LOCK AREA SCHOOL

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Integrity **Excellence** **Community**

TERM 3 WEEK 1

5th August 2026

DIARY DATES

10-8-26
Governing Council 7pm

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

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Wow, what a start to Term 3 we have had. There has been a lot going on around the school, keeping everyone busy!

Marli and I have been involved in our Preschool Education Standards Board Assessment and Rating over the last few weeks. Initially we had to prepare and provide some documents for them, then the assessors were here last week for an observation day and to photograph evidence in the form of documentation, routines and displays. We had a final online meeting with them yesterday. We needed to be able to answer all their questions about the 40 elements within the 7 Quality Areas and give examples of how we embed the practice at our site. This is the first time both Marli and I have been involved in an Assessment and Rating and look forward to receiving our report in the coming weeks.

Today we inducted our newest Class Captains, Haddie (R/1), Cameron (2/3/4), and Toby (5/6/7/8), into the Term 3 SRC. We wish them, along with our School Captains, Jesse and Nathan, all the best for their term on our student council and look forward to seeing what they organise across the term for our students.

Next week is the Cleve Field Days. This year we do not have a closure as Governing Council decided to use it on the Friday of the June long weekend. If you are taking your child/ren to any day of the Field Days, please remember to submit an absentee form via School Stream or send a note in diaries/communication books for our record keeping.

On Monday, staff engaged in professional learning with the Literacy Guarantee Unit. This year we have begun implementing a new synthetic spelling program across all grades and we spent the day developing a deeper understanding of how to implement the program. Teachers received support of how to refine their practice in the delivery of it and had time to analyse data they have collected from the students, supporting individual learning plans for students.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the families that donated meat and vegetables for our Training Teas Fundraiser, your support is greatly appreciated. We had a very successful night. We are still waiting for final invoices to come in to calculate our final profits for the night. I also extend a massive thank you to our staff who helped cater by preparing, serving and cleaning up on the night. A very generous donation of your time for the school and it's students and families.

Our next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th August at 7pm.

Have a great week,
Beth Sampson

Heart Foundation

JUMP ROPE for HEART

Jump Rope for Heart officially kicks off in Week 4 this term at Lock Area School, thanks to SRC!

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising. Simply follow the link below to get started, or scan the QR code on the bag tag that your child has been given this week.

www.jumprope.org.au/parents

By signing up online, you and your child/ren can:

- Easily raise funds online.
- Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way.
- Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress.
- Access additional skipping resources.

Students will be skipping their way to new skills in some P.E lessons and DPAs, and skipping ropes will be available at recess and lunch every day for those super keen to build their skills further.

During this term, you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Bu Casey (on behalf of SRC)

SASTA OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

Final projects went to Adelaide on Friday with Mr Smith and are getting judged this week. Congratulations all of the students who participated this year for all of their hard work and effort.

A little taste of the projects entered this year will be on display at the home game this weekend.

JUST A REMINDER

Premier's be active Challenge

FORMS ARE WELCOME BACK NOW

If your child has finished the 10 week or 20 week challenge.

It is still possible for your child to attempt either 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.

See Bu Casey for spare forms!

Interschool Basketball

Last term our students travelled to Wudinna to compete in the interschool basketball carnival. The team played two pool games, narrowly going down in a closely contested match before bouncing back with a well-deserved win. They then faced the second-ranked team in a finals match, fighting well, but going down in the end. Beyond those on the court, Lock students represented both themselves and our school exceptionally well by taking on important roles such as photographing games, coaching and scoring throughout the day. We thank parents that were able to come out and support our players on the day.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

Big Buddies/Little Buddies

Last week was International Friendship Day, and SRC held a 'dress up in your favourite outfit' casual day. Additionally, as part of our celebration, we had a lesson in the Triple Block with our buddies, working together to draw one another in our outfits to create a display of our buddy friendships that are blossoming this year. Here is a snapshot of them working together and a photo of what many of the paper people looked like at the end of the lesson.

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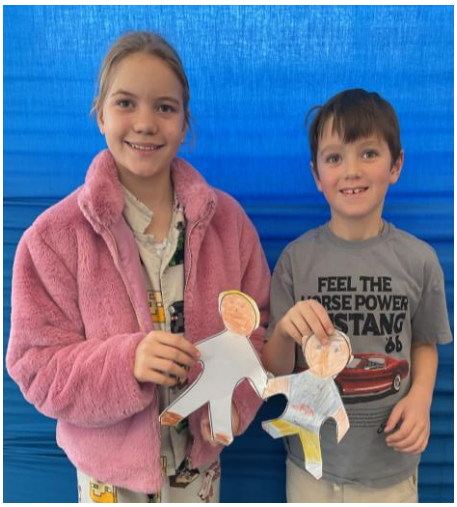
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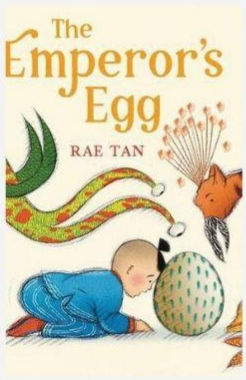
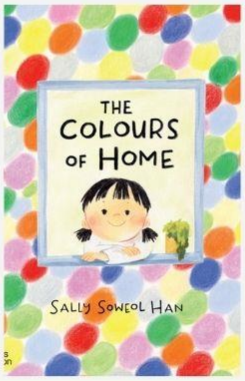
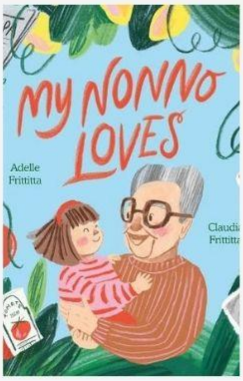
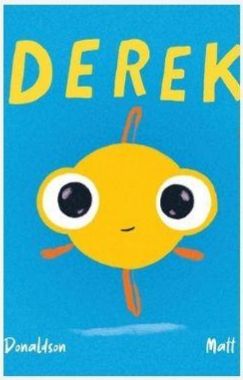




