



Swallowcliffe P-6

Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard



Welcome to our Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10 2025

Pictured: Dance during playtime



Diary Dates

TERM 3:

Week 10

Thursday 25/9	Colour Run & Sausage Sizzle
Friday 26/9	Last day of Term 3 2:00pm early dismissal



Have a safe and happy holiday!

TERM 4:

Week 1

Monday 13/10	First day of Term 4
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Week 3

Friday 31/10	Children's University Graduation Preschool Bush Kindy excursion
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Principal's Message

It's been a fun term with lots of exciting events.

Recently, we had our Girls in STEM Graduation at Adelaide University, sharing the successful learning and exciting team adventures that our ten students had this year.

You would have seen our beautiful new mural on the library wall. Our students helped artist Abbey Murdock paint the mural. More information is to come in regards to what the pictures and colours mean.

A group of current and past SRC representatives welcomed Mr Blair Boyer MP and Mr Nick Champion MP to open our school library with our new furniture. They thanked Mr Blair Boyer for his donation. The students spoke of their love for our new library and the new space. Thanks Miss Holmes for organising the morning.

Our Hot Food Lunches is finally running across the whole school. The committee will make some slight changes for next term's lunches and will inform you early next term. Please remember to inform the front office of any new allergies.

Staff wish all students and families a safe holiday and we will see you all back in 2 weeks!!

Penny Sweeney
Principal



COLOUR RUN SAUSAGE SIZZLE!



HALAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Swallowcliffe P-6 is committed to providing Quality Education.

Our Mission: To empower students to recognise and optimise their full learning potential through explicit teaching of;

✓ High Expectations ✓ Positive & Growth Mindset ✓ Relationships with Others

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Preschool Lead Teacher - Tatum Finlay



2025 School Term Dates

2025

Term 1 28 January to 11 April

Term 2 28 April to 4 July

Term 3 21 July to 26 September

Term 4 13 October to 12 December



Proposed 2026 Material & Services Charge

The proposed 2026 Material & Services Charge will be discussed prior to approval being sought at the Governing Council meeting to be held on **Wednesday the 5th of November 2025 at 3:15pm**.

The watermarked notice detailing the composition of the charge totalling **\$281.00** is below.

The 2026 School Card plus Social Inclusion Supplement amount will be **\$306.00**.

If you have any enquiries about the charge, parents/caregivers are welcome to attend the Governing Council meeting or can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to **12 noon Wednesday the 5th of November 2025**.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Swallowcliffe School P-6 - 1062		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2026		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$6.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$30.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$36.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$92.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$92.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$71.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$51.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$122.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$31.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$31.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$281.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
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Preschool

Dear Preschool Families,

Welcome to our final newsletter for Term 3!

The last few weeks of term have been jammed packed! Full of fun for our children and adults as well. We had a fantastic and creative time dressing up for Book Week and doing many activities around the Book Week theme, *Book an Adventure!* Even the staff dressed up. We came as Pirates in Pyjamas from the book 'Pirates in Pyjamas,' written by Caroline Crowe and illustrated by Tom Knight. We bet you were wondering why we were wearing pyjamas! Both children and adults thought it was a hoot to come all dressed up which made it a wonderful day. We also had 2 wonderful performers attend our school to act out some Book Week books through song and dance. It was an interactive show that the children really enjoyed.

During Week 7 we had our Father's Day/special person's afternoon where the children's fathers, grandfathers and special people were treated to an afternoon of activities including playdoh, painting, badge making and afternoon tea.

In Week 10, events include our 'Colour Explosion' on the Wednesday and Thursday. Please look out for the flyer in your pockets for instructions for the day. If you haven't received one or would like another copy please see our friendly staff.

We have also given out information about our Term 4 Bush Kindy excursion on Friday 31st October. Please note that the cut off for all money and consent forms to be paid will be the last day of term. We are not able to accept any further payments after that date because we need to allocate staff for the numbers as well as have definite numbers for the hire of the bus.

