

## Newsletter Term 1

# 13 February, 2026



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### **Pupil Free Days 2026**

Tuesday 10 March (the day after the Adelaide Cup Day public holiday)

Monday 18 May

Monday 20 July

Monday 23 November

**School Closure Day** – Friday 20 November

**Whole School Photos** – Wednesday 18 March

## From the Principal

### Thank you!

We thank all parents/carers for attending Wednesday Night's Acquaintance Night. We hope you have more information about your child/ren's classrooms and their teachers.

Please ensure you have signed up to Seesaw with the information provided by teachers. This will provide a valuable platform for teachers to communicate regularly with you, share evidence of your child's learning and also a means for you to connect with them if you have any questions or concerns.

I ask that you understand and respect that teachers, like you, have very busy and demanding lives and have the right to switch off at the end of their work day. If you message or email them out of work hours, please understand that they will respond as soon as they can when back at work.

### Introducing our new staff

**Abbey** joins our team to provide literacy and numeracy intervention support for children across the school. You may also see her at OSHC. Previously Abbey worked at Hallett Cove East Primary School.

#### **Library Sue**

Hi, I'm Sue and I will be working with Kay in the library this year on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

I have worked in many libraries over many years and have a strong passion for children's books and working with children.

I especially like reading picture books, buying lots of Lego, watching movies, being at the beach, Haigh's chocolates and catching up with friends.

I'm very much looking forward to being part of the Seacliff Primary community and you're always welcome to drop into the library anytime to say hi and borrow some books.



## Growing with Gratitude (GWG)

Ash Manuel is the Director and Founder of Growing with Gratitude & Mind our Youth Foundation. He is an international speaker and a leader in wellbeing education.

In 2024 we made the commitment to implement the Growing with Gratitude program across the school after engaging with professional learning with Ash.

This year Ash has once again worked with all students in every class, as well as facilitating a staff session to refresh and reinforce the key messages about the program including the 5 Habits of Happiness – gratitude, kindness, empathy, positive reflection and service.



Check out Ash's podcast. In each episode, Ash talks with experts in positive education / well-being to discuss actionable ideas that can be used in the classroom, across a school, at sports clubs etc. Plus, tips and tricks that you can apply in your own life.



[Take a listen](#)

## Canteen / Lunch service update

We are pleased to advise families that the Sunnyside Up Café is able to offer our children food service for a second day along with the inclusion of a few additional menu items.

Lunches can now be purchased for Thursdays and Fridays. Additional menu items (after some parent feedback) include sandwich options, cheeseburgers and fruit cups.

Our Year 6 leaders will continue to collect and distribute lunch bags on delivery days.

The school canteen facilities will be utilised as a dedicated student kitchen to support learning programs. Our Fundraising Committee will also access this space to support various school events.

## Uniform

Seacliff Primary School staff promote and encourage students to wear correct school uniform. The Governing Council approved the current Uniform Policy in June 2021.

The wearing of a school uniform:

- promotes equality amongst students and a sense of pride in personal appearance
- helps students to identify with the school and feel a sense of belonging
- identifies our students at all times and assists teachers with duty of care in the school yard and when on excursions in the wider community
- ensures that students wear clothing that is safe and practical to wear in the school environment.

The Uniform Policy can be found on the [school's website](#).

We are seeking the assistance of all families to support students to comply with this policy. Particular reminders in regards to the below areas would be appreciated:

- having a NAMED Sun Smart navy-blue school bucket or wide brimmed hat
- tying long hair up
- wearing minimal jewellery
- wearing white, black or navy socks
- wearing bike pants under skirts particularly for physical education
- skirts, shorts and dresses are to be mid-thigh length or longer.

## Mobile Phone / Smartwatch use reminder

Students must keep their mobile phones and other personal devices (such as smartwatches) off and away at school, in line with the [State Government's mobile phone ban](#).

