



# Snowtown Primary and Preschool News



**TRUST**

**RESPECT**

**HONESTY**

**KINDNESS**

**LISTENING**

Term 1, Week 7 –Wednesday 15th March 2023

## DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

### Pupil Free Day

Term 1 Week 11  
Tuesday 11th  
April 2023

### 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 Weeks 3, 5, 8 & 11 **ALL WELCOME**

### HATS

Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats in Term 1.

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## Principal News



I have had an exciting two days attending Leaders' Days in Adelaide this week. Our CE, Martin Westwell sought feedback from leaders to refine the purpose of public education in South Australia. Last year students from across the state, including our school captains provided their input to help set future directions so that all learners can flourish. The second day had a Numeracy focus and it was a privilege to hear a keynote from Professor Peter Sullivan and to attend workshops on problem solving and recalling facts strategies.

## Site Improvement Plan and Preschool Quality Improvement Plan

Please see a summary of our SIP and PQIP for 2023. Our educators will be involved in professional learning to bring the plan to life and we will also send home regular information and offer some parent workshops to help communicate some of the changes that are occurring.

## SLT

Congratulations to our 2023 Student Leadership Team. The SLT have had their first meeting for the year and they have some fabulous ideas in the planning stage.



### School Captains

Harry McGregor–  
Dunn

Silas Bernhardt

R/I - Frank  
McCormack

R/I

### Student Leadership Team

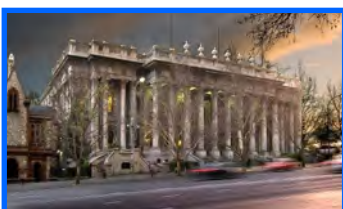
2/3 - Jyzaiha Lawrie

2/3—Jace Veloso

5/6— Sofia

5/6 - Alex Flynn

The SLT representatives from the 4/5/6 have been invited to a tour of Parliament with our local member, Fraser Ellis.



The tour will take place on Tuesday, 21st March.





# Snowtown Primary

## SCHOOL SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023



### Goal 1

To increase student high band achievement in NAPLAN writing

#### Challenge of Practice

If we embed rigorous literacy instructional routines and explicitly teach the four linguistic knowledges to strengthen students spelling and grammar use, then we will improve student high band achievement in NAPLAN writing.



### Goal 2

To increase student higher band performance in NAPLAN number questions.

#### Challenge of Practice

If we develop a consistent understanding of the learning sequence for numeration and calculation our learners will have a powerful number sense.







# Snowtown Preschool

## **PRESCHOOL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023**



### **Philosophy**

Play  
Powerful Learners  
Connections



### **Goal**

For learners to demonstrate and develop their learning dispositions.



### **Challenge of Practice**

If educators provide opportunities for child-led inquiry then learners will demonstrate and develop their learning dispositions.

## Reconciliation Native Garden

At the end of last year our Aboriginal learners were looking for a sign for the Reconciliation Native Garden. After looking at some options they chose to go with a sign from J Hamilton Design. The rustic sign features some 3D gum leaves and looks amazing in the garden. In the next few weeks the students will be painting rocks and putting new mulch along the pathway. Next term they will collect more rocks to extend the path and they will put in more plants during Autumn.



## HOLLY Geyer Visit

We were lucky to have a visit from the talented Holly Geyer who is the artist that painted the mural at the oval. We loved hearing here her story and all about the mural. We then got to ask questions.



## Governing Council

Thank you and Congratulations to our Governing Council representatives for 2023. We held our AGM on the 21st February.

### GOVERNING COUNCIL 2023

#### Chairperson

Nick McCormack

#### Deputy Chairperson

Belinda Stringer

#### Secretary

Sarah McGregor

#### Treasurer

Nicole McCormack

#### Committee Representatives

Glen Wilkinson  
Megan McGregor  
Rebecca McGregor  
Jemma Michael  
Matthew Wilkinson

#### Finance

Meghan Stewart  
Katrina Ebsary  
Nicole McCormack

#### Assets/Grounds

Nick McCormack  
Glen Wilkinson

#### Library

Megan McGregor

#### Dress Code

Jemma Michael

#### Pool

Megan McGregor  
Matthew Wilkinson  
Nicole McCormack

#### Concert & presentation

Jemma Michael  
Sarah McGregor  
Megan McGregor  
Rebecca McGregor

#### Kids Matter & Wellbeing

Jemma Michael  
Megan McGregor  
Sarah McGregor

#### Fundraising

Jemma Michael  
Belinda Stringer  
Sarah McGregor  
Nicole McCormack  
Megan McGregor  
Rebecca McGregor



# THE BOY & THE BALL performance

On Monday 27th February the Preschool and Reception children were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend a performance of "The Boy and the Ball" by Stephen Noonan.

The performance's main message was that we can be brave with the help of our friends. The children have reflected their understandings in comments and drawings about what they saw and heard.

It was an enjoyable performance and was perfectly directed at the age range of the children. There were a variety of emotions

shown by the children during their viewing from happiness and excitement to compassion and empathy for the boy who felt shy.

