

Newsletter Term 4

20 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?

With less than four weeks left of the 2025 school year, there are still many planned events during this time. Please ensure you read communications sent home by your child's teacher (Seesaw) as well as occasional whole school communications (EMS).

Class Placement processes are almost complete

We have endeavoured to establish balanced classes and to place all students in a learning environment that will support them to be successful. Most students are with at least one of their nominated friends.

Students will have an opportunity later in the term to visit their 2026 classrooms and met their classmates and teachers.

We ask that you support your child with managing this change by focusing on the positive aspects of their placement. Talk about the peers they will be with, and how they can connect with other friends during break times. This will help your child to build resilience and bounce back if any initial disappointment is evident.

Outdoor Play Space update

On Monday the Supernova Spinner was opened for children to use. The spinner can be found in the Nature Play area and has been very popular!

The Year 1 – 6 SRC leaders developed agreements for use to support all children to enjoy this new equipment safely.

- Only 6 students (or less) at a time
- No pushing people off
- Treat the Supernova respectfully
- No running or jumping on it - must be sitting or laying
- If you are waiting for your turn, stay a good distance away so you don't get hurt or hurt others.

There are many benefits for our children using this equipment.

The spinner allows children to experience changes in motion, speed and direction as well as developing their balance, coordination and awareness of how their body moves. In addition, children develop their teamwork, social skills, resilience and patience.

We are all eagerly awaiting the completion of the trampoline installation which has been delayed due to the unexpected weather conditions we have been experiencing.



CELEBRATING
VOLUNTEERS
WE THANK YOU ALL!

Thank You to the volunteers who have assisted the school this year.

We certainly could not do what we do without your continued support. Volunteers have assisted with camps and excursions, coordinated and

coached sports teams, as well as lending a hand with fundraising activities including the successful school Fun Run, the school discos, Sports Day, the upcoming Celebration Evening and in many other ways. 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 thank and acknowledge you. Invitations were sent home in Week 3.

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

Ngaitalya – with my respect
Sue Matene
Principal



Performing Arts

This term has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know our students in my new role as Performing Arts teacher. From day one, their enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to try new things have made our classes a real joy. Our primary focus in Performing Arts this term has been dance. Our lessons have been energetic and expressive, filled with rhythm, creativity, and collaboration. Students have shown wonderful growth as they explored new movement skills, choreographic and performance techniques.

One of our major achievements this term has been selecting 25 enthusiastic students for the 2026 Festival of Music Senior Choir. I have also had the pleasure of working closely with our current choir as they prepare for Celebration Night where they continue to develop their musicality, teamwork, and performance confidence.

As we look ahead, we're incredibly excited for our upcoming Celebration Night. This special event will give students the chance to showcase the choreography, performance skills, and creativity they have built throughout the year. We can't wait to share their hard work with families and our school community.

Japanese Learning Success!



おめでとう ございます – Omedetou Gozaimasu!

A big congratulations to our amazing students who have been working super hard to earn their Hiragana and Katakana Black Belts in Japanese this year!

A very special shout-out to Sam and Jasmine from Room 14, who have become the first students at Seacliff Primary School to earn both their Hiragana and Katakana Black Belts. What an incredible achievement - well done, Sam and Jasmine!

We also celebrate the fantastic effort of the following students who have successfully earned their Hiragana Black Belts this year:

- Nina, Rory, George K and Ayrton from Room 14
- Bronte from Room 15

Great work, everyone - keep up the awesome learning!

Learning Japanese Through Robots and Songs!

Rooms 3, 4 and 5 have been busy learning the names of different body parts in Japanese. Students have enjoyed singing the fun song "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" to help them remember the words.

To show their learning, students created their very own shape robots and added labels to show the body parts. They worked especially hard to write the labels using Hiragana - great effort, everyone!

What wonderful learning and creativity!



Creating our own Obento!

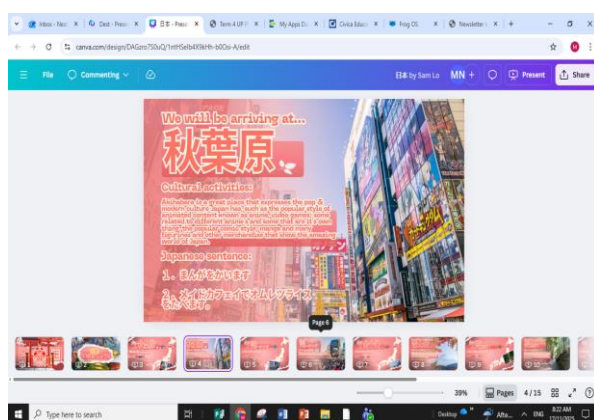
Students in Years 1-4 have been learning all about obento - the delicious and beautifully packed Japanese lunch boxes. We explored what makes a great obento, including the different types of foods that go inside and how they are arranged to look colourful and appealing.

Now the classes are getting creative! Students are designing their own obento, either by drawing detailed pictures or by making amazing 3D models.

Here are some of their wonderful creations!



