

Newsletter Term 3

17 September, 2026



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Water Safety Week – Monday 21 to Friday 25 September

Sports Day – Friday 30 October

Celebration Night – Thursday 19 November

School Closure Day – Friday 20 November

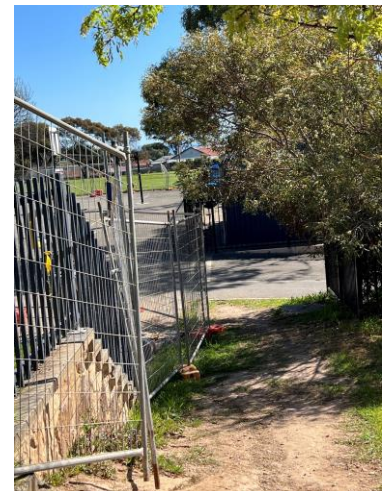
Pupil Free Day - Monday 23 November

REMINDER – EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15PM, FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER.

From the Principal

Facilities update:

- Revised access paths have been reinstated for student movement from the JP play area to the courts and from the courts to the oval.
- We are continuing to push for 2 of the non-required piles of rubble to be removed asap. TCM will aim to have the area cleaned up during the week.
- The project team met on Monday 14/9/26. Currently, work is being done to resolve the final outstanding variations. Once these items have been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties, arrangements for TCM's return to site will follow shortly thereafter.
- A geotechnical report has confirmed that the ground conditions on the oval are currently unsuitable for heavy machinery due to the high moisture content. As a result, Ventia are looking at delaying works to the lower section of the project, being Ramps 2 and 3, until the ground has had an opportunity to dry out. At this stage, that is likely to push those works into the December school holiday period.
- The tender process has been done for the remediation of the Junior Primary toilets, and we are currently waiting to hear who has been given the contract.
- On 3/9/26 a detailed inspection of the OSHC building aspects such as roof, windows, cladding/wall linings was conducted. A report from this inspection will be provided to the Department for Education to determine next steps.



Let kids be kids for longer



The Wait Mate pledge empowers parents to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least high school (you choose which grade). By banding together, this will decrease the pressure felt by kids and parents alike over the kids having a smartphone.

There are so many reasons to wait.

Many parents say "yes" to the smartphone early because so many other families have said "yes." What if we said "not yet" together though?

What difference would it make if our kids had a few more years smartphone free?

Please note that this pledge is for smartphones only. If you would like your child to have a basic phone that just calls and texts, you still can sign the pledge! The basic phone avoids many of the distractions and potential dangers of the smartphone. There are several basic phones here. A pledge becomes "active" once 10 or more families from a cohort at a school sign. The founders designed the pledge this way so you don't have to fear "what if I am the only parent that signs this in my kid's grade?" This takes the pressure off because the pledge only kicks in once at least 10 families sign from your grade - at which point there is strength in numbers to wait it out together.

Parents from more than 500 schools across the country have already. Many parents have signed from our school. Will you join us?

To learn more and sign the pledge, please visit waitmate.org.au or check out @wait.mate on instagram, Facebook or LinkedIn.

We are excited to let you know that during Term 4 we will be providing a free parent session on kids and smartphones run by Wait Mate. The session will run for one hour and is designed to support and connect parents as they navigate smartphones and kids. More information will be provided early next term.

Governing Council Community Survey

The Seacliff Primary School Governing Council are exploring ways to help people feel more connected with the school. To that end, we have created a survey so that we can better understand what kinds of connection, input and activities people would like within the school community.

Insights from this survey will inform decisions that are made by the governing council, provide valuable feedback to school staff, and hopefully help people build stronger connections within the school.

We would greatly appreciate if you could take a few minutes to provide your input!

[Take the survey](#)

Sue Matene
Principal



From the Fundraising Committee

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

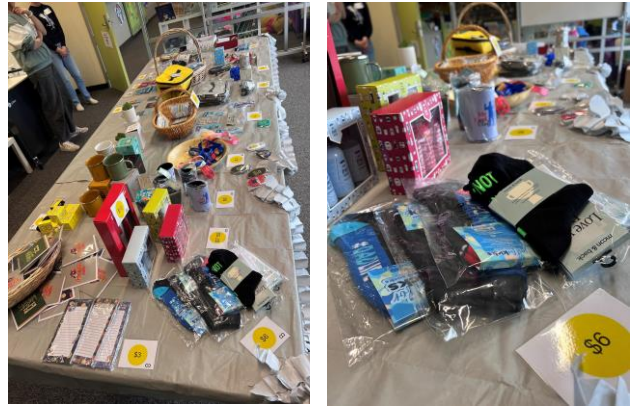
The money raised from stall sales directly supports our current fundraising goal for the school to acquire new play-time sports equipment and outdoor games to support all students to keep active and healthy.

So far, we have now raised **\$5355** towards our goal of \$10,000.

We are so grateful for the support we have been given by our wonderful families and the amazing group of parent volunteers involved.

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.

Also, we would love to hear from small businesses within our school community who might be interested or have ideas about donation opportunities to support future fundraising efforts. Please contact us by sending an email to suzi.ban129@schools.sa.edu.au, so we can connect and talk further!



Royal Adelaide Show Excursion

On Wednesday 9 September, 124 students from Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 travelled by train to the Royal Adelaide Show for a fun filled day of learning and exploration.

