



O'Sullivan Beach Primary School

Newsletter Term 3, Week 4

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Somehow, we've blinked and we're already halfway through Term 3. Classrooms feel calm and focused, and that starts with the routines you set at home—thank you for the lunches packed, early nights, and gentle nudges out the door each morning. It all adds up to children who arrive ready to learn.

This term, we've kept things simple and consistent in lessons so students know exactly what they're learning and how to show it. For example, in maths, teachers are building confidence through clear instruction, plenty of practice, and quick check-ins to see who's ready for the next challenge and who needs a hand. It's steady, purposeful work, and we're already seeing students back themselves more.

I want to shine a bright light on the Years 4–6 camp at Wirraway Homestead. Camp isn't just a few days away from school—it's a concentrated burst of growth. We watched students try new things, encourage each other, and keep going when it felt a bit hard. The biggest wins were the quiet ones: a child putting a hand up to help, a team re-trying a challenge until they nailed it, someone choosing kindness when they were tired. That's the stuff that sticks. For some children, the highlight was building independence—making beds, packing their own gear, and being on time for activities. For others, it was friendship—sharing laughs, including someone new, or finding the courage to join in. We plan camp carefully so every student feels safe and supported, and I'm proud of how they looked after themselves and each other.

A huge thank you to Mrs Tatterson, Mrs Berrigan, and the camp team for the planning, supervision and care they put into every minute, long days and late nights included. Thanks as well to families for all the packing, labelled bags, last-minute sock hunts and steady reassurance before we left. We're incredibly grateful for the support from Variety -the Children's Charity, which helped reduce costs for families so more students could take part. We'll share a photo wrap-up in this newsletter so you can relive some of those moments at home.

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Coming Up

Term 3, 2025

Week 6

Friday 29th August
Wear it Purple Day

Week 7

Wednesday 3rd September
Indigenous Literacy Day

Thursday 4th September
Father's Day Stall

Week 8

Monday 8th September
International Literacy Day

Thursday 11th September
RUOK Day
Governing Council

Friday 12th September
Assembly 2.30

Week 10

Thursday 25th September
Monarto Zoo Excursion R-3

Friday 26th September
End of term Assembly 1.20
Early Finish 2.00pm

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Principal's Message cont.

Wellbeing remains front and centre. Our O'Sullie's Champ Cards (our acknowledgement cards) are a daily reminder to notice the good, and you'll hear your child talking about our C.A.R.E. values—Cooperation, Achievement, Respect and Empathy. These aren't just words on a poster; we use them in conversations with students to help guide their choices. If something's not sitting right for your child, please come straight to us so we can sort it quickly and kindly.

This week we celebrated SSO Week—a huge thank you to our School Services Officers, our quiet heroes who keep the wheels turning every day. From one-on-one support for students with additional needs to small-group literacy and numeracy, first aid, ICT, library magic and the all-important admin backbone, SSOs help every classroom feel calm, capable and inclusive. They often work behind the scenes and can go unnoticed, but they're a vital part of the school's heartbeat and student success. Across South Australia, there are around 4,300 SSOs—a reminder of just how far their impact reaches. Thank you for your care, your skill and your steady presence—this week is for you. (Recognised as "Support Staff Week" across SA).

Book Week was an absolute highlight! Our parade transformed the school into a sea of storybook characters, with creativity that was off the charts. A huge thank you to our families and students for the time, glue, glitter and late-night costume magic—you made this year's celebration something special. Classrooms buzzed all week with read-alouds and buddy reading, and a special shout-out to the librarians from Noarlunga Public Library who came in to share stories with our students.

Thank you for the trust you place in our school. We'll keep doing the simple things well—clear teaching, warm relationships, and high expectations—so every child is known, cared for and challenged to do their best. As always, if you have questions or ideas, my door is open.

Looking ahead, we're now taking bookings for school tours as we prepare for our Reception 2026 transition visits next term—please spread the word to neighbours and friends.

Warm regards,

Simon Rowlands
Principal, O'Sullivan Beach Primary School



"I loved when had the campfire- the marshmallows were tasty"- Saif



"I loved taking care of the horses, especially when I was allowed to walk my horse around"
Aylah



"I loved leading my horse around the stable, I was so excited that it was following me"- Velvet





Wirraway Camp for me was really fun. I enjoyed all the activities, but my favourite would be horse riding. Shiloh was such a silly and special horse. I also liked the priest and the parage. Camp sometimes got me out of my comfort zone, but I ended up enjoying it. Overall, camp was a very nice experience full of activities, and if we could, I would gladly come a second time. Thanks Variety for helping to pay for our camp! - Safiya



