

Newsletter Term 3

8 August, 2025



QUICK ACCESS TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR



Friday 22 August – Bookweek Parade 9.15am – 10.45am

Monday 25 – Thursday 28 August – Year 5/6 Glenhaven Camp

Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 September – Fathers Day Stall (CASH ONLY)

Friday 5 September – Bell Shakespeare – Yrs 3 to 6

Wednesday 10 September – New reception & Graduation photos

Wednesday 17 September – Festival of Music

Thursday 18 September – Disco Night (Rec to Yr 2 - 5.00pm - 6.30pm)
(Yr 3 to Yr 6 – 7.00pm – 8.30pm)

Monday 22 September – Friday 26 September – Water Safety Week – Rec to Year 4

Friday 24 October – Sports Day - Rec to Year 6

Friday 21 November – School Closure Day

Monday 24 November – Pupil Free Day

From the Principal

Bullying No Way Week

This year Seacliff Primary School will again be participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action, 11 to 15 August 2025.

Bullying No Way Week is a commitment being made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention and to connect with students, staff and school communities to implement workable solutions to prevent bullying.

The theme for this year's campaign is Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

During the week we will be engaging students in meaningful discussions and activities aimed at promoting empathy, understanding, and respect for diversity. We encourage families to take this opportunity to have open and honest conversations with your child about the impact of bullying and what they can do if they need support.

It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can be bold, kind and speak up to support others being bullied. While trusted adults are there to support children and young people learn how to be kind to each other and report bullying. This Bullying No Way Week, we're asking you to be bold and say something, be kind and support someone and be proud to speak up against bullying.

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the Bullying No Way website.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>



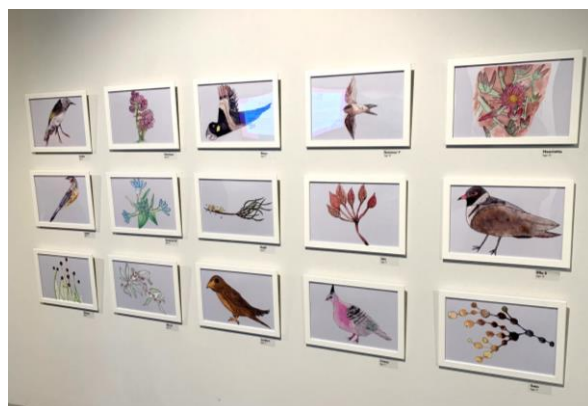
Celebrating Some Of Our Young Seacliff PS Artists



Last year some of our creative Year 5 and 6 students worked collaboratively with artist, Zinia King, to produce some natural illustrations for the Holdfast Bay Community Scavenger Hunt initiative. These were also featured on a range of stobie poles around our school for our local community to enjoy.

On Thursday 31 July our Student Wellbeing Leader, Ruth Cameron, had the pleasure of attending the official launch of the Holdfast Bay 'Art of Tomorrow: Young Creatives SALA Exhibition'. Students and their families enjoyed viewing their own artwork and the artwork of students from local schools, as well as refreshments and the official opening of this exhibition by Mayor, Amanda Wilson.

The exhibition is in the Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg Town Hall and will be open from 2nd August until 14th September. Be sure to check out this fabulous local exhibition.



Nut Aware School

With our mid-year Reception students starting this term, it is a timely opportunity to remind families that Seacliff Primary School is a 'NUT AWARE SCHOOL'. Families are asked to consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our students with severe, life-threatening allergies.



Lost Property



We already have a huge number of unnamed items in the lost property baskets outside the Front Office.

If your child is missing any items, please check these baskets as soon as possible, as anything not claimed will be cleaned and used for emergency clothing or donated to a charity.

Please write your child's name on all belongings (lunch and drink bottles) as well as all items of clothing and hats to ensure they can be returned if lost.

Sue Matene
Principal

Fantastic Fundraising goals – you can be involved!

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank you, our wonderful Seacliff families, for supporting the fundraising events held so far this year. The money we are raising will directly support our current fundraising goal for the school to purchase an in-ground trampoline. Trampolines provide vestibular (movement) and proprioception (body awareness) input through the repetition of jumping up and down.

So far, this year we have raised \$9,981 towards our goal of \$28,000.