We would also like to remind you that our lovely CAFHS nurse Kerry will be here again next term during Week 4. Please let Rachel know if you would like to book your child in if they require a review visit or haven't as yet had their 4 year old health check.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

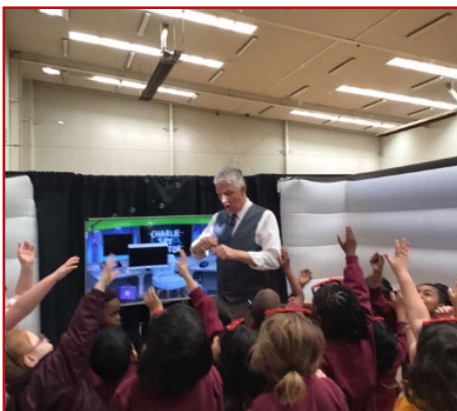
- Please remember to check your child's information pockets daily as there will be quite a few notices coming out this term. We will also put the information on See Saw. If you don't have a See Saw account please see Tatum for a sign in QR code.
- We still have quite a few items in our lost property box where you put your child's bags. Please check if you have anything missing at home.
- We have quite a few children in each session now so please name absolutely everything that your child brings in. We can't return it if we don't know who owns it.

From The Preschool Team



Reception

The Reception classes enjoyed the FYI Education incursion in Week 5. This taught us about friendship, social and emotional skills. This was a rich learning experience to support our wellbeing learning this term, particularly in developing friendships and solving social conflicts.



Mural Painting with Abbey



Children's University Graduation Information

Swallowcliffe Primary School's allocated graduation date is **Friday, 31st October**.

Please note the following:

1. Graduates to arrive by **9:45am** in readiness for the ceremony to commence sharply at **10:30am** and conclude by approximately **12:00pm**.
2. Graduation invitations will be handed out early Term 4. Students will not need to RSVP unless they are not attending the ceremony.
3. Two guests per graduating student will be able to attend.
4. A bus will be leaving from school at **9am** to transport all graduates and guests to the graduation.



B3R1 and B3R2

B3R1 and B3R2 looked at natural disasters, exploring in depth volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes. Students then created a volcano out of paper mache and spent some time making it look realistic. As a class, we then let them erupt.





SWALLOWCLIFFE PRESCHOOL

SWALLOWCLIFFE PRESCHOOL 2026 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN!

**IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR PRESCHOOL IN 2026?
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY TO SECURE A PLACE!**



If Your Child:

Was born between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2022,
Or qualifies for early entry based on specific criteria
(e.g., Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage or additional needs),
they are eligible to attend Swallowcliffe Preschool in 2026.

To Register your Interest and Secure your Child's Spot:

1. Contact Swallowcliffe Preschool directly at 8255 2908, in person, or visit www.education.sa.gov.au/docs/early-years/preschool/preschool-registration-of-interest-form.pdf for a registration of interest form.
2. Return your completed registration of interest form to Swallowcliffe Preschool, the Swallowcliffe Front Office or send it via email to dl.1062.info@schools.sa.edu.au

**SPACES FILL QUICKLY-AVOID MISSING OUT BY
REGISTERING NOW FOR 2026!**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT TATUM (PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR) ON 8255 2908.**

Community Notices

SWALLOWCLIFFE CHILDREN'S PRECINCT

COMMUNITY BBQ

FRIDAY SEPT 26th 2-4PM
DAVOREN PARK SHOPPING CENTER

ALL FREE

ALL WELCOME FAMILY EVENT

FREE BBQ with Sausages, Chips and Dessert
Arcade Games inc. Racing, Frogger & PacMan
An Adventure Path Children's Activity
Service Info, Art Activities, Games and more!
+ Interactive Drumming with Special Guest
SUN OF AFRICA DRUM & DANCE ENSEMBLE

CARCLEW novita community LIFESTYLES COMMUNITY HUB

SONG SKETCH

DROP IN SPACE FOR SONGWRITING

TURN your DRAWINGS INTO Lyrics

RECORD your own SONG

Date and time: Tue Sept 30th Wed Oct 1st Tue Oct 7th Wed Oct 8th 10am - 3pm

Location: Swallowcliffe Children's Precinct Davenport Park Shopping Centre 45 Peachway Road, Davenport Park

Age: 12 yrs and under Whole family can participate

Swallowcliffe Children's Precinct

Play In The Park

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S WEEK

All Children aged 0-4 years and their families are welcome

Free Activities include:
Yellow Brick Road with loads of Children's Activities

Healthy snacks & Water provided

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
2025 10:00AM TO 12:00PM
FREMONT PARK
CNR MAIN NORTH RD & YORKTOWN RD ELIZABETH

For more information and to register please email: pecanetwork@gmail.com

Playford Early Childhood Alliance

Why Talking With Babies Is Super Important (and Super Fun!)

Did you know your voice helps your baby's brain grow?

Talking with babies and young children helps them learn new words, how to talk to others, and get ready for reading and learning later on.

