

## Newsletter Term 4

# 4 November, 2025



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**Thursday 20 November** – Celebration Night

**Friday 21 November** – School Closure Day

**Monday 24 November** – Pupil Free Day

### From the Principal

**Niina Marni** - Hello, how are you?

## New Social Media Bans: An Opportunity to Start Important Conversations



As you may have seen in the news, new government regulations will take effect this December, placing greater restrictions on the use of social media by children under the age of 16. The South Australian Department for Education, along with our own school community, welcomes these changes as a positive step towards creating safer and healthier online environments for our young people.

From 10 December 2025, the restrictions are likely to apply to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube, among other platforms.

This is not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts and these changes are designed to help protect young users from risks and pressures associated with social media, such as cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content, and unhealthy comparisons with others.

While social media does offer ways to stay connected, childhood should primarily be about discovery, play, and building friendships face-to-face. We encourage families to view this as a valuable opportunity to have open conversations about online behaviour, digital citizenship,

and the potential risks linked to social media.

We know many children at Seacliff Primary are already active on these platforms, so now is a great time to talk as a family about your expectations and, if appropriate, begin removing social media apps from your child's devices in preparation for the changes. Setting clear boundaries together can help prevent misunderstandings and unnecessary pressure once the new regulations begin.

As we move towards this important change, I encourage you to support your child in exploring enjoyable ways to connect that don't need a screen. Remind your children (and all of us!) that friendships often grow strongest through sharing experiences in the real world—and some of the best memories are made offline.

Any transition takes time and support. If you'd like more advice on navigating technology changes or talking with your child about online safety, information and resources to support you are available at [eSafety's Social media age restrictions hub](#) or visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au).

## World Teacher's Day

World Teacher's Day was on Friday 31 October however, due to it also being our Sports Day we celebrated our teachers earlier in the week.

We acknowledged our amazing teachers who inspire, support, and empower our children every single day. Our SSO team provided all teachers with a beautiful gift and a surprise gift box was also personally delivered by Alex Dighton MP.



**THANK YOU** to the many **volunteers** who have been supporting the school this year. We certainly could not do what we do without your continued support.

Volunteers have assisted with camps and excursions, coached sports teams, as well as helping with fundraising activities including the Fun Run, school discos, Sports Day and many other areas. In recognition of your significant support this year the staff, students and I will be hosting an assembly on Friday 28 November at 1:45pm to acknowledge your contributions.

Invitations will be sent home this week. If you are unable to attend this assembly, a small gift will be sent home with your child.



## Celebration Night – Thursday 20 November

All classes will be sharing an item throughout the night and our Fundraising Committee and OSHC will be providing food and drink options.

**Ngaitalya** – with my respect

Sue Matene  
Principal

## Sports Day 2025

The 2025 Seacliff Sports Day was held in perfect conditions on Friday October 31st. This was the first combined junior primary and primary sports day since Covid restrictions were in place. The students arrived proudly sporting their team's colours and were optimistic about their chances of winning. The day commenced with a dynamic warm up led by our P.E Leaders and then the events kicked off with Championship Sprints and distance running. Classes then competed in a range of tabloid events throughout the day, several run by development officers from sports including AFL, soccer, cricket and orienteering.

The support for the students from their families and friends was excellent with many wearing the team colours of their children. Thank you to all who could attend the day and particularly those who assisted in the running of the various events.

Our sincere thanks go to all of the amazing fundraising committee members and volunteers for their efforts and hard work in feeding hundreds of hungry mouths during the day and for selling sports day coloured merchandise in the lead up to the event.

Congratulations and thank you to our Student PE leaders; Bronte S, Florence D, Jesse P, Zac T, Mila K, Mia C, Clare W, Sadie G & Aden H. They did an incredible job in the lead up to sports day and demonstrated their excellent leadership skills throughout the day.

Thank you to all of the staff for their efforts with organisation and scoring, to Groundsman Tim for his excellent work in preparing the oval for the day and our PE teacher, Michael Best, for his organisation and preparation leading up to and during the day – a huge effort!