We are excited about our upcoming fundraising events including Sports Day, Disco Night and Father's Day stall. 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 these upcoming events. Also, we would love to hear from small businesses within our school community who might be interested or have ideas about opportunities to work together for future fundraising efforts.

After feedback from last year, we are seeking a second supplier who has the capacity to provide an additional Coffee Van service on Sports Day coming up on 24 October.

Please contact us by sending an email to suzi.ban129@schools.sa.edu.au, so we can connect and talk further!



Principal's Day

On behalf of the Governing Council, thank you, Sue and Scott, for your steady leadership and clear focus on what's best for children. Despite the challenges with facilities and teacher shortages, you continue to guide the school with calm and care. We value your thoughtful approach and the strong sense of purpose you bring to the role. Happy Principal's Day.

Petr Pavlik
Governing Council Chairperson



RSPCA Donation Drive



In SRC, in the second half of Term 2, Mrs Matene asked the creative group, Liam, Frankie and I to work on a project!

That project was the RSPCA donation drive Alex Dighton (The MP – Parliament member for Black) was running for the new RSPCA building at O'Halloran Hill. We were asking for donations of things like pet toys, shredded paper, and lots of other things! I made the poster that we hung up in every class, and Frankie found a sheet online that said what to bring and what not to bring. After a few weeks of collecting donations, the corner of the office was completely full!

Alex Dighton and a couple of his work colleagues came to pick up all the donations and took some photos with Liam, Frankie and I.

We're all very grateful to be able to do this and glad we could help the community!

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National OSHC Educator's Day

National OSHC Educators' Day is celebrated annually to recognise the important role OSHC educators play in children's lives. It's a day to acknowledge the positive impact OSHC educators have on children, young people, and their families, and how they provide safe and engaging environments for our children before and after school, as well as during school holidays.

Our Annual Seacliff Primary School Book Week Parade

This year's parade will be held on Friday 22 August, Week 5 Term 3.

Classes will parade their costumes from 9.15am – 10.45am on the basketball court.

Grab a coffee and come and watch our spectacular event. All are invited. Join the fun and dress up if you wish.



Update on Road Closure of Scholefield Road

"We would like to confirm that we have now been given new dates for the planned road closure on Scholefield Road. These dates will be from Thursday the 14th of August through until the 17th September.

As previously planned, this will mean the section of Scholefield Road between Ocean Boulevard and Kauri Parade will be closed to traffic through this time. Traffic will be redirected from Brighton Road down Wheatland Avenue and down Kauri Parade."

Drew Sutton

Project Manager



Friends of Marino Conservation Park

A sunny Thursday 3 July saw a group of enthusiastic year 5 Seacliff Primary students catch the train to Marino Rocks Station and then walk up Nimboya Avenue to spend time in the park learning, planting and admiring the brilliant location.

Led by teacher Belinda, with assistance from three parents, they assembled on the track to hear DEW ranger, Justin talk about the importance of conservation parks and our particular park with some of its unique attributes.

Justin handed it over to the volunteers, where Geoff instructed the children in how we plant seedlings.





The children spent the next 45 minutes industriously digging, scraping, mounding, hammering, watering etc. It was impressive to see them all at work so diligently.

There was time for a walk to the lighthouse and a lunch break at the lighthouse seat area before it was time to walk back down the hill to meet the Adelaide bound train. The 24 students managed to plant around 100 seedlings of a variety of plants including *Attriplex cinerea*, *Cullen australasicum*, *Themeda triandra*, *Maireana brevifolia*, *Allicasuarina muelleiana*. Feedback from adults and children alike was positive so hopefully it will become a yearly event which can be built on in the future.

Power Community Health Lessons

On Friday week one and two, three women from the Port Adelaide AFLW football team came to teach us about living a healthy lifestyle and STEM. Their names were Matilda Scholz (number 29), Allisa Brook (number 23) and Gemma Houghton (number 27).

They taught us the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and sleep.

Sleeping helps us recharge our batteries and helps our muscles recover. They said that if you are between 5 and 13 years old you should aim to get at least 8-9 hours of sleep each night to be ready for the next day.

You should aim to get at least 1 hour of exercise a day.

You should aim to get at least 2 litres of water.

On the last Friday we did STEM. This STEM included testing our reflexes and pushing ourselves in the sprints.



Fun Facts

You should always make sure to eat your 'five a day'. This should be made up of lots of fruit and vegetables.

