



12 March 2026

No. 4

FOR YOUR DIARY....

MARCH

Mon 16	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4.30 – 7.30pm
Tue 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3.20 – 6.30pm
Tue 24	WASSAC, Port Lincoln SAPSASA Swimming, Adelaide SAPSASA Boys Football Trials
Mon 30	SAPSASA Boys Football Trials

APRIL

Wed 1	SSSSA Athletics, Adelaide
Fri 3	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 6	EASTER MONDAY
Mon 27	STUDENT FREE DAY - First day of Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Hello Everyone,

This week, our school community was deeply saddened by the passing of staff member Richard Bowden. Richard dedicated more than 20 years to Streaky Bay Area School and supported many students through his work across the school, particularly in Tech Studies and within the Middle and Senior School. Our sincere condolences remain with his family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time. I would also like to extend our gratitude for the love, care and support shown by our families and the broader community. It has meant a great deal.

Our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students are participating in NAPLAN testing, a significant opportunity to demonstrate their learning progress, skills, and growth. Thank you to our teachers and coordinators for their careful preparation, and to our students for approaching these assessments with positive attitudes and persistence. NAPLAN is just one measure of achievement, and I encourage everyone to see it as a chance to reflect on strengths and identify areas for further development.

I'd also like to congratulate our Interschool Athletics team, who competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship at the recent event. Finishing second overall behind Ceduna Area School is an outstanding achievement, and I am proud of how our students

represented Streaky Bay through their dedication, teamwork, and encouragement of each other. A sincere thank you to our staff and families for their support, your involvement makes experiences like this possible.

Last week, we held our mid-term assembly. It was very pleasing to be able to acknowledge the achievements and growth of our students from Reception to Year 12. Awards presented were aligned with our school values and vision statement, recognising both academic and personal growth. It is always rewarding to celebrate the efforts of our students and see the pride they, and their families, take in their accomplishments. As part of our mid-term assembly, our Year 12 students presented handmade bookmarks to our reception students, their buddy class. This thoughtful gesture was a wonderful reflection of how everyday small actions can strengthen relationships across our school and help our young people feel safe, welcomed, and a true sense of belonging at SBAS. Moments like these highlight the caring culture we strive to nurture and the importance of supporting one another across all year levels.

Next week, we are holding our first parent-teacher interview period for the year. This has been brought forward in the term to provide families with an earlier opportunity to connect with your child's teachers. These interviews are a valuable chance to discuss how your child is settling into the year, share insights, and work together to support their learning journey. We encourage all families to book their meetings via the DAPMAP app or, if you prefer, contact the school directly.

As we move into the second half of Term 1, it's encouraging to see our students embracing both academic and extracurricular opportunities. These experiences, whether in the classroom, on the sporting field, or through community involvement, contribute to the vibrant and supportive culture we are building together.

Thank you for your ongoing support and active engagement in school life. We look forward to more

achievements and shared moments as the term progresses.

*Regards,
Tim O'Reilly
Principal*

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. If contacting the school out of hours, please leave a message with your contact details and we will return your call as soon as we can.

SWIMMING POOL CARPARK

The swimming pool car park is not for a kiss and drop off, it is for parking and flow through traffic. If you are using it as a morning, drop off or afternoon pick up you need to park in a park so you are not blocking the flow or the walk way for others to use. Kiss and drop zone is at the front of the school.

2026 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT PLANS

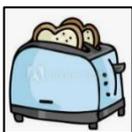
If you would like to take up the option of a payment plan, please ensure you come in and see the front office staff prior to the end of Term 1, Friday 10 April to complete your installment schedule. We encourage families to utilise this option to alleviate the financial burden. If you think you may be eligible for school card please see above for the application process

2025 SCHOOL MAGAZINE



If you have not ordered your copy of the 2025 full colour School Magazine and would like a copy, we have 20 copies left. Collect one from the front office, \$22.00ea.

