



O'Sullivan Beach Primary School

Newsletter Term 3, Week 6 2026

Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As we move into the middle of Term 3, it is hard to believe how quickly the term is passing. It has been wonderful to see students return ready to learn and engage in the many opportunities on offer across our school.

A special welcome goes to our Mid-Year Reception students and families who joined our school community this term. It has been fantastic watching our newest learners settle into Werndo Class and become part of the O'Sullivan Beach Primary School family.

Plenty has already happened this term. Students have participated in Life Education sessions, accessed health services through visits by the School Dentist and Behavioural Optometrist, and continued to engage in rich learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Looking ahead, next week brings one of the highlights of the school year...Book Week! With this year's theme, Symphony of Stories, we are looking forward to celebrating the joy of reading, with our Book Week Dress-Up Day always a favourite amongst students and staff. Our annual Book Swap has also generated plenty of excitement, with students eager to share and discover new books.

The Festival of Music season is also beginning to take shape, with our choir members preparing for their performance at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre later this term. We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm our students have shown as they rehearse for this exciting opportunity.

On Friday of Week 6, student artwork will be showcased as part of the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Festival. We are excited to celebrate the creativity and talent of our students and share their work with the wider community.

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O'Sullivan Beach Primary School

Deputy Principal's Message cont.

Coming Up

Term 3, 2026

Week 6

Book Week

Tuesday 25 August

Dress up day 9.00am Assembly

Friday 28 August

Wear it Purple Day

Week 7

Thursday September 3

Father's Day stall

Week 8

Tuesday 8 Sept

Assembly 8.40am

Friday 11 September

Whole School Excursion

Art Gallery and Museum

Week 9

Friday 18 September

Festival of Music Choir Concert

Week 10

Thursday 24 September

R-3 Adelaide Zoo Excursion

Friday 25 September

Assembly 1.30pm

Early dismissal 2.00pm

Term 4 - Week 1

Monday 12 October

Earlier this year, students in Years 4–6 completed the 2026 Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey. Our results highlighted many strengths across our school, with students reporting strong connections to school, positive relationships with staff and high levels of engagement in learning. The results also showed improvements in areas such as happiness, optimism and satisfaction with life, reflecting the positive and supportive culture we continue to build together. These results are something our entire school community can be proud of and reinforce the importance of the work we do every day to ensure students feel safe, supported and connected.

In other exciting results, the 2026 NAPLAN results highlight many strengths across O'Sullivan Beach Primary School. Our Year 3 students achieved a Strong proficiency level across all assessed areas, while Year 5 students achieved Strong proficiency in Spelling and continued to demonstrate growth across Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. These results reflect the hard work of our students, staff and families and our ongoing commitment to high-quality teaching, targeted support and student success.

During our recent Student Free Day, teaching staff worked alongside Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) experts, further strengthening our whole-school approach to creating positive, predictable and supportive learning environments. The day provided valuable opportunities for reflection, collaboration and planning as we continue to build consistency across the school. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to our students. Their passion, care and willingness to continually learn and improve make a significant difference every day.

Thank you also to our families and wider school community for your ongoing support and partnership. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our students.

As we move into the second half of Term 3, we are excited about the learning, celebrations and opportunities still to come. We look forward to continuing to support every student to learn, grow and thrive.

Ngaityalya,
(Kurna, thank you)

Morgan Collett
Deputy Principal



KISS & DROP

Keep it safe. Keep it moving

GALLOWAY ROAD • QUICK DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY



This zone is not a parking space

If you need to wait or leave your vehicle, please use the nearby parking spaces.

Four simple steps

1



Approach slowly

Follow all signs and watch for children.

2



Move Forward

Use the furthest available position.

3



Stay in your car

The driver remains within the vehicle.

4



Leave promptly

Once your child is safely in or out.

GALLOWAY ROAD FRONTAGE

Schematic only – use the marked zone and follow on-site parking signs.

GALLOWAY ROAD



MARKED KISS & DROP ZONE

SCHOOL SIDE • CHILDREN ENTER AND EXIT ON THE KERB SIDE

Please do:

- ✓ Have school bags accessible from inside the car
- ✓ Use the kerb-side doors only
- ✓ Be safe, patient and courteous

Please do not:

- ✗ Park, double park or U-TURN
- ✗ Leave your vehicle unattended
- ✗ Wait if your child is not ready to be collected
- ✗ No smoking or vaping

Walking Together



Sharing Culture

All classes have continued to learn about Ngarrindjeri Country, people and culture. Ngarrindjeri Country spans the lower Murray River, the Lower Lakes (Alexandrina and Albert), the Coorong and the Encounter Bay region, and borders Kurna Country. We have continued to learn about the Creation of the River Murray, by Pondi the giant Murray Cod who was being chased by the Great Spirit Ngurunderi and his brother-in-law, Nepele. Pondi's giant tail thrashing about, carved out the mighty Murray River, before the 2 fishermen finally caught him, where the fresh water meets the salt water, at the Murray mouth, turning him into all the many fresh and salt water fish.



