

Streaky Bay Area School

NEWSLETTER



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FOR YOUR DIARY....

AUGUST

Mon 11 – Fri 15 NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 21 BOOK WEEK PARADE
Mon 18 – Fri 22 BOOK WEEK
Tue 19 SACE parent evening
Mon 25 STUDENT FREE DAY
Wed 27 SAPSASA girls football trials, Ceduna

SEPTEMBER

Mon 8 Men's Literacy Morning
Tue 9 Yr 9 & 10 boys & girls basketball, Pt Lincoln
Fri 12 STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 15 SCHOOL CLOSURE
Tue 16 Yr 10 Mixed Netball, SBAS
Tue 16 – Thurs 18 Yr 11 self-reliant hike, Pt Lincoln
Mon 22 P/T Interviews, 4.30 – 7.30pm
Mon 22 – Fri 26 Yr 11 Careers Trip, Adelaide
Tue 23 P/T Interviews, 3.30 – 6.30pm
Tue 23 Red Ball Tennis
Fri 26 Last day of Term 3, 2.05pm dismissal

thinking and instead grapple with more complex ideas, make connections across learning areas and reflect on their progress. Importantly, they're developing the stamina and strategies to stick with challenging work, a crucial ingredient for deep learning.

From the teaching side, our staff have been working collaboratively to strengthen their knowledge and curriculum clarity, whilst ensuring consistently high expectations with the use of evidence to guide teaching. This means lessons are intentionally designed to build knowledge, stretch thinking and support each student to take the next step in their learning journey.

This evolving classroom environment, where effort is expected and thinking is made visible, fosters both confidence and curiosity. It's a space where students understand that learning is not always easy and that's okay. It's in the questions, the struggle and the reflection that real growth happens.

As families, one of the most meaningful ways we can support our students is by recognising and valuing the process of learning, not just the end result. Whether it's time spent practicing reading and spelling, revising a piece of writing, working on assignments and research or preparing for a presentation, these moments matter. They reflect growing independence, commitment and a willingness to persist.

These patterns of effort, often unseen, are what build the habits of both a capable learner and a resilient person. They shape not just skills for now, but learning dispositions that last well beyond the school years.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



Dear Families,

As we move further into Term 3, the theme of *Focus and Flourish* is becoming more than just words, it's something we're seeing in action across classrooms and

learning spaces. There is a noticeable shift in both the way students are approaching their learning and in the way our teachers are designing and delivering the curriculum.

A key focus for us this year has been to build metacognitive capacity in students, that is, helping them to think about their thinking. This shift is not accidental. It's the result of deliberate, research-informed changes in teaching practice, curriculum design and classroom dialogue.

We're seeing a growing sense of *rigour* in how students engage with learning tasks. Learners are being challenged to move beyond surface-level

So, as we move into the middle of Term 3, let's continue to encourage our children to focus on their learning, to show up with purpose and to take pride in the small, everyday steps that contribute to something greater.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership and support.

*Warm regards,
Tim O'Reilly
Principal*

2025 SBAS Primary Special Event Days

Men's Literacy Day
Monday, 8th September
8.45 – 10.30am

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Thursday 21st August



This years theme is

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

Now's the time to start thinking about your costume!

- Parents are welcome to attend the Book Week Parade Assembly.....Thursday 21st August @ 10.10 in the Middle School Courtyard

Streaky Bay Area School Formal 2025

Friday 14th November 2025 | 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Lock down event
- STREAKY BAY SPORTS COMPLEX -

Photos held at jetty - 6:00pm	Bus available to transport students from jetty to complex
Tickets available \$35 - Ticket sales to be held at lunch times over 3 weeks (dates to be confirmed)	Parents will need to organise ride home after event

Permission slips available with ticket sales - for outside of school students -
All students who wish to invite a guest from outside the school will need to make a request via the appropriate permission form to Mr O'Reilly by Monday the 3rd of November

National No Bullying Week

Be Bold, Be Kind, Speak Up

This week provides an opportunity for students to focus on being bold, being kind and speaking up, to come together and be a powerful protection against bullying.

On August 15th on the Friday
Dress in bold colours!
whether it's your hair, bold shirts or socks, be bold, be kind!

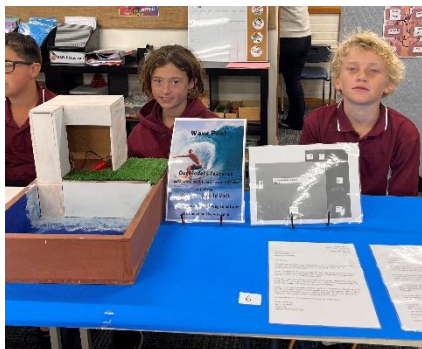
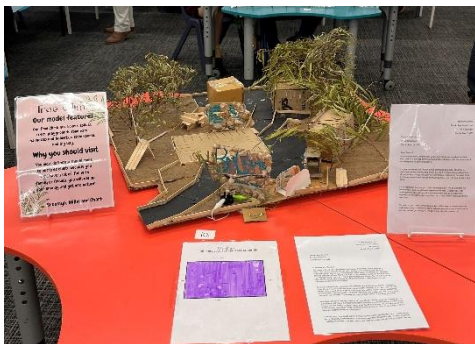
Two children are shown in colorful costumes. One is a girl in a rainbow dress, and the other is a boy in a colorful shirt and sunglasses. A purple box with the text 'BULLYING NO WAY' is also visible.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary- Year 5/6

Last term, Miss Leah and Miss Sampson's Year 5/6 classes took on the exciting challenge of designing a building to meet a local need/want. We're excited to showcase some of their amazing final products in this week's newsletter.