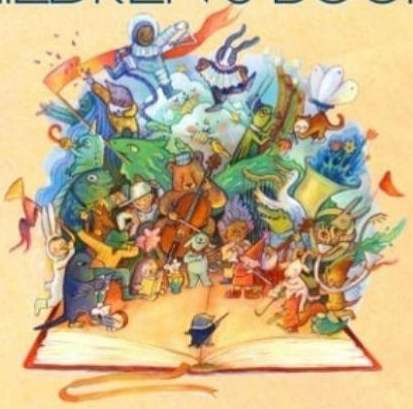




Library

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



22–28 August

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Parade Day

Thursday 27th August

Dress as a book character or in the theme "Symphony of Stories"

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R11 CREW News

This term we welcomed Matilda, Frankie, and Willow into our class. We have loved having them as apart of our crew!

We have done lots of team challenges together

We are learning about push and pull in science. We experimented pushing and pulling objects. We also made catapults.

In math's, we are learning about shapes. We have gone on shape hunts around the classroom and school. Our favourite lesson was getting to make shapes on our iPads.

SARDI

Minnipa Ag Centre Annual Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

Join us at the SARDI Minnipa Agricultural Centre (MAC) Annual Field Day for the latest research, trial updates and practical insights for Eyre Peninsula (EP) farming systems.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr Mick Rose, Associate Professor Southern Cross University. Soil Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) project leader: *Managing herbicide residues and reducing risks to crop performance in EP soils, and new knowledge and tools to interpret soil microbial indicators.*

Session topics include:

- Spray technology – insights and options
- De-risking the seeding program trial update - seeding systems, herbicide interactions and timing of rolling in lentils
- 2026 disease management - Net blotch
- GRDC National Variety Trials (NVT) updates – wheat, barley and break crops
- GRDC time of sowing and variety research
- Water quality and livestock research updates
- SA Discovery Farms - barley biomass trial
- Crop safety and weed management in lentils
- Lentil nutrition
- GRDC and SA Discovery Farms stripper stubble systems trial update.

WEDNESDAY
9th Sept
2026

8:30am - 5:30pm

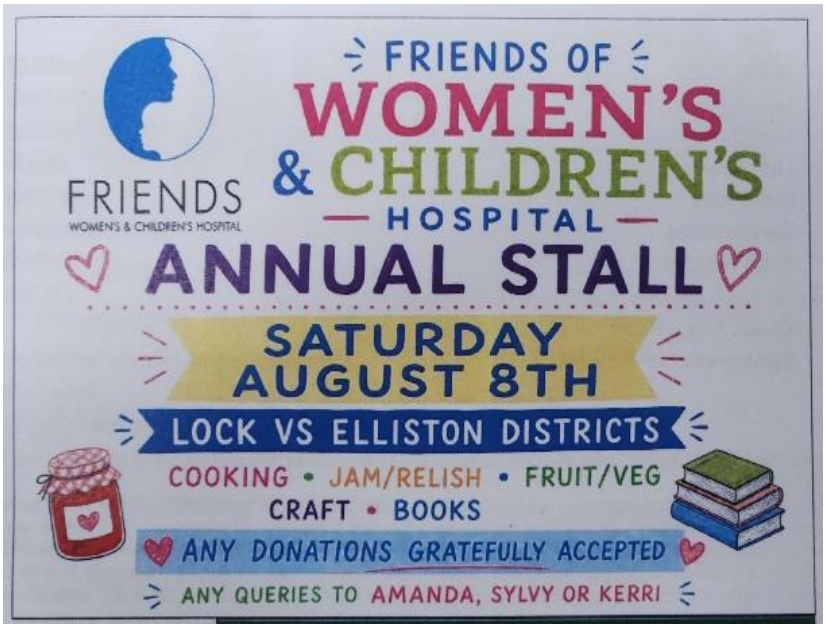
Minnipa Agricultural Centre
226 McKenzie Road, Minnipa
SA 5654 Australia

Morning tea and lunch provided.
REGISTER HERE

Government of South Australia — Department of Primary Industries and Regions

SARDI — Sustainable Agricultural Research and Development

Minnipa Agricultural Centre — Eyre Peninsula



We're Still Game!

Saturday nights!
Lock Uniting Church
28-30 Dearman Street
7 pm onwards
Free Hot Drinks
No alcohol
Messenger — Lock Games Night
Love to see you there!

Are You?