All classes have learned about the Thukeri story, that teaches how the bony bream became so full of tiny bones. It teaches us not to be selfish or greedy, but to share what we have with others and to be truthful. We have also been learning about the amazing David Unaipon, a Ngarrindjeri man who has been compared to Leonardo Da Vinci because of his brilliant mind and amazing inventions. We have had fun making and testing spinning propellers that reflect his invention of an early helicopter design, based on how a boomerang flies.

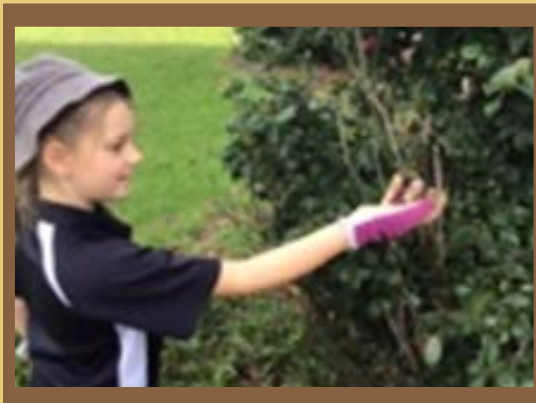
Garden



While dodging showers and working around wet days, students have continued to get their hands dirty out in the garden. Weeding continues to be a constant and ongoing job that we are all getting pretty good at, and we are hoping to see some of the seeds we have been planting take off soon, yielding us some fresh garlic, leeks, spinach, bok choy, lettuce, celery and potatoes.



We have been planting lots of flower seeds too, hoping that soon our local bees and other pollinators will come to visit our lovely blooms and help pollinate our other fruits and vegetables that are growing. Other visitors to our garden have been a couple of marbled geckos, which have been great to see and learn about. We have been harvesting lots of lillypillys, and the Kurraki class had fun researching and writing up a range of recipes that we can try out next term. We are ready to start harvesting loquats and lemons to use in our kitchen classes soon. If only we could work out a way to use all the sour sobs!!



Maths in Werndo



☀ Welcome to Reception! ☀

A huge welcome to all our new Reception friends who have joined our class this term! We are so excited to have you with us and can't wait to see all the wonderful learning (and fun!) ahead.

Maths Learning in Reception

We've been busy little mathematicians this term! Our learners have been working hard on:

- Number formation – practising writing our numbers correctly and confidently
- Counting skills – counting forwards, backwards, and matching numbers to quantities
- Addition and subtraction – exploring "putting together" and "taking away" using hands-on objects.

Learning Through Play

Did you know maths is everywhere in play? Our class has been counting out loose parts, building number towers with blocks, sorting collections, and playing maths-based games. Learning through play helps our children build deep understanding while having lots of fun along the way!

Buddy Time

We've loved practising our maths skills with our buddies! Sharing our thinking, counting together, and showing off our new skills to a friend has been a highlight of our week. It's a great way to build confidence and celebrate each other's learning.

Maths Outdoors

Whenever we can, we take our learning outside! We've been counting leaves, sorting sticks by size, hopping along number lines in the yard, and exploring maths all around us in nature.

We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm our Reception mathematicians have shown this term!



Nguawakka



Over the past few weeks, several students from the Year 5/6 class have helped us create our own 'Ready for Learning' plans.

Together, we explored a range of emotions and discussed how everyone experiences feelings that can sometimes make learning more challenging. We also talked about situations in which we have experienced these emotions and identified personal strategies that can help us regulate our feelings and become ready to learn again.

We are hoping that our posters will help us recognise these emotions when they arise and encourage us to use our strategies independently. Thank you once again to the Year 5/6 students for supporting us and helping us continue to develop our learning skills!



During Maths, we have been focusing on what our brains are thinking when we are faced with a mathematical problem. Students have been explaining their answers and describing the strategies they used to work through each problem. They have also been discussing how they know their answer is correct and considering whether their answer is reasonable.

Ngungana Science lessons



This Term in Ngungana class, we have begun our learning of a new Science topic; Earth and Space Science. This unit allows us focus on geology and Earth's natural resources. We have really enjoyed learning about different rocks local to our area. The more we learned about their properties, we began grouping and categorising them based on what we agreed were their distinct features .



Ngungana Science Lessons



Just this week, we completed a unit of work based on how First Nations Australians used the rocks and minerals around them.

We saw some wonderful links to our culture lessons with Ms Starr and Shialee, as students excitedly and proudly shared that they already knew how ochre was made!

