

SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

I would like to wish all of our staff a 'Happy World Teachers' Day' for Friday October 26th. 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, Bek, Kristen and Melinda - You're all amazing! We also have many SSOs who are qualified teachers—these people really add depth to our awesome SSO team. Thank you also to the SSOs, PCW, parents and students who made World Teachers' Day special for us.

Please take the time to welcome Rachel Dempster to our staff team. Rachel is an experienced SSO and has also just completed her teacher training. Rachel is working with us as an SSO 2-3 days/week and is also doing some relief teaching work in classrooms.

Lauren will be taking Long Service Leave for the last four weeks of this term as she prepares for her new baby. Melinda Pope will be the teacher in the Banksia room for this time. Melinda already knows the students and the class routines as she has been the regular relief teacher in this classroom as well as the contract teacher in term 2. Welcome back to the team Melinda!

Congratulations to Krisha Galloni on her pregnancy—we look forward to sharing this exciting experience with you Krisha.

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. If you wish to donate an extra book or \$15 for another student whose family cannot afford this expense please talk to Donna or Robyn.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will be held on Friday 16th November here at the school. The Staff and Sports Action Team has placed each student into a team colour and your child will be told their team this week. (There will only be 3 teams this year—yellow, blue and green). All the year 7 students are team captains. 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.

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!

School Diary Dates 2018

October

Tuesday 30th
State Hiragana
Competition
6:30pm Governing
Council

November

Saturday 3rd
Taiko playing at
the Gawler Vil-
lage Fair

**Tuesday 6th—Friday
9th**
R-5 School Swim-
ming Week

Wednesday 14th
2pm Parent and
Caregiver after-
noon tea
2:45pm Whole
School Assembly

Friday 16th
Sports Day

Monday 19th
**Pupil Free
Day**

Friday 23rd
New Reception
transition



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PLEASE NOTE

As there is no swimming on Monday there will be Tuckshop available for lunches. Tuesday will be the first swimming day.

Fruit Roster

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. Thank you for participating.

Wednesday 31st Oct Hughes, Hughes-Page
Wednesday 7th Nov Johnson, Mattner
Wednesday 14th Nov Lagana-Degioia, Lewis

Skoolbag

Most of our official notices and information now come out on Skoolbag, including newsletters. Please ensure you have:

1. Downloaded the free Skoolbag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
2. Signed up with your email address
3. Searched for Sandy Creek Primary School

The Skoolbag app had a major update over the school holidays, so many people are not receiving notification on their phones. Please remember to check the Skoolbag app at least once / week for notices from school—newsletters will be sent fortnightly, usually on Mondays.

If you are not using Skoolbag please ensure you have requested paper newsletters from the front office. Consent forms will still be sent home in paper format, so remember to keep checking your child's bag as well!

School Hats and Closed shoes

This term students are expected to wear hats during recess, lunch and PE lessons. They also need to wear closed shoes at all times as we are now entering snake season.

Please check that you have NAMED school hats (blue with broad brims) ready for this time and purchase a hat from Donna in the front office if you don't have one. The cost of a school hat is \$6.60 (bucket) and \$5.50 (JP Legionnaires).

Defence Boxes

This term the Waratah class will be participating in 'Christmas for Our Troops' campaign, this is a campaign that is very close to my family and myself as my husband is currently deployed in the Middle East and will be there until the end of February. There are many troops over there who will be away from family and friends over Christmas and we will be making gift boxes to support them. We will also be making dog friendly boxes for the service dogs who also do important work over there.

Students will be asked to bring in donations such as lollies, toiletries, small gifts, toys and treats as well as writing letters and providing self-addressed envelopes so the troops can write back.

While this is a Waratah class activity anyone else who would like to be involved is more that welcome! A note will come home with appropriate items to send or there will be some flyers in the front office. There will be a box in the office for any other donations and if you have any other questions please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Kristen Langford

Pastoral Care Worker

Hello from Christina!

Vinnies in Gawler are looking for new volunteers as they are opening a new and larger shop. We know that there are so many benefits to volunteering, so if you or someone you know has some time to spare, the details are in the flier. Vinnies is the charity that the SRC has decided to fundraise for this year.

Thanks Kaye Hanton for hosting the last Parents' afternoon tea whilst I was at a Conference. From all accounts it was another successful opportunity to get to know other parents or caregivers. Grandparents or those who pick up or drop off your children are welcome to come along to these events. The next afternoon tea will be prior to the Assembly at 2pm Wednesday November 14th.

Last Wednesday the SSO's and I treated the Teachers to a morning tea! This was to mark World Teachers day. Our school has wonderfully enthusiastic and talented Teachers, and I am absolutely in awe of them and their work with children.

Christina



Lace up your shoes and come on down to the Snowtown Family Fun Day!

SANFL would like to invite kid's aged 5-12 and female's aged 12-18 to participate in a **FREE** football clinic - all skills welcome! There will be plenty of **FUN** activities held during the day with the official unveiling of the new Blyth Snowtown Facility, football inflatables, community BBQ lunch, and SANFL Women's Exhibition Game - Woodville West Torrens vs. Central Districts.

Date: Saturday 24th November

Time:

12:00pm Sign In

12:15pm - 1:15pm Auskick Clinic (aged 5-12)

12:15pm - 1:15pm Female Football Clinic (aged 12-18)

Location: Snowtown Oval
North Terrace, Snowtown



REGISTER NOW: sanfl.com.au/comeandtry

For more information please contact:

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Little ASD Socialites & Riverside Salvation Army Invites you to...

Join in the opening of the Gawler & Barossa AUTISM support group

When: 27th October 2018

Where: 17 Edith street, Gawler East (Riverside Salvation Army church)

Time: 10am to 12pm

Who: For children, siblings and families with diagnosed or suspected autism.

Designed to be a supportive group come and check out the new facility, ask questions and have a play in the kids zone.

Further enquiries

Email: littleasds@hotmail.com.au or



Little ASD Socialites-Gawler & Regional Autism Supports

Year 7s and High School

Recently, the government has confirmed that year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from term 1, 2022. The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students. Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility. For more information visit:

www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs



Vinnies GAWLER

Exciting new shop opening
November
48 Murray Street

Volunteers Needed

Join us in changing lives

Do you have a genuine desire to help others? If so, we would love you to volunteer in our Gawler Shop



To register your interest in volunteering visit the shop and ask for the Manager or contact us
Phone 8112 8735 or email cgrover@svdpsa.org.au