



Snowtown Primary News

Week 1, Term 1.

1st February 2017

TRUST RESPECT HONESTY KINDNESS LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th February

Swimming Lessons

February 7th

Meet the Staff BBQ
5:30pm–6:30pm

REMINDER

During Term 4 & Term 1 in the case of catastrophic fire danger, the school will be closed and the school bus will not operate. On all other days, the school has a Bushfire Action Plan that sets out what we do in the event of a fire front approaching the town. Part of this plan is an identified Refuge (School Activity Hall) where students and staff stay until the front has passed.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at **2.40 pm** in the Common room on Fridays.
Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.
ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats outside all year round.

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Principal News Welcome back



It is fantastic to see our young learners back at school, enthused and ready to take on new learning challenges. Students have settled back into learning routines with ease and I am looking forward to an amazing 2017 as we all work together and strive to achieve our Snowtown Primary School vision for learners.

***VISION** :- Snowtown Primary School develops and challenges learners to be critical thinkers who are confident, resilient and persistent within a positive learning community.*

School values

At the start of the term each class will have a focus on the school values and work towards producing a book about the school values. As a learning community it is important to explore the values and how they are enacted each and every day of the school year.

TRUST - We value integrity and being able to safely express opinions, beliefs, thoughts and feelings in a safe environment.

RESPECT - We value respectfully looking after our school resources, our environment, ourselves and each other.

HONESTY - We value telling the truth and taking responsibility for our actions.

KINDNESS - We value being kind, helpful and sympathetic towards other people.

LISTENING - We value communication and listening to all voices.

School based preschool

Our pre-schoolers have had a great start to the year with Mrs Jones. We are excited about having a school based preschool and the opportunities that brings our learners.



Bus



At this stage we have the school bus back for a term and are waiting on the outcome of our request to retain the bus service. Thank you to Andrew Cocks who has been one of our regular bus drivers over the years. We wish him the best on his new Clare bus run. We now have Mr Greg King, Mr Keith Welke and Mr Wayne Lee driving the bus.

3D printing

We are a Makers Empire school and all teachers are currently planning ways to incorporate 3D design across curriculum areas. We will also have Des come in to support some of the computer design this term as there are many new skills to master. The Makers Empire app can be downloaded at home at no cost.

The top ten benefits of 3D design and printing for students are the opportunities it provides for them to:

1. Explore inaccessible objects
2. Promote growth mindsets
3. Participate in the design process
4. See abstract concepts as tangible
5. Be creators and inventors
6. Collaborate
7. Be hands on learners
8. Develop spatial awareness and thinking
9. Solve real-world problems
10. Be engaged and have fun exploring and creating



New receptions

We welcome our new learners Maddox and Hazel to Snowtown Primary School in the R/1/2 classroom. They have told me that they have enjoyed learning about the jungle, singing, dancing and learning new songs.



Playgroup meeting

For all interested families

When: Friday, 3rd February

Where: Snowtown Kindergarten building

Time: 9.30am



Mentoring

Snowtown Primary School Needs You!

Do you have spare time on your hands? One hour a week is all it takes to enrich a child's life.

We need community members to come and share their wide variety of skills with students.

We provide you with everything you need, to start a rewarding experience for both you and the child.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile program, please call Anneliese on 8865 2006, on any Thursday or Friday.

We look forward to hearing from you!



New staff

We have a few new staff and some staff returning after leave.

Ms Liese Krieg – SSO Thursday and Friday

Mrs Ali Jones – 5/6/7 and R/1/2 classroom teaching on Wednesdays

Ms Sarah Hollitt – Admin SSO on Fridays

Miss Hannah Winter – R/1/2 teacher

Mrs Cindy Growden – 5/6/7 teacher

Most families have already met the new staff. All of the staff are looking forward to seeing families at the sausage sizzle on Tuesday at 5.30pm.

meet our
NEW

staff



Miss Hannah Winter



Mrs Cindy Growden

LIBRARY UPDATE

The library extension has been completed. A wall has been knocked down and the old air conditioning ducting removed to create a larger community space. There is new table for community members to use to read the paper, books, magazines or if using the free wi-fi on their own devices. We have a brand new coffee machine for the public to use at \$2.00 per drink. Please take the time to see Greg and Carley in the library and find out about all of the public library services available.



DRUM and BASS GUITAR Lessons

Limited places are available in Term 1 for private Drum and now Bass Guitar Lessons.

Lessons held on Fridays at SPS and are 1/2 hour in length on a 1 on 1 or group basis for Year 2 - 7 students.

Further information and any inquiries are welcome anytime.

