



CHRISTIE DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Principal Message

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2026

26/5

Sorry Day
Week 5

27/5 - 3/6

Reconciliation
Week 5

5/6

Student Free
Day
Week 6

8/6

King's Birthday
Public Holiday
Week 7

12/6

PJ Day
Week 7

3/7

Last Day Term
2pm Dismissal
Week 10
Crazy Hair
Day

*Dream
Believe
Achieve*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome to Term 2!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Emily Roberts and I am joining the Christie Downs team as Principal while Gail is on leave for Term 2. I am excited to be here and have enjoyed visiting classes, getting to know our amazing students and staff.

Special Events this term

A big thank you to our Governing Council for organising and hosting the Special Person's Breakfast and Stall today. What a fantastic way for students to celebrate someone special in their lives, and a very tasty way to start the day. It was wonderful to see so many of you there.



Reconciliation Week will be celebrated from 27 May to 3 June this year. The theme is "All In," reminding us that reconciliation only happens when we all take action and commit to the journey. We will recognise Reconciliation Week with a range of events, including our Reconciliation Assembly at 2:00pm on Monday 1 June. I'm also looking forward to our Traditional Cook Up on Friday 29 May.

Please note, Friday 5 June will be a Student Free Day. Our dedicated staff will be engaged in professional learning focused on Cultural Awareness and working towards our Site Improvement Plans.

Volunteer Call-Out

Our committed Governing Council is looking for volunteers to support events around the school. If you can help our hard-working team at any time throughout the year, they would love to hear from you. Please speak to the front office team. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, build friendships, and make a positive difference for all our students.



Around the School

I have enjoyed spending time in classes and in the yard over the past two weeks. It was wonderful to hear the creative writing on First Nations perspectives in the Year 5/6 classes, and I had a lot of fun with the Junior Primary classes in the gym and during their sensory play on Wednesday and Thursday. It was great to see the students experimenting with movement and dancing to the music.

Congratulations to our Year 6s who received their special Year 6 tops at assembly on Friday. It is wonderful to see the pride they are showing as leaders of our school.

I look forward to seeing you around the school this term.

Warm regards, Emily Roberts



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	27/4 Start Term 1	28/4	29/4	30/4	1/5
WEEK 2	4/5 Large Class Bball Dance Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	5/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	6/5 Small Class JP Fire Truck visit UP Spanish Excursion Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	7/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	8/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 3	11/5 BANKSIA UP PARLIAMENT HOUSE EXCURSION Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Small class Bball Dance	12/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	13/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	14/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Soccer	15/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 4	18/5 ODYSSEY HIKE Yr 5/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Large class Bball Dance	19/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	20/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	21/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Soccer	22/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 5	25/5 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Small class Bball Dance	26/5 SORRY DAY Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	27/5 ← Reconciliation Week → Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	28/5 LP4 Excursion Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Soccer	29/5 Traditional Cook up Welcome/Smoking Ceremony Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 6	1/6 Reconciliation Assembly 2-2:30 ← Reconciliation Week → Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Large Class Bball Dance	2/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	3/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	4/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Soccer	5/6 STUDENT FREE DAY
WEEK 7	8/6 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	9/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	10/6 Spanish Incursion Musica Viva Sonido Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	11/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Soccer	12/6 PJ Day Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 8	15/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Large Class Bball Dance	16/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	17/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	18/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	19/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 9	22/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club Small Class Bball Dance	23/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	24/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	25/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club	26/6 Breakfast Club/ Wheelie Club
WEEK 10	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7	3/7 CRAZY HAIR DAY End Term 2 2pm Dismissal

Curriculum Update

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved break, spending quality time with your families and recharging for the new school term. Let's make this a fantastic term, working together to support our students' learning and wellbeing. If you have any questions or need support as we start the term, please feel free to reach out. Wishing everyone a positive and productive Term 2 ahead!

Transition to Highschool

A 'Starting Secondary School' pack has been sent home with your child. Inside the pack, you will find a letter containing a unique code specific to your child. Please use this code to complete the required online form.

Once you have submitted the form, your child will be registered and you will receive placement confirmation later this term. If you experience any issues with the process or require support, please contact the school for assistance.

