

Newsletter Term 2

16 May, 2025



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Important Diary Dates:

Pupil Free Days 2025

Monday 19 May

Monday 21 July

Monday 24 November

School Closure Day – Friday 21 November

From the Principal



Friday 16 May – Walk to School Day

Wednesday 21 May – Year 3/Year 4 excursion to Glenthorne National Park

Tuesday 27 May – Brainstorm Production incursion (Reception – Year 6)

Friday 30 May – Room 3/Room 4 excursion to the Adelaide Zoo

Tuesday 3 June – Room 13 excursion the Adelaide Central Market

Monday 9 June – King's Birthday Public holiday

Wednesday 2 July – Whole school FUN RUN event

OUR SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN

Community Learner Partnerships is an important part of our current school learning plan.

Areas of focus include:

- Collaborative Projects/Community partnerships in curriculum design
- Cultural awareness
- Family and community involvement
- Professional learning
- Creating and working in networks

It is very exciting that we already have a number of classes who are engaging in a variety of collaborative projects with community partners.

- Room 13 and Room 14 have commenced planning a Learning Expedition for their Year 5/6 students with the Learning and Teaching Division. Miss Bird and Aaron participated in 2 days of learning in readiness for this new learning opportunity which will include working with organisations and people from the wider community and learning beyond the school environment.
- Room 15 are currently working on a project with Nature Play SA. This 'Thriving Learners' project aims to improve Wellbeing Literacy and Resilience through nature play and outdoor learning. Seacliff Primary School's proximity to green and blue spaces like Kingston Park and cultural sites such as Tjilbruke Spring make this a relevant and engaging learning opportunity and allows our students to connect authentically with our local community. Wellbeing and Engagement survey data from 2024 will be compared to the data from this year to determine the level of impact this project has.

- A group of Year 4 students recently applied for positions in a **Wipe Out Waste Committee**. The aim is to promote student leadership around waste disposal and to support the development of positive waste disposal habits in all our students. This initiative will be supported by parent, Emma Sandery and KESAB. Sixteen students will share a range of responsibilities as committee members.
- Our Year 3 students are participating in a Language Network project. Kirsty Gray (Japanese teacher) is leading this learning which aims to improve transition processes. The project will connect our Year 3 students with children and educators from our local Seacliff Community Kindy. Year 3 students will visit the kindy throughout the term to make positive connections and teach the kindy children a familiar song in Japanese. This will then be shared with families.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 16 May is National Walk Safely to School Day. We had many students and their families engage with this positive initiative.

This event:

- encourages parents and carers to walk regularly to school
- promotes the health benefits of walking and creates regular walking habits
- Helps children develop vital road crossing skills
- Reduces car dependency, traffic congestion and reduces the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise for your health, and it is easy to build it into your daily routine.

We would like to thank Brighton Woolworths for their generous donation of fruit for our event.

A special acknowledgement also goes to Rhian Harrison and Jayme Mansell for their planning, organisation and leadership of this community event.



National 19-25 MAY 2025
Volunteer
 Connecting Communities **Week**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Next week is National Volunteer Week across Australia. We sincerely thank all our volunteers who have supported the students, staff and school already this year.

We will officially celebrate and recognise the vital work of our volunteers at a special assembly in Term 4.

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 17 March.

Continuing members – Petr Pavlik (Chairperson), Milos Milutinovic (Deputy Chairperson), Chris Thomas (Treasurer), Sue Foote (Fundraising), Neelesh Magan (OSHC), Maren Daniell (Canteen)

Outgoing members – Alyssa Burton

New members – Kate Potts, Sherry Jackson, Brenton Little and Daniel Wundersitz

STAFFING UPDATE

Susan Richardson-Jaeger made the decision to retire at the end of Term 1. Susan has had an extensive career in education as a Student Support Officer. We thank Susan for her contribution to the learning of many Seacliff Primary School students and wish her all the very best with her next adventures.

Molly Prow has joined our staff team this term. Molly will provide targeted intervention support to identified students and is also providing support to our OSHC service as needed.



2025 WEC - Wellbeing and Engagement Survey

Over the next three weeks, students in Year 4-6 will complete the '2025 DFE Wellbeing and Engagement Survey' via the online platform. The survey asks students how they think and feel about their experiences, both inside and outside of school. It includes questions related to wellbeing, health and academic achievement. Results will be shared with families once these are shared with schools.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

OSHC has temporarily moved into the two-storey building and will be using the foyer, toilets, Room 0, music room and student kitchen while the OSHC building is being remediated (due to significant water damage to kitchen and flooring). This work will be undertaken during Term 2 and completed before vacation care begins in the July holidays.

CANTEEN

Works continue in the canteen area with the flooring being the final part of this project (hopefully!)

The Governing Council are currently in discussions as to the canteen service to be provided once works are completed. In the interim, our Friday lunches with a limited menu, will continue.