Congratulations to all of our students who participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. While the main focus of the day was participation and fun, the final result was also extremely important to everyone. At the end of the day there could only be one winner, and Yacca, the 'green team', were successful for the second straight year.

The **final scores** were:

Yacca (Green) – 5073

Acacia (Yellow) – 4897

Waratah (Red) – 4695

Myrtle (Blue) – 4538















## Room 1, 2 and 16 – Farm Barn Excursion

Recently, Rooms 1, 2 and 16 visited The Farm Barn in Hahndorf as part of our Design and Technologies, Science and HASS learning. Students enjoyed a range of hands-on experiences with the animals and observed engaging demonstrations such as cow milking and reptile handling. They explored how farm machinery has evolved over time to make our lives easier, learnt about living things and life cycles, and discovered where our food comes from and how it is grown. In class, students have also been reading *George the Farmer* by Simone Kain, learning about topics such as drone farming, the impact of weather, and the importance of bees and beehives. This story has helped students make meaningful connections to their learning and deepen their understanding during their visit to The Farm Barn.









## UNITING CONVERSATIONS



*... bringing together our local community to better understand and respond to issues that matter...*



### TOPIC 14: 'Inter-generational Connections'

**When:** Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

**Where:** Seacliff Uniting Church,  
5 Wheatland St., Seacliff

We all need to interact with people of different ages and stages during our lives. Some people will have children and grandchildren, possibly great grandchildren and may wish to make **closer connections** with them. Our guest speaker is a social worker by profession with a background of working with infants, children and adolescents with their parents and carers regarding mental health.

**Marte Meo** is a way of communicating to encourage development and improve connections between people. This presentation will show **Marte Meo** in everyday moments that you can use to establish connections with all sorts of different people.

***This is your invitation to a valuable conversation.***

***We look forward to meeting you.***

#### ***Our Guest Speaker will be:***

**Joy Elford** who is a social worker by profession and now runs her own business training Allied Health professionals, Educators, families and friends of those for whom dementia is part of their life.

She will illustrate how she has found **Marte Meo** to be particularly useful in her work and suggest how it may help all of us 'connect'.

***A small donation will be appreciated to help cover supper and other costs please.***





**Instrumental Music**

# BEACHFRONT HUB

## Information Session

Thursday 27 November  
9:00am  
Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

Find out more about Beachfront Hub and choose a band instrument to start learning next year!  
**Open to students in Years 4-6 (2026)**

For more information, visit  
<https://music.brightonss.sa.edu.au/im-beachfront-hub/>

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



• **Woodwind**  
   ◦ Flute  
   ◦ Clarinet  
   ◦ Alto Saxophone  
 • **Brass**  
   ◦ Trumpet  
   ◦ Trombone  
 • **Electric Guitar**  
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\*To be eligible for guaranteed pathways to Flinders University, students must complete their SACE with at least 200 credits, including a minimum of 90 Stage 2 credits. The subjects chosen must align with the requirements of their intended pathway. All subjects must be completed with a minimum grade of C-. Students must apply via SATAC. Any additional entry requirements, as listed on the course webpages, will also need to be met.



## Interested in learning a language?

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# Get up to \$500 for education costs

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To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:

- 18+**  
18 years or older
- \$**  
A regular income (you or your partner)
- 💻**  
Attend free online financial education workshops
- ✓**  
Are studying yourself or have a child at school, or starting next year
- Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card**

[Saverplus.org.au](http://Saverplus.org.au)  
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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

- ✓ Technique development
- ✓ Skill exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & practice matches

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## Primary

7-12 years old  
Fundamental Skills

## Secondary

13-17 years old  
Targeted Technique

## Play like a pro

13-17 years old  
Intensive 3-day Training

## Elite

14-18 years old  
Advanced 5-hour Training

Single Day Pass

## The Lights Community & Sports Centre

Brighton Secondary School

Mount Lofty Sports Centre

Purrana Spencer Newton Centre (Scotch College)



REGISTER HERE

Have a question for us?

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# PRINCIPAL TOURS BOOK NOW



Term 4  
Wednesday 22nd October  
Friday 14th November  
Monday 17th November  
Thursday 4th December



\*Families looking for 2027 enrolment



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