Students can continue to bring personal devices and use them before and after school for safety while travelling and to keep in touch with families and other commitments, outside of school hours.

The school's policy can be found on the [school's website](#).



Please contact the school if you need to discuss a request for exemption due to exceptional circumstances, including where:

- the student needs their device to monitor or manage a medical condition
- the device is needed as an agreed adjustment for a student with disability or learning difficulties
- the device is used for translation by a student with English as an additional language or dialect (EALD)
- the student has extenuating personal circumstances requiring more immediate access to their device, such as being the primary carer for a child or family member.

Please contact the Front Office for assistance if you need to communicate with your child while they are at school.

## Families to update personal contact details

If any of your contact details or personal information has changed since 2025, please use our 'Change of Personal Details' form. This is available via hard copy or email from the Front Office. Please return your completed form to the Front Office to allow us to update your child's file.



## Materials & services charges polling result

The poll conducted by Seacliff Primary School Governing Council during Term 4 2025 resulted in a majority of voters (86.5%) agreeing to the Materials & Services Charges for 2026 to remain at \$400.00 per student.

## Materials & Services charges - 2026

Invoices and statements will be sent to families shortly. The government rebate of \$200 will again be applied. Please wait for Materials and Services invoice to arrive **BEFORE** making payments to the school as this will allow time for our finance system to reflect current student enrolments.

## School Card 2026 online applications



For families experiencing financial difficulty, school card can assist with payment of the Materials and Services levy that schools rely on to provide much needed resources for the learning program. Online application forms for 2026 School Card are now available at [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard).

All types of School Card applications are now online.

**Contact:** [School Card Team](#), School and Preschool Financial Services by email or phone 1800 672 758



## Governing Council – Call for nominations

The current Governing Council is keen for any interested parents who would enjoy being involved to think about joining council. It would be fabulous to welcome any parents of younger children in the school.

Benefits of being on Governing Council include:

- you get to share your thoughts and opinions
- you hear what other people think
- you become well-informed about what is happening in our school
- you get to know other parents
- you get to understand how the school operates.



Governing Councils work with the Principal to help set and monitor the direction of a site.

The Seacliff Primary School Governing Council meets regularly, usually twice each term in weeks 3 and 8 with one of these meetings being held online.

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC and Canteen.

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site's policies
- carry out the site improvement plan.

Our Governing Council has a number of sub-committees which meet and discuss certain aspects in detail, these sub-committees are where you can really get involved.

Sub-committees are convened by a Governing Council member; however, parents and interested community members are welcome to join a sub-committee without being on the Governing Council. Sub-committees report back to Governing Council and any recommendations from sub-committees are discussed and decided upon at Governing Council. Our sub-committees include **OSHC, Fundraising** and **Finance**.

**Nomination forms** can be accessed [here](#).

If you would like more information about the role and responsibilities of the Governing Council, more information can be found on the Departments for Education website – [Governing Councils](#)

## Fundraising News - Easter hamper donations

This year we are excited to be offering an Easter Hamper raffle as one of our fundraising activities for 2026.

Do you have anything you could contribute to our hamper? All donations are welcome, but must be unused and unopened.

If you have something to donate, please drop this to the Front Office staff by 1st March.

We are also seeking more volunteers

- to help with fundraising efforts this year
- to be part of the Fundraising Advisory Committee – usually one meeting/term to plan and organise events (fun run, disco, sports day, stalls) to raise funds that are used to make improvements at the school. This may include emailing suppliers, posters, communications to volunteers etc.



Below is a link to a short survey that we encourage you to complete:

[Seeking Volunteers – form to complete](#)

Do you have any suggestions for this year's fundraising goals?

Please email the school at [dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au) and share your ideas on what we should be raising funds for this year to benefit our students.

Fundraising Committee

## New 40km/hr School Zones

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport has installed 40 km/h school speed limit signage on Brighton Road in front of Seacliff Primary School.

