

Newsletter Term 2

15 May, 2026



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Pupil Free Days 2026

Monday 18 May

Monday 20 July

Monday 23 November

School Closure Day – Friday 20 November

Sports Day – Friday 30 October

From the Principal

Reminder 18 May - Pupil Free Day

Niina Marni - Hello, how are you?

I hope you enjoyed a restful school break and are ready for another busy term of learning.

Attendance Matters



LATE FOR SCHOOL?

Children learn best at the start of the day



If your child misses...	That Equals..	Which is..	Over 13 Years of schooling that is..
10 minutes a day..	50 minutes a week	1.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year of lost learning
20 minutes a day..	100 minutes a week	2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year of lost learning
30 minutes a day..	1/2 a day a week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of lost learning
1 hour a day..	1 day a week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

We are aware that students sometimes cannot attend school due to a variety of reasons and that we continue to ask families to keep students' home when they are unwell.

Regular attendance at school is vital to the ongoing learning and wellbeing of our students. The school opens at 8:35am each day and a staff member is on duty in the yard from this time. Learning begins at 8.55am and your child misses valuable learning time if they are late.

Staffing Update

Elle Turner has unfortunately stepped away from her Year 4/5 classroom teaching position for personal reasons. Adrian Martin will teach Room 15 students each Friday moving forwards.

Murray Porter is accessing leave this term and Sarah Ford is teaching the class in his absence.

One of our SSOs, Abbey, left for other pathways and we have welcomed Karsha to our team.

Mid-year Student Reports



Teachers are currently preparing for mid-year student reports, which provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on the learning journey and growth of each child. These reports are one part of how we share progress with families and celebrate their achievements— both big and small—that take place throughout the term.

As the school has moved to EMS and are no longer using SENTRAL, our report template has needed to change from what we have used previously. The report generated using EMS will look different. It will provide you with information about your child's literacy and numeracy learning, as well as

information about other aspects of their growth and progress.

Clear and regular communication between home and school is a priority for us. Teachers (and students) will continue to share information about learning using Seesaw on a regular basis. They encourage you to regularly check posted content and invite you to comment on what is being shared.

Reports will be issued to children Thursday 2 July.

Mid-year Reception Intake

Our extended transition program commences next week. Transition will incorporate several visits to school where children will make connections with Mrs Lancaster, Miss Palmer, Mr H. and our current reception children. A Parent session will also be provided during the first visit.

National Volunteer Week

Next week is National Volunteer Week across Australia. We sincerely thank all our volunteers who have supported the students, staff and school already this year.

We will officially celebrate and recognise the vital work of our volunteers at a special assembly in Term 4.



2026 WEC- Wellbeing and Engagement Survey

Over the coming weeks, students in Year 4-6 will complete the '2026 DFE Wellbeing and Engagement Survey' via the online platform. The survey asks students how they think and feel about their experiences, both inside and outside of school. It includes questions related to wellbeing, health and academic achievement. Results will be shared with families once these are shared with schools.

Facilities Update

Playgrounds

During the recent holiday break KeepSafe Pty Ltd upgraded our playground spaces. The compacted soft fall was removed from the JP and Rainbow playgrounds and replaced with fresh soft fall. The rubber edging was removed from the JP and replaced with large rocks and expanded to follow the path. Additional large flat rocks were moved to the garden beds area, creating more of a seating/gathering space.



The seating was also removed from around the tree in the JP space and returned to follow the path to create a more useful seating space for both students and parents.

The broken wooden surround of the Rainbow playground was replaced with new concrete sleepers. The very popular yellow tunnel was also reinstated after being repaired off site.

There are further plans to provide bench seating around the Rainbow playground.

Access Ramps

Work on this project has begun with completion expected at the end of Term 3 this year. Student safety is paramount during this project, and the school will ensure safe passageways for students to access play areas.

It has been necessary to remove two of our trees to make room for the new inclusive ramps. At the conclusion of the project, the school will assess a replanting schedule to replace some of these much-loved trees.

Walk to School Day

Next Friday 22 May is National Walk Safely to School Day.

This event:

- encourages parents and carers to walk regularly to school
- promotes the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- Helps children develop vital road crossing skills
- Reduces car dependency, traffic congestion and reduces the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be obese or overweight. Sedentary behaviour can lead to long-term and costly risks of illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes. Walking regularly is the best exercise for your health because you can build it into your daily routine.

