

Newsletter Term 3

7 August, 2026



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Pupil Free Days 2026

Monday 23 November

School Closure Day – Friday 20 November

Fun Run – Friday 14 August

Bookweek Dress up Day – Friday 28 August

Father's Day Stall – Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September

Disco – Thursday 17 September

Water Safety Week – Monday 21 to Friday 25 September

Sports Day – Friday 30 October



From the Principal

Please see below an update from our Governing Council Chairperson after a Round Table Meeting held today. More information will be shared next week as it comes to hand.

On 24 July the GC wrote formally to the Department for Education about the slow progress of the ramp works, the lack of activity over the school holidays, the temporary fencing that has cut off the oval and netball courts, and several longstanding facilities issues that remain unresolved. The GC has made the impact on our students and school events very clear in our letter. Our local member, Alex Dighton MP, was copied into that letter.

Today the Department's Education Director met with the school and a few GC members to work through our concerns. The Education Director will meet with the Department's stakeholder group on Monday and will then provide the school with a further update relating to the ramp works, including clearing up the construction area, improving the condition of the site, and improving access around the works.

One point worth making clear is that these works are commissioned and managed by the Department and its contractor, not by the school. School leadership has escalated the delays repeatedly and is working hard to keep events and sport running in the space available. We will keep families informed as responses come in. If you would like to raise something with the GC, you are welcome to contact me or attend the next GC meeting.

Regards,

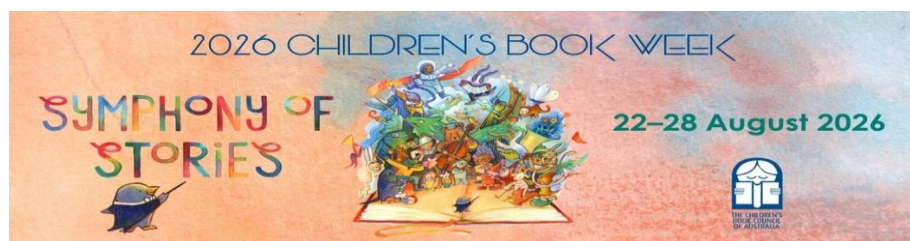
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Governing Council Chairperson

Book Week Dress Up Day will be on Friday 28th August.

- This year we ask that students wear a costume they are able to be comfortable in all day please.
- The theme is very flexible. Use any clothes or materials you already have. Students can dress as a traditional book character, a musician, a conductor, or decorate an old outfit with musical notes or a homemade paper instrument rather than buying a costume.

Due to the earth works at school we are unable to use the play area for a parade this time.
Parents are welcome to visit classes from 9.00 - 9.30am to view the students' dress up creations.



The Theme of Book Week 2026 is 'Symphony of Stories'

- We can interpret this theme via a comparison to an Orchestra - that just like different instruments in an orchestra play different notes to make one beautiful song, every book and character has a unique voice that comes together to create a grand "symphony" of reading.
- As a harmony example - just as different notes make music, different plots and feelings in a book blend together.
- Or as Diversity - every unique book and character belongs and adds its own sound to the mix.

We encourage reading together at home, try talking about the "rhythm" or "mood" of favourite bedtime stories. Enjoy using 'silly' voices for book characters when you read out loud, have fun singing along to songs that have been turned into books.

Looking forward to a fun day enjoying the love of reading.

Regards

Library Team, Kay and Sue

Room 14 are becoming SHOWBAG TESTERS!

Last term, Room 14 took on an exciting challenge after Miss Bird discovered the Royal Adelaide Show's '100 Years of Showbags' Competition.

Students entering the challenge were asked to imagine they could send a showbag back in time to a child from 1926. They could present their idea as a written piece, an A4 illustration or a 30-second video, explaining what they would include in the showbag and why they thought it would amaze a child from 100 years ago.

We are incredibly proud to announce that Oscar Moriarty from Room 14 created the winning entry out of more than 980 entries!

As part of Oscar's prize, every student in Room 14 has been invited to the Adelaide Showgrounds on the 20th of August for an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience. During the excursion, students will enjoy a live sheep shearing demonstration in the Old Ram Shed before heading to the Members' Dining Room, where they will be among the very first to preview the 2026 Royal Adelaide Showbags. Students will have the opportunity to explore the new showbags, hear about how they are created and choose two showbags each to take home.

The prize also includes a free family pass for every student in the class to attend this year's Royal Adelaide Show, as well as a special morning tea together. To make the day even more memorable, our class will also feature on the news, so keep an eye out for Room 14!