2 Part 1 of 2 Assigned

Look at the images.

What story can you tell about the rock?

We also learned that small rocks and stones were used as toys by First Nations Australians Children and we had so much fun trying out a game we learned during our lessons



Kurraki class



Learning About Money

Our class has been learning about money and financial literacy and recently brought our learning to life by creating our very own classroom grocery store!

Students brought in empty food boxes and packaging from home to recreate a real-life shopping experience. Using play money, shopping lists and budgets, students took turns being customers and shopkeepers.

This hands-on activity allowed students to practise counting money, calculating totals, working out change, comparing prices and making spending decisions. It was wonderful to see students applying their maths skills to a familiar, real-world situation while also developing their problem-solving, communication and decision-making skills.

There were lots of enthusiastic shoppers and some impressive mental maths happening in our classroom!



Winta - Our Term 3 Snapshot



Term 3 has been a busy and exciting time for our Grade 5/6 students and it doesn't look like slowing down! This term, PE has been taught by the classroom teacher, with a focus on soccer which has been a perfect follow on from our World Cup unit last term. Students have been developing their skills before applying these alongside a range of strategies and in-game situations. It has been fantastic to see their confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship develop.

We have started regular buddy class sessions with Ngauwakka, providing wonderful opportunities for our students to take on mentoring roles. Grade 5/6 students have demonstrated patience, responsibility and encouragement as they work alongside their younger buddies through a range of shared activities. Many students also embraced the opportunity to go help out their buddies with their learning outside of our buddy class lesson last Friday afternoon.

In Science, students have been investigating how distance affects the apparent size of objects. Using a ball to represent the Sun and a tennis ball to represent the Moon, students explored why these objects appear similar in size in the sky despite the Sun being much larger. Students made observations, shared their thinking and reflected on their learning as scientists. They also loved the opportunity to take Science outside which is something we're excited to do more of as the weather warms up.





Koa - The Arts

Lots to celebrate in the Arts this term! Students across the school have been exploring printmaking, personal impressions of landscape and a range of portraits, including the gorgeous 3D animal portraits pictured. They've also enjoyed viewing and naming each other's finished pieces as we get everything ready for our SALA art show.

This is an event open to the public, students and families are encouraged to come along and admire the amazing range of artworks O'Sullivan Beach Primary School students have created.

In Performing Arts, all classes have been building their rhythm skills using a range of instruments, with dramatic play also a feature in Junior Primary. Our Festival of Music Choir travelled offsite to the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for their rehearsal ahead of the big concert.

Key Dates in the Arts

Fri 21st August
Offsite Choir Rehearsal

Fri 14th August
SALA Exhibition Opening

Fri 11th Sept
Art Gallery Excursion

Fri 18th Sept
Festival of Music Concert
Entertainment Centre





Koa - The Arts





Inner Worlds, Outer Landscapes

Education/Amateur

multiple mediums

O'Sullivan Beach Primary School Students

Diverse mixed-media works exploring personal identity, creative composition, and our deep connection to nature's beauty.

O'Sullivan Beach Primary School - Gymnasium

51 Galloway Rd, O'Sullivan Beach

28 Aug Fri 4-7pm

Opening Event 28 Aug 4pm-7pm

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Please take a moment to ensure your contact information is up to date in our school records:

- Phone numbers
- Home address
- Email address
- Emergency contacts

Having your current information helps us reach you quickly in case of emergencies, school closures, or important announcements.

You can update your information by:

1. Contacting the school office on 8382 5888
2. Emailing dl.1060.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you for helping us keep our school community connected!

SALA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIVING ARTISTS FESTIVAL

1-31 August 2026



INDIGENOUS
LITERACY
FOUNDATION

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation proudly presents

**Indigenous
Literacy Day**

Wednesday 2 September



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FRIENDS

RESILIENCE PROGRAM

FREE

FOR ALL CHILDREN
AGED 7-12

The FRIENDS Resilience Program is a 10-week early intervention/prevention program for children. It uses an evidence-based, FUN approach to support children to:

- Develop life skills to effectively cope with difficult and/or anxiety provoking situation.
- Develop peer learning and build support networks and positive role models.
- Understand the emotional state of anxiety.
- Build resilience and problem-solving abilities.
- Promote self-confidence and empower children and families.

LOCATIONS

Aldinga
3.30 - 5.00pm on Wednesdays

Seaford
3.30 - 5.00pm on Thursdays

Hackham
3.30 - 5.00pm on Fridays

BOOKINGS

Please call Nicci at Hackham Community Centre on 8392 3080 or email cchackham@junctionaustralia.org.au

*Program runs weekly over school terms



This is a Communities for Children Onkaparinga activity, funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Trucks on Tour

Friday 9 October
10am-2pm

Free family event

Wilfred Taylor Reserve
Morphett Vale

- Explore the vehicles
- Meet the drivers
- Vehicle demos
- Sensory hour 1-2pm



HOW TO PACK A NUDE FOOD LUNCH



The Nude Food Warriors have created a step-by-step guide to make packing a Nude Food Lunch easy as 1, 2, 3!