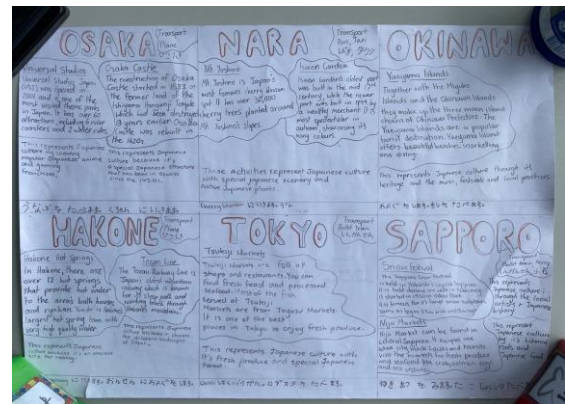
Upper primary students plan a trip to Japan!



Our Upper Primary students have been very busy putting their thinking and planning skills to work as they design their very own dream trip to Japan!

Students have been exploring exciting places they might like to visit, such as famous cities, historic temples, beautiful natural landmarks, and fun cultural attractions. They have also been learning how to plan important travel details - like transport, accommodation, activities, and even food!

Here are some examples of the creative and thoughtful travel plans they put together.



SAPSASA Basketball Finals

Our 5/6 Sapsasa girls basketball team went unbeaten at their carnival earlier this year and were invited to the small schools finals held at Wayville basketball stadium on 24 October. With each team in attendance winning their respective stadium, the competition and skill level was extremely high. Our girls battled really well all day and ended up finishing third in our group. This put us against third place on the other side of the draw for a 5th place play-off game. This game was evenly matched with both teams taking the lead throughout the game. Our girls eventually losing on a next basket wins scenario after scores were tied at the end of normal time.

Congratulations to Mia, Aden, Florence, Emmy, Isla, Elka and Mila who played incredibly well. Thank you to superstar stand in coach Shelley for leading the girls for the day.



Beach Volleyball

On November 6, Seacliff brought 112 students down to Glenelg beach to compete at the annual beach volleyball carnival against a variety of other primary schools. Our 20 teams displayed impressive skills, team work and sportsmanship that we had been practising in the lead up to the event.

We had 3 of our teams go on to make the grand final in their division and 2 of those win the gold medals. Congratulations to all students who represented the school with pride and competitive spirit showcasing our Seacliff school values. Thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers that came along to support the event.

Year 5/6:

- Div 1 winners: Jesse, Jonathan, Will, Zaden, Travis
- Div 3 winners: George, Johan, Oscar, Kaj, Ayrton

Year 4/5:

- Div 1 winners: Andy, Arya, Walter, Neekan, Arthur, Angus





Our annual Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the school community who visited our library whilst the annual scholastic book fair was here in week 2.

Due to this fantastic support, over \$3000 in sales occurred, netting our library a commission of approximately \$1000 in book purchases.

It was great to see the enthusiasm for books by all who visited.

Thanks

The Library team



Please return all school library books by the end of next week

As the end of the school year approaches we request all school library books are returned. To enable us to complete stocktaking and review our collection please return all school library books soon.

During the holidays our amazing local libraries will be available for you and your students to continue the love of reading. We are so lucky to have a system where your library card will allow you to borrow and return at any public library across South Australia.

There are more than 130 public libraries across South Australia - all FREE to join.

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Thanks for your cooperation

Library Team

Gardening Club photos



Aquatics and Beach Safety

On Friday November 7th, over 40 Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Port Noarlunga to participate in a full day of Aquatics and Beach Safety. The day was split into three sessions allowing the Year 6 students to practice Boogie Boarding, Stand Up Paddle Boarding and Canoeing. The Year 5s focused on Beach safety until lunch time and then entered the surf for a session of Boogie Boarding.

What was particularly reassuring was the news that the algae levels recorded in the area had returned to 'Base Levels' that day, meaning they were at the levels recorded prior to the bloom.



Seacliff's Sleigh of Support

Our **SRC** have chosen to do a Salvation Army Food Drive as an Act Of kindness this Term. The Salvation Army is a donatable charity that helps Australian citizens that are struggling with finances and social issues.

People can donate food, Christmas items, cleaning items and much more!

The Salvation Army (Salvos) has helped people in need, get back on their feet for over 140 years. The Salvos helps all Australian citizens with social challenges and financial needs.

This Christmas Seacliff's 2025 SRC have decided to donate to the Salvation Army. We would love it if you and your family joined in with the Christmas spirit of donating to the Salvation Army for those in need.

We ask that all donations are brought to the Front Office before **WEDNESDAY 3RD OF DECEMBER!**

Thankyou,

Flossy & Jack

-Merry Christmas!



School Holiday Program

Check out the programs available this school holidays.

Develop skills and have fun this school holidays
Autism SA's therapeutic school holiday programs are where children aged 5-17 are supported to engage in activities that can help with the development of life skills, social and communication skills and friendships.

The specially designed programs, led by multi-disciplinary team offer an enjoyable and educational way for kids to spend their school holidays.

December 2025 and January 2026

Programs include:

- **Self-Care Spa Studio**
• Tonsley and Elizabeth 5-11 years and 12-17 years
- **Building Connections - Social group**
• Tonsley and Elizabeth 7-12 years
- **Transitions - It's all about the prep**
• Adelaide metro
- **Festive Cooking Group**
• Tonsley and Elizabeth 5-8 years and 9-12 years
- **Board Game Group for Teens**
• Elizabeth 14-17 years
- **Dungeons & Dragons**
• Tonsley 9-14 years
- **Play Your Way**
• Tonsley and Elizabeth 3-6 years

Contact us
To learn more about the School Holiday Program at Autism SA contact us or scan the QR code to register your interest.

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1300 288 476

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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**
- **Percussion**

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