



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 expediate 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 9th
March

Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 10th
March

NAPLAN
Tuesday 11th
March - Friday
20th March

Harmony Week
Monday 16th
March - Friday
20th March

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

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)