Even if your baby can't talk yet, they are listening. They watch your face, hear your voice, and learn from every word and sound.

Here are some fun ways to add talking into your day—no fancy stuff needed!

🗨️ Talk While You Tidy

Turn cleaning into talking time! When folding laundry, hold up a sock and say, "This sock is red! Can we find the other one?"

Your child learns about colours, matching, and everyday things—while you get things done!

🎵 Sing Conversations

Try using a sing-song voice or make up a little tune about what you're doing:

"I'm changing your nappy, snappy-snappy-nappy!"

This makes words fun and helps babies listen to sounds and rhythm.

🦋 Wonder Out Loud

Ask little questions, even if your baby can't answer yet:

"I wonder where that butterfly is going..." or "What's that sound?"

It helps your child learn how to be curious and how conversations work.

🗨️ Make Talking Silly

Use different voices for different toys!

Maybe the lion says, "Roar! Hello!" and the bunny whispers, "Let's hop!"

Babies love funny voices, and it helps them learn how to make sounds too.

🗨️ Box Talk

Give your child a cardboard box and talk about it:

"This is a big box! Let's climb inside. Uh-oh—where did you go?"

Even simple games help your baby learn new words and ideas.

Everyday Words Make a Big Difference

You don't need apps or flashcards. Your voice, your time, and your love are enough.

The Power of Your Voice: Why Talking to Babies Matters (and Can Be Lots of Fun!)

Your voice is one of the most important things in your baby's world. When you talk, your baby is learning. They hear words, feel your emotions, and begin to understand how to connect with people.

Even if your baby can't talk yet, they are listening closely. Every word, sound, and smile helps their brain grow.

Want to make talking part of your day? It's easy—and you don't need any special toys or apps!

🗨️ Name the Face in the Mirror

Look into a mirror with your baby. Point and talk:

"There's your nose—boop! And here's my big smile!"

This helps your baby learn about body parts and get to know themselves.

🍎 Snack Talk

Mealtimes are great for chatting!

"This apple is crunchy! Can you hear it? Crunch, crunch!"

Talk about how food tastes, feels, and looks. Say words like "chewy," "cold," or "yummy."

🗨️ Describe the Action

When your child plays or draws, say what they are doing:

"You're drawing circles—round and round!"

This helps your baby learn action words and understand what things mean.

🗨️ Stuffed Animal Chats

Use a soft toy to talk to your child:

"Hi! I'm Bear. What are you doing today?"

Then show how to answer: "Oh! You're playing with blocks? That sounds fun!"

This shows your baby how talking works between two people.

🌙 Say Goodnight to Everything

At bedtime, say goodnight to things in the room:

"Goodnight bear. Goodnight lamp. Goodnight noisy truck."

Hearing the same words each night helps your baby feel safe—and remember new words.

🗨️ Let Them Lead

When your baby looks at something or points, talk about it:

"You see the bird! It's flying fast!"

This makes words match what they are thinking about—and that's how learning sticks.

Every Word Counts

You don't need anything fancy. Just your voice, your time, and your love.

Whether you're driving, giving a bath, or cuddling before bed, talking helps your baby feel close to you—and grow smarter every day.

So go ahead—chat, sing, ask questions, and play with words.

You're giving your child a great start, one word at a time.

THRIVE WITH 5

2. TALK

Talk with your children to build their speaking and language skills. Through conversations they increase word vocabulary, pronounce words better, understand instructions, and develop imagination and knowledge about the world around them. We know that by developing oral language skills we lay strong foundations which help children learn to read.



1. READ 2. TALK 3. PLAY 4. GET MOVING 5. SLEEP

READINESS FOR LEARNING Australian Primary Principals Association

Community Notices



CHILD & FAMILY WELLBEING OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JOHN McVEITY CENTRE & THE PRECINCT

Sessions & events located at:

John McVeity Centre
182 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains
or
The Precinct
112 Coventry Road, Smithfield Plains

For more information:

Email: jmc@playford.sa.gov.au
Phone: 8480 0100

SENSORY MAGIC WITH EBONY

Monday 29th September & Thursday 2nd October 2025
10am - 11am | John McVeity Centre
Unlock a world of wonder and discovery for your child through play with Sensory Magic with Ebony!
Ages: 2 - 7 years
\$5 Bookings via Eventbrite

GROW YOUR OWN PIZZA PLOT

Monday 29th September 2025
12:30pm - 1:30pm | The Precinct
Learn how to grow fresh herbs & veggies perfect for yummy pizza toppings!
Ages: All ages
\$5 Bookings via Eventbrite