The reduced speed limit applies during drop off and pickup times on school days from 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Existing '25 km/h when children present' school zone speed limits where signed will not change. We urge all parents and caregivers to always look for the signs, reduce their speed and always take caution near all schools.

We thank the school community for adhering to the new speed limits and for helping us improve the safety of students travelling to and from school.

For more information visit <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/40km-schools>



## Library News

Kay and Library Sue will be in the library every school day this year. Everyone is very welcome to drop into the library before and after school.

Library books are on loan for 2 weeks, extensions of time can be given – just ask!

We love our library. Come into our foyer and see our wonderful display.

Andy Griffiths is the new Australian Children's Laureate for 2026-2027. We have many of Andy Griffiths books in our Library, so come in and discover.

Is your Family a member of South Australia's Public Library System? You only need 'One Card' to borrow from any Library in South Australia. It's free to join, easy to borrow, easy to reserve items and you can return items to any Library.

If you've always wanted a wider choice of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines from your local library, you'll find lots to love about the 'one card' network.

Here's the link with more details about One Card: Libraries SA – [About One Card](#)

## How to join our library

- **Download the app**

Search 'Libraries SA' in your app store, visit [libraries.sa.gov.au/app](https://libraries.sa.gov.au/app) or scan the QR code.
- **Click on Join - It's free**

Clicking this will take you to a digital registration form. After selecting 'Create Account,' you'll receive a verification code in your inbox.
- **You are now a digital member**

You now have a digital account with Libraries SA, giving you access to our digital resources like Libby, Hoopla, and BorrowBox.
- **Present your or your guardian's ID for full membership**

To borrow from our physical collection, visit the library counter with photo ID and proof of address, such as a driver's licence.
- **Want a physical card?**

You can use the digital card in the Libraries SA app as your library card by clicking on 'My Barcode' at the top of the screen. If you'd prefer a physical card, just let us know, and we'll be happy to provide one!

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Aberfoyle Park  
High School

**IGNITE**  
Gifted Education Program

## ACER Higher Abilities Test



Aberfoyle Park High School  
Saturday 21 February 2026  
8:30am - 12:30pm

The ACER Higher Ability Test gathers evidence of innate potential and ability in the areas of:

reading comprehension | mathematical reasoning | abstract thinking | written expression

Cost: \$150 administration fee

Registrations close  
Wednesday 18 February 2026

Click or scan the QR code to register



Brighton  
Secondary  
School

## Open Night

Wednesday 4 March 2026  
6pm - 8pm

Discover our wide range of offerings, Special Interest Programs and view our facilities.

Hear from our Principal at 6.15pm and 7.15pm in the Concert Hall.

Register your attendance at:

<https://www.brightonss.sa.edu.au/open-day/>



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## WANT TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ONLINE?

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence-based education program led by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to prevent online child sexual exploitation.

**Date:** March 12th & 24th, April 7th

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Blackwood, Marion & Noarlunga

### What the presentation will cover

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face, as they relate to online child sexual exploitation
- How to report, get help and support

ThinkUKnow is pro-technology, and incorporates up-to-date research, real case studies, intelligence and examples from reports made to the AFP-led Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.

Delivered by a volunteer network from the following partner organisations



## OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 31 March 2026  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Aberfoyle Park High School  
36A Taylors Road, Aberfoyle Park

Aberfoyle Park High School's Open Night lets parents and prospective students explore the learning environments, meet teachers and students and learn about programs and activities on offer.

Tour the school

Meet the teachers and students

Review our curriculum



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Aberfoyle Park  
High School



Respect, Care and Compassion, Honesty



## ZANSHIN FREESTYLE KARATE

Kids, Teens & Adults Self Defence  
Learn to defend yourself, gain confidence and have fun  
Friendly atmosphere, qualified instructors  
First two lessons FREE

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Every Wednesday

Kids 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Teens/Adults 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Phone Shihan Ant'z on 0422 331 388  
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