In the lead up to the excursion, Room 15 designed their own showbags, combining Design and Technologies with financial mathematics. Students considered who their showbag was aimed at, what makes a showbag appealing and what items they would include. They researched the prices of individual items, calculated the total cost of their showbag and considered whether it offered good value for money.

At the Show, students completed a scavenger hunt that took them to different areas, including the Learning Centre, Show Museum and Taste SA. Along the way, students had the opportunity to milk cows, use old fashioned spinners, make yoghurt and search for some of the most expensive items at the Show. They were amazed to discover that one sheep was valued at an incredible \$35,000!

The day was made possible by the support of our 35 wonderful volunteers. Their help meant students could explore the Show in small groups of three or four, making the experience much more manageable and enjoyable for everyone. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our volunteers for giving up their time and helping make the day such a success.

We were incredibly proud of all 124 students, who represented the Seacliff Primary School values with the upmost respect and responsibility throughout the day, both at the Show and while travelling on the train.



In other news, students in Room 16 have been busy learning about democracy and the different levels of government that exist in Australia. They have developed an understanding of the roles of the Federal government, the state government and the local council. In Science we have commenced an inquiry into significant scientific discoveries throughout history. Students will have the opportunity to present their findings to other class members early next term.

In Mathematics students have been focusing on financial maths and have been learning about the similarities between financial maths and the decimal system and how dollars and cents can be expressed using the decimal system. They have been using mathematical thinking to solve worded problems relating to money.

Science in Room 15

This term, Room 15 has been busy investigating and experimenting during Science. Our focus has been Chemical Science, with a particular focus on the three states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and how matter can change state.

We began with a jelly investigation, exploring how a solid jelly mixture can be made from a liquid and how it changes state as it cools and sets. We then moved on to the class favourite... ice cream in a bag! Students used milk, sugar, vanilla, ice and salt to create delicious vanilla ice cream while investigating how temperature can cause a liquid to change into a solid.

We also created a soda spider, which gave students the opportunity to observe all three states of matter and investigate how matter can change state when different materials are combined.

Finally, we moved away from food and created self-inflating balloons using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. This investigation demonstrated a chemical reaction, where the materials reacted to produce a gas that inflated the balloon.

It has been a hands-on and delicious term of Science in Room 15, with plenty of opportunities for students to make predictions, observe changes and explain what was happening using scientific language.



New Jackets for our important Crossing Monitors

Our school traffic monitors look incredibly sharp and professional in their brand-new, bright high-visibility jackets!

Beyond just looking great, these dedicated students hold a very important role in keeping our school community safe every single day.

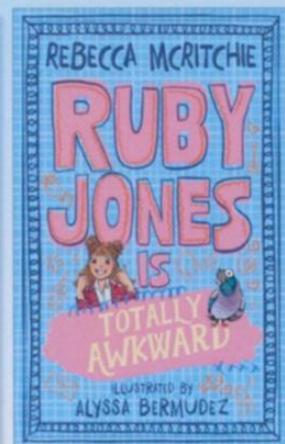
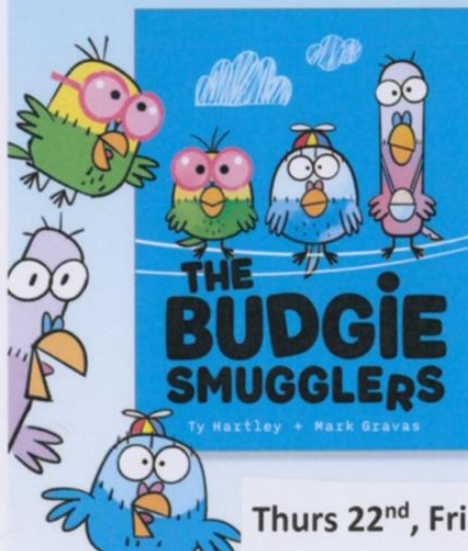
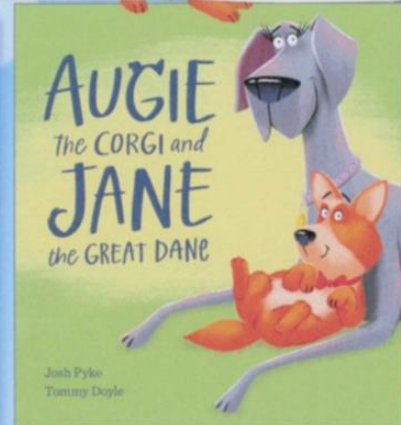
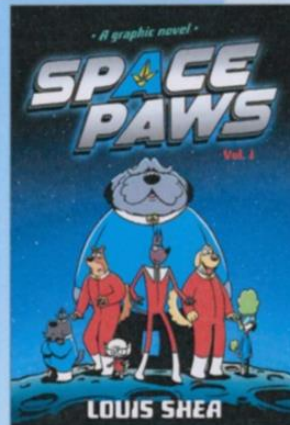
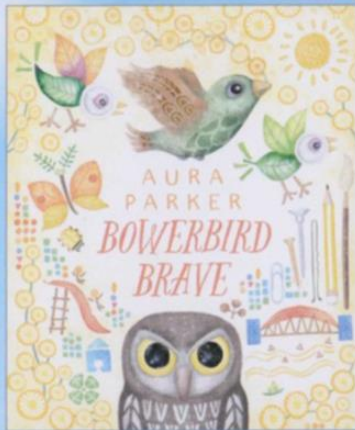


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TERM 4 Week 2 and 3

Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd and Tues 27th OCTOBER



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much more
at the Fair!

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