(Written by Willow and Flora from Rm 17!)

Try to always be active! This includes playing with friends, going for a walk and much more!



All kids can be readers!

I was lucky enough to find it easy to learn to read when I first started school, but I know this is not the case for everyone.

Some people may need extra support, especially if they are dyslexic, others may not be able to read traditional books if they are vision impaired. But this doesn't mean we can't all enjoy stories. There are so many ways we can access stories, from audiobooks to braille, and there are books for all types of readers, from comic books to novels.



Sally Rippin Children's Laureate 24'25

Young Creatives Program

Do you have a young person interested in the Arts? Would they like the opportunity to develop their creative skills? City of Holdfast Bay are excited to offer Term 3 of our Young Creatives program, offering a 6-week arts based workshop series working with award-winning Artist, Ruby Chew. Sessions held weekly Wednesdays from 20 August - 24 September (inclusive), 4-5pm at the Holdfast Bay Community Centre. Available for students aged 7 – 12 years who live or attend school within the City of Holdfast Bay, new participants only. Total cost of \$60 payable at time of enrolment. Limited spaces available with expressions of interest open now via <https://www.trybooking.com/DCPRH>

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

REMINDER Has your child taken up the Challenge in 2025?

Please ensure they have filled in their student reading record for this year and that you sign off the books they have read as they go. Make sure your child hands the record to the school Library by: Friday 29 August.

Results are entered into the Education Dept records.

The Challenge is to have read ONLY 12 books this year in total.



- Reception to Year 2 : your child's form will be completed DURING CLASS READING lessons and submitted by a Teacher, to be recorded for their award.
- Year 3 to 6 Your child is responsible for completing their own form CORRECTLY with books they have read this year, on the PRC list, at the at their year level
- Years 3-5 students can read books on the PRC list labelled as YR 3-5 (or with green labels from the school library) and YR 6-9 (yellow label) if they are wanting more of a challenge.
- Year 6 students can read book on the PRC list labelled as YR 6-9 (yellow label from the school library)

8 of these books MUST BE from the Challenge booklists, available on our website <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>, any books in the school library on the challenge list labelled with the appropriate coloured sticker, and the other 4 of their own choice.



Student reading record forms for Year 3 to Year 6 are available from your child's teacher or from the school Library.

There are 14 awards to collect First year – Certificate, Second year – Bronze medal, Third year – Silver medal Fourth year – Gold medal Fifth year – Champion medal Sixth year – Legend medal Seventh year – Hall of Fame medal . Students can elect to have their name appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Honour Roll.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is most successful when parents show interest and support their children. Help your child read their 12 books and you will be making a positive difference to their future.

Enjoy the CHALLENGE! 'Words Grow Minds'.

Kay Griffin, Resource Centre Officer

Year 3/4 Kurna Learning Rooms 10, 11, 18 and 19

Year 3 students in Rooms 18 and 19 have been learning to speak Kurna—practising greetings, responses, and talking about where they are. They've also explored the significance of birth order in Kurna culture.

Building on our Semester 1 learning and this year's Reconciliation Week theme, "Bridging Now to Next," students recently took part in a powerful cultural workshop with Uncle Tamaru, a respected Kurna Elder.

This visit from Uncle Tamaru brought this learning to life. He shared stories, language, and traditional items like clapsticks and the marngrook—a ball made from possum skin—which fascinated the students.

Inspired by this experience, students in Rooms 10 and 11 have been enthusiastically practising Kurna greetings and incorporating the word Ngaitalya—meaning "with my respect"—in daily interactions, both in the classroom and the yard. This practice supports our school's core value of respect and helps deepen cultural understanding across our community.



"On Friday we saw Uncle Tamaru for a Kurna workshop. We learned that 'Goodna Wadli' means 'toilet' and 'Ngaitalya' means 'respect' and Kurna people call people uncle, auntie, sister, brother. In Victoria Square the roads make the shape of the Kurna shield and the Mount Lofty Ranges are the shape of a kangaroo from an aerial view".

Herbie - Rm 18/19

"On Friday we saw Uncle Tamaru. We learned 'Marni ai' means 'good I am' and 'Marni na Pudni Seacliff Primary' means 'it's good you came to Seacliff Primary School'. We learned that Kurna people use shields to hypnotise people".

Indi - Rm 18/19