The school would like to acknowledge the new Seacliff Village, Brighton Woolworths, Hallett Cove Woolworths and Brighton Foodland for their generous donations and delicious fresh fruit our students will enjoy as they arrive at school next Friday morning.



Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to another successful term together.

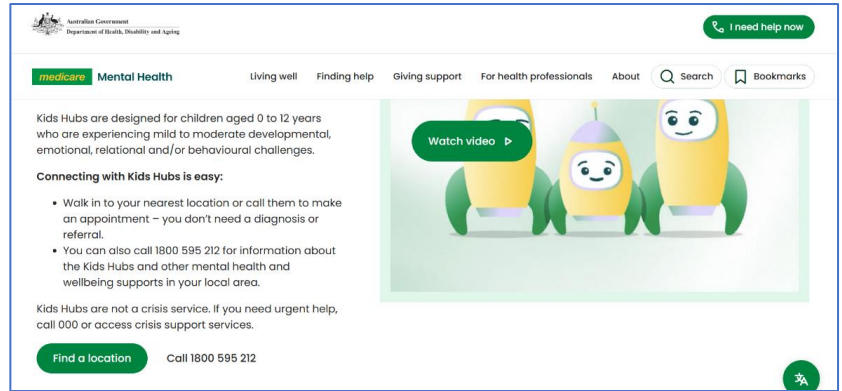
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Principal

Kids Hubs: Support for families

Please see the information below for 'Kids Hubs' designed for children aged 0-12 years who are experiencing mild to moderate developmental, emotional, relational and /or behavioural challenges. This is a walk-in service or you can also ring to make an appointment. The 1800 595 212 number is also available to source further information about Kids Hubs and other mental health and wellbeing supports in your area. The nearest Kids Hub is located within Marion GP Plus, 10 Milham Street, Oaklands Park with outreach services.



Ruth Cameron
Wellbeing Leader

South Australia

Southern Adelaide Medicare Mental Health Kids Hub

Supports families living within metropolitan Adelaide. Visit Marion GP Plus, 10 Milham Street, Oaklands Park. This service also provides outreach services to Aldinga. Visit Aldinga GP Plus, Pridham Boulevard, Aldinga Beach.

Coming soon:

- Northern Adelaide

Rooms 13 & 14 Article

Rooms 13 and 14 have had a flying start to Term 2 in Year 6!

In Maths, both classes have been analysing, interpreting and collecting data. Room 14 students have enjoyed asking their classmates some survey questions to collect class data and playing around on Microsoft Excel to create different types of graphs to represent the data.

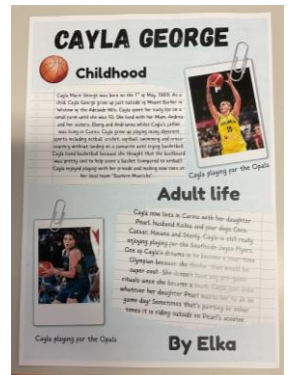
Room 13 have been learning how to draw different charts such as bar graphs, pie charts and line graphs.

Both classes will be coming together at the end of the unit to survey each other to form hand-drawn and electronic graphs to display their findings!

Rooms 13 & 14 explored biography writing in Term 1 English. After studying Anh Do, students were asked to research a figure that inspires them and write their own biography following structure and language.

With the support of student teacher, Abby, both classes have combined to work on HASS and Science units. Last term, students learnt about the Federation of Australia and students have now begun exploring Earth and Space Sciences, looking into orbiting, relative sizes and distances in outer space compared to planet earth and have engaged in some mini investigations which teach students the concept of fair testing and the scientific method. Students are looking forward to learning about the Court System in HASS and we hope to engage with our local community through a Learning Expedition project Aaron and Ella are organising.

Ella Bird & Aaron Farquharson



Netball

Our Sapsasa netball team travelled to the SAUCNA netball courts in week 2 to compete in the medium schools Sapsasa competition. Students played three pool matches, winning two and losing a close game against St Leonards. This put Seacliff through to the semi-final against Stella Maris which we won to progress into the grand final.

