

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 05

TERM 2, WEEK 10

4TH JULY, 2025

DAIRY DATES

Monday 21st July

First Day back in Term 3

Friday 1st August

Assembly 10.50am

Monday 11th August

Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

Friday 15th August

PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 5

Book Week

Wednesday 20th August

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 27th August

School Photo Day

Friday 29th August

Father's Day Event

Wednesday 3rd Sept

Father's Day Stall

Friday 5th Sept

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Monday 8th Sept

Governing Council
Meeting 7pm

Friday 19th Sept

Sports Day

Friday 26th Sept

Whole School
Assembly 10.50am

Text your child's
absence to:

0428 469 118

Full Name/Class/Reason

Dear Families,

As we arrive at the end of Term 2, it is certainly a time to reflect on our achievements and think about the term that was. Busy!



The last few weeks we have been clouded by illness, mainly Influenza B, some Influenza A and more recently COVID. We appreciate the school communities support as we navigate this but can't stress enough that if your children are sick, please keep them home. Yesterday, we exceeded more than 150 students away sick and have had a number of confirmed cases of Influenza B. We have been working closely with DfE WHS and SA Health – infectious disease control and from our end, we are doing everything we need to be doing to try and keep everyone safe and well.

Essentially, regardless of the strain of Flu or COVID, its being transmitted person to person via droplets from an infected person. Please support us in encouraging your children to cough into their elbow or shirt, rather than into their hand. Remind them to wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitiser. Encourage them to use antibacterial wipes and wipe down surfaces if they know that they have coughed or sneezed on them. Dispose of used tissues in a bin once used. SA Health strongly encourages families to get their children vaccinated against the flu. We MUST all work together and practise good hygiene measures to break the current cycle, which also means at times, keeping your children home to minimise the spread. A number of our students have been hospitalised by the Flu, so this needs to be taken seriously.

We request that you keep the school informed, via your child's teacher / Class Dojo or the text message service, to provide reasons for student absences. We are required by DfE to ensure that no student absences remain unexplained. We have experienced firsthand how quickly germs can spread and are struggling to find relief staff (teachers and ancillary), so whilst it's not the best having to split classes or have students away from school (when unwell), we remain short staffed and are doing the best that we can. We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate this. Please see the attached Wash, Wipe, Cover flier at the end of the newsletter.



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We are also aware of a glitch in the new EMS system, where the auto generated text messages to families informing you of your child's absence are being sent home, despite us knowing that your child is away and the reason. We are working with the tech team to rectify this ASAP, but if you do get a text message and it is incorrect, feel free to let us know in a respectful way.

TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES

Staffing



There are a number of staffing changes coming into effect at the start of Term 3. We farewell Ms Bec Farnworth (G05), who after 13 years is leaving Playford Primary School to focus on her young family. Mr Matt Bator (also G05) is taking the remainder of 2025 to support his sick daughter. We also farewell Ms Liza Gale (G02) who has been providing TRT release across the school as well as working with G02 students on a Wednesday. We welcome Mr Micky Drew, who is taking G05 for the remainder of the year and Mr James Withey who will joining us three days a week to provide TRT coverage across the site as and where needed. We also welcome Ms Helen Woodfield, who will be providing coverage on a Wednesday to G02 as well as TRT coverage across the site on other days. As stated, there are a number of staffing changes occurring across the site, but I am confident that our school community will make any new staff welcome to our school.

Uniforms

A friendly reminder to all families that students must be in correct school uniform. Please refer to our uniform policy if you require any clarification around what is acceptable and unacceptable attire for students to wear.



Kitchen / Garden



We are continually seeking any available and willing parents / grandparents / family members or friends who would like to support us in working in the kitchen or the garden with classes. We fully appreciate working parents can't easily help in either session, so are hoping to find other volunteers to help. All volunteers need to undertake the relevant training and screenings, but if you are interested or know someone who might be able to help, we would love to hear from you / them. The school will pay any applicable costs, so no volunteers will be out of pocket financially. **Can you help?** At the end of the cooking session, you get to sit with the students and sample the foods they have created.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday break.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 22nd July.

Stay Warm!