Students are now diving into a new project, *Naturally Brave*, where they'll use Makers Empire to design solutions to support an environment before or after a natural disaster. Along the way, they'll explore how changes in physical conditions affect animals, plants and the environment, while also reflecting on themes of empathy, gratitude and resilience.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHS

An Introduction to Trigonometry

To lead students towards engaging with Trigonometry; the year 9s were treated to some “magic.”

They were introduced to a tool they had never seen before, and they made plenty of observations about what it might be.

“It looks like a telescope”

“A tripod!”

“It has a spirit level on it”

“It has got a scope on it... what will we shoot?”

“It also has a protractor... two! There’s a half one there too”

This tool is a *Theodolite* - a tool used to measure angles of elevation and depression.



We went to the playground and 4 students were asked to climb the spiderweb and measure the height of one of the posts that hold it in position.

They were told to keep this number a secret from Mrs Brown.

Once the Theodolite was set-up, a distance from the spider web, individual students had turns at levelling the spirit level to get as close to horizontal as possible.

Students then measured two more things:

- i) the distance from the base of the Theodolite to the equipment
- ii) the height of the Theodolite to the ground.

Using the scope, students lined up the cross-section within the eye piece with the very top of the playground equipment, they stood back and used the protractor to record the angle of elevation.



Once in the classroom, the 3 numbers I could know were given to me. I performed my “Trigonometry Magic” and calculated the height of the Spider-web to be 2.62m.

SO CLOSE!! The students revealed that their secret number was 2.71m. This difference was calculated to be a percentage error of just 3%.

We brainstormed what might have caused the errors in maths (because, we trust maths, right?!)

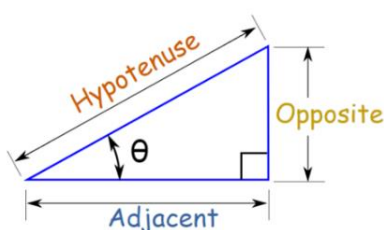
“The people that measured that height definitely didn’t have that tape measure straight!”

“The distance along the ground meant the tape measure had bumps in it!”

“I could not get that spirit level bubble dead centre; it was so frustrating!”

SO... now that we trust the maths calculations this led the class to the best question of all:

“How did you do that??!”



Well, my friends... come with me as we explore TRIGONOMETRY and its RATIOS.

SA - 2025 12 & UNDER SCHOOL GOLF EVENT - STATE FINAL



Congratulations to Nate Huntley and Zahli Chynoweth who competed in the 2025 12 & Under School Golf Event State Final on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 July at West Beach Parks.

A great effort and achievement for both students.



Inspiring Journeys: From Streaky Bay to Adelaide

Recently, our senior school students had the privilege of welcoming back two former students, Tayla Roberts and Tori Vasey, who shared their inspiring journeys from Streaky Bay Area School to pursuing their dreams of becoming doctors. Joining them was Dr. David Lam, who provided valuable insights into the medical profession, along with making choices regarding studying.

Tayla and Tori spoke candidly about their experiences transitioning from a small rural community to the bustling city life of Adelaide. They discussed the challenges they faced, the support they received, and the determination required to follow their dreams. Their stories highlighted the importance of resilience, adaptability, and the power of dreaming big.

Dr. David Lam added depth to the discussion by sharing his professional journey and offering practical advice to students considering not only a career in medicine but also making choices regarding courses to study. His presence underscored the message that with dedication and hard work, our students can achieve their aspirations.

Previously, last term, we were delighted to have Fern Elliott, Jada Frick, Ruby Launer and Ava Brace join the senior school to discuss their transition to the city, living independently and studying at university. It is always a joy to have previous students come and share their experiences, helping this next group understand what it feels like to embark on such a journey.

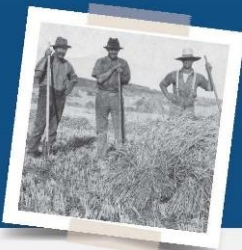
These events are not only informative but also motivating, encouraging our students to envision their futures beyond the horizon of Streaky Bay. We are grateful to our former students and Dr. Lam for their time and for inspiring the next generation of dreamers and achievers.

We look forward to seeing parents at the SACE parent meeting on Tuesday, 19 August, and at the student subject counselling sessions on 26 and 28 August.



Kind regards,
Karen Box
Senior School Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE



SARDI Minnipa Ag Centre Annual Field Day

Celebrating 110 years of MAC



Join us at Minnipa on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, for the 110th SARDI Minnipa Agricultural Centre (MAC) Annual Field Day!

We have a full agenda of research updates, trail walks, and presentations. Topics include:

- Managing herbicide residues
- Updates from the GRDC National Variety Trials (NVT)
- Managing the Etiella Moth in Lentils and unpredictable Pests in a variable climate
- Nitrogen cycling in low rainfall farming systems
- Barley biomass optimisation
- Insights into strip and disc seeding systems and their application in the region
- Barley grass weed management
- Carbon farming considering rotations, emissions intensity and accounting
- Water budgeting, quality, and system sustainability

Morning tea provided by Rabobank & lunch provided by our Gold Sponsor Australian Grain Technologies



10 September 2025



8:30am – 5:00pm



Minnipa Agricultural Centre,
226 McKenzie Road,
Minnipa SA 5654 Australia



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Flying Start
for kids

Our Branch opening hours have changed

Monday:	9.30AM : 1.30PM
Tuesday:	09.30AM : 1.30PM
Wednesday:	CLOSED
Thursday:	9.30AM : 1.30PM
Friday:	9.30AM : 1.30PM
Saturday:	CLOSED
Sunday:	CLOSED

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