

SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Primary School

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From the Principal

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone and a special welcome to our new families. We have 12 new students which takes our total enrolment to *67 students*. New receptions are *Sian, Harrison, Ruby, Elliot, Leah, Isabella and Melody*. *Georgia and Annabelle* join our year 1s, *Elizabeth* is in year 2, *Izayah* is in year 3 and *Alex D* is in year 4. We wish them a wonderful year of learning and know that our students and families will make them and their families welcome.

All staff have worked hard building the team and preparing their classrooms for the year ahead. We have many of the same team as last year and are pleased to have *Kayelene Hanton* join the staff team as our library SSO. Kaye will also be working with some students in classrooms. Many of you already know Kaye as she is a member of the school community.

Our **annual acquaintance evening and Governing Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 February**. All families are invited to participate in this event. You will receive further information about this later.

It is wonderful to be part of this community of learning and thriving and I look forward to catching up with all of you over the coming weeks.

Robyn Gibbes

Classes for 2018

Banksia Room ~

Mrs Lauren McGowen

Reception ~ 8 students
Year 1 ~ 9 students
Year 2 ~ 6 students

Total 23

Eucalyptus Room ~

Miss Shawnee Mephram Mrs Christine Vine

Year 3 ~ 6 students
Year 4 ~ 13 students
Year 5 ~ 3 students

Total 22

Waratah Room ~

Mrs Kristen Langford

Year 5 ~ 4 students
Year 6 ~ 11 students
Year 7 ~ 7 students

Total 22

Pastoral Care Worker ~ Christina Artini

SSO's

Classroom: *Michelle Impett, Chandra Turner, Chris Vine, Mary McMaster, Kaye Hanton and Anna Johnson.*

Front Office: *Donna Riggs and Chris Vine*

ICT: *Andrew McMaster*

Resource Centre: *Kaye Hanton*

School Diary Dates 2018

February

**Monday 12th—
Tuesday 13th**
Year 6/7 Aquatics
Camp

Tuesday 13th
Robyn at Partner-
ship Meeting

**Thursday 15th-
Friday 16th**
Robyn at Leaders'
Conference

Wednesday 21st
Acquaintance
Evening and Gov-
erning Council
AGM

Tuesday 27th
Staff leaving
straight after
school for Buddy
staff meeting

Wednesday 28th
Assembly

March

Thursday 8th
Life Education
Van

Friday 9th
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 21st
Governing Council

Tuesday 27th
Young Leaders'
Day

April
**Tuesday 3rd
-Thursday 6th**
Parent Teacher
Interviews

Fruit Roster

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. We will kick this off next week. Thank you for participating.

Wednesday 7th February Aue, Brouwer
Wednesday 14th February Brown, Carson
Wednesday 21st February Caruso, Cornell

Skoolbag App

Please read the last page of today's newsletter about the Skoolbag app and install Skoolbag for Sandy Creek Primary School on your Smartphone. We will be using this app to send home newsletters, reminders and quick notifications such as when the school is closed for a catastrophic fire risk day. The app is simple to use and will notify you when messages or newsletters are put up by the school.

We expect to greatly reduce the amount of paper we send home as we begin using this app.

Bushfire Information

Please remember that Sandy Creek Primary School is located in a high-risk bushfire area. ***If the forecast fire danger rating is catastrophic, then our school will be closed. Our fire district is the Mt Lofty Ranges.*** Students will practise the emergency fire drills early in the term, so they are aware of the routine should the situation ever arise. If a bushfire approaches us we have a designated bushfire refuge (the JP classroom), which is the safest place for staff and students to be in this situation. Further information is available from DECD on the Parent Bushfire Information Hotline 1800000279.

Student Banking

Children may use the facilities of the Commonwealth Bank by bringing their deposits each **Thursday** into school. Application forms are available from the Front Office.

Lunches

Children should bring their lunch to school in a secure, labelled plastic container. A refrigerator is located in the central corridor for student use.

For MONDAY LUNCH (or Tuesday following a public holiday) students can order their lunch from our volunteer parents. Orders and money should be left in the Front Office prior to 9.00am. Lunch order bags and a list of available foods may be obtained from the Front Office.

During **WEDNESDAY RECESS**, children will have the opportunity to have a piece of fruit. Parents/carers are rostered on to provide this healthy alternative each week.