Jason, Matt, Lauren and Christine
Leadership Team



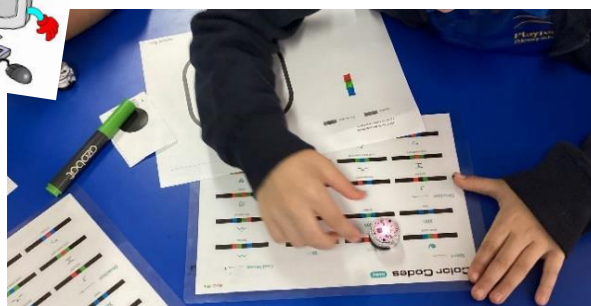
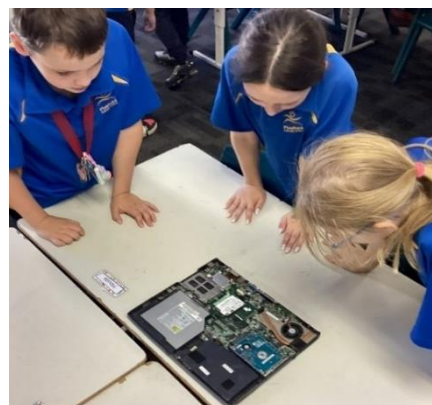
Empowering one another to thrive in learning and life

Our Campus acknowledges the Kaurana People as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We acknowledge their connection to the land our school is built on. The land on which we congregate to learn, play and work. We pay our respects to their Cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

C07 SHOWCASE

In STEM and Digital Technology this semester, C07 have been learning about online safety and digital footprints. Students have also investigated the main internal components of computers and explored how data is transmitted by networks. Students have learned the differences between software and hardware. Finally, students have been learning about inputs and outputs (programming & coding), by giving instructions to digital components and systems.



FUNDRAISING

Winter Warmer Day

Students across the school embraced the cozy spirit of **Winter Warmer Day**, arriving in their comfiest pyjamas and warmest winter clothes! The chilly weather was no match for the delicious hot chocolate served up by our dedicated **Year 6 student leaders**, who did a fantastic job preparing the treat for everyone and the overall organisation of the day. It was a heartwarming day filled with smiles, comfort, and community spirit! In total we raised \$799, which will go towards yard time equipment. Keep your eyes peeled for what's to come.





Cooking up a storm in G05



Semester 1 in C02



Kitchen








Garden



In the Pool



GETTING TO KNOW US

<i>Class Teacher</i>	<i>Where did you go to school?</i>	<i>What was one of your favourite subjects at school?</i>	<i>What is your favourite holiday destination?</i>	<i>What do you do for relaxation?</i>	<i>Does Pineapple belong on pizza?</i>
 Michael Fuller	I went to school in the Adelaide Hills	Geography. I enjoyed learning about beaches, how spits and bays form and longshore drift	I like to go to rural beach side destinations	I like to work on my house and be with my family. I enjoy riding my motorcycle and fishing in my boat.	On a Ham & Pineapple pizza it does
 Matt Bator	Grange Primary School	Art	Singapore	Play tennis	No
 Bec Farnworth	Mary MacKillop College	Maths was always my favourite subject.	Dubai.....the shopping	I have two young children...what's relaxation?	Yes, it definitely does!
 Grant Pepper	Hobartville PS NSW Elizabeth East PS Fremont Elizabeth High School	Science	Ardrossan SA	Coin collecting	100% yes!
 Dorothy Wanganeen - ACEO	Thebarton High School.	Home economics.	Yorke Peninsula.	Relaxing on the beach enjoying the sunshine and fresh air.	Yes, I think it does



Teaching is Life Long Learning

AUTISM INCLUSION SPECIALIST

Supporting Executive Functioning in Children with Autism

Helping Your Child Stay Organised, Focused, and Flexible

Executive functioning skills are like the brain's air traffic control system—they help us manage time, stay organised, shift between tasks, and control impulses. For children with autism, these skills often need extra support and implementation of strategies. Here are some practical, everyday ways you can help at home!

◆ What Are Executive Functioning Skills?