Many thanks to Petr Pavlik, Maren Daniell, Sherry Jackson and Juliette East who have managed the delivery and distribution of lunch orders this year.

Sue Matene
Principal

SAPSASA Cross Country

On Monday, 12 May, 35 students represented Seacliff at the District SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival. The events were over 2km for students born in 2015 and 3km for those born in 2013 and 2014. Students who finished in the top 6 will be selected to represent the South West SAPSASA district at the State Carnival at Oakbank later this term. Well done to Jesse on his 3rd placing, Spencer for finishing 7th and Clare, 10th.

All of the students had been training with Mr Best in preparation for the carnival since last term. Thank you to Mr Best and all of the parents who supported the carnival, particularly those who assisted with transport.



SAPSASA Netball – Seacliff Sizzle on the Netball Court

In During Week 2, a Year 5/6 girls netball team represented Seacliff Primary School in a SAPSASA event at Netball SA Stadium. The students all had varied experience in the sport and some had never played competitively at all before the event. They gelled together extremely well, winning their first game by a huge margin, before going on to win 3 of their 4 pool matches. They finished 2nd in their pool and crossed over to play the 2nd placed team in a parallel pool, Glenelg. It was a whirlwind battle throughout, with Seacliff taking a 9-6 lead into half time. Glenelg stormed back to take the lead, however Seacliff managed to hold on in a nail biter, 12-11.

A thrilling final, capped off a wonderful day in the sun. The team were well supported by a fantastic group of family members, many of which volunteered to help out on the day. Thank you for all the support.

Four students have been selected for further trials for our SAPSASA district team. Congratulations Mia, Aden, Summer and Harlow.

Mother's Day Stall

The Fundraising Committee would like to say a massive thank you to our Seacliff families for supporting our Mother's Day stall this year.

The money raised will directly support our current fundraising goal of an in-ground trampoline aimed to support student regulation and create positive outcomes for all students.

So far, we have raised \$2183 from our Harmony Day Donuts and Mother's Day stall fundraiser towards our goal of \$26,000.

We are so grateful for the support we have been given by our wonderful families and the amazing group of volunteers

involved in these events. We also want to recognise Lickie Bickie who kindly donated

some beautiful biscuits this year to help our Mother's Day stall fundraising sales (check them out at <https://www.instagram.com/lickiebickie/>).

The Fundraising Committee would love to hear from folks in the school community who are happy to be directly messaged about future opportunities to help out at our upcoming fundraising events including the Fun Run later this term, Father's Day stall or others. Also, we would love to hear from small businesses within our school community who might be interested in donating resources to support future fundraising efforts. Please contact us by email dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au, so we can connect and talk further!



Junior Primary Celebrate Mums and Special People

On Friday, 9 May, the Junior Primary classes invited our Mum's and Special People to participate in a morning of pampering. We enjoyed spending quality time with our guests and celebrating the special roles they play in our lives.

Thank you all for coming and celebrating with us, the children enjoyed spending the time with their Special Person. Big thanks and shout out to Kyrrin at Lickie Bickie and Megan from Dot Chocolate for the Mother's Day biscuits. Happy Mother's Day!





New Flags

Seacliff Primary School has recently been presented with new flags to display out the front of the office. The new flags are the Australian, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander flags. They were graciously presented by Kerryne Liddle, Senator for South Australia, Shadow Minister for Child Protection and the Prevention of Family Violence.

Alex Dighton MP for Black came to talk to our year 5s & 6s in Term 1 to explain the importance behind the flags, how to respectfully look after them and the protocols that need to be followed.

Some of the main protocols are:

- Making sure the flags don't touch the ground.
- Correct folding of the flags.
- Flags must be raised the right way such as raising the flags fast and lowering them slowly and with care.

Our year 5s & 6s have been given the leadership opportunity to raise the flags every morning and lower them every afternoon. As members of the



Seacliff community, you may see students raising the flags before and after school hours.

Currently for all of term 2, Room 14 is taking care of the flag responsibilities, until term 3 when Room 14 will teach the other Year 5s and 6s how to properly raise, lower, fold, and store the flags.

This is a big responsibility that we are excited to take on!

Written by Jack & Flossy (Room 14 SRC)



Sparking a Buzz in Room 13

In Science, Room 13 have been learning about electrical circuits. They learned how to create switches that can turn on light bulbs, buzzers and motors. Additionally, they learned how to create circuit drawings that electricians would use to map circuits. Throughout this learning, there were lots of opportunities to do hands on tasks, including making circuits, fairy lights and a quiz board.

With our Room 5 buddies, we created some electronic quiz boards, which have been displayed in the office for the past 3 weeks. They started by finding out some facts about one another, which we could turn into questions with simple answers. Following this, they wrote these questions out neatly on some coloured card, making sure the correct answer wasn't directly next to each question.

Then the real circuitry began! We created hidden links between the questions and answers with alfoil, which can transfer electricity from one place to another, before using brass split pins, wire, a battery and a buzzer to complete the circuit.