BREAKFAST CLUB



8.30 – 8.45am each morning. Thanks to Redding's Foodland & the volunteers for their continuing support of the Breakfast program. It is very much appreciated.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

School Bus Driver required

An expression of interest for the position of:

STREAKY BAY AREA SCHOOL BUS DRIVER 2026:

For further information regarding conditions of employment & pay rate please contact:

Mr Tim O'Reilly
Streaky Bay Area School
109 Wells Street
STREAKY BAY SA 5680
Ph: 86261202
Email: tim.oreilly419@schools.sa.edu.au



YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

2026

A writing competition open to ALL South Australian students

FREE TOPIC: POETRY OR PROSE. UP TO 1000 WORDS

Entry form and information at <https://aate.org.au>
Categories from Reception to Year 12



Plus, students can also enter the **COVER DESIGN COMPETITION**
See the [SAETA website](https://saeta.org.au) for full details and submission links

ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 15 May

STREAKY BAY AREA SCHOOL

2026 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I _____ (full name) of _____ (address)

nominate

_____ (full name) of _____ (address)

I _____ (full name) of _____ (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors. I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person. I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Streaky Bay Area School Governing/School Council will cease.

Signed _____

Date: _____



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Celebrating Student Achievement: Rural Youth Ambassadors

We are excited to announce that Halle Montgomerie has been selected as a 2026 Rural Youth Ambassador. This is a great achievement, and I am sure Halle will do a great job in this role. The Rural Youth Ambassador program is a wonderful opportunity for young leaders to work with like-minded peers, tackling important issues faced by students in rural communities across South Australia.

We are also pleased to congratulate Chloe Foster, who is one of only five students in the state chosen for the newly established Mental Well-being Youth Advisory Group. Throughout 2025, the Rural Youth Ambassadors of South Australia engaged in ongoing discussions with senior Department for Education staff, advocating for the creation of this Advisory Group. Its purpose is to explore the specific challenges faced by country students and to develop potential initiatives for supporting their mental well-being. With support from the Department for Education, Chloe and her peers will, throughout 2026:

- Present their ideas and findings to senior department staff
- Consult with peers in rural schools to ensure diverse voices are heard
- Link with the Department's review of mental well-being in schools
- And consult with key stakeholder groups to gain broader interest and support.

Chloe will play an important role in these discussions and initiatives, working hard to improve outcomes for rural students across the state.

A massive shout-out also goes to our Senior School House Captains for their exemplary leadership at the recent Swimming Carnival and Sports Day. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and support for their peers truly made us proud. They are an amazing group of young people who continue to demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities within our school community. Congratulations to Connor Habel, Raja Haycraft, Soul Braz, Noah Elliott, Jessica Dunn, Eva Schmucker, Estelle Brace, Jayda Brougham, Hope Elliott, Elke Kerin, and Lily Kirby.

These achievements highlight the dedication of our students and their ongoing commitment to making a positive impact at Streaky Bay Area School and beyond. We look forward to seeing the continued contributions of Halle, Chloe, and our Senior School House Captains in their leadership roles this year.

Kind Regards

Karen Box

Senior School Coordinator

Genius Hour

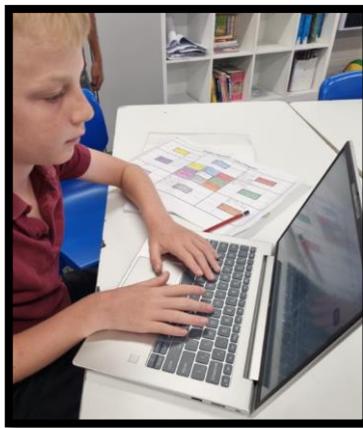
The Year 6/7 classes are taking part in an inspiring health inquiry project called 'Genius Hour'. Each Monday, students will set aside one hour to delve into a topic that truly excites them, giving them the chance to develop their inquiry skills and foster a deep level of learning.

Genius Hour gives each student the opportunity to choose an area of personal interest and become an expert in that topic. The inquiry is designed to help students learn how they research best, manage their time effectively, and plan and organise the presentation of their projects.

An important focus of Genius Hour is peer reflection—students are guided to provide meaningful feedback to one another and to use this feedback to shape their learning and set new goals for each session.

