



Snowtown Primary and Preschool News



Term 1, Week 4 - 22nd February 2024

TRUST

RESPECT

HONESTY

KINDNESS

LISTENING

DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

SPORTSDAY AT PORT BROUGHTON
Friday, 8th March

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 Fridays of Weeks 3, 6, 8, 11 ALL WELCOME

HATS
Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats during Term 1.

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Principal News



KickStart 2024 was a great way to start the learning year off. Thank you to all of the families who attended our sausage sizzle, participated in the Scavenger Hunt, received their child's Term 1 Learning Overview and enjoyed a yummy Giant Twin at the end.

It takes a village to raise a child and attending the KickStart Event reinforces the supportive network around the children and young people in our educational care. It is an opportunity for parents to connect with other parents, show that education is valued and it is a time to socialise with our educators. Thanks to Glen 'Chippy' and Nadinne Wilkinson for cooking the BBQ and to Simon McCormack and Luke Dohnt for helping to pack up.



Ag Studies Excursion

This year our learners are looking at a farming year with a focus on grain production and dairy farming. Thank you to Matthew Wilkinson (Wilko) for sharing information about farm spraying with our Year 3-6 learners.

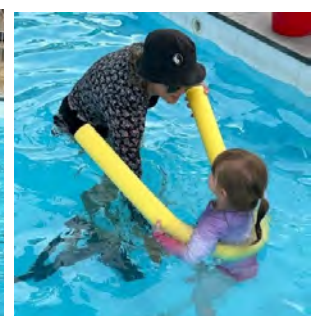


On Monday we travelled to Biggs' Farm where Matthew gave us a very informative and hands on opportunity to learn about the reasons for spraying, the different times of the year that paddocks are sprayed, the maths involved when mixing chemicals, the difference between a tug along sprayer and a self propelled sprayer (SP), how farming practices have changed and the importance of safe practices on the farm. We are very fortunate to have our local farmers sharing their time and expertise with us and assist our

Ag Studies learning journey.

Swimming Thanks

Due to the warmer weather we scheduled in some additional swimming lessons. Thank you to the volunteers who made that possible - Daina McCormack, Katrina Ebsary, Matthew Wilkinson and Nadinne Wilkinson.



KICK START 2024



"I liked when I was walking around with my family so I could get some fitness. I was grateful when Miss B took a photo of my Mum and I while I showed her my classroom."
- **Xavier**



"Yum, yum" was the sound of everyone eating sausages and people playing on the playground. Then we went to every place on the map and got a big Giant Twin."
- **Peter**



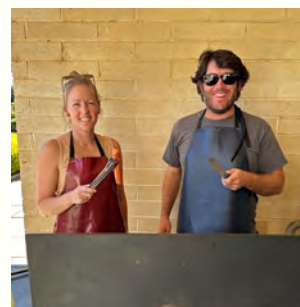
"I liked how I got to bring my parents and I like how I got to do a scavenger hunt. I liked the sausage sizzle."
- **Caelan**



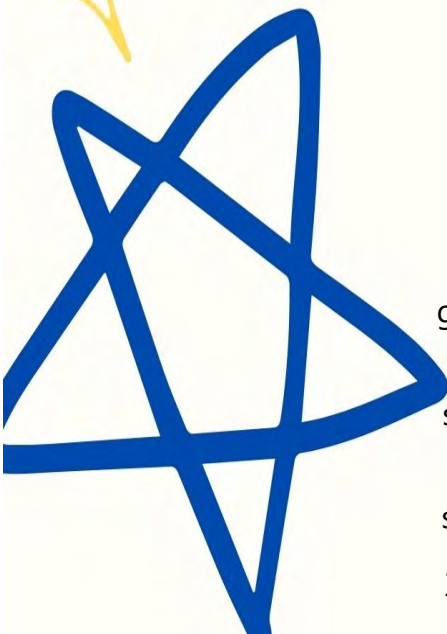
"Sizzle, sizzle." The sausage sizzle was cooking. I was ready to do the scavenger hunt. I was excited to get the Giant Twin.'
- **Dejshan**



"Sizzle sizzle" was the sound of the barbeque as we tackled on the grass. The sausages were delicious and I had tomato and barbeque sauce. After the sausage sizzle we all went inside and started the scavenger hunt. We also got a Giant Twin or Zooper Dooper."
- **Ollie**



"Fizz fizz" was the sound of the sausages on the BBQ. I had two with BBQ Sauce and they were delicious. Then we did a scavenger hunt and I got a Giant Twin."
- **Charlie W**





BIGGS FARM Excursion



On Monday, 19th February, we had our first of many planned excursions to learn about farming. We learned lots about spraying at the Biggs' Farm.

