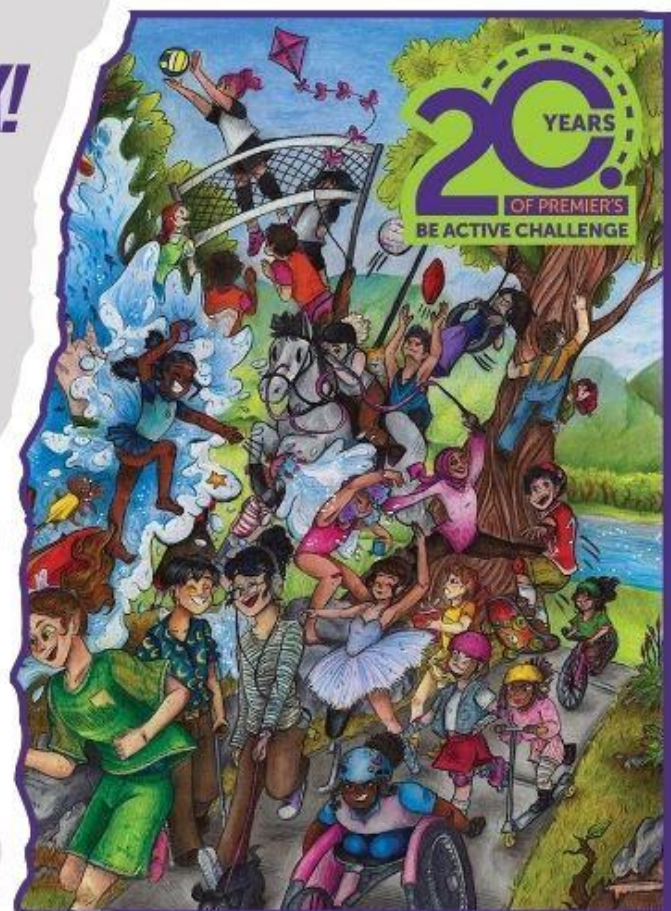
ALMOST ALL STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY



## WEEK FIVE

INTO THE CHALLENGE AND HAVE PASSED THE MINIMUM FOUR WEEK CHECKPOINT.

Tennis at recess and lunch is becoming very popular right now! Many have been sharing how they have been getting creative at home and setting up routines, in order to make sure they are meeting their goal each day, which is fantastic to hear.



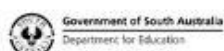
**Reminder: Blue booklets have been sent home with students to help them track their progress for those aiming for 10 or 20 weeks. These will need to be handed back to Bu Casey by Term 3 (as soon as they've tracked and reached their goal).**

**REMINDER: ARTWORKS DUE TO BU CASEY BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK** ✨

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



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.

The entry criteria and design brief is available at:  
[dreambig.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/school-resources/dreambig-poster-competition](http://dreambig.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/school-resources/dreambig-poster-competition)



The Elliston & Districts Business & Progress Association are hosting a Fishing Day Competition on Easter Sunday 5/4/26.

The categories are Junior aged 16 years and under with Heaviest Whiting, Heaviest Squid, 1st Heaviest All Other Species and Mystery Weight.

Adults Heaviest Whiting, Heaviest Salmon, Heaviest Squid, Longest All Other Species and Mystery Weight.

Fish from Beach, Boat or Jetty between Sheringa Beach and Talia Beach. Registration is \$5 per person payable cash only. Great prizes to be won!

Please register via the Link or the QR code or at the Elliston Markets on Saturday 4/4/26, please find our Market stall, or the Beach Front BBQ area, located on Beach Tce, on Sunday 5/4/26 7:30am-10am.

Weigh ins are between 3:30pm-4:30pm at the Beach Front BBQ area with Presentations to follow. There is great Prizes to be won!

Please follow the Elliston Fishing Day Comp 2026 on Facebook for updates.

Any further information please contact:

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