My experience when on camp this year was pretty awesome. My favourite activity was horse riding and horse caring. Honestly, I think it's really amazing how Wirraway Homestead has awesome activities like archery, horse caring, and horse riding! I highly recommend Baptist Care SA for leading this awesome camp. Massive thanks to Variety Children's Charity for the generous donation! Great camp for animal and nature lovers! Thanks Wirraway for the awesome experience and to Variety for the very generous donation! - Charlett

"I loved the animals, especially the horse care, rosemary and anchovy were so cute"-
Aleirah



"Brushing my horse was the best, it made me feel calm"
Robert



The camp activity which I enjoyed the most was horse care. I loved spending time and being close with the horses. The horse that I brushed was called Nessy. I worked with Maddie to look after Nessy. She was a very large horse and was chestnut colour. I hope I can spend more time with horses again soon. - Ella K- L



This year, camp was really fun, and we got to spend time with horses. We brushed them, led them, and fed them. A horse named Ruby was very kind. They had pigs and sheep, and the year 6s did horse riding! Year 4 and year 5s did horse care, and the goats were soooo cute! We all did C.A.R.E values, where we got a special card if we showed and were acknowledged for one of the school values. It was so good, I want go back! - Pearl

"I liked when we played spotlight, there was so much room to run and hide"-
Hamish





"I loved hearing the sheep because it showed me about team work because we had to work together"- Thea



"I liked the shelter building because we used team work to make sure our shelter turned out really well"- Evie



Shelter building was fun. Mrs Tatterson helped our team to cooperate and we went really well. I got to pet a horse. It felt weird because I have never touched a horse before. - Oli



This year, camp was really fun and adventurous. I loved horseback riding, archery, and horse care. I loved how Variety Children's charity helped pay for our camp and I'm really happy and grateful because camp would not have happened without their financial support. I'm very happy and grateful with our camp that we got to go on. I really enjoyed horseback riding. At first it was scary, but I learned that if I'm nervous, the horse is too. Also big thanks to our school for organising and to Variety for their generous charity. - Lyla



SSO - Week Celebrating Our Support Staff



At O'Sullivan Beach Primary, our School Support Officers (SSOs) play such an important role in supporting our students, staff, and school community. SSO Week is a special opportunity to pause and celebrate their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they have on our school. We thank our SSOs for the care, commitment, and expertise they bring to our classrooms and programs we couldn't do it without them! **THANK YOU!**

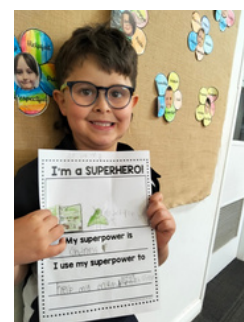
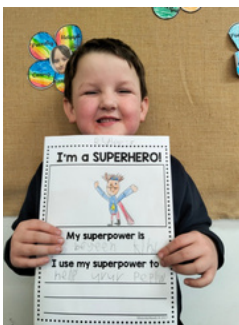


Bullying No Way - 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.'

This year's theme was "Be bold. Be kind. Speak up." Students took part in activities and conversations that encouraged them to stand together against bullying, show kindness, and speak up to support others. At O'Sullivan Beach Primary, we are proud to create a school community where everyone belongs and bullying is never accepted.



Photo from Nguganga Class - "A Patchwork of



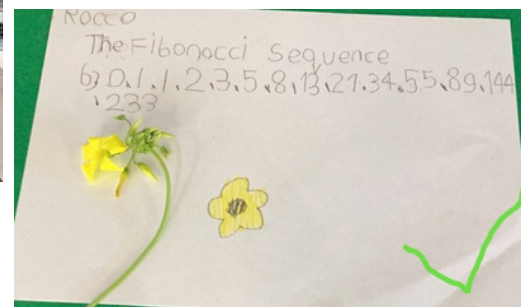
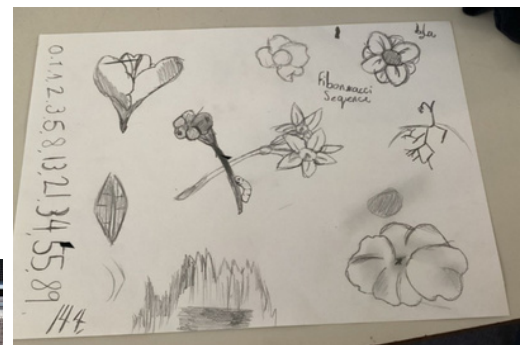
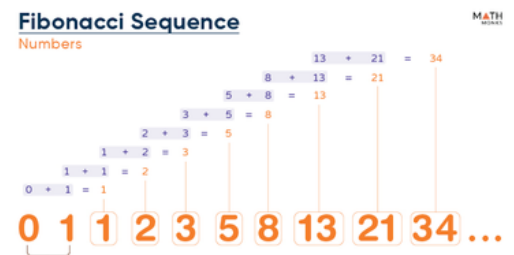
As part of 'Bullying No More' week, Werndo class explored the meaning of kindness at school and in the community. The students were challenged to identify acts of kindness they can demonstrate as 'Kindness Superheroes'.