"On Monday we went to visit a farm. I found out that you don't need a licence to drive on the farm. I enjoyed going around the farm and petting the dog." - **Dejshan**



"I loved that we got to go on the bus, see the tug along and self-propelled sprayers. I liked hearing about some of the seeds that were in the shed." - **Peter**



"Some things I learnt at the farm were:

1. Pest Control - they don't really like mice because they are everywhere on their farm.
2. The toxins in the spray can make you really sick.
3. Weed Management - some of the weeds can take over plant growth.
4. Weather Protection - if it is too hot they don't spray". **Xavier**



"On Monday the 3-6s went to the Biggs' Farm. We learned about all different sprayers like the tug along and the self-propelled sprayer. Wilko also had his New Zealand Hunt away Hank". - **Ollie**

"On Monday we went to the Biggs' Farm. We learnt about sprayers and I saw my dog Hank Wilkinson." - **Charlie**



"I enjoyed learning about what he does and how he does it. They have two kinds of sprayers, one is a self-propelled and the other is a tug along. I had fun at the farm" - **Sofia**



"I learnt farmers don't like weeds. I learnt what people need to do to be good at farming and also you need lots of licences. I learnt that they grow the same beans my Dad had in his pants pockets at his old work. I liked how we got to see the sprayers. We got to see the dog Hank who is a Huntaway." - **Caelan**

Student Leadership 2024 Team

2024 School Captains

Peter Watt
Dejshan Lawrie

Student Leadership Team

R/1/2 Class

Alfie Wilkinson
Elsie Stringer
Heidi Michael

3/4 Class

Paul Watt
Jyzaiha Lawrie

5/6 Class

Xavier Tottman



5/6 Class Spelling Morphology

The 5/6s have started an enhanced spelling morphology approach to learning spelling and reading which focuses on breaking down words into meaningful parts based on their structure and origin. This approach assists with understanding word structure, improves spelling skills, enhances vocabulary development, encourages the development of transferable skills, increases word recognition and promotes metacognitive skills. A daily power point is used as the base for activities involving brainstorming words with the sound of the week, revising sounds, spelling games, dictation, grammar activities and sentence work. The interactive approach has been going well and we are already seeing spelling improvement.



SNOWTOWN NEWSAGENCY 2024 SCHOOL LUNCHES MENU

*** AVAILABLE MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY ***

Item	Category	Price
<u>Pizza single</u>		
Bacon and Cheese	Amber	\$3.00
Ham and Pineapple	Amber	\$3.00
<u>Pastries etc</u>		
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
Lasagna	Green	\$5.00
<u>Toasted Sandwiches</u>		
Wonder White (high fibre)		
Cheese	Green	\$3.00
Ham	Green	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	Green	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	Green	\$4.00
<u>Drinks/Ice-creams</u>		
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.

**** REMINDER - Tuesday and Thursday are heat up lunch days at school ****

Heat Up Lunch Days

**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 TEXTA**

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

2024 Governing Council

The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Snowtown Primary School and School Based Preschool Governing Council will be held on

Tuesday 12th March 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 2024 office bearers of chairperson, deputy chair, secretary and treasurer will be elected at our first meeting of the 2024 Governing Council.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives. In 2024 the following Councillors will be continuing -

Nick McCormack, Nicole McCormack, Megan McGregor, & Rebecca McGregor.

Sarah McGregor, Glen Wilkinson, Matthew Wilkinson & Belinda Stringer. 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 **12.3.24** 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 / / 2024

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY THURSDAY, 7th MARCH, 2024.

HEAD LICE TREATMENT

What are head lice?

