



Beachport Primary & Preschool Newsletter



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Diary Dates

2026 Term Dates

Term 1

27th Jan - 10th April

Term 2

27th April - 3rd July

Term 3

20th July - 25th Sept

Term 4

12th Oct - 11th Dec

Term 1 Key Dates

Week Three

Swimming lessons

Tues 10th Feb

9am Playgroup

Week Four

Mon 16th Feb

Swimming lessons

Tues 17th Feb

Preschool

Swimming lessons

Friday 20th Feb

Penola Pool lessons

Week Five

Tues 24th Feb

9am Playgroup

Sat 28th Feb

Crayfish Festival

Week Six

Tues 3rd March

Preschool

Dear Families,

It's great to be back and settling into another exciting year for our school and preschool community. Our first few weeks have been packed with events, beginning year routines and building connections - all of which our children are approaching with confidence, resilience and enthusiasm.

Our Beginning Year BBQ was a positive event to start the year, with many of our families joining us to meet our staff team, share information about our priorities and focus areas for the year, and explore both learning and mindfulness activities with their children throughout the classrooms.

As mentioned at the BBQ, we have three priority areas for our teaching and learning this year:

- Phonics
- Learning Intentions, Success Criteria & Goal Setting
- The Resilience Project

Whilst our work with Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and Goal Setting will build on previous years, we are adopting new phonics resources that have been developed by the Department of Education, and have partnered with The Resilience Project.

We look forward to sharing more information about our focus areas and celebrating student growth and progress throughout the year.

This week our Parent Club held their AGM, successfully welcoming Tara Hetherington as our Chairperson. A huge congratulations and Thank You to Tara for taking on this role! I would also like to again thank Libby Hibberd for her time and dedication over the past three years.

On Wednesday 25th February we will hold our Governing Council and AGM at 6pm in the Year 3/ 4 classroom. This year our Governing Council will continue to focus on advocating for new facilities, as well as exploring options to establish an Out of School Hours Care service, Technology, Cyber Safety & Child Wellbeing, parent education sessions, the Resilience Project and ongoing improvement in relation to our Learning Plans. We welcome any new members to join us - please see myself or Tim McClelland if you are interested.

As we begin our learning through The Resilience Project, we will begin to share resources, ideas and activities that will support our families to use consistent language and develop an understanding of the GEM principles - Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Please keep your eye out for weekly GEM chats, which will act as a prompt for families to share conversations using these principles. We will also host some parent information sessions - sharing more information, videos and resources that will build a community approach to wellbeing through consistency and understanding.

We are excited for the year ahead, and hope our families are too!

Take care,

Jess Herrewyn

Principal



Welcome!

Welcome to our new Reception and Preschool students of 2026!

They are all settling in to their new spaces beautifully and we look forward to watching them grow and thrive throughout their learning journeys.



FIRST
DAY
VIBES



Settling In

It has been lovely to return to school with the smiling faces and enthusiasm for learning. Classes have spent time over the first weeks building relationships, establishing classroom routines and setting strong foundations for the year ahead.

Children have explored “The Power of Yet”, approaching challenges and learning with a Growth Mindset, and are beginning to explore our GEM principles - Gratitude, Empathy and Resilience. Weekly GEM prompts are also shared on each class’ schedule, and are used each day to reflect in Closing Circle. For families, the Reading Journals also have daily prompts that can start conversations that build on our GEM principles.



Swimming

To begin the week, the weather turned it on as we enjoyed the sunshine and warmth for our swimming lessons. Whilst we haven't been quite as lucky towards the end of the week, we have all been grateful for our access to local beaches to practice swimming and lifesaving skills that are so important within our community.

A special thank you to Julie, Jade, Eden, Linda and Nicole who have instructed throughout the week, and will again support our swimmers as we finish lessons next week - both at the beach and at Penola Pool!





New Teacher

Meet Miss Rosie!

‘Hi!

My name is Miss Rosie and I am excited to be joining the Beachport Primary and Preschool community as the Year 3/4 class teacher. Earlier this year, I relocated to the South East from Adelaide. After graduating from UniSA last year, I feel very fortunate to have started my teaching career in such a friendly and supportive school environment.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you better!’

SRC Representatives

Upper Primary

Chair Person: Olly Strother

Joint Secretaries: Luca Strother, Harvey Reilly

Class Representatives: Rhys Oates, Amelia Schmidt

Middle Primary

Ziggy Strother, Nate Frederick

Junior Primary

Layla Vearing, Harvey Verbena

Reception

Olly Pegler, Ellie Figg





Resilience Project

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.

We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



@theresilienceproject...



The Resilience Project



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theresilienceproject.com.au

Notices



Beachport Primary and Preschool Information Gathering



Out of School Hours Care Service *Including Before & After School and Vacation Care*

We are currently exploring the possibility of establishing an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Service at Beachport.

We would appreciate your assistance in gathering information regarding potential interest and usage.

Please scan QR Code to contribute to our gathering of data.

Please note, completion of this survey does not commit you to using the service or guarantee the establishment of an OSHC.

Thank you!





Notices

Beachport Preschool



Beachport Preschool



Families and community members
are invited



2026 Governing Council AGM

Wednesday 25th February

Starting 6pm
Year 3/4 classroom

Nomination Forms available
from the Front Office



COMBINED COASTLINE SPORTS DAY 2026

ARRIVE 8:45AM FOR 9AM START
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

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TRAINING TIMES



**COME DOWN AND JOIN US
MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
LEARN NEW SKILLS.
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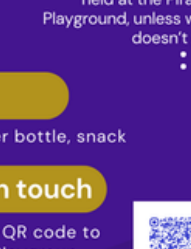
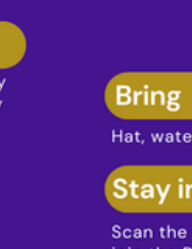
MINIROO'S 5PM MON FROM FEB 9TH

**U12, U12D, U14, U16 GIRLS
WED 5PM FROM FEB 11TH**

U13 GIRLS WED 5.45PM FROM FEB 11TH

**U17, RES MEN, SEN MEN & SEN WOMEN
WED 6PM FROM FEB 11TH**

**DON'T FORGET
OVER 35'S
SOCIAL SOCCER
THURSDAYS
6PM**



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Beachport Preschool



Beachport Playgroup Sessions



Tuesdays Fortnightly

9.00AM - 10.00AM

For Term 1, Playgroup will be
held at the Pirate Ship
Playground, unless weather
doesn't permit



Dates

10th February
24th February
10th March
24th March
7th April



Bring

Hat, water bottle, snack

Stay in touch

Scan the QR code to
join the Playgroup
Messenger Group





Notices



SIES

Statewide Inclusive
Education Services



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

COME JOIN THE TERM 1 PARENT/CARER REGIONAL CONNECT!

The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) is hosting our termly regional information session.

Join us via Microsoft Teams (click the link below to register) to learn about support and services from SIES followed by **Maria Aydin** our Developmental Educator, Inclusive Practices talking about setting your child up for success.



Thursday 26th February 2026 1pm - 1:45pm



Register [here](#)



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