STEP 1

Choose the main lunch item, it may be something from the list below or a Nude Food creation of your own

Sandwich/ Roll
Wrap/Pita
Frittata/Quiche
Pasta/Pasta Salad
Salad
Sushi/Rice Paper Rolls
Noodles
Stir Fry
Egg Muffins

STEP 2

Select your fruit

Apple Berries
Orange Fruit Salad
Banana Pear
Grapes Mandarin
Watermelon Kiwi Fruit

STEP 3

Pick a nutritious Nude Food snack

Yoghurt
Vegetable Sticks and dip
Cheese and crackers
Rice Crackers
Vege chips (homemade)
Pretzels

STEP 4

Don't Forget Hydration!

Fill your favourite reusable drink bottle with filtered tap water! Remember to refill throughout the day to make sure you stay hydrated!

Stuck on what to pack your Nude Food Lunch in? Turn over for some great storage ideas!



Join the Nude Food MOVEMENT



PORT NOARLUNGA CRICKET CLUB SEASON LAUNCH



KICKING OFF ANOTHER GREAT SEASON TOGETHER AS ONE CLUB!



SUNDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER 2026



10:30AM - 12:30PM



PORT NOARLUNGA CRICKET CLUB



RAFFLES
GREAT PRIZES
TO BE WON!



FREE
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE



GAMES
FOR
THE KIDS



IMPORTANT
SEASON
INFORMATION
FOR ALL PLAYERS
& FAMILIES



MEET SOME OF OUR COACHES!
THEY'LL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND SAY G'DAY!



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NEW FAMILIES & CURRENT FAMILIES - WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!
SENIOR PLAYERS/FAMILIES & JUNIOR FAMILIES ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

TERM 3 2026



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	20/07/2026 First day of Term 3 Mid Year Reception start	21/07/2026	22/07/2026	23/07/2026	24/07/2026
2	27/07/2026 Life Education	28/07/2026 Life Education Assembly 8:40 - 9:10am	29/07/2026 Life Education	30/07/2026	31/08/2026
3	03/08/2026	04/08/2026	05/08/2026 High school enrolment offers emailed to Year 6 parents STUDENT FREE DAY	06/08/2026 High school enrolment offers emailed to Year 6 parents	07/08/2026 High school enrolment offers emailed to Year 6 parents
4	10/08/2026	11/08/2026 Assembly 8:40 - 9:10am Governing Council 5pm	12/08/2026 School Optometrist	13/08/2026 School Dentist	14/08/2026 School Dentist
5	17/08/2026 National Science Week Bullying No Way: National Week of Action	18/08/2026 National Science Week Bullying No Way: National Week of Action	19/08/2026 National Science Week Bullying No Way: National Week of Action School Optometrist	20/08/2026 National Science Week Bullying No Way: National Week of Action Newsletter	21/08/2026 National Science Week Bullying No Way: National Week of Action FOM Choir Rehearsal
6	24/08/2026 Book Week: Symphony of Stories	25/08/2026 Book Week: Symphony of Stories DRESS UP DAY BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY 9:00am	26/08/2026 Book Week: Symphony of Stories	27/08/2026 Book Week: Symphony of Stories	28/08/2026 Book Week: Symphony of Stories SALA Art Exhibition Wear it Purple Day
7	31/08/2026 PAT Testing	01/09/2026 PAT Testing	02/09/2026 PAT Testing National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's day Indigenous Literacy Day	03/09/2026 PAT Testing Father's Day Stall	04/09/2026 PAT Testing Father's Day Stall
8	07/09/2026 PAT Testing	08/09/2026 PAT Testing Assembly 8:40 - 9:10am International Literacy Day Governing Council	09/09/2026 PAT Testing	10/09/2026 PAT Testing R U OK Day?	11/09/2026 PAT Testing Whole school excursion SAAG - Monet to Matisse South Australian Museum
9	14/09/2026 PAT Testing	15/09/2026 PAT Testing	16/09/2026 PAT Testing	17/09/2026 PAT Testing	18/09/2026 PAT Testing Festival of Music Concert - Adelaide Entertainment Centre
10	21/09/2026 PAT Testing	22/09/2026 PAT Testing	23/09/2026 PAT Testing	24/09/2026 PAT Testing R-3 Adelaide Zoo Excursion	25/09/2026 PAT Testing Assembly 1:30pm EARLY FINISH 2:00pm