Winta 5/6

During Week 4's National Science Week, Winta Class embraced the theme 'Decoding the Universe' through hands-on investigations. Students tracked shadows with chalk outlines and built sundials to explore light and time. They also collected garden flowers and discovered the Fibonacci Sequence hidden in their petals, making exciting connections between nature and number patterns. These activities beautifully demonstrated how science and mathematics work together to help us understand our amazing universe!

Why not continue the investigation at home by looking for the Fibonacci Sequence and golden ratio in pinecones, sunflower centres, or spiral shells together?



Book Week

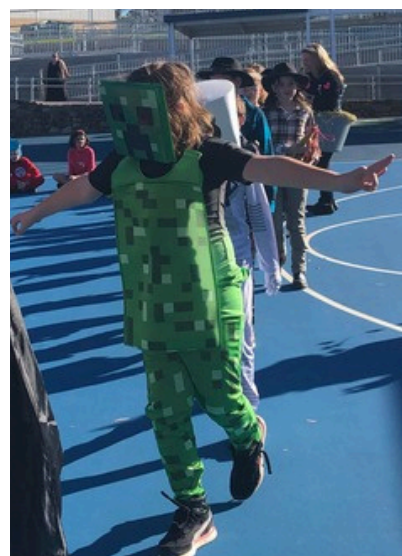
What an incredible week we've had celebrating Book Week with the theme "Book an Adventure." This theme reminds us that every time we open a book, we embark on a journey into a new world filled with imagination, creativity, and discovery.



The standout event was our much-loved Book Week Parade. Students impressed with their colourful and creative costumes, proudly bringing favourite characters and stories to life. The parade's energy and excitement united our whole school in a joyful celebration of reading. A special moment came from the staff performance of The Bucket Fillers story, reminding us all of the power of kindness and the importance of filling each other's buckets every day.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to all families who donated books for our Book Swap. Your generosity not only filled our shelves but also filled our students with excitement. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces ready to dive into their next reading adventure.

Finally, thank you to our families for supporting Book Week – from helping with costumes to encouraging a love of reading at home. Together, we've shown that books truly take us on the greatest adventures!





This term, our Ngungana (Year 4) class has embarked on an enriching journey with Jason and Emily from Nature Play SA. The students have been exploring local bird species, discovering how these creatures exhibit unique personalities. Through this experience, the children have reflected on their own personalities, choosing a bird that resonates with them. Birds, much like humans, can be nurturing, risk-takers, creative, and curious.



The program encourages students to connect with nature and place through outdoor exploration. Over the past five weeks, the children have delved into the intricacies of birds' feathers, colouring, and habits. This hands-on approach has enhanced their understanding of the natural world and fostered a deep appreciation for the environment. By spending time outside, students have experienced the benefits of nature on their wellbeing.



To culminate this learning journey, the students will create a watercolour portrait of their chosen bird, showcasing their artistic skills and personal reflections. These artworks will be displayed in an exhibition at the Botanic Gardens at the end of the term, celebrating the connection between art, nature, and personal growth. This project highlights the power of nature play, illustrating how outdoor exploration can enhance our wellbeing.



2025 Parent survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 7 September. For more information please visit the [department's website](#).

This survey aims to get your views on:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you as a parent/carer.



Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school. You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please use this one:

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/Bu13vf8qiEK6se6CLDduLg2>

Staff Professional Development Day



Thanks for coming
to our school
Dental Patrol

On Friday of Week 3, our staff participated in a Professional Development Day focused on the South Australian Curriculum: Mathematics Capabilities. The day sparked lots of rich discussion about the skills and dispositions we want to grow in our students – particularly reasoning, problem-solving, fluency & flexibility, and developing understanding. These powerful conversations helped staff plan practical ways to bring these skills into the classroom so that mathematics is taught in ways that are engaging, challenging, and meaningful. By investing in this professional learning, we're equipping students not only to succeed in maths, but also to become confident, creative, and flexible thinkers.



problem solver do?

- experiment
- have a go
- reflects
- try
- persist
- believe
- think more than one way
- understand the problem
- draw on prior knowledge
- look at different ways
- thinks
- persist
- listen
- think
- retry
- uses strategy
- represent their thinking
- embrace the struggle
- takes their time

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