

## Newsletter Term 3

# 28 August, 2025



**QUICK ACCESS TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR**



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

**Friday 5 September** – Bell Shakesphere – Yrs 4 to 6

**Wednesday 10 September** – New Reception & Graduation photos

**Wednesday 17 September** – Festival of Music

**Friday 12 September** – SRC Casual Day – More information coming soon

**Thursday 18 September** – Disco Night (Rec to Yr 2 - 5.00pm - 6.00pm)  
(Yr 3 to Yr 6 – 6.30pm – 7.45pm)

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

**Friday 31 October** – Sports Day - Rec to Year 6

**Friday 21 November** – School Closure Day

**Monday 24 November** – Pupil Free Day

## From the Principal

*Niina Marni - Hello, how are you?*

It's been a very busy and exciting term so far. The school community has been buzzing with activity from classrooms full of engaged learners to lunchtime clubs, sports carnivals, excursions and camps, Bullying No Way Week of Action, as well as our fabulous Book Week celebrations last week.

## 2026 Class Placement

Teachers will begin the class placement process next term where they will work to establish balanced classes and to place all students in a learning environment that will support them to be successful.

To assist this process a 2026 class placement friendship letter has been sent home to all families this week. We ask that you complete this form for your child/ren by:

- Discussing this with your child. Some of their friends may not always be the best choice.
- Only nominating students in the same year level as your child.
- Including both the **first name and surname** of the children you nominate.



Don't hesitate to contact your class teacher if you would like to discuss appropriate friendship selections.

Please return **by FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER** to your child/ren's teacher (last day of Term 3).

**If your child/ren will not be continuing at Seacliff PS in 2026, please contact the school to allow us to update our enrolment numbers.**

## Festival of Music Choir

Our school choir recently participated in an off-site rehearsal in preparation for the upcoming Festival of Music. The day was filled with harmony and enthusiasm as students fine-tuned their performances under the guidance of instructors. This valuable experience not only enhanced their musical skills but also boosted their confidence in the lead-up to their big event on the stage at the Entertainment Centre.

Mr Joan Piera (Performing Arts teacher) assisted by Ms Ruth Cameron, supported the students with this rehearsal. We thank Mr P. for his outstanding leadership of our Performing Arts program this term.

We are very proud of our Choir's dedication and hard work and are eagerly awaiting their performance at the Festival of Music on Wednesday, 17 September.



## 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.

## Sun Protection – Hats are Back!

Seacliff Primary School has a sun protection policy in place from August 1st until April 30th and whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above. All students are required to wear either a broad-brimmed hat (without a cord), bucket hat, with a deep crown and at least 5cm brim, or legionnaires hat when outdoors during these times. Can you please ensure your child has access to an approved hat at school.



## Disco Night

Plans are underway for a funfilled night of music and dancing on Thursday 18 September. Please see the shout out on the last page of the newsletter. The Fundraising Committee are still looking for volunteers to donate cakes or biscuits to sell on the night or help out during the disco. Donations are to be left in the Front Office on the day of the disco with clearly labelled ingredients and in named containers.

Thank you.

Sue Matene



## Book an Adventure at Seacliff Primary School

Once again, the rain kept away and we had snippets of sun, as an array of characters paraded around the yard, at Seacliff Primary School.

Parents sipped coffee as they waited for the procession to begin. The music began and our SRC executive, Zac T, Kaj N, Bronte S and Flossie D welcomed everyone and acted as our MC's.

Thank you also to our dance leaders Grace N, Sierra R, Bronte S and Flossie D who lead the school in the Book Week dance at the conclusion of our parade.

Thank you everyone for making our parade a special community event.

The Book Week Team.















## A Note from Robyn

A huge thankyou to our school community for the support given to our annual Book Week Parade. Another very successful display of characters of all shapes and sizes, emanating from many various books, stories and tales.

I understand in the media, there has been some negativity towards the book week parade and time poor parents, but we see the parade as a reminder of the importance of books and reading.

'Kids step in to a character and for a day inhabit someone else's life. They get to try on bravery, mischief and kindness.

And as parents, whether we craft for months or wing it the night before, we get to stand in the crowd and watch them claim that space.

But more importantly, when kids and parents go home, I hope the magic of books and reading continues, because having parents who read, strongly determines whether their kids will read too. In a world where attention spans are shrinking and literacy rates are falling, reading is perhaps more important for kids than ever before.'

PLEASE keep reading to your child/ children as it offers many benefits for their personnel development, whilst fostering a love of reading, enhancing language skills, boosts imagination and strengthen parent-child bonds.





## Algae Bloom Vigil

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, Year 6 students Florence and Bronte took part in the Brighton Marine Vigil. We were two of the 6 school students that presented something about the terrible algae bloom that is threatening our marine species. We wrote a short poem (below) about our feelings towards the algae bloom that we read at the vigil. This poem is now being taken by the Mayor and other council representatives to Canberra to be read to the Prime Minister and other elected members of parliament.

