

Newsletter Term 1

13 February, 2025



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Important Diary Dates:

Pupil Free Days 2025

Tuesday 11 March

Monday 19 May

Monday 21 July

Monday 24 November

School Closure Day – Friday 21 November

Whole School Photos – Wednesday 19 March

From the Principal

Staffing Update

Konnichi wa,

I'm Kirsty Gray also known as Gray Sensei. I am very happy to be teaching alongside Neate Sensei this year. I have been a teacher for over 20 years and have taught Japanese for over ten of these. I am married and have 3 boys, 7, 11 and 14 years old that keep me busy. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and community while teaching at Seacliff this year. Please say hello if you see me around.

Kirsty



Hello 😊

I am excited to join the Seacliff Primary School community.

I am a Mum of teenage boys which is my favourite role (Most of the time 😊)

In my spare time I enjoy walks along the beach, reading and catching up with the people I love.

I look forward to meeting you all and am always happy to help in the front office.

Kathryn



Building Positive Relationships in the classroom

Teachers have had a strong focus on building positive relationships and safe and respectful classroom environments, in order to establish a successful learning culture of consistent expectations across the school.

In this newsletter I have included information about bullying and attendance. Please take the time to discuss both with your child/ren.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone:

- keeps picking on you again and again and tries to make you feel bad
- says or does lots of mean things that upset you
- makes fun of you a lot
- tries to stop you from joining in or make others not like you
- keeps hurting you such as hitting or punching you.

Bullying feels awful. You feel like you can't stop it.



Bullying can happen in person or online. It might be something people can see, or it might be hidden. Sometimes you might have a fight or argument with someone. If it happens once, it is not bullying even though it can be upsetting. Bullying is not OK. We all have a right to feel safe and be safe. Being bullied can make you feel sad, anxious and lonely, but things can change.



There are things you can do and doing something will help you feel like you are taking your power back.

- **Tell a trusted person, like a friend, teacher, parent or other adult. They can help you.**
- **Remember, the sooner you report the bullying and seek help, the sooner things can change.**

Below are some important links that may be helpful.

[Bullying. No Way!](#)

[eSafety kids](#)

[Kids Helpline](#)

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is vital to the ongoing learning and wellbeing of students. The school opens at 8:35am each day and a staff member is on duty in the yard from this time. Learning begins at 8.55am and your child misses valuable learning time if they are late.

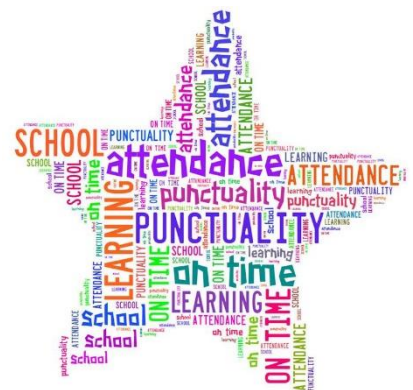
We are aware that students sometimes cannot attend school due to a variety of reasons and that as a result of COVID, we continue to ask families to keep students' home when they display any symptoms of illness.

BUT DID YOU KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE?

The Department for Education considers 10 or more days per term as chronic absence and 5 - 9 days per term as habitual absence.

Students who do not attend school on a regular basis:

- Miss important information and instructions
- Tend to worry and stress about school and are more likely to fall behind
- May find it difficult to maintain friendships
- Miss out on learning opportunities and fun events
- Find school increasingly difficult
- Are less likely to feel like they belong and have a place in the school community



If you feel that you would like to talk to someone about getting your child to school regularly and on time, please contact the Front Office. Scott (Deputy Principal) and I are available to assist you, as well as our Student Wellbeing Leader, Ruth Cameron.

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Principal

Canteen / Lunch service update

The Governing Council acknowledges the inconvenience caused by the unplanned closure of the canteen and the extended time required for rectification work. We have explored several alternative lunch service options, including deliveries from a nearby bakery, utilising food delivery services or arranging food trucks. However, none of these options met the necessary food safety standards or were feasible for students.

Any viable solution must address the challenges of limited facilities for both storage and distribution while ensuring the timely delivery of approximately 100 lunches to classroom crates within the short lunch break period—all at a competitive price. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a provider willing to offer affordable lunch services to suit typical canteen pricing. Additionally, organising a lunchtime BBQ is not a permissible option under the Department for Education's guidelines.

If any parents within our school community have access to catering services that may be able and willing to assist, we would appreciate your support. Please feel free to reach out with any potential leads.

Thank you for your understanding.

Petr Pavlík
Governing Council Chairperson



**Brighton
Secondary
School**

Open Night

Wednesday 5 March

We invite you to register to attend one of the two information sessions, each starting with a Principal's Address in the Concert Hall.

Discover our wide range of offerings, our special interest programs and tour our purpose built middle school facilities.

6.00pm - 7.00pm or 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Register to attend at:
<https://www.brightonss.sa.edu.au/open-day/>



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Beachfront Hub Come and Try / Info Session

Want to learn a band instrument?
Come along to our session where you can find out more about our programme and select an instrument for 2025!



Email to register (include child's name/school/year level)
Madeleine.Stewart839@schools.sa.edu.au

**Thursday February 13
9:00am - 10:00am**

**Brighton Secondary School,
Concert Hall**

**Instrumental
MUSIC**

**SCAN TO
GO TO OUR
WEBSITE:**



DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Scan the QR code to fill out the Consent form online instead






DFS will be visiting Seacliff Primary School during:

Term 1: Week 8, 2025

Forms need to be submitted by the 3rd of March.

E: parents@dentalforschools.com.au P: (08) 7225 8142

Aberfoyle Park High School

REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON

Register for the ACER Higher Abilities Test before 19 February 2025

Higher Ability Test
Saturday 22 February 2025
9:00am-12:00pm



IGNITE
Gifted Education Program

For more information, visit www.aphs.sa.edu.au/programs/ignite/

2026 Applications Open In & out of zone

HIGH PERFORMANCE TENNIS TRIALS

Term 1, Wednesday
26 March 2025
Seaview High School

Scan the QR code for more information and how to apply

Limited positions available
Applications close 19 March




2026 APPLICATIONS IN & OUT OF ZONE

SPECIAL INTEREST DANCE AUDITIONS




TERM 2 FRIDAY MAY 2 2025

3:30 - 5:15pm

Seaview High School

Applications must be submitted prior to audition.

Scan the QR code for information and how to apply. Limited positions available.



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