Congratulations once again to Oscar on this outstanding achievement. We are so excited that his creativity has provided our entire class with such a unique and unforgettable opportunity.



From Dump to Design

Year 6s have spent the last bit of Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3 exploring the evolution of the Seacliff Village. Late in Term 2, students were lucky enough to be some of the first people to step foot within the village and tour the construction site.

Students witnessed the building of multiple townhouses, as well as the foundation work for the new shopping centre, guided by project manager, Michael Visintin. They were lucky enough to enter the main office at the site, where Michael discussed the future plans for the project and the significant planning and preparation that had taken place prior.

Back in class, the Year 6s spent time investigating needs and wants through a number of challenges, such as the deserted island challenge, for which they needed to justify 10 items that they would take in order to survive. This led students to consider the needs and wants of a new community, such as the Seacliff Village.

Students were then asked to create a shopfront for a business that could potentially be at the Seacliff Village Shopping Centre. A Room 13 student paired up with a Room 14 student and they worked together exceptionally to create detailed and eye-catching shopfronts, such as cafes, cinemas and bakeries. Families were invited to a showcase of the shopfronts and the feedback was excellent.

Students will continue their investigation into the Seacliff Village development and the impact that this might have on Seacliff Primary School and the broader Seacliff community.



National Tree Day with Room 17

The sun was shining on a beautiful Thursday morning when Room 17 took off to Marino Conservation Park for National Tree Day on 23 July.

After catching the train to Marino Rocks and walking up a massive hill, we finally made it to Marino Conservation Park. The first thing we did was meet the volunteers and Justin the Park Ranger.

After they introduced themselves, we went to the planting area. I planted 16 trees and hammered in 25 wooden stakes. We also got to water them.

After we planted, hammered the stakes and watered over 100 new shrubs, we hiked up to the lighthouse for lunch. There weren't many benches at the lighthouse lookout, so we sat on the ground. Then we walked to another lookout and took a whole class picture. It was so fun!

When we got back to the school at 2.15pm we were so tired, but I hope we get to go back next year.

Summer, Year 4



Connecting to Kurna Country in Rooms 18 and 19

Rooms 18 and 19 were fortunate to welcome Anni Giles back to our classrooms for two special days of learning about Kurna language and culture. Anni has dedicated a great deal of her own learning to this area and generously shared her knowledge and experiences with us.

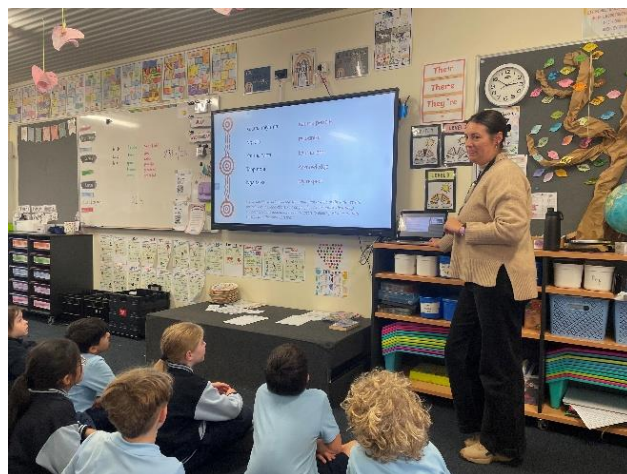
During our time together, we learnt how to welcome others in Kurna language, ask "How are you?" and respond in different ways. We also spent time outside connecting with Country, taking a quiet moment to notice what we could see, hear and feel in the environment around us. These reflections inspired us to create our own class Acknowledgement of Country.

Our Acknowledgement of Country says:

"We thank the Kurna Elders for caring for the land, the beach, the plants, the animals and only taking what you need from the environment. We feel peaceful on Kurna land."

It was a meaningful experience that helped us deepen our understanding of Kurna culture and strengthen our connection to the land we share. We are very grateful to Anni for sharing her knowledge and helping us learn in such an engaging and thoughtful way.





Niina Marni

Niina Marni Welcome
 Nina Marni is a greeting to an individual.
 Niina Marni?
 Are you good?
 How are you?



Naa Marni

Naa Marni is said when greeting a group of people.
 Naa Marni?
 Are all of you good?



Kaurna Feelings

Kaurna Feelings song
Naa Marni?
 Are all of you good?