*Dead fish washing up on our shore  
This is something we can't ignore.  
Fish are dying,  
There's no denying.  
This makes us sad and even mad  
Seeing things dead is too much for our little heads,  
Why won't you grown-ups do anything at all,  
This is a wakeup call!  
Wake up, wake up because while you people are sleeping  
our seas are weeping.  
We love our beach,  
Its sand, its wave,  
The beautiful dolphins and stingrays.  
We used to smile seeing them swim by,  
But now all we can do is say goodbye.*



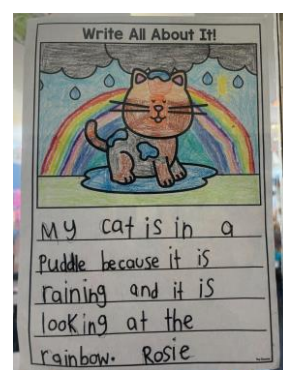
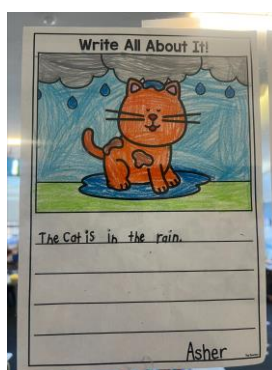
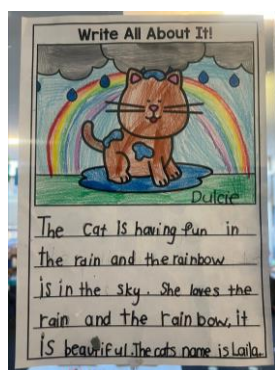
By Florence and Bronte

## Room 3 - Welcome to Our New Friends!

Room 3 has warmly welcomed six new mid-year Reception students. It's been wonderful to see how quickly everyone has settled in, making new friends and creating a supportive classroom community.

### Exploring Sentence Writing:

Our Room 3 children have been learning how to build sentences using correct structure. A recent highlight was crafting imaginative sentences based on a picture of a cat. The students showcased their creativity and had lots of fun bringing their ideas to life!



## We've been busy in Room 4

The children in Room 4 have had an exciting past few weeks!

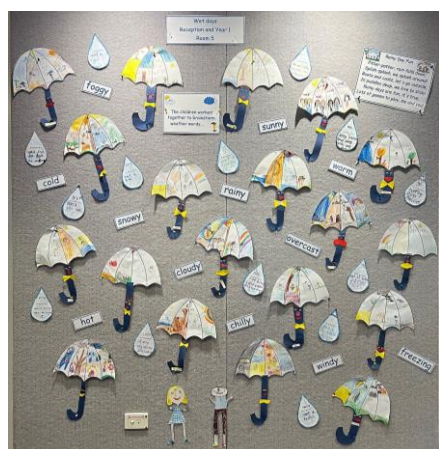
In 'Bullying No Way' week, the children explored 'Being Bold, Being Kind and Speaking Up'.

The children enjoyed many activities around being kind and being brave enough to help others.

During Book Week the children loved hearing all the shortlisted stories from the Early Childhood section.

'Don't Worry Felix' was about a young boy who was starting at a new school. He was worried about many things and the size of his worries was represented by a big, red balloon. His father showed him a special trick to ease his worries, 'Five Finger Breathing'!

The children knew all about 'Five Finger Breathing'! We use it in our classroom to feel calm and ready to learn.



## Exploring rainy days in Room 5

Room 5 students have been exploring the characteristics of weather and the elements that contribute to various weather conditions.

As an integrated Science/Art activity the students made umbrellas depicting the different seasons using an adjective to describe the weather for that particular season.

They then brainstormed 'winter weather' adjectives to surround their umbrellas.

You can view their display on the board in the Front Office.

## SSO Week (18 – 22 August)

Last week we acknowledged our amazing SSO team. Teachers and students wanted each of them to know how much we value and appreciate the many and varied roles they play in making our school run so smoothly.

Cards, artworks, delicious treats and a morning tea were used throughout the week to celebrate our team. Thank you Lesley, Molly, Mel, Kay, Tim, Matt, Sam, Lynda, Sue, Kathryn and Suzi!



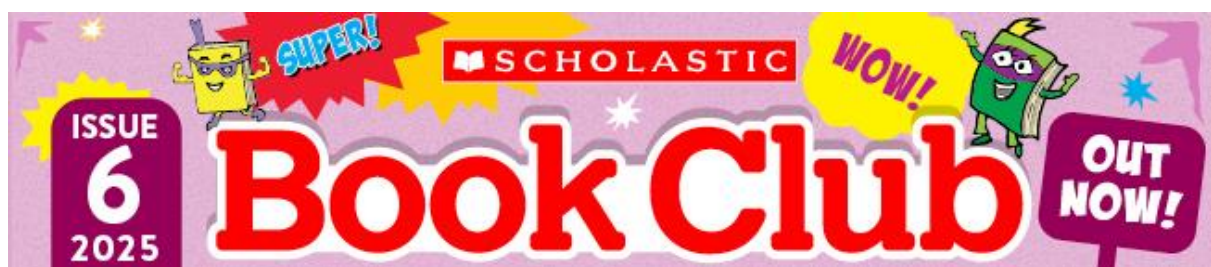




**CALLING  
FOR  
VOLUNTEERS**

- DONATE CAKES OR BISCUITS TO SELL AT THE DISCO STALL (LEAVE IT IN THE OFFICE ON DISCO DAY)
- HELP OUT ON THE NIGHT AT THE CAKE STALL FOR A HALF HOUR

PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL RECEPTION IF YOU CAN HELP!



ORDERS DUE BACK BY 2nd SEPTEMBER  
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Scholastic are giving away 60 family passes to see *DreamWorks The Bad Guys 2*, only in cinemas! Families can find details on how to enter on the back of the catalogue [scholastic.com.au/badguys2](https://www.scholastic.com.au/badguys2) or on our website.