



Snowtown Primary and Preschool News



Term 1, Week 3 - 10th February 2021

TRUST

RESPECT

HONESTY

KINDNESS

LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

Tuesday, 16th February
Governing Council AGM
7pm in the Common Room

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** under the pool verandah on Fridays.
Weeks 3, 6, 8, 11
ALL WELCOME

HATS

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

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Principal News



We have had a magnificent start to the 2021 learning year. It has been exciting to welcome the Snowtown Children's Centre staff and children to our facilities, partner with the Balaklava Community Children's Centre and to have a much needed service provided to the community. This is a statewide innovation and an achievement that we should all be very proud of.



Kickstart 2021 BBQ & Scavenger Hunt

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Kickstart 2021 BBQ and Scavenger Hunt. I have heard many positive comments about the night and the opportunity to connect with all of our learning spaces and staff, connect with other families, see some of the newly developed areas and enjoy the special prize after completing the Scavenger Hunt.



SA Health QR Code



You will notice some new QR codes around the place. We are required to have all visitors complete a sign in for SA Health either via the QR Code or the SA Health pen and paper sign in and we also require a site sign in for our records via our sign in book.

Thanks

A huge thank you to the Snowtown Craft Club for the donation of a sewing machine. The sewing machine will be put to good use in the New Tech area. I know that the mentors are already planning some sewing activities.



Thank you to Des for cooking the BBQ at the KickStart 2021 night. It was a warm night and we thank Des for volunteering his time so that we could all enjoy the BBQ tea.

Thank you to the Snowtown IGA for generously donating sausages, bread and ice-creams to the KickStart 2021 BBQ and Scavenger Hunt night. It looked like everyone was really enjoying their Giant Twin or Proud as Punch after being active during the Scavenger Hunt.



School Captain Speeches and SLT Announcements



We hope you can join us on Friday at 2.30pm to hear the School Captain Speeches and the SLT announcements. The 6/7 class will be running assembly under the pool verandah. Visitors will need to sign in as they enter the James Road gate. As this is the last year we will be having Year 7s we will be extending the leadership opportunities and voting in two School Captains and two Vice Captains from the 6/7 class.

Site Improvement Plan and Quality Improvement Plan

We are in the third year of our Site Improvement Plan and the second year of our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan. Please see over the page for a summary of our goals for the year. A more detailed plan will be available on our website.



Vision

SPS develops and challenges learners to be critical and creative thinkers who are confident, resilient and persistent within a positive learning community.

Site Improvement

Plan 2021

Mission

SPS encourages independence in students through a safe, engaging learning environment that is positive, supportive and rigorous. This inspires them to learn from and contribute to their community.



Quality Improvement

Plan 2021

Philosophy

- We provide a play based learning environment for each child that provides a balance between child initiated, child led, educator supported and intentional teaching that is responsive to the needs of each child. Opportunities exist for children to explore, ask questions, discover and experiment.
- We work together and have **connections** to people, the school, neighbouring preschools, support services, the environment and the community to support the diversity of children's learning. We strongly value the partnerships we have with the school, neighbouring centres and the community.
- We are committed to developing each child as a **powerful learner** with positive attitudes and dispositions to learning.

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

MISSING 1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK MAY NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH BUT...

IF YOU MISS.	EACH YEAR THAT EQUALS.	THIS IS THE SAME AS MISSING.	OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL FROM R TO 12 THAT MEANS YOU'VE MISSED OUT ON.	THIS IS EQUAL TO FINISHING SCHOOL.
1 DAY EACH FORTNIGHT	20 DAYS	4 WEEKS	NEARLY 1.5 YEARS	IN YEAR 11
1 DAY EACH WEEK	40 DAYS	8 WEEKS	OVER 2.5 YEARS	IN YEAR 10
2 DAYS EACH WEEK	80 DAYS	16 WEEKS	OVER 5 YEARS	IN YEAR 7
3 DAYS EACH WEEK	120 DAYS	24 WEEKS	NEARLY 8 YEARS	IN YEAR 4

IF YOU WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL, ATTENDANCE DOES MATTER!

