



# School Newsletter

30 January 2026



## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2026 school year. It has been wonderful to see students return with smiling faces, ready to learn and grow. A special welcome to our 59 new Receptions and their families as they begin their schooling journey. Welcome also to other students and their families who are new to our school. We start the 2026 school year with 419 students.

It was great to see so many families at our 'Open Hour' in Week 0 despite the heat. Open Hour was an opportunity for students and families to meet their new teacher and classroom and help settle nerves as the new school year commences. Thank you for the positive feedback of the concept.

### Additional building

You would have seen on our Facebook page that an additional building has arrived to accommodate our increasing enrolments. We are thankful for the work that the Department for Education has done to expedite the arrival of this building. Start up conversations have also commenced regarding a building to replace the decommissioned Callistemon building.

### Uniform Shop hours

Our Uniform Shop is open 8.30am - 3.30pm each day. Uniform purchases can be done at the Front Desk counter.

### Payments

If you come into the school to do a payment, please note that all payments are now done at the Front Desk counter.

### Important Dates

Adelaide Cup  
Day  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
March

Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
March

NAPLAN  
Tuesday 11th  
March - Friday  
20<sup>th</sup> March

Harmony Week  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
March - Friday  
20<sup>th</sup> March

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## **Whole School Communication with parents/carers**

Communication from the school will continue to occur via Class Dojo, School Facebook Page and Newsletters ([online](#)) as well as direct emails. Please ensure we have your correct email address in our records as we are now utilising the email component of the Education Management System (EMS)

Parents and caregivers should ensure they have access to the Class Dojo App and monitor messages to keep up to date with school events and notifications.

### **Late arrivals and early departures**

We have changed our procedure for when students arrive late or need to depart early. This has been done to minimise disruptions.

If a student arrives after 9.15am, parents/carers will be able to say goodbye at the Front Office and the student will walk to their class.

If you come early to collect your child, Front Office staff will call your child's teacher requesting that your child come to the Front Office for collection.

Term 1 looks to be exciting with lots of different activities planned. I wish all students and staff a successful and rewarding term.

## **STAFF LIST**

### **Leadership**

Principal - David Pitt

Deputy Principal - Pamela Kelly

Senior Leader - Punu McGovern

Wellbeing Leader - Charlie Wood

Wellbeing & AIT & Mental Health - Natalie Such

### **Classroom Teachers**

- Reception - Sharon Reed in A4
- Reception - Angela Laing in A5
- Reception - April Griffiths (Mon - Wed) and Janika Welin (Thurs - Fri) in A6
- Reception - Carol Martin in A1
- Reception Mid Year Intake - Gaby Couthino
- Year 1 - Elise Giarratano in A3
- Year 1 - Stacey Lawrence in A2
- Year 1 - Chelsea Nathan in G7
- Year 2 - Tenniel McKenzie-Campbell in G6
- Year 2 - Michaela Stephens (Wed- Fri) and Cheyanne Kirby (Mon-Tues) in G5
- Year 2 - Alyssa Pascoe in G4
- Year 3 - Chelsea Ellis in G3
- Year 3 - Sean Thompson Collins G2
- Year 4 - Mark Kelly in G1
- Year 4/5 - Jerry Elder in M3
- Year 5/6 - Bek Miell in M4
- Year 5/6 - Jess Ogden in M2
- Year 5/6 - Ashleigh Ruediger in M1
- Nurture Room - Jacinta Robinson

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### **Specialist Teachers**

Italian - Tammy Bryant  
Performing Arts - Claire Adam  
Jp Science - Zoe Gidman  
Primary Science - Kate Frankham (Tues, Thurs, Fri)  
Physical Education - Michael Menadue (Mon - Thurs)

### **SSO staff**

#### **Front Office**

Business Manager - Jess Gardner  
(Mon, Tue & Thur, Fri)  
Administration Manager - Shanna Sebris  
Clerical Officer - Courtney Harrison - Price

#### **Resource Centre**

Jane Pogas ( Mon, Tues, Thurs)  
Tara Lane (Mon & Fri)

#### **Aboriginal Community Education Officer**

Lisa Francis

#### **Interoception Room**

Jackie Harker

#### **Intervention**

Karen Karklins  
Sharyn Sherin

#### **Classroom Support**

Abiey Aguto  
Amy Dobbs  
Asher O'Sullivan  
Brooke Cochrane  
Cooper Pugliese  
Emily Raymond  
Jackie Bubner  
Julie Holland  
Kim Malnai  
Mackenzie Pill  
Nerissa Window  
Paige Maiolo  
Shivon Martland  
Riley Leno  
Taryn James

#### **Grounds**

John Crowley (Tues & Thurs)