Executive functions include:

- **Working memory** – remembering directions and tasks
- **Cognitive flexibility** – handling changes or trying different strategies
- **Inhibitory control** – thinking before acting
- **Planning and organisation** – setting goals and following steps to reach them

◆ 4 Ways to Support Executive Functioning at Home:

1. Create Predictable Routines: Consistency helps children feel secure and in control. Use visual schedules, checklists, or calendars to map out daily tasks and transitions.

2. Break Tasks into Manageable Steps: Large tasks can feel overwhelming. Break them into smaller chunks with clear, simple instructions.

Try This: Instead of “Clean your room,” say:

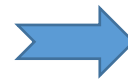
1. Pick up toys
2. Put clothes in the draw
3. Make your bed



3. Model and Practice Flexibility: Change can be hard. Help your child learn that things don't always go as planned—and that's okay.

4. Build In Breaks and Movement: Executive functioning takes mental energy. Frequent short breaks, movement, or calming activities help kids reset and return to focus.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email, rosie.connelly131@schools.sa.edu.au Kind regards, Rosie Connelly - Autism Inclusion Teacher



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS



The students from D07, E06, E07, B06, A01, A02 and G02 have made some amazing food this term. We have talked about healthy lunch box ideas. They made scones, cheese scones, Bok Choy stir fry, Sushi and Hong Kong coconut pie and pan-fried rice cups. They enjoyed the kneading of the vegemite scrolls and Pizza and the measuring of all ingredients. Chocolate Chip Cookies, Pancakes and Chocolate Banana Muffins were a huge hit. Many students were going home to try some of these recipes to pop in their lunch boxes. Students love the idea of getting involved and this generates an excitement about food. We also had the Mother's Day morning tea and the year 6 students did an amazing job, of cooking, setting up and cleaning up. Well done to all involved which was a successful time in the kitchen with many great memories for those students.



Thanks

Sharon
Barlow



Students In the Garden with Mrs P

Students were delighted to be able to choose their branches and colours for NAIDOC week. They will be tying them onto the rails just outside of D07 Garden room. Feel free to pop by to have a look at their garden artwork.

We also have a keen group of students who have attended to the orchard from D02. D02 have also been donating their cans and fruit boxes to buy seeds and seedlings for our school garden.



MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES (SCHOOL FEES)

M & S Fees are now overdue – please finalise payments or school card applications.



Payments can be made at the Payment Office every morning from 8.30am-9.15am or over the phone during office hours using your credit card. Receipts will be sent home via email. If you would like to pay your fees in instalments, please contact the Payment Office to complete a Direct Debit instalment plan. If you would like to pay your fees by direct bank deposit, please ensure you include your family billing ID and your invoice number, when making the payment.

Don't forget if you are eligible for School Card, please lodge your school card form for 2025 as soon as possible.

School card applications need to be completed at the beginning of each year. Applications can be completed online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss your fees, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Manager

Volunteers

If you can spare an hour or even half an hour a week, we would love for you to come in to help with our kitchen lessons or breakfast club.

Breakfast club is daily between 8.30 and 9.00am and is just a quick half an hour to prepare, serve the children and pack up.

Kitchen lessons are Monday – Thursday between 12.05 and 1.45pm. You can just opt to come in for your child's kitchen lesson or we always welcome extra hands in any lessons. I'm sure the children would love to see another friendly face to help them with their cooking

If you are interested, please come in and see Sarah Miles in the front office to discuss the process and a time that may suit you.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Compulsory attendance requirements

The *Education and Children's Services Act 2019* and the Regulations impose statutory responsibilities in relation to attendance at school.

The *Education and Children's Services Act 2019* requires that children must be enrolled in a school or approved learning program from the age of 6 years until they turn 17 years of age.

The *Education and Children's Services Act 2019* also requires that a child must either:

- attend the school at which they are enrolled on every day the school is open and at all school activities the school requires the child to attend
- participate in the approved learning program in which they are enrolled.

Parents have a responsibility under the *Education and Children's Services Act 2019* to ensure their children attend school regularly. If a child or young person does not attend, without a 'prescribed reason' for their non-attendance or an approved exemption, their parents may be guilty of an offence.

The Regulations stipulate that a leader's responsibilities include:

- the management of the day-to-day operations of the school
- the welfare and development of the students.