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!!!

"Hmmm that Barbecue smells delicious!" On Tuesday night our school held a Meet, Eat and Greet night. It began at 5.30pm with a sausage sizzle before we took our families through the school on a Scavenger Hunt. In our own classrooms we had to show our parents four things and then we were off to each part of the school. Once we had shown our families around the school and had stickers in each of our boxes we received a special prize, an amazing taste flooded our mouths, the icecreams were scrumptious!

Written by Year 3/4/5 class



"Let's get moving, quickly Dad!"
I yelled as we hurried off to complete the Scavenger Hunt" – **Gracie S**



Kickstart 2021

BBQ & Scavenger Hunt

"Quick, quick, come on I have so many things to show you Mum" – **Hazel**



"Hurry, let's keep going, stop talking we have all these other areas to visit" - **Zahara**



Preschool Press

Snowtown School Based Preschool Happenings - Term 1 Week 3 2021



Banana Milkshakes.....yum!!!



Balaklava
Community
Children's Centre
LEARNING TOGETHER, EVERY DAY



SNOWTOWN
CHILDREN'S
CENTRE

EDUCATORS REQUIRED

BALAKLAVA AND SNOWTOWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE ARE
LOOKING FOR EDUCATORS TO JOIN THEIR TEAM FOR
IMMEDIATE START.

VACANCIES FOR DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE 3 EDUCATORS.
MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN
CLEARANCE AND RESPOND TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT
TRAINING.

WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL BETWEEN CENTRES DESIRABLE.

SEND APPLICATION INCLUDING RESUME TO
BCCC.CHILDCARE150@SCHOOLS.SA.EDU.AU OR CONTACT
CARA ON 0888621251



3/4/5 The Olympics



This year in the Year 3/4/5 class we are looking to achieve a gold medal year. We are learning about the Olympics this year. We began our Olympic learning by looking at pictograms. People use pictograms at the Olympics because not all the competitors speak the same language and they need to know where everything is. Once we looked at these we made our own pictograms. Harry made a pictogram of himself diving into the swimming pool, Maddox made a pictogram of himself doing archery and Gracie made a pictogram of herself swimming in the swimming pool. These have been put up on our classroom door so that you know we are all here together. Have you seen any pictograms in your home or while out shopping?

We are looking forward to learning about the games and sport they play in the Olympics. We wonder what the mascots for the Tokyo Olympics will be?

Written by Gracie, Maddox and Harry



New year 3/4/5 students

We are lucky enough to have three new students in the Year 3/4/5 class this year. Their names are Zahara, Shakira and Silas.



Hi, my name is Zahara and I am in Year 5. I moved to Snowtown in December last year on my sister's birthday. The coolest thing about this school is there is a swimming pool. I have never had a swimming pool at a school before. I hope to be on SLT this year.



Hi, my name is Shakira and I am in Year 5. I like this school because I have a nice big classroom and the swimming pool is amazing! My favourite animal is a dog and I have two dogs, a cat, two turtles and two pet fish.



Hi, my name is Silas and I am Zahara's brother. I am in Year 4. I am looking forward to going on camp this year. My favourite colour is green and I really like playing football and soccer. I like this school because the nature play area is fun.

Visualisation

Visualize



Our whole school has been focusing on the reading comprehension strategy of visualisation. In the Year 3/4/5 class we have been learning about how visualisation can help us understand what we read. Visualisation is about picturing an image in your head when you read a piece of writing.

If you're reading a book and then see the movie it won't be the same because you think differently than the producer, your visualisations will be different and that's okay, everyone is different. You need to make sure your writing is clear and easy to follow so that the reader can picture images in their head. Adding details and description into our writing is important as it helps the reader make a clearer picture in their mind.

We each created detailed paragraphs about stories from our weekend, a time from our life or from our imagination. After we had written these paragraphs we handed them to other students and then they drew what they visualised in their heads when reading our writing.