The inquiry process encourages students to choose a topic, brainstorm what they already know, and decide what they want to find out more about. They conduct research, organise their new knowledge in a meaningful way, and then present what they have learned to their peers. We are already seeing an exciting range of topics being investigated, including the history of World War II, the story of the Titanic, fascinating aspects of psychological sciences, geology, animals and an exploration of various sports and how they have evolved over time.

We look forward to watching our students' confidence, curiosity, and independence grow through their Genius Hour inquiries.



'I'm learning that I like to take control of my learning and make choices.'
- Lily

'I like working with the other Year 6/7 class.'
- Matilda

'I like learning more things about something we are interested in'
- Moana

SSSSA Swimming

On Monday 23rd February, two Streaky Bay Area School students travelled to Adelaide to represent the Eyre Peninsula and Upper North Swim Team at the **School Sport SA Secondary Swimming Championships**, held at the impressive **SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre**.

Competing in A Grade against large metropolitan schools, our students were part of the only country team in the competition—and what an impact they made. We congratulate Jayda Brougham and Banjo Burge on their selection and outstanding performances.

Jayda competed in Division 1 in all three of her individual events, achieving personal best times in each and gaining a state qualifying time in the 50m breaststroke. Banjo competed in Division 2 in all three of his individual events and achieved personal bests in two of them.

As a team, the girls finished 5th overall, the boys placed 9th overall, and the combined team achieved a strong 6th overall finish.

A fantastic effort from both swimmers. We are extremely proud of the way our students represented **Streaky Bay Area School** and our region at such a high-level competition.



Sports Day Results 2026

Individual Results:

Age Group				
6 year-old	Boys	Winner	Marly Dunbar	24 pts
		Runner-up	Ivan Dickson	18 pts
	Girls	Winner	Charlotte Leathan	18 pts
		Runner-up	Layla Wild & Sadie Montgomerie	16 pts
7 year-old	Boys	Winner	Ryan Ferguson	28 pts
		Runner-up	Malikai Surace	22 pts
	Girls	Winner	Vienna Holmes	26 pts
		Runner-up	Elke Montgomerie	20 pts
8 year-old	Boys	Winner	Raven Alexander	32 pts
		Runner-up	Iggy Chynoweth	28 pts
	Girls	Winner	Charlie Brown	34 pts
		Runner-up	Luna Murphy	26 pts
9 year-old	Boys	Winner	Brodie Fyfe	28 pts
		Runner-up	Aish Montgomerie	20 pts
	Girls	Winner	Eadie Brown	28 pts
		Runner-up	Sadie Tomney	24 pts
10 year-old	Boys	Winner	Toby Elliott	30 pts
		Runner-up	Davi DaSilva	26 pts
	Girls	Winner	Stella Lipcer-Hood & Mary Beck	32 pts
		Runner-up	Hadlee Omond-Theunens	15 pts
11 year-old	Boys	Winner	Jarvis Willmet	49 pts
		Runner-up	Zi Alexander	41 pts
	Girls	Winner	Maddie Faulkner & Elsie Walsh	33 pts
		Runner-up	Karrie Guelfi	27 pts
12 year-old	Boys	Winner	Sunny Simpson	59 pts
		Runner-up	Zac Williams	33 pts
	Girls	Winner	Clea Woolford	55 pts
		Runner-up	Scarlett Burge	26 pts
13 year-old	Boys	Winner	Sammy Richardson	42 pts
		Runner-up	Jude Elliott	41 pts
	Girls	Winner	Millie Schmucker	47 pts
		Runner-up	Charlie Montgomerie	34 pts
14 year-old	Boys	Winner	Winston Day	75 pts
		Runner-up	Kai Habel	47 pts
	Girls	Winner	Indie Dolling	58 pts
		Runner-up	Alexis Williams	41 pts
15 year-old	Boys	Winner	Connor Baldock	49 pts
		Runner-up	Xavier Pickhaver	36 pts
	Girls	Winner	Pania Alexander	59 pts
		Runner-up	Sophie Durdin	35 pts
Open	Boys	Winner	Jack Launer	47 pts
		Runner-up	Noah Elliott	38 pts
	Girls	Winner	Eva Schmucker	59 pts
		Runner-up	Jayda Brougham	47 pts