Excursion Fee Increase

Due to the rising cost of petrol and ongoing bus maintenance, from the start of this term the excursion bus usage fee will increase from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per student (excluding swimming sessions). This cost will be incorporated into the total fee for each excursion. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we work to provide valuable learning opportunities for our students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kitchen Garden Program Fees

Invoices for the Kitchen Garden program will be sent out in the coming weeks. Whilst the costs of ingredients and produce have increased, in line with the rising cost of living we continue to strive for sustainability and produce food within our program. As a result, the program fee will stay the same at \$15 per term.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us deliver a high-quality program for our students.

Todd McGrath– Curriculum Leader



AIT (Autism Inclusive Teacher)

World Autism Day – A Wonderful Celebration of Inclusion

Last term, on Thursday 2nd April, our school proudly recognised World Autism Day. This important occasion gave us the opportunity to celebrate neurodiversity and promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion across our school community.

To mark the day, a range of inclusive and engaging lunchtime activities were organised for students to enjoy. These included edible "moon sand" (a taste-safe mix of flour and oil), chalk play, playdough, painting, drawing, and bubbles-providing something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Members of our School Parliament played an important role by delivering activity trolleys to each playground-Bonsai, Grevillea, and Cola-at the beginning of lunchtime. Each trolley was stocked with all the materials needed, making it easy for students to get involved.

Student engagement was outstanding, with many especially enjoying the home-made kinetic sand, creating vibrant chalk artwork, and playing with bubbles. It was fantastic to see students connecting with one another, trying new experiences, and exploring a range of textures in a fun and supportive environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging students to participate and celebrate days like this. Events such as World Autism Day help us continue to build a more inclusive, understanding, and connected school community.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful journey!
Nicole Guy-Rees
(AIT- Autism Inclusion Teacher)



Inclusive Education

OT Project – Regulation and Interoception

This term, we are pleased to welcome three 4th year Occupational Therapy students - Renee, Sophie and Sofia who will be completing a placement at our school.

During their time with us, they will be working alongside educators and students to support programs focused on self-regulation and interoception (understanding and recognising how our bodies feel). They will also assist in developing strategies and resources to support students in the interoception room and across other learning areas throughout the school. We are excited to have Renee, Sophie and Sofia as part of our school community. If you see them around the school, please make them feel welcome!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Each year, all schools across Australia take part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

The NCCD process involves schools reviewing information they already have about the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability. This aligns with requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005.

As part of the NCCD, schools provide the following information to the Australian Government:

- Year of schooling
- Broad type of disability
- Level of adjustment provided



The NCCD helps support students by:

- Recognising the supports and adjustments schools provide, which helps inform state and federal funding
- Assisting schools to take a collaborative and coordinated approach when reviewing learning programs to improve student outcomes

For more information, please visit the NCCD Portal.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on 8382 3266 or via email at leanne.jacobs929@schools.sa.edu.au.

Leanne Jacobs - Senior Leader 1

Our Amazing New Year 6 T-shirts

Designed and voted for by our clever Year 6 students!



Aboriginal Education Team - Term 2

Niina marni, Ngai nari Clinton Calyun, I am the Aboriginal Community Education Officer, here at Christie Downs Primary school, welcome back to Term 2, our busiest term with Reconciliation Week coming up and we have lots planned!

Reconciliation theme for 2026– ALL IN

- May 26th Sorry Day
- May 29th Opening for Reconciliation with Otis Welcome/Smoking/Traditional cook up/ Special Workshop
- June 1st Reconciliation Assembly
- June 3rd Traditional game



Aboriginal Artist Harley- kangaroo and koalas

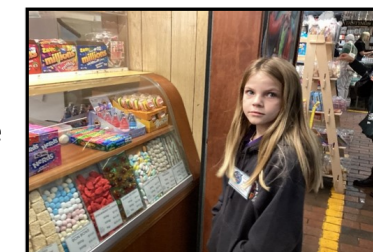
Since the end of term 1 our Aboriginal students have been working with Harley (Aboriginal Artist). We have come together to plan and design for the kangaroo and the koalas. Here is a sneak peek of what the kids have achieved so far with Harley. Starting to look deadly, can't wait for the end result!!



Clinton

SPANISH EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 6 May 2026, a small group of students enjoyed an exciting excursion with Mr Macalalad to Cumbia Restaurant, located near the Central Markets. The day began with an adventure through the bustling markets, where we spent around 30 minutes exploring different stalls and discovering a variety of foods and cultural items. This experience set the scene for our culinary journey and helped us build up an appetite.



