

# SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Primary School  
RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EXCELLENCE

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Responsibility  
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## From the Principal

Thank you to the parents, carers, children and staff for the warm welcome I have received over the past few days. As you are aware, Dr Gibbes is currently on sick leave and I have the privilege of acting as Principal in her absence, before returning to Nuriootpa Primary as Deputy Principal.

Previous to working at Nuriootpa Primary, I was Deputy Principal at Two Wells Primary, and have worked at Mallala, Two Wells, Springton and Mount Pleasant in Acting Principal positions over the past 7 years. A large focus of my work has been in supporting students with learning difficulties and additional needs. This is an area I have long been passionate about both as an educator and a mother.

My husband and I have seven young adult children and two grandchildren. We have lived in the local area for 13 months and are loving our tree change. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in my time here as we work together to support your children.

*Ann-Marie Ellis*

## Pupil Free Day

Please remember that Friday 7 June is a Pupil Free Day. There is NO school for students on this day. Teachers will be undertaking training around innovation and student engagement in Gawler and SSOs will be working on Interception and other tasks.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place for all year 3, 5 and 7 students on Tuesday 14th May (Writing), Wednesday 15th May (Reading), Thursday 16th May (Language Conventions) and Friday 17th May (Maths). All year 3, 5 and 7 students will undertake these tests online (apart from Year 3 writing which is on paper) in the Resource Centre whilst the Year 2, 4 and 6 students work together in one of the classrooms.

Please remind your children that these tests are just another way of discovering what they can already do and what we need to help them with. NAPLAN individual student reports are expected to be ready for distribution to parents/caregivers during August and September.

## Friendship Recipes

### Friendship Pie Recipe

#### INGREDIENTS

a dash of honesty

a cup of love

a pinch of Happiness

a spoonful of humor

#### INSTRUCTIONS

First you need a dash of honesty then mix it up with a cup of love. Then

sprinkle a pinch of happiness in the bowl and last but not least a spoonful of humor to finish it off. Bake it for a few

minutes and you have friendship.



## School Diary Dates 2019

### May

**Thursday 9th**  
Waratah class  
cyber safety excursion to  
Lyndoch PS

**Tuesday 14th**  
NAPLAN writing

**Wednesday 15th**  
NAPLAN Reading

6:30pm Governing  
council

**Thursday 16th**  
NAPLAN  
Language Conventions

**Friday 17th**  
NAPLAN  
numeracy

**Wednesday 22nd**  
National Simultaneous  
Story time

**Friday 24th**  
3:30 Family Fun  
Night

### June

**Friday 7th**  
Pupil Free Day

**Monday 10th**  
Public Holiday



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## 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 15th May Robinson, Farrell  
Wednesday 22nd May Fleet, Gerschwitz  
Wednesday 25th May De Palma, Gregory

## Word of the Week

This term we are continuing with a focus on the Character Strengths.

The word for week 3 is: **Perseverance**

**Meaning:** Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. "his perseverance with the technique illustrates his single-mindedness"

**Synonyms:** persistence, tenacity, determination, resolve, purposefulness

And for week 4 is: **Love**

**Meaning:** an intense feeling of deep affection; to feel deep affection for; like or enjoy very much

**Synonyms:** fondness, tenderness, intimacy, attraction

## Family Fun Night

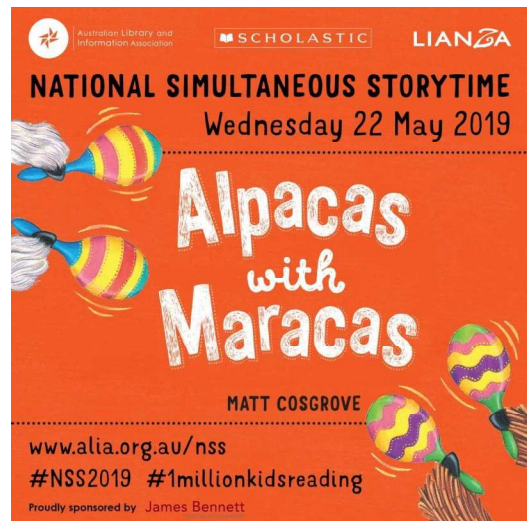
### Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night is on the 24th of May. Starting at 3:30 and finishing at around 6:30 (depending on light levels/weather), there will be entertainment, jumping castle, games, food stalls, a raffle, yellow brick road show bag, taiko performances and much more! This event is for **THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY** so please bring your friends and family! The greater the attendance, the more successful the event! All funds raised go towards updating our current school play equipment.

Please note, **there will be no eftpos/atm facilities** so please bring cash on the night. More info will come out next week regarding prices and times of events.

*School Events Team*

## Resource Centre



### National Simultaneous Storytime.

Wednesday the 22nd of May is National Simultaneous Storytime. Now in its 19th consecutive year, 2018 was the biggest and most successful NSS to date with over 1,062,230 participants at over 8,255 locations.

This year, the book we are reading is *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. Families, friends and siblings are all invited to join us in listening to the story at 10:45 in the Resource Centre.

You are then invited to bring a packed picnic recess to share with your children if you wish and the weather permits (this will not be a whole-school shared recess, as we have done for other events). We would love to see you all there!

*Kaye Hanton*

## Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday in the Resource Centre at 9:30am.

*Lorri Williams*