Marni ai
Good I am



Yaku marni ai
So so good I am



Kuku ai
Sick I am

Library Inspires Our Year 4–5 Students

On Thursday, 30 July, our Year 4–5 students had the privilege of participating in the Human Peace Library, presented by Thebarton Senior College.

Twenty-two Year 11 students from refugee backgrounds visited Seacliff School to share their personal stories of courage, resilience and hope. In small groups, our students had the opportunity to listen, ask questions and learn firsthand about the experiences of young people who have rebuilt their lives in Australia after fleeing conflict and hardship.

The sessions were incredibly moving and provided a powerful opportunity for students to develop empathy, challenge assumptions and gain a deeper understanding of different cultures and life experiences. The Human Library truly brought learning to life, demonstrating that every person has a unique story worth hearing.

We were so proud of the way our Year 4–5 students embraced this experience. They listened with genuine curiosity, asked thoughtful questions and showed great respect for our visitors. Their engagement reflected the caring and inclusive values we strive to foster at Seacliff School.

A sincere thank you to Simmone and Hannah from Thebarton Senior College for coordinating this wonderful experience, and to the 22 Year 11 students for their honesty, courage and generosity in sharing their stories. Their words have left a lasting impression on both our students and staff, and we know this is an experience that will be remembered for years to come.



SAPSASA Girls Soccer

Whoosh! It was bucketing down with rain as the Seacliff Stingers girls soccer team warmed up for their first game against St Leonards.

It's Thursday 23 July, and the siren went at West Beach to signal the start of the game.

After the game, The Seacliff Stingers walk off proudly after winning 3 to 1.

We had short breaks in between games. We played five games, winning them all.

Second game we defeated Goodwood 2 to 1.

Third game was against Ainsley, winning 2 to 0.

Fourth game was against Stella Marris, winning 3 to 1.

Fifth game was against St Marys, winning 4 to 0.

It was a great day to play soccer. We thank Mr Best, the parents who came to support us and everyone involved in organizing it.

Written by Demi and Spencer, Room 17



SAPSASA Boys Soccer

On Thursday 23 July, the Seacliff Stingers boys soccer team went to play our first soccer game after waiting for a heavy downpour to stop. We were at West Beach for the SAPSASA soccer tournament.

We played our first game against St Leonards. They were a tough side getting most of the possessions. But in the second half, the Seacliff Stingers got most of the ball. Final score was 0-0.

After a fruit break, we played our second game against Goodwood. It was different to our first game. We kicked 2 goals in the first half and three in the second half. We won 5-0.

Our third game was vs Warradale. They were rough and we tied 0-0.

Our fourth game we played Warradale again. We beat them 2-0.

In our final game, we played St Leonards again in the final. They were a hard team. The game was tied at 2-2.

It was a great experience. We thank Jason, Mr Best and all parents who came to support us.

Written by Neekan and Will, Room 17



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

REMINDER Has your child taken up the Challenge in 2026?

Please ensure they have filled in their student reading record for this year and that you sign off the books they have read as they go. Make sure your child hands the record to the school Library by: **Friday 28 August**
Results are entered into the Education Dept records, awards are sent to school in Term 4.

The Challenge is to have read ONLY 12 books this year in total.

- Reception to Year 2 Students have been given the chance to complete their own form, however their teacher will record any stories read during lessons and submit on a class form.
- Year 3 to 6 Your child is responsible for completing their own form CORRECTLY with books they have read this year, on the PRC list, at their year level

8 of these books **MUST BE** from the Challenge booklists available on our website <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>, any books in the school library on the challenge list labelled with the appropriate coloured sticker, and the other 4 of their own choice.

Student reading record forms are available from your child's teacher, or from the school Library.

There are 14 awards to collect:

First year – Certificate,

Second year – Bronze medal,

Third year – Silver medal

Fourth year – Gold medal

Fifth year – Champion medal

Sixth year – Legend medal

Seventh year – Hall of Fame medal.

Students can elect to have their name appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Honour Roll.



The Premier's Reading Challenge is most successful when parents show interest and support their children. Help your child read their 12 books and you will be making a positive difference to their future.

Enjoy the CHALLENGE!

Kay and Sue,
Resource Centre Officers,
Seacliff Primary School

ADELAIDE Strikers GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

Little Strikers

Get ready to play Junior Cricket!

This all-girls program is for girls who have completed a Woolworths Cricket Blast program. Little Strikers will prepare them with the appropriate skills to progress into our Strikers Girls Cricket League while having fun and making new friends!

Brighton Cricket Club Program!
FREE 4 Week Program
Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Starting 2nd September
Brighton Oval

Scan here!