Thanks to Stephen for performing at our school. It was a real highlight for the children to be able to see a performance in their own school and learning environment. It was also great to get to experience with child care, preschool and school children attending.



"I liked that my childcare, kindy and school friends all liked the performance. I also liked the message of the play about how a friend can help us to not feel shy then they can have fun together." - Hayley

"I liked it when the boy was growing."  
- Zoe



"I liked it when the light came on in the tube. The boy moved the light around and jumped on it." - Elka

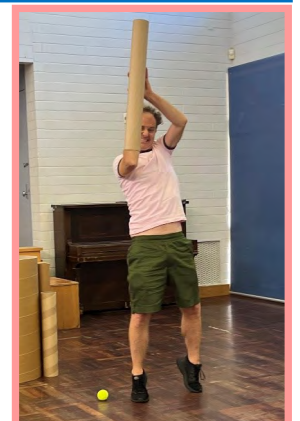


"I saw a man with a little ball, he made friends with Mackenzie."  
- Millie C



"I liked it when the light was in the cube. It was about the little guy being shy."  
- Marlee

"I sat next to Ajit. The man was a bit shy. He made friends with Mackenzie."  
- Ned



"Be careful for cars on the road."  
- Ajit

"The show was funny. It was funny when he put his arm in the pipe and it made him move."  
- Lucy

"I liked when he grew big because he was with a friend."  
- Morris



# Science

## with the R/1 Class

### Living or Non-living Things?



In Science this term, we have been learning about living and non-living things. We have identified living things in the environment within the school such as flowers, bees, birds and even Mr Lee! We compared Carley's earthworms to gummy worms to help us understand what living things need to survive.



"Gummy worms are non-living because they don't drink water."



"Earthworms live underground and gummy worms live in a packet!"

**Zoey and Violet**



"Carley's worms were super slimy!"  
**Marlee**



"Did you know that earthworms have tiny hairs?"  
**Elsie and Frank**



"I am looking at the real worms wriggling around."  
**Chloie**



"We liked eating gummy worms but not real worms!"  
**Elka and Morris**





# Maths

## with the R/1 Class

In Maths this term, we have been exploring numerals from 0 - 20. We have worked on recognising and writing numerals, counting objects and exploring Rainbow Facts to 10.



"This is my number character. He has numbers from 0 - 12 in him".

**Lena**

"I made the rainbow fact  $8 + 2 = 10$ !"

**Alfie**



"We are playing Rainbow Facts snap."

**Elsie**

"I got snap for the rainbow fact  $6 + 4 = 10$ ".

**Elka**



"My Rainbow Facts to 10"

**Violet**

"I am subitising"

**Heidi**



"I liked when Mrs Burford came in and helped us with our Rainbow Facts".

**Frank**



"We got to use cotton buds to paint numbers!"

**Zoey**







Holly Geyer "ABC" Snowtown mural is our inspiration!

**R/1 ART**



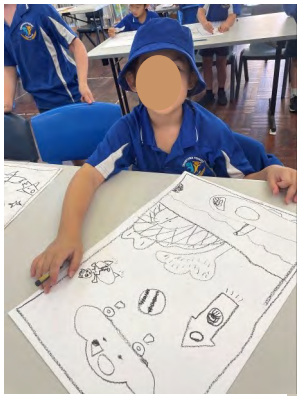


# Dream Big

Artist visit



"Dream Big was fun because our creative ideas could be explored." - Millie



"I enjoyed it when we got to paint." - Sid



"It was fun doing art." - Paul



"I loved painting and doing art." - Uy



"I had fun doing art." - Logan



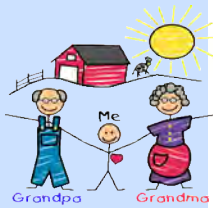




Hi from Sandra!

Sometimes when we ask kids about their day, their answers may even be just 1 word, so we don't get much of an idea how it really went.

"Big Life Journal" has put out a chart (see below) for parent/carers to use that may encourage helpful conversation with your school child about their day.



## WHAT TO ASK KIDS INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

### Instead of:

How was your day?



### Try this:

What's one thing that made you laugh today?

You can learn a lot about your child's sense of humor, friends, and get them smiling by asking them to recount things that made them laugh.

### Instead of:

Did you eat your lunch?



### Try this:

Who did you sit by at lunch today?

Allowing your child to discuss friends they may have a hard time getting along with, opens opportunities to discuss how others make them feel.

### Instead of:

Did you have a good day?



### Try this:

What did you do that made someone smile today?

Show your kids that school isn't just about academics. Kindness matters.

### Instead of:

What did you learn at school?



### Try this:

Did you enjoy art or science more today? Why?

When questions are broad, it's easy for a child to feel unsure of how to answer. Being specific facilitates a detailed response and opens the door for further discussion.

### Instead of:

What did you do today?



### Try this:

I love hearing about your day.

Sometimes questions are overwhelming. Just letting your child know that you're interested, gives them permission to share when they are ready.

### Instead of:

How was your day?



### Try this:

What was easier today than yesterday?

Encouraging your kids to notice that their practice is making a difference helps instill a positive self-image and a growth mindset.