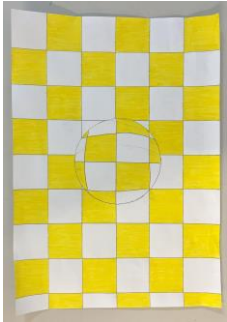
To play the game, we use the two wires on either side to tap the split pins that represent a question and an answer pairing. If the answer is correct the buzzer will go off.



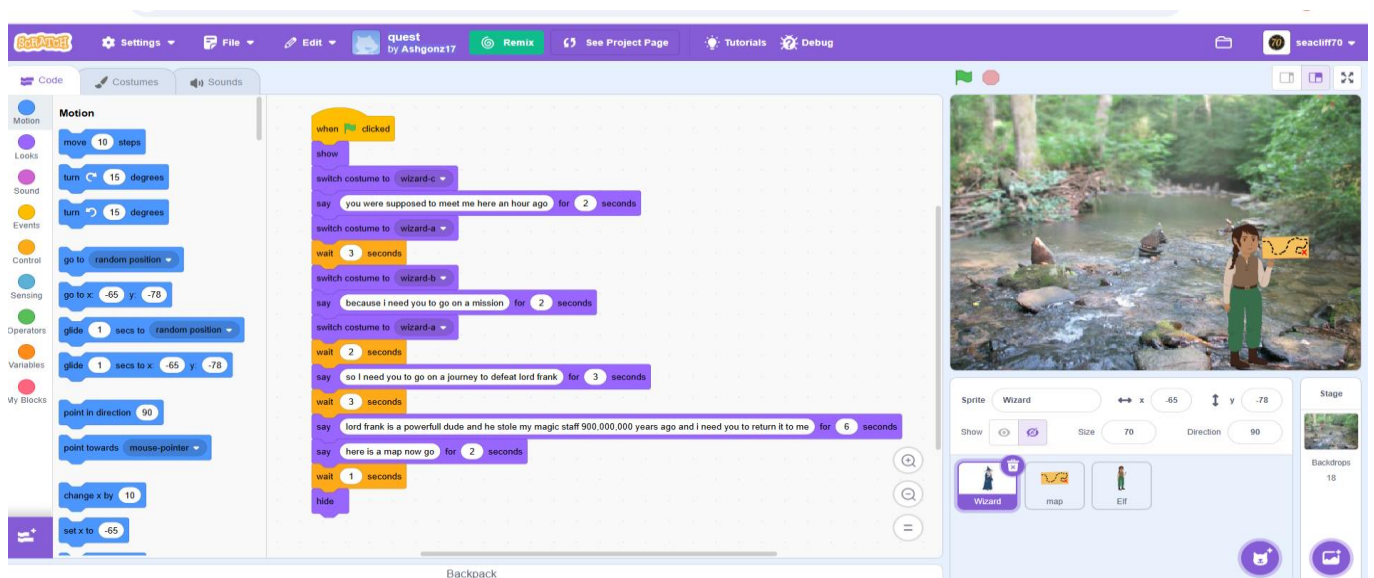
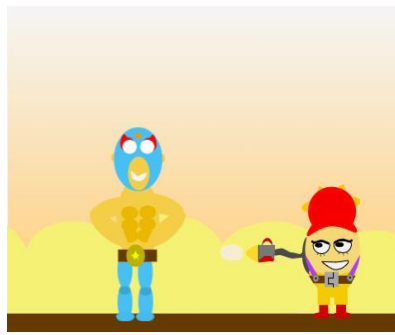
Room 17

In Art, we have been experimenting with creating our own optical illusions.

Op Art (Optical Art) was an art movement in the 1960's that used the elements of art to trick the eye of the viewer. Op art gives the illusion of 3D and movement.



In Digital Technology, we have been coding in Scratch to create our own animated stories. The stories needed to use animated movement, speech bubbles, switch backgrounds and have a clear beginning, middle and end to the story line. It takes a lot of problem solving!



Room 15

After our learning in Civics and Citizenships, the Upper Primary classes visited Parliament House for the school day. Alex Dighton (our local MP) took us on a tour of Parliament House to see how laws are made, teach us about important objects (mace), and to teach us about the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council. We took part in a mock debate about homework.

This Semester, Room 15 students are enjoying participating in a program run by Nature Play SA called Thriving Learners. We are lucky enough to be the only class in South Australia to be experiencing this. Each Monday we walk down to Kingston Park and do activities to do with nature, such as nature journaling, cubby building, beach combing and beach marble runs. We will continue to do this until the end of the term.

Room 15- written by Bronte, Emiko, Ella & Grace



Construction Notice

Please be aware, due to the installation of a new roundabout, **Scholefield Road will be closed from Newland Avenue to Ocean Boulevard between Wednesday 28 May and Friday 27 June**. Detours will be put in place from Kauri Parade to Wheatland Street onto Brighton Road. Please ensure you are extra vigilant during this time to keep our students and community safe.