All inquiries please to Paul Gibson -

0417 873 016 or paulgibson.drums@yahoo.com.au



HEAT UP LUNCH DAY ON



TUESDAYS

If your child would like to use this service they will need to bring their lunch in an alfoil container or wrap their food in alfoil so the food can be heated in the pie warmer ready to eat at lunchtime.

Please avoid sending your child to school with food that needs to be microwaved on other days of the week.



SPS CONCERT & PRESENTATION NIGHT DVD ORDER

If you would like to purchase a copy of the SPS Concert and Presentation Night the Governing Council are selling them for \$5 each.

✂
Name -

Name -

How Many Copies -

Cost -@ \$5 each = \$.....

Payment must be enclosed with above slip to place your order by 13th February 2017.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives. In 2017 the following Councillors will be continuing - Jemma Michael, Kerry-Ann Cocks and Hayley Flynn..

Bernie Altmann, Katrina Ebsary, Kelly Freebairn, Simon Hickman, Nicole McCauley and Megan McGregor have completed a two year term and are available for re-election.

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I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School Governing Council. I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more than the required nominations, elections will be convened at the AGM of the Governing Council to be held on **THURSDAY, February 23rd, 2017.**

Further details about the Governing Council Constitution and Code of Practice for Councillors can be obtained by contacting the school.

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of an offence of dishonesty or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Name

Signature

Seconded by (Name)

Signature

Date / / 2017

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY, 2017.



Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

As part of an activity station for our KidsMatter day in 2015 Rosie Michael began getting students to sew coloured buttons onto a piece of fabric with their name on it. Rosie came in during lunchtimes and worked with students again on Harmony Day in 2016 to sew buttons onto their pieces of fabric. At the end of 2016 Rosie presented the finished quilt to the students at Snowtown Primary School. Please take the time to come and have a look at it in our common room when you get a chance. We are very lucky to have such wonderful support from members of our community. Thank you Rosie!



WELCOME 2017

LET'S MAKE MENTAL HEALTH MATTER



Step, cycle or scoot and give the car the boot!

Active travel is using your body to get where you're going, by walking, riding or scooting to school.

The number of people walking to school has fallen a lot in the last 40 years. Back in 1970, more than half of Aussie kids walked to school. By 1994, less than a quarter were walking to school.

Over the years, more and more people have used cars to get around, even when only travelling short distances in their local area.

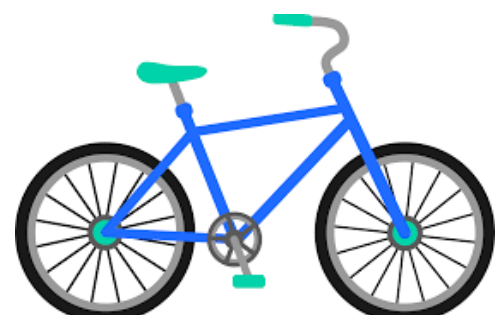
But getting out of the car and getting into active travel - either part of the way or the whole way - can make you and your kids feel great!

Parents and kids can walk or ride together, have fun and stay fit.

Kids, why not suggest it to mum or dad?

It's time to Think Feet First!

WALK TO
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HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOL



ACTIVE KIDS MAKE BETTER LEARNERS

WELCOME BACK FROM DAINA!

FRESH SNACKS ARE FUEL FOR HEALTHY AND HAPPY KIDS – IDEAS FOR LUNCH BOXES

Kids don't need expensive, packaged foods. Try these simple ideas to tempt kids with fresh snacks.

kids love to eat...

- > **Yoghurt dippers** – Spoon out yoghurt into a small cup and serve with cut-up fruit for dipping.
- > **Fruit kebabs** - Thread pieces of fruit such as melons onto a straw or pop stick, or get young children to thread their own fruit kebab!
- > **Veggie faces** - Use bite-sized salad vegies to make a veggie face on a plate with cherry tomatoes for eyes, sliced mushrooms for ears, cucumber for a mouth, grated carrot or sprouts for hair.

Fruit and Bubble Trail Mix – A great lunch box snack!

Serves: 4 people

Preparation time: 10min

Wash your hands before you start cooking

Ingredients:

- 1.5 cups Rice Bubbles in a bowl
- 1/3 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/4 cup pop corn kernels
- 1/4 cup raisins (dried cranberries)
- Patty pans to serve

Method:

- Using a popcorn machine, pop the pop corn kernels
- Place in a bowl with the rice bubbles, dried apricots and raisins
- Mix well and spoon into patty pans



Pastoral Care Worker, Daina will be at School to support Students, Families and staff on **Monday and Tuesdays.**