A 10 – 4 half time lead was quickly pulled back and scores were locked at 10 a piece with only a couple of minutes left. The girls stood tall to run out 12 – 11 winners to cap off a successful and enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Elka K, Harlow G, Clare W, Lily S, Heidi L, Spencer K, Skye B, Isla C, Violet C and Abbey G.

District selectors watched the competition to identify talented players to attend South West trials later this term. Congratulations to Elka K, Harlow G, Clare W, Lily S, Heidi L and Spencer K who have been selected to trial for this opportunity.

Aaron



Football

On 23 March, Seacliff entered a football competition held at Barratt Reserve, West Beach. This round robin competition is used to select talented footballers to trial for our Sapsasa district - South West. The boys team consisted of Atticus R, Ashton W, Walt J, Winston L, Spencer T, Otis H, Charlie H, Arthur P, Oliver P, August B and Van S. We were coached by the incredible Jason and supported by lots of parents on the day.

We convincingly won our first two games before narrowly losing our third to Our Lady of Grace by 3 points! We also just lost our last game of the day. It was a good day and everyone showed good sportsmanship and passion.

Congratulations to Walt J, Winston L, Ashton W who have made the district team that will compete in week 5. Well done to Augie B who was selected to trial for this opportunity!

Written by Atticus R



Lacrosse

On 1 April, we had 100 year 4-6 students go to Brighton Lacrosse Club to compete in a come and try Lacrosse carnival. Students had been practicing their skills in PE clinics in the lead up to the event. We were able to create 14 teams due to the incredible interest shown by this cohort of students. I was extremely proud of the way we conducted ourselves, demonstrating excellent team work, proficient skills and an overall great attitude. We had a Seacliff team make the grand final in all four divisions. Three of our teams went on to win their division with our 4/5 boys just missing out after the game went to a golden goal when scores were tied at full time. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to support the event as well as the teachers that came along to ensure our school got this great opportunity.



Swimming

Congratulations to Skye B who made our district swimming team in 50m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and a relay. She competed at SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre on 24 March at the state competition where Skye came home with the silver medal in 50m backstroke and the gold medal in the 4 x 50m relay.



Fundraising Committee News

The Fundraising Committee would like to say a massive thank you to our Seacliff families for supporting our Mother's Day stall this term.

The money raised from stall sales directly supports our fundraising for the school. Students are currently in discussions with their classmates and teachers to identify our new fundraising goal – we will provide an update on their decisions.

So far, this year we have raised \$2604.

We are so grateful for the support we have been given by our wonderful families and the amazing group of parent volunteers involved. We also want to recognise 'Lickie Bickie' who kindly provided beautiful biscuits to help our Mother's Day stall fundraising sales. We would love to hear from other small businesses within our school community who might be interested or have ideas about opportunities to work together for future fundraising efforts.

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

Library News

Lego in the Library

We are looking for donations of Lego (any amount) that our children can play with in our Library lunchtime activities.

Any donations greatly appreciated – please see Library Sue or Kay in the Library or leave at the front office.



Magazines

Do you have magazines that you could donate to the library?

Our children are interested in Aviation, Sport and Kids magazines. Donations can be dropped off at the library.

National Simultaneous Storytime



Join us for **National Simultaneous Storytime 2026 (NSS)** as we come together to read *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller*.

NSS is one of the Australia's most beloved annual reading events, bringing together millions of children, families, libraries, schools and early learning centres, with the option, to share the same story, at the same time, right across Australia.

NSS 2026 will take place on **27 May 2026 at 12:00pm AEST**. It's a joyful celebration of reading, literacy, community – and a reminder of the essential role libraries play in nurturing learning, connection and a love of stories.

Seacliff Primary will register as a school and will have access to related activities and Youtube readings all week 25-29 May.

If you would like to be involved as a family, anyone can register for free here, https://alia.informz.net/ALIA/pages/NSS2026_Register



TRAILS TOURS

EXPLORE URRBRAE

Get up close and personal with our farm animals



Discover the unique learning environment at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. Join us for a guided Trails Tour, led by a specialised class of Year 10 students, experience how agriculture, science, and education come together on our campus.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE

- Working school farm
- Livestock enterprises
- Agricultural learning facilities
- Sustainable farming practices
- Student-led agricultural project



Location: 505 Fullarton Road, Netherby 5062

When: Available throughout the school terms, Thursday only

Bookings essential: <https://urrbraehs.sa.edu.au/community/urrbrae-trails/>