**By Addison Dejshan
and Harper**



SWIMMING



"Splash!" went the water as everyone did a compact jump in the beautiful blue sparkling pool. We swam to the shallow end using our favourite stroke.

In Week 1 of this term we had swimming lessons. We practised taking a life jacket on and off, discussed survival strokes and what we would do if our boat was sinking, such as floating on our backs with our life jackets on.

We all learnt and developed our strokes. It was hard but we all participated. Some of us learnt a new stroke called sidestroke. We also learnt how to tread water with and without life jackets. In the pool we learnt how to duck dive to the bottom of the pool and how to push ourselves under water in a sensible way by using our hands to push the water above our head.

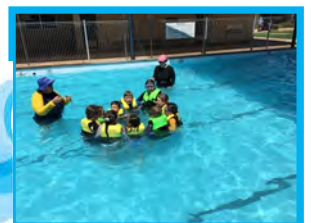
A big thank you to Julie our swimming instructor and also to Sarah and Megan for helping in the swimming pool.

Written by Jack H, Hazel, Claire, Delilah and Gurusevak

"I like jumping
in the deep end
without a life
jacket."
Yasmine-

"I like swimming lessons
because you can learn
how to swim better and
faster." Jack H

"Doing the starfish on my
back and playing the
pirate game with Julie
were my favourite things"
- Uy



Treat others the way you want to be treated

In our school we are focusing on the orange poster of "Treat others how you would like them to treat you". This means that it is important to be respectful even if people act or look different to you. It is also important not to laugh at people when they are hurt. When people hurt themselves help them and see if they are okay. Help others with their work if they need some help. When



people are not sure or don't know what to do we should offer to help them.

Remember to be kind to people and they are more likely to be kind to you too.

Written by Blake, Alex, Gracie M and Peter



HAVE A BLAST!

GIRLS ONLY (5-10 YO)

COLOUR BLAST

Clare High School Oval

Monday 1st March 4:30-7:30pm

\$30

Register @ playcricket.com.au - search 5453

OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM



**YOU COULD PLAY
FOR FREE!**

*Based on program RRP of \$99

**SPORTS
VOUCHERS**
sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au



CALLING ALL GIRLS!

- Make new friends and get active playing all-girls junior cricket
- Adelaide Strikers Girls Cricket League is a fun and social competition for girls aged 10 to 16
- Discover how cricket can boost your confidence, develop your skills and grow your friendships today!

CLARE HIGH SCHOOL - Mon 15th Feb & 1st March
4:30pm to 7:30pm Cost: \$5

Srchr Clare CC- Girls Strikers @ playcricket.com.au
FIRST 30 registered will receive a free Helmet
For more info: Peter Brown 0419 921 933



FEMALE CRICKET PATHWAY



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST - JUNIOR BLASTER 5 - 7 YEARS

Learn the fundamentals of cricket at any school or community-based Woolworths Cricket Blast centre.



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST - MASTER BLASTER 7 - 10 YEARS

Build on the skills learned in Junior Blaster, while playing T20 matches in a safe and inclusive environment.



ADELAIDE STRIKERS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE 10 - 16 YEARS

Fun and social all-girls cricket league to develop your skills and make new friends! Competitions are community and school-based with modified rules and formats.



SACA

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CRICKET & STATEWIDE SUPER PREMIER CRICKET

Senior competitions played across multiple divisions and formats, including Statewide Super First and Second Grade competitions.



WNCL/WBBL

The most talented female cricketers in South Australia may go on to represent their State. South Australia's teams are the Adelaide Strikers in the Women's Big Bash League (T20) and the Statewide Super SA Scorpions in the Women's National Cricket League (50-over).



PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

WELCOME to our “Newbies” to school and town!

We are glad you have chosen the Snowtown community.

We look forward to you feeling a real sense of belonging.

Welcome back to everyone already enjoying this “Have- a-go” friendly and supportive community!

(I was new last year and the community has been so easy to love being a part of.)

Our school is here for families because we value our students highly. They deserve the best and we aim to be ‘on-track’ to enable that vision.