The Regulations stipulate that school staff responsibilities include:

- being actively concerned with the welfare and development of the students in the teacher's care
- participating in processes for determining school policies and properly implementing those policies
- assisting in the general management of the school as required by the head teacher (principal).

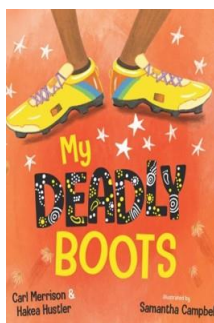
The department's position is that the management of attendance is a central element of day-to-day operations and is essential to student learning and wellbeing. Therefore, all department staff have a fundamental obligation to follow policy and procedures that ensure attendance by children and young people at school and encourage participation in preschool and other education and care opportunities.

Department staff have a duty of care which requires them to take reasonable steps to prevent foreseeable harm to students. This policy and its associated procedures outline the specific functions to be undertaken to fulfil this duty of care in respect of student attendance.

Authorised officers under the Regulations are required to exhaust all practicable efforts to ensure attendance at school and approved learning programs by children and young people. They have specific powers to support this work. People who refuse to answer an authorised officer's questions or obstruct them in this work may be fined.

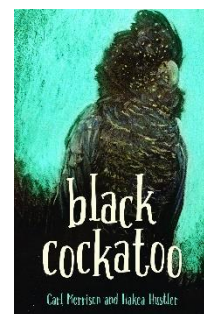
<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/>

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



In the Library, classes have read and shared many stories in supporting NAIDOC WEEK 6th – 13th July.

The library has a comprehensive selection of dreaming stories, books by indigenous authors and illustrators, and books that showcase the diversity of our beautiful country through the lives of Aboriginal people and their long history with the land. As part of our Premier's Reading Challenge, children were encouraged to read one of these books to help build a greater understanding of the richness of Aboriginal culture in Australia.



Are you and your children, members of the local Playford Library?

The Playford Library Service at Elizabeth or the Stretton Centre at Munno Para West have beautiful quiet spaces for you and your children to browse and read their up-to-date collections. During the holidays, particularly winter, is a great time to work on that reading stamina by reading for longer stretches of time. The public library loan limits are generous so call in and see what you can find. If you or your children are not members you can join online and open up a world of free online resources such as audio and e-books, online newspapers and magazines, genealogy resources and study search.



https://onecard.network/client/en_AU/playford/

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS



Clothing Reminders: If your child has borrowed school clothing from Student Services, please return the item/s washed ready for the next student as we are running out of pants.

If your child/ren have misplaced an item of clothing or lunch box/drink bottle please come and check the lost property boxes.



SAPSASA NEWS



Congratulations to Shayla, Grace and Delilah for being chosen to take part in the SAPSASA Netball Squad in week 8. They spent a great three days down at State Carnival, Netball SA Stadium, notching up a couple of wins and draws, but more importantly gaining confidence, new skills and forming new friendships. There were eleven Playford District Schools represented across the two teams. Well done Girls, for representing our school so well!



COMMUNITY NEWS



schools

WASH, WIPE, COVER... don't infect another!

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

Common disease such as colds, flu and gastro can be spread in several different ways. Washing your hands, wiping down things you use, cover your coughs and sneezes will help keep you and others healthy. If you are sick, stay away from school until you are better.

Wash your hands frequently.

Through washing and drying of your hands is one of the best ways to stop the spread of infection.

Wash your hands often, but especially after going to the toilet.

Try not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth, or food until you have washed your hands.

Your hands should be washed with soap and warm running water for at least 10 seconds; then dried with a clean cloth or paper towel.

You should wash your hands:

- before eating any food
- after going to the toilet
- after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose
- after playing with pets.

Wipe over surfaces.

By wiping things clean you can remove most germs.

Wipe over the things that are shared with others, like sports equipment, calculators, toys/games.

Keep the area where food is eaten clean.

Cover coughs and sneezes.

Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or your arm, not with your hands.

Drop the used tissues immediately into a bin and then wash your hands.

If you do have a cough or sneeze into your hands, wash them immediately before touching anything else.

If soap and water handwashing is not possible an alcohol rub can be used.

Remember to turn away from other people when you cough or sneeze.

For more detailed information visit:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/washwipecover



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