# say cheese

School Photo Day is

Information and order forms to  
come home soon

**Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

**Term 2 Week 1**

**You are invited to attend the Snowtown Primary School and  
School Based Preschool**

## HARMONY DAY AFTERNOON

**Date:** Thursday 6th April 2023

**Time:** 1:50pm - 3:00pm

Beginning outside on the front lawn. Remember to wear something orange.

Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend the event.

Please complete and return the slip below to confirm attendance.

We hope to see you there!



**HARMONY DAY  
AFTERNOON**

If you would like to attend this event, please return this section to the  
School/Preschool by Monday 3rd April 2023.

Name of Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



CRYSTALBROOK FITNESS CENTRE

# 5/10KM FUN RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION VIA  
EVENTBRITE

ADULT \$30  
U16 \$15  
U5 FREE



SUNDAY

**MARCH 26 2023**

9AM START

5KM START @ FITNESS CENTRE

10KM START @ BOWMAN PARK

**NO BIKES**

**COFFEE VAN**

**MEDALS FOR  
FINISHERS**

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH FACEBOOK PAGE AND EVENTBRITE

BLYTH SNOWTOWN NETBALL CLUB

## 2023 JUNIOR NETBALL INFORMATION



TRAINING

THURSDAY NIGHT  
ALTERNATING BETWEEN  
BLYTH & SNOWTOWN  
COME AND TRY NIGHT  
23rd MARCH 5PM @ BLYTH

**JOIN THE  
CATS IN 2023**

SEASON STARTS 22nd APRIL

SEEKING

J1, J2, J3 - 2010 - 2013

J4 & J5 - 2014 - 2016

Net Set Go - 2017 - 2018

SUBS

**\$97.00**

NOTE: Sports Vouchers can be used to  
cover subs

**NEW FAMILIES WELCOME!**

No Experience required

More Information: Holly Ottens - 0438 237 999  
Jnr Co-Ordinator

Sam Mackay - 0434 589 986  
President



## SNOWTOWN NEWSAGENCY 2023 SCHOOL LUNCHES MENU

\* AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY \*

Item	Category	Price
<b>Pizza single</b>		
Bacon and Cheese	Amber	\$3.00
Ham and Pineapple	Amber	\$3.00
<b>Pastries etc</b>		
Mrs Macs Pie (Good eating)	Amber	\$4.00
Mrs Macs Snack Pie (Good eating)	Amber	\$2.00
Mrs Macs Sausage Roll (Good eating)	Amber	\$3.00
Mrs Macs Pasty (Good eating)	Amber	\$4.00
Lasagna	Green	\$5.00
<b>Toasted Sandwiches</b>		
Wonder White (high fibre)		
Cheese	Green	\$3.00
Ham	Green	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	Green	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	Green	\$4.00
<b>Drinks/Ice-creams</b>		
Big M 250ml - Chocolate/Strawberry	Green	\$2.50
Orange or Blackcurrant/Apple Juice 250ml	Green	\$2.50
Strawberry/Chocolate/Banana Swings 85ml	Green	\$2.00
Fruit Juice Ice Block	Green	\$1.00

Please ensure order forms are filled in correctly, money correct and is enclosed and secure.

**HEAT UP LUNCH DAY ON**

**TUESDAYS  
& THURSDAYS**

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 NAME  
STUDENTS LUNCH  
WITH PERMANENT  
TEXTER**


Please don't send your child to school with food that needs to be microwaved on other days of the week.





## SNOWTOWN SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# UPCOMING EVENTS

 08 8865 2006

 31 GLEN DAVIDSON DRIVE  
SNOWTOWN SA 5520

**MARCH  
15**

IT DROP-IN SESSION  
WITH LUCY  
AT 4PM TO 6PM

**MARCH  
30**

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING  
DEMONSTRATION  
WITH WENDY PFEIFFER AT 1-3PM

**MAY  
3**

GARDENING CLASS  
WITH LYNNE MICHAEL  
AT 4:30PM TO 6:30PM

**MAY  
24**

CYBER SAFETY  
WITH CASS  
AT 5PM TO 7PM

**JUNE  
7**

THE MEMORY WORKSHOP  
WITH NADINNE GRACE PHOTOGRAPHY  
AT 1PM - 3:30PM



SNOWTOWN SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY





# TERM 1 PLANNER

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
7	13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14	15 NAPLAN Commences IT Drop-In Session Library	16	17 Playgroup
8	20	21	22 Baby Bounce	23 Ride to school day Kindy	24 Playgroup Assembly R/1
9	27	28 Clean up Australia	29 Newsletter	30 Watercolour Painting Demonstration	31 Playgroup
10	April 3 3 Way Interview Week	4 Governing Council	5 Baby Bounce	6 Harmony Day Kindy	7 EASTER
11	10 EASTER	11 PUPIL FREE DAY	12 Newsletter Winter Hub	13	14 ANZAC Service and Assembly 2.10pm dismissal

## **SCHOOL MATERIAL AND SERVICES FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE**

If you haven't yet paid your school fees please visit the front office to make payment or discuss payment options.

### **Available Payment Options**

- \* EFTPOS
- \* Direct Credit
- \* Cash
- \* Cheque
- \* Instalment application