Head lice are small parasitic insects that live close to the human scalp. Head lice are pests but rarely pose a threat to health.

Outbreaks can be minimised if parents and guardians regularly check children for head lice and follow the recommended treatment methods if active lice are found.

- > Adults are called lice and their eggs are called nits.
- > Head lice do not fly, jump, hop or swim – they spread by head-to-head contact by crawling.
- > Lice don't care about hair colour or hair type and love both clean and dirty hair.
- > Head lice do not prefer a particular blood group.

Responsibility

Parents and guardians are responsible for checking and treating children for head lice. Pre-schools, schools and child care centres are not.

School and child care centre staff are responsible for informing parents and guardians of cases or suspected cases of head lice.



Checking for head lice and nits

Check everyone in the household for head lice weekly, or daily during an outbreak.

The wet combing technique is a reliable method of checking for head lice, as the conditioner makes lice easier to detect.

If head lice are detected, start treatment using the preferred method. If only nits are found, chemical treatment is not required but wet combing may be done.

Treatment

The two most common methods used for the treatment of head lice are chemical treatment and wet combing method:

- > Chemical treatments use pediculicides, which kill head lice and some nits.
- > Wet combing involves saturating the hair and scalp with a conditioner to stun the lice, making it easier to comb the lice and nits out of the hair.

Chemical treatment

There are four main categories of head lice products currently available in Australia: pyrethrins, synthetic pyrethroids (permethrin, bioallethrin), organophosphates (malidison or malathion), and herbal products with or without pyrethrins.

No treatment kills all nits, so the hair must be re-treated after 7 to 10 days to kill any head lice that may have hatched from nits that survived the first treatment.

Only use treatments made specifically for removing head lice.

Do not use a hair dryer after applying a treatment, as the heat can destroy the active ingredient.

Wet combing treatment

Wet combing can be used to check for and treat head lice. Conditioner stuns head lice for around 20 minutes and also makes hair slippery, making them easier to remove. You will need hair conditioner, a head lice comb and paper towel.

Wet combing using conditioner should be avoided for at least one day before and after chemical treatment, or as per the manufacturer's directions.

Wet combing instructions are available at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/headlice





Pastoral Care Worker Position.

Snowtown Primary School

Schools Ministry Group
together with
Local Church Community.

are seeking applications for a Pastoral Care Worker
Applications close: Friday 22nd March 2024 at 4pm



Working Hours: 9 hours per week

Commencing: Week 1 of Term 2 of 2024

Job Description: www.smg.net.au (under "Work with SMG")

Visit our website at smg.net.au
or call Angelo Likouras on 0421 239 151
for more information



PASTORAL CARE WORKER Position Vacant Advertisement



Pastoral Care Worker
Snowtown Primary School

Address: 31 Glen Davidson Drive, Snowtown 5520 SA

Schools Ministry Group, in partnership with local churches and school communities, are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week position, ideally commencing Week 1 Term 2, 2024.
The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff, and the broader school community.
The Job Description and Application Form are available to download from the SMG website under 'Work with SMG' at: www.smg.net.au

Closing Date: Friday 22nd March, 4pm 2024

Want to know more?
Attend our next online Information Session.
To register go to
<https://smg.net.au/information-session>
(also on the bottom of the vacancies page)

Term 1 Planner 2024

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	19	20	21	22	23
5	26 Whole School Excursion Wonka Movie at Blyth	27	28 Baby Bounce	29	1 March
6	4	5 SAPSASA Summer Hub Day	6	7	8 Sports Day
7	11 Adelaide Cup	12 Governing Council AGM 7pm	13 NAPLAN Starts Baby Bounce	14 Library - Lynne's Summer Gardening 2-4pm	15 Back Up Sports Day date R/1/2 Assembly
8	18 NAPLAN Week	19	20	21	22
9	25 NAPLAN Ends	26 Harmony Day Ride and Walk to School Day	27 Baby Bounce	28 Preschool Combined Pupil Free Day	29 Easter Friday
10	1 April Easter Monday	2 Interview week	3	4	5 3 / 4 Assembly
11	8	9 School Photos Governing Council 7pm	10 Baby Bounce	11 ANZAC Day Commemoration	12