I’m **Sandra**, the Pastoral Care Worker, at school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

You’ll see me around the yard at the start and end of the school day.

If you’d like, you can get in touch with me also through the school office.

My email is: Sandra.Vangsness342@schools.sa.edu.au

I really like getting to know the whole family of our students. Please come and say Hi!

My role is to support your children and family in any way I can.

I personally benefited heaps from a variety of people in my community when we were raising our children.

I actually needed that support, because parenting was a real journey into the unknown for me.

I’m still learning lots from the parent/carers of our school students.

Blessings, and See You!

Sandra



HEAT UP LUNCH DAY ON



TUESDAYS

If your child/ren 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 -

✂<

How Many Copies -

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

Payment must be enclosed with above slip to place your order by 19th February 2021.

2021 Governing Council

The 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Snowtown Primary School and School Based Preschool Governing Council will be held on Tuesday, 16th February at 7pm.

Governing Council meetings are held twice per term.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Governing Council include:

- Work with the Principal to set and support the direction and vision of the school and preschool
- Work with the Principal to monitor and review the site improvement plan (education outcomes/priorities)
- Develop and approve local policies
- Be the employing authority of Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) and Canteen services if applicable
- Represent the parents/caregivers/families within the school community

Be part of an interview panel, for OSHC/canteen and in the case of Principal appointments the Chairperson usually takes this role

Governing Council members are proactive, respectful, maintain confidentiality and able to work collaboratively with other Governing Council members, school leadership, staff and other school stakeholders. The 2020 office bearers of chairperson, deputy chair, secretary and treasurer will be elected at our first meeting of the 2020 Governing Council.



GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives. In 2021 the following Councillors will be continuing -

Jemma Michael, Kerry-Ann Cocks, Bernie Altmann, Nick McCormack, Amanda Harris, Belinda Stringer, Sarah McGregor, Emma Cronin & Hayley Flynn.

Katrina Ebsary and Megan McGregor have completed a two year term and are available for re-election.

I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School and School Based Preschool 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 **Tuesday, February 16th, 2021.**

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 / / 2021

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 2021.

BLYTH SNOWTOWN NETBALL CLUB JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED

We would love for...



All Junior players turning 5-13 years
to join us for a

COME & TRY NIGHT
5pm - 6pm

Thursday 18th March Blyth Netball Courts
Thursday 25th March Snowtown Netball Courts
ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



Please contact Bernie Altmann for more info 0438780206
blythsnowtownnetballclub@gmail.com



Blyth Snowtown Netball Club Members



blyth_snowtown_cats

FREE ZOOPER DOOPER & SCRUNCHIE

If transport is an issue please don't hesitate to contact us to see how we can help!



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021



MONDAY

1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

TUESDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

WEDNESDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you

17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

THURSDAY

4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

FRIDAY

5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful

26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

SATURDAY

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

SUNDAY

7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you

21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain



"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february

Happier · Kinder · Together

Term 1 Planner 2021

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	8	9 2021 Kick start BBQ 5.30pm-6.30pm	10 Newsletter	11	12 Playgroup 6/7 Assembly School Captain Speeches
4	15	16. Governing Council AGM 7pm	17 Baby Bounce	18 Kindy	19 Playgroup Swimming Lessons
5	22	23	24	25	26 Playgroup
6	March 1	2 SAPSASA Summer Hub	3 Baby Bounce Newsletter	4 Kindy	5 Playgroup 3/4/5 Class Assembly
7	8 Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10	11	12 Sports Day at Pt Broughton
8	15	16	17 Baby Bounce	18 Kindy	19 Playgroup R/1/2 Class Assembly
9	22	23 Harmony Day	24 Newsletter	25	26 Playgroup
10	29 Interview week	30	31 Baby Bounce	April 1 Kindy	2 Good Friday Public Holiday
11	5. Easter Monday Public Holiday	6.	7	8 ANZAC DAY Service	9 Playgroup Student Led Assembly End of Term Early Dismissal 2:10pm