House Championship:

1st place: Wattle (1434 points)

2nd place: Waratah (1377 points)

3rd place: Banksia (1275 points)

New Records:

Charlie Brown 8-Year-old girls – High Jump 1.5m

Lewis Brown 10-Year-old boys – Long Jump 3m 51cm

Handicap Championship:

1st place: Waratah (1466 points)

2nd place: Wattle (1434 points)

3rd place: Banksia (1397 points)







MATES ON A MISSION

IS COMING TO THE
Eyre Peninsula

24th March - 1st April 2026

Proudly brought to town by Ski 4 Life, a South Australian charity supporting mental health and suicide prevention in rural communities, Mates On A Mission is heading to the Eyre Peninsula!

Ben Pettingill and Mike Rolls AKA Legless & Blind, are two down-to-earth mates who are on a mission to redefine what it means to be "Tough" Join us for a powerful, practical and honest evening that connects communities and breaks down stigma around mental health. Everyone welcome, so lock in a date. We can't wait to see you there!

24/3 - TUMBY BAY YACHT CLUB	25/3 - CLEVE SPORTS CLUB
26/3 - WUDINNA COMMUNITY CLUB	27/3 - PORT LINCOLN YACHT CLUB
28/3 - ELLISTON FOOTBALL CLUB	29/3 - STREAKY BAY PUB
31/3 - CUMMINS SPORTING COMPLEX	

All events: 6:30pm arrival for a 7:30pm start

Mates On A Mission is proudly brought to you by 

JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN



Did you know that towns in regional South Australia rely on volunteer ambulance teams made up of locals who generously step up to support their community?

Have you ever considered volunteering? SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is calling on Far North and West Coast residents to 'Join the Team in Green'. By becoming an ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of a dedicated team and make a meaningful, life-changing difference in your community.

Claire Morichaud, pictured below, is a volunteer based in Balaklava, and says her time with SAAS has been incredibly rewarding.

"I enjoy using my experience as a teacher to support new recruits through their training. It gives me the chance to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the community," Claire said.

With flexible training options and the ability to fit shifts around family, work or social commitments, volunteering with SAAS offers the chance to gain nationally recognised clinical skills while giving back in a meaningful way.

Volunteers receive comprehensive training at no cost, ongoing peer and leadership support, free Ambulance Cover for themselves and immediate family members, and the chance to be part of a close-knit, community-focused team.

If you're ready to join the team in green and become a SAAS volunteer, visit www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or call 1300 175 584. The team in green is excited to welcome you!

SAAS is recruiting volunteers for the following Far North and West Coast stations:

- Cleve
- Port Kenny
- Cowell
- Quorn
- Cummins
- Roxby Downs
- Hawker
- Streaky Bay
- Kimba
- Tumby Bay



JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN

Volunteer with SAAS today.
1300 175 584
saasvolunteer@sa.gov.au



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SA Health



SA Ambulance Service



Instep Dance
STREAKY BAY

Enrolments now open!

Please scan the QR code for more information. We look forward to another successful year of performing & dancing!

Enrolments will close on Sunday 22nd March.




SIES
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SAVE THE DATES 2026 SIES REGIONAL CONNECT!

TERM 1, WEEK 5, 2026: THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
TERM 2, WEEK 5, 2026: THURSDAY 28TH MAY
TERM 3, WEEK 5, 2026: THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST
TERM 4, WEEK 5, 2026: THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Join us via Microsoft Teams for The Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) termly Regional Connect information sessions

If you're a **parent, carer or educator** of a student with disability or difficulty at a DfE School, you are invited to these sessions where SIES staff will be available to discuss resources and supports.

More information to follow regarding subjects, times and registrations.



Next one Thur 26th Feb 2026



TIME TO BE CONFIRMED



Registrations to follow

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