After visiting the markets, we made our way to Cumbia Restaurant. From the moment we arrived, the waiters were kind and welcoming, helping us feel comfortable and excited to try the delicious food.

As we sat down, a variety of Spanish and Latin-inspired dishes were brought to our tables, including cheese and chicken empanadas, paella, cheese croquettes, patatas bravas, and churro donuts. One of the highlights was trying to do a "cheese pull" with the empanadas at our tables—only Lylah managed to get hers just right! It was a fun moment that had all of us laughing and cheering each other on.

Everyone had their favourites, but for me, the cheese and chicken empanadas and the churro donuts stood out the most. The churro donuts were absolutely delicious—I enjoyed mine so much that it was gone in a flash!



Overall, this excursion was a wonderful opportunity to explore new flavours, learn more about Spanish and Latin culture, and share a fun day together as a group. Thank you to Mr Macalalad for organising this memorable experience!

Lily B



Student Wellbeing

A very warm welcome back to all of our students, families and staff as we begin Term 2! It has been wonderful to see our school buzzing with energy again, with smiling faces filling our classrooms and students returning ready to learn, connect and grow.

This term promises to be another exciting one, filled with rich learning opportunities, student leadership, creativity and connection. As always, our focus remains on creating a safe, predictable and supportive learning environment where every child feels a strong sense of belonging.



South Aussie with Cosi Visits Our School!

What an unforgettable way to finish Term 1!

Our school was incredibly excited to welcome **South Aussie with Cosi** to officially open our brand-new **Imaginarium** — an innovative and inspiring learning space that will provide endless opportunities for creativity, curiosity and imagination.

The atmosphere on the day was electric, with students filled with anticipation and excitement as Cosi arrived to tour the space, meet students and learn all about the incredible vision behind the Imaginarium.

Even more exciting, our school's special feature will be appearing on **South Aussie with Cosi's television show!** Our students had an absolute ball being involved in the filming process and represented our school with confidence, enthusiasm and pride. We cannot wait to watch the segment and celebrate this special moment together as a community.



Podcast Team Shines

A huge congratulations to our outstanding **Podcast Team**, Minister Daniel and Minister Japjeet, who did an exceptional job interviewing Cosi during his visit. Thank you to our Digital Technology Guru, Danni, for her enthusiasm and dedication to getting the Podcast Team up and running!

Our students demonstrated remarkable professionalism, confidence and preparation as they asked thoughtful questions and engaged in meaningful conversation. They showcased not only their growing digital technology skills, but also their communication, curiosity and collaboration — all qualities we are so proud to foster at our school.

This was an authentic learning experience that gave students the chance to step into the role of real journalists and content creators. They should be incredibly proud of how they represented themselves and our school.

Student Parliament Leadership on Display

Our **Student Parliament** also played a significant role in making the day such a success.

From welcoming guests, assisting with the official opening, participating in interviews and confidently showcasing the Imaginarium, our student leaders were exceptional ambassadors for our school.

They demonstrated the very best of student leadership through responsibility, confidence, teamwork and initiative. Their ability to speak so passionately about the Imaginarium and what it means for our school community was inspiring. Moments like these highlight the power of student voice and the importance of creating opportunities for our young leaders to shine.



Imaginarium

Thank You, Credit Union SA

This incredible project would not have been possible without the generous support of Credit Union SA, who funded our successful application.

We are deeply grateful for their investment in our students and their belief in the importance of innovative learning environments.

The Imaginarium will provide students with opportunities to explore, create, problem-solve, collaborate and think critically for years to come. This space reflects our commitment to future-focused learning and ensuring every child has access to engaging experiences that spark imagination and possibility.

Thank you, Credit Union SA, for helping bring this vision to life.



Looking Ahead

We thank our families for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we create the strong, connected community that allows our students to flourish.

Here's to a wonderful Term 2 filled with curiosity, creativity, connection and success!



Jo Swift,
Student Wellbeing



Attendance

Christie Downs Primary School—Attendance Matters

Just arriving a little bit late or leaving a little bit early doesn't seem much but.....

Your child is only missing just.....	That equals.....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Almost 1.5 weeks per year	Almost half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Almost 2.5 weeks per year	Almost a whole year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Almost one and half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and half years

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom Educator know, or pop in and see Jo Swift so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