Pizza Day is each **THURSDAY**. These may be ordered at the office prior to 9.00am. Available pizzas are:

Cheese and Bacon / Ham and Pineapple \$2; Margarita \$3

The school's gas barbecue is available for **FRIDAY LUNCH** for the children to use, under staff supervision. Experience has shown that quick to cook food is most suitable or pre-cooked food that can be heated on the BBQ. The BBQ will not be available if the fire rating is severe or extreme.

School Uniforms and Hats

School uniforms can be ordered at any time. Price-lists and order forms are available from the Front Office. All students are required to wear a named hat when outdoors for protection from the sun during terms 1 & 4. New hats are available for purchase from the Front Office. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play under the sun shelter outside the main building. New hats are issued free of charge when students change classes.

Nut Aware

During the summer season all students need to wear closed shoes when outside for safe play.

Please remember that we are a nut aware school to keep students safe. This means **NO NUTS** in any food sent to school—no peanut paste, no nuts in bars or baked goods (including almond meal/flour) and so on. If the ingredient list says 'includes nuts', please do not send it to school. If the ingredient list says 'May include traces of nuts' it is alright to be brought to school.

M & S and Information Update

Today you should have received a package from school with school fees and information requiring you to check and update. The school has EFTPOS facilities available for payment of school fees, uniforms and other school costs, for your convenience. There is also a consent form for the year to be signed for all students. **Please return the information updates, consent forms and user agreement by Monday 12/2/18.**

Pastoral Care Worker

A big hello to the children, parents and community of Sandy Creek P.S. My name is Christina Artini and I am a Pastoral Care Worker. My role here has many dimensions which are intended to enhance the well-being of children and their school community. This, in turn enhances their learning. My support may range from smiles, and "Wow, you've had a haircut!" first thing in the morning, to encouragement of positive behaviours or providing an ear to help with problems. I will be at the school part-time most Wednesdays and Fridays. Please say hello to me if you see me in the schoolyard, or on Acquaintance Night. You can contact me by saying hello at school or by seeing Donna in the front office.

Christina Artini

Interoception

This year all classes will be discussing Interoception with students and participating in simple activities to assist students to become more aware of their bodies and their needs. You will receive more information about this program throughout the year.

'Interoception refers to our perception of what is going on inside our bodies and is responsible for feelings of hunger, thirst, sickness, pain, having to go to the bathroom, tiredness, temperature, itch and other internal sensations.... What's even more interesting about Interoception is that it goes deeper than physical sensations—when our brains receive these internal signals, we interpret, attend to, and analyse them. So Interoception is also associated with our sense of well-being, mood and emotional regulation.' (from DECD Interoception News)

Anna Johnson

Character Strengths

We are continuing to focus on student and staff character strengths as part of our Positive Education at Sandy Creek Primary School. "Character Strengths are the positive parts of your personality that impact how you think, feel and behave and are the keys to you being your best self. When applied effectively, they are beneficial both to you and society as a whole. They are different than your other strengths, such as your unique skills, talents, interests and resources, because character strengths reflect the "real" you — who you are at your core...Every individual possesses all 24 character strengths in different degrees, giving each person a unique character profile."

This week Year 3-7 students are beginning to discuss character strengths. They will complete a survey at <http://www.viacharacter.org/www/Character-Strengths-Survey> to discover their character strengths as perceived by themselves. This survey can be completed by anyone who is interested.

Junior Primary students will be focussing on feelings and emotions using Kimochis.

Resource Centre

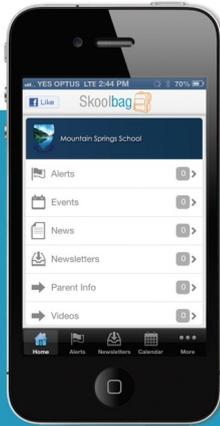
I am excited to be taking on the role of librarian this year!!

The library will be open Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:45 to 9:00 for quiet reading and borrowing.

As a new initiative to encourage student responsibility, we are changing our overdue books procedure. In the case that a book is overdue, students will receive a first notice at 7 days, a second notice at 21 days and a final notice at 28 days, encouraging them to search for their book and return it. A final notice will mean that students need to report to the library and sign a contract for community service to the school to repay the amount due for the book they have lost. This takes the responsibility off the parents/carers and places it back into the hands of the students.

I am looking forward to my role in the library and am excited to be bringing joy and excitement to your children's lives through books and reading.

Kaye Hanton



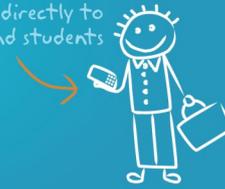
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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