

# SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Primary School

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Responsibility  
Excellence*

## From the Principal

I would like to wish all of our teaching staff a **'Happy World Teachers Day'** for Friday October 27th. Our team are a committed and hard working unit who do their best to provide your children with an engaging, challenging and meaningful education that will support them to become well-developed and responsible global citizens. A big thank you to Lauren, Shawnee, Chris and Kristen - You're all amazing!

Week 4 is when we have **swimming lessons** for all students at the Gawler Swimming Pool. We will leave the school at 12:00pm by bus. The 3-7 students will begin lessons at 12:30pm. The R-2 Class will eat their lunch at the pool and will begin lessons at 2:00pm. There will be activities and games on offer while they wait. Years 3-7 can be picked up from 2:00pm at the pool. Students in years R-2 are to be collected from the pool at 2:45pm.

*Robyn Gibbes*

## End of Year Books

As part of the end of year concert celebrations we ask that families **purchase a book** for each of their children to be presented to them at the **End of Year Concert, on Wednesday 13th December**. You can make your purchase at any store, however we ask that you don't spend more than fifteen dollars. Once purchased, you can drop books into the Front Office. Staff will label them and they will be presented as a celebration of the children's achievements this year by

their class teacher. Year 7 students will be presented with a book purchased by the school and will therefore not require one from home.

## Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will be held on Friday 3rd November here at the school. The Staff and Sports Action Team has placed each student into a team colour and a team list and Sports Day program were sent home last week. All the year 7 students are team captains this year. Students are encouraged to dress in their team colours. Any hair spray or body paint needs to be done at home before coming to school as spray paints / dyes are not permitted at school.

The day begins with an official opening, followed by the tabloid events in class groups. After the recess break we move onto baton relays and championship sprints. After lunch we will hold the team games. Everyone is welcome to attend the event and cheer the students along. Hopefully the weather will be fine and we will experience another successful sports day!

Please remember that children arriving late or departing early need this to be marked on the roll for their safety. Please see your child's class teacher on the day to ensure this is done correctly.



## School Diary Dates 2017

### October

**Tuesday 31st**  
School Photos

### November

**Wednesday 1st**  
6:30pm Governing  
Council

**Friday 3rd**  
Sports Day

**Saturday 4th**  
12:15pm Taiko play-  
ing at the Gawler Fair

**Monday 6th—Friday  
10th**  
School Swimming

**Sunday 12th**  
11am—3pm SRC  
fundraiser—  
Woolworths BBQ

**Monday 13th**  
New Reception Parent  
meeting 2:30

**Wednesday 15th**  
2:45pm Whole School  
Assembly

**Friday 17th**  
Pupil Free Day

**Monday 20th**  
New Reception transi-  
tion

**Tuesday 21st—22nd**  
R-3 Zoo Snooze

Monday 27th  
New Reception transi-  
tion

### December

Monday 4th  
New Reception transi-  
tion

## Fruit Roster

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. It is very helpful to us if this fruit is pre-cut and ready to serve. Thank you.



**Wednesday 1st Nov** Westmacott, Zimmerman

**Wednesday 8th Nov** Anderson, Aue

**Wednesday 15th Nov** Basile, Brennand

## Japanese

Students and staff continue to enjoy practising our Japanese on Fridays. The phrases we are learning this term focus on Sports Day and Japanese Culture Day.

Awesome	すごい	(sugoi)
Won	かった	(kata)
Lost	まけた	(maketa)
You can do it!	できる	(dekiru)
Keep Trying!	がんばって	(ganbate)
Are you ok?	だいじょうぶ	(die-joe-boo)
It's fun!	たのしい	(tanoshii)
Take care!	きをつけて	(kiwotsukete)
You can do it Red!	あか	がんばって (aka ganbate)
You can do it Blue!	あお	がんばって (ao ganbate)
You can do it Green!	みどり	がんばって (midori ganbate)
You can do it Yellow!	きいろ	がんばって (kiiro ganbate)

## School Photos

School Photos will be being taken this Tuesday 31st October. Please ensure your child arrives promptly by 8:55am to ensure they are present for the class photos.

## Nature Play

In Nature Play we have been doing potpourri and wonderful creating.

We will have a time table of what we can do and when later this term.

We all give a big thank you to Mrs. Mac, Amelia and Elisha for putting it all together.

***The Nature Play team.***



## Basketball

During the holidays the Sandy Creek Primary Basketball team went to a basketball clinic at Starplex. We learnt about defending, blocking and much more. Everyone was really tired and hot so they had a drink. The clinic went for two hours and we all enjoyed it.

***Adrian***

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### **Changes to School Card Eligibility**

The state government is raising the school card income threshold from next year to help families with the cost of living. This means that families with 1 child and a gross income of \$57,870 in the 2016-17 financial year will be able to apply for a school card. Application forms for 2018 will be available from schools or [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) by the end of the 2017 school year.

### **More Special Options places for students with disability**

A further 154 places in special options (disability units/special classes) will be created for children and young people with disability over the next 2 years. A consultation process is underway to select the pre-schools and schools that will offer these options. The placement process and eligibility criteria for placing a child/young person in a special option has not changed. If you need more information, contact your local school or preschool.

The state government is also introducing a new \$3.2m state-wide service available to all school sectors to manage complex and challenging behaviours through consultation and intervention, with health support planning for families.

### **Changes to School Card Eligibility**

#### **More support for students to achieve their best**

New funding of \$27m over the next 4 years will go towards supporting our most vulnerable students and their families. As part of this, an extra 16 well-being practitioners will be employed to support children and young people most at risk. In addition, 3-quarters of public schools will receive more support from student wellbeing leaders.

In another announcement, more than \$16 million will go towards helping public schools better support students with complex behaviours. An extra 10 behaviour coaches will be introduced to the existing 30 currently working in schools. The reforms will also provide therapeutic intervention for high

needs children and support will be provided for students experiencing severe trauma or chronic stress.

### **Attendance Strategy**

#### **New attendance strategy to help South Australian students excel**

A new attendance strategy has been developed to ensure the state's 168,000 public school students achieve the best possible education.

To support the strategy, an additional 11 attendance and engagement social workers will be available to help schools work with students and their families, with this 50% increase bringing the total of workers to 33.

The attendance strategy will guide the efforts of preschools and schools to engage children and young people to stay at school.

### **Globally Competitive Students**

#### **New strategies to help SA students become globally competitive**

More students will be able to learn a language at school and be better prepared for the jobs of tomorrow under 2 new state government strategies. A new \$12 million Languages Strategy will give students better access to language learning, more support for teachers to deliver language education and an increased number of qualified language teachers in public schools.

As part of this, grants of \$80,000 over 2 years will be available to schools to trial innovative ways of delivering languages.

Each public school in the state will also be guided by a \$3.8m Internationalisation Strategy to help teachers prepare students to be globally competitive.

These initiatives are part of the state government's new Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future.

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**The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor  
Centre will be visiting:**

## **Barossa Valley**

Soldiers Memorial Hall, 46 Murray Street  
Nuriootpa

<b>Monday 27 November</b>	1.00pm – 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 28 November</b>	10.30am – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 29 November</b>	10.30am – 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 30 November</b>	10.30am – 7.00pm
<b>Friday 01 December</b>	7.30am – 3.00pm

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