KIDS ZUMBA

Monday 29th September 2025
4pm - 4:45pm | John McVeity Centre
Learning fun, kid-friendly, dance routines to upbeat tunes will keep young Zumba fans active & smiling!
Ages: 5 - 12 years
\$5 No bookings required

MAGGIE MOO

Tuesday 30th September & 7th October 2025
John McVeity Centre
Sing & dance along to the Moo Music songs with Michelle.
Ages: birth - 18 months | 9am & 18 months - 4 years | 10am.
FREE
No bookings required

NRL CLINIC

Tuesday 30th September 2025
10am - 12pm | John McVeity Centre
Come & Try Rugby at this fun, action-packed session!
Ages: 8 - 12 years.
FREE
Bookings via [leaguestars.com](https://www.leaguestars.com)

LIL' MOVERS

Wednesday 1st October 2025
9:30am - 10:30am
John McVeity Centre
Explore your little ones motor skills through play!
Ages: 0 - 2 years
\$7 No bookings required

BUG EXPLORERS

Thursday 2nd October 2025
10:30am - 12pm | The Precinct
The Ark Project join us for a hands-on session where curious kids can see, touch, and learn all about live insects!
Ages: 2 - 12 years.
\$5 Bookings via Playford Library

ACRO DANCE

Thursday 2nd October 2025
Multiple Sessions
John McVeity Centre
Flip, roll, and build strength in this fun acro dance session!
Ages: 5 - 14+ years
\$5 Bookings via Eventbrite

INFLATABLES DAY

Friday 3rd October 2025
Multiple Sessions
John McVeity Centre
Bounce around the courts on lots of jumping castles and inflatables.
Ages: 3 - 15 years
\$7 Bookings via Eventbrite

PAINT AND PLANT

Tuesday 7th October 2025
12pm - 2pm
John McVeity Centre
Paint and create with the team from Picasso on Wheels. Decorate your very own plant pot!
Ages: 5 - 12 years
\$10 Bookings via Eventbrite

PLAYGROUND TOUR

Wednesday 8th October 2025
10am - 2pm
Meet at John McVeity Centre
Jump on a bus with us and explore some of the new and exciting playgrounds in Playford.
Ages: 0 - 12 years
\$4 Bookings via Eventbrite

WOMBAT STEW

Thursday 9th October 2025
10:30am - 12:30pm | The Precinct
Snuggle in for a story, meet a real-life wombat up close, and get your hands dirty making your own wombat poo!
Ages: 2 - 12 years.
\$5 Bookings via Playford Library

FUTSAL CLINIC

Thursday 9th October 2025
Multiple Sessions
John McVeity Centre
Kickstart your futsal skills with former Futsalroo - Chris Higgins.
Ages: 5 - 14 years
\$7 Bookings via Eventbrite

HIP HOP DANCE

Thursday 9th October 2025
Multiple Sessions
John McVeity Centre
Dance it out with high-energy hip hop moves and fun beats!
Ages: 5 - 14+ years
\$5 Bookings via Eventbrite

CHEFS CLUB

Friday 10th October 2025
Multiple Sessions
John McVeity Centre
Designed for kids to explore their creativity in the kitchen in a safe & fun way!
Ages: 5 - 15 years
\$7 Bookings via Eventbrite

BASKETBALL CLINICS

Growing for Gold
with ACBA & Yara Family Connections
Wednesday 1st October 2025
Ages: 5 - 16 years
FREE
Bookings via Growing for Gold

SA Church Basketball Camp
Wednesday 8th October 2025
Ages: 8 - 15 years
\$25
Bookings via SACBA website

CASUAL COURTS

John McVeity Centre
Come in and shoot some hoops!
Check JMC Facebook for available times.
\$5 per person
No bookings required

PICKLEBALL

Saturday 27th September, 4th & 11th October 2025
9:30am - 11:30am | John McVeity Centre
Drop in for a hit & challenge your friends to a game or two of Pickleball!
Ages: All ages
\$5 per person
No bookings required

ARCADE GAMES

John McVeity Centre
Drop by JMC and enjoy the range of arcade games we've got set-up in the foyer for the holidays!
FREE
No bookings required

BOOK VIA
eventbrite

For all programs requiring bookings head to our Eventbrite page to register
(Unless specified differently above).
playfordwellbeinghub.eventbrite.com.au



Visit our Facebook 'John McVeity Centre' for more info!

