



Principal's Message

Friday, 16th May 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to all existing and new families. The high level of energy and enthusiasm from students and staff alike is wonderful to watch. It has been great talking with students about their learning goals for the term. Thank you to the staff for their work they have done over the holidays in setting up the learning journey for students throughout Term 2.

Our total student enrolment is 343.

I wish all students and staff a rewarding term filled with new learning.

Additional Mid-year intake class

Due to higher than predicted Mid-year Intake enrolments, we will be starting a second Mid-year Intake class. I'm pleased to announce that Carol Martin will be teaching the additional Mid-year Intake class, and will be working closely with our other Mid-year intake teacher, Angela Laing, to ensure a smooth transition for Mid-year reception students into Angle Vale Primary School.

PBL update

At the end of last term the PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team attended it's first training.

The training provided:

- an overview of PBL and how to use the PBL framework
- opportunity to explore the process of leading adult behaviour change
- understand the value of ongoing monitoring through fidelity and outcome data
- review or develop school behaviour expectations

Since this initial training, the PBL team have met to discuss our school values, provided a mini professional development overview of PBL for all staff and began developing a school-wide data collecting system.



Honesty, Respect, Confidence, Resilience





Principal's Message Cont.



Year 7 High School applications

Information packs and emails have gone out to all families of students in Year 6, explaining the process they need to undertake to register for Year 7 in high school in 2026. If you have any questions about any stage of the process can you please call the school on 8284 7222 so we can support you to complete the registration process by the due date of 23rd May, 2025. Families will be notified of the outcome in August.

Mobile Device Policy

The Department for Education directed that all schools adopt a mobile phone policy. This can be found in School Policies on the Angle Vale Primary School webpage.

For the purpose of the policy, personal devices include mobile phones, smart watches and other digital devices that are capable of sending or receiving messages or calls and/or able to connect to the internet, and personal laptops or iPads.

The Department for Education's policy requires all students at all department schools to keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day, and while they are attending school activities off-site, such as camps and excursions. Students will not be able to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved exemption from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason.

Individual students may have extenuating reasons for needing access to their personal device during school hours, such as where:

- the device is used to monitor or help manage a health condition
- the device is a negotiated adjustment to a learning program for a student with disability or learning difficulties
- the device is used for translation by a student with English as an additional language
- the student has extenuating personal circumstances that require them to have more ready access to their personal device, such as being a parent themselves or a primary carer to a younger sibling or unwell family member.

Any request for an exemption needs to be considered by the Principal (or delegate) on a case-by-case basis.

Staff News

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Elise Giarratano, Year 1/2 teacher, has welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world! Michael arrived on 6th April and both baby and parents are doing well.

On behalf of the entire school community, we send our heartfelt congratulations to Elise and her family on this joyful occasion!

Kind regards,

David



Dates to Remember



National Sorry Day
Monday 26th May

Reconciliation Week
Tuesday 27th May - Monday
2nd June

Pupil Free Day
Friday 6th June

Kings Birthday
Monday 9th June

Book Fair
Monday 16th June - Friday
20th June

School Photos
Tuesday 24th June

A Message from our Well Being Leader

Hello Families,

Our school uniform plays an important role in promoting a strong sense of pride and belonging within our school community. It also supports our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students throughout the school day.

Recently, we have seen an increase in students not wearing the correct uniform, including a noticeable rise in the wearing of large or chunky jewellery. This type of jewellery can present a safety risk, particularly during physical activities and sports, and is therefore not permitted.

We do understand that, from time to time, there may be genuine reasons why a student is unable to wear the correct uniform. In such cases, we kindly ask that a written note be provided explaining the situation, so that we can offer appropriate support.

We are grateful for your continued support in helping students follow our uniform expectations, which contribute to a safe and positive learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation in upholding our school's high standards. If you have any questions about the uniform policy a copy of the policy can be found on our school website.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Natalie Such



In Week 1 our R-5 classes participated in the Department for Education's Water Safety program at STARplex Swim Centre.

The Water Safety Team provides a water safety program to engage, challenge and support to:

- become confident and safe in aquatic environments
- develop skills and understanding directly related to water safety (survival and rescue skills)
- explore, evaluate and make sound decisions about their own safety, and safety of others, in aquatic environments

In Term 4, the remaining R-5 classes will have their lessons.



Dear Families,

My name is Punu McGovern, and I'm really excited to be joining the team at Angle Vale as the new Senior Leader – Inclusion.

A little about me – I've been a Junior Primary teacher since 2018 and more recently worked as a Wellbeing Leader. I am really passionate about supporting students to feel included, confident, and connected at school.

It's been such a warm welcome already, and I've loved getting to know the amazing students and families here. I'm really looking forward to building strong relationships and working together to help every child thrive.

Thanks again for making me feel so at home – I'm thrilled to be part of this community!

Warmly,

Punu McGovern

Senior Leader – Inclusion

Punu McGovern



The Power of Bedtime Reading

Recent research shows a concerning decline in how often parents are able to read to their children.

Currently, fewer than 44% of girls and just 29% of boys between the ages of 0–6 are being read to at bedtime.

For younger children, making bedtime stories a daily habit can be incredibly beneficial. It's a simple and soothing way to end the day, helping children relax while also strengthening the parent-child bond and build strong literacy skills. Most importantly, it teaches children that reading can be one of the most comforting and enjoyable parts of family life.

For older children, it's just as important to support a calm bedtime routine. Limiting screen time in the evening is key - devices can disrupt sleep, increase anxiety, and make it harder for children to unwind.

Instead, encourage reading for pleasure before bed. Even 10 -15 minutes of reading can improve sleep quality, reduce stress, and boost imagination and literacy. A bedtime book may seem small, but its impact can last a lifetime.



Healthy Recipe Ideas

Ingredients

- ½ cup plain flour, plus 2 tablespoons
- ½ cup wholemeal flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- ¾ tsp baking soda
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ripe banana, mashed
- ¼ cup reduced-fat plain yoghurt
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup reduced-fat milk
- ¼ cup olive oil

Method

Step 1

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tin with paper liners.

Step 2

In a large bowl, whisk together the flours, cocoa and baking soda.

Step 3

In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, banana, yoghurt, honey, milk and olive oil.

Step 4

Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and add the wet ingredients. Gently stir until just combined.

Step 5

Fill the muffin cups 2/3 to the top. Bake for 18-20 minutes, or until a toothpick or skewer comes out clean. Place on a wire rack and allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove and place on the rack to cool completely.



[Chocolate Muffin Recipe](#) | [Healthy Made Tasty](#)





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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

(Free face to face session)



SUPPORTING AUTISTIC CHILDREN

The session will cover the following topics:

-  Brief overview of Autism Spectrum
-  The role of Student Support Services and how we support sites to best support neurodivergent students
-  Common struggles families have
-  How DfE sites can support students to increase participation and engagement
-  Ways parents can support their children to engage at school



WEDNESDAY, 04TH JUNE 2025

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Buckskin Room, Para Hills Education Office



26-34 Wilkinson Road, Para Hills, SA 5096

SESSION CAPACITY: 50 PEOPLE

A recorded version will be available on YouTube.
Details to follow after the session.

SCAN, TAP or CLICK the
QR code below to book
your free seat



or visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdh7nf4w>