



SNOWTOWN



PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Term 2 Week 10 - 2nd July, 2025

PRINCIPAL NEWS



Principal's End of Term Reflection – Term 2

As we pause at the end of Term 2, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many highlights and learning successes across our school and preschool.

We celebrated some truly memorable moments this term, including **The Makers Empire Showcase in Adelaide**, where our students proudly shared their designs and even featured on **Channel Ten News!** Our **Student Leadership Team's Bake Sale** was a sweet success, thanks to the efforts of our student leaders and generous support from families.

Yesterday we celebrated a very special milestone for **Eddie and Damon**, who marked the end of their preschool year surrounded by their childcare, Kindy and school friends. We are so proud of Eddie and Damon and look forward to seeing them continue to shine as Reception learners next term!

The **DreamBIG Excursion** sparked creativity and wonder, while our students also stepped up to the **Premier's STEM Challenge**, showcasing innovation and critical thinking.

Our **Reconciliation Week activities**, including the creation of beautiful **clay discs**, helped us engage meaningfully with culture and connection. The **visiting artist** Rachel who worked with our Year 3–6 learners was another enriching experience, bringing the arts to life in new and exciting ways with gel prints and lino prints.

Among all these big events, we also take the time to celebrate the **day-to-day learning progress** that makes a real difference:

- Growth in **spelling, recalling number facts**, and **narrative writing**
- The **Year 3/4s** mastering **multiplication arrays**
- **Year 5/6** learners deepening their understanding of **angles**
- **R/1/2** Science weather and seasons, especially cloud identification
- Classes completing **novels, setting goals, actioning feedback**, and proudly making visible learning progress.

A heartfelt thank you to our **dedicated educators** for your energy, expertise, and care—and to our **powerful learners** for the way you approach learning with curiosity, courage and commitment.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and well-earned break. We look forward to another fantastic term of learning in Term 3.

Happy Holidays



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 21st July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday, 22nd July
Term 3 commences

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.

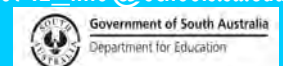
HATS

Children may wear hats during Term 2. School Beanies can be worn during Term 2.

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Congratulations Carley — 20 Years of Service



This year, we celebrated **Carley Darling's 20 years of service** with the Department for Education—an incredible milestone and a true reflection of her commitment to our school and community.

Carley began working at Snowtown Area School in 2005 as the **Community Library Assistant**, bringing with her warmth, creativity, and a genuine love of books and learning. Since then, she has become an essential part of our school's fabric.

Carley reads stories with flair, organises events like **Baby Bounce**, the **Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race**, **Premier's Reading Challenge**, and supports learners across all ages. She also manages the **Book Club**, arranges guest speakers, and takes books to **Lumeah Homes** and the **Caravan Park Book Exchange**.



Carley works after hours and during holidays to keep the library service running. She's also a familiar and friendly face on excursions, sports days, and social events.

Carley, thank you for two decades of dedication to our school, families, and wider Snowtown community. We are incredibly lucky to have you!



Year 5/6 Gardening

Our Year 5/6 class has been hard at work researching and building **wicking beds** to expand our school garden and support sustainable growing practices. After learning about how wicking beds work to conserve water, the class eagerly got to work!



As part of the project, the learners conducted a **volume investigation**, measuring the dimensions of the garden beds and calculating the volume using the appropriate formula. This real-life maths application helped ensure we had the correct amount of **potting mix** to fill the beds accurately—an important step in successful planting!



The 5/6s rolled up their sleeves, showing outstanding **teamwork** and **effort** as they shovelled gravel, added the soil mix, and carefully set up the new garden beds. Each learner has now been assigned a bed to care for, taking responsibility for the growth and wellbeing of their plants.



We've planted a delicious variety of vegetables and herbs including **butter beans**, **peas**, **spinach**, **beetroot**, **silverbeet**, **Italian parsley**, and **mint**.

A huge thank you to **Derryn Stringer** for generously supplying the **gravel and soil**, **Matthew Wilkinson** for prepping the garden area for the spray shuttles, and **Glen Wilkinson** for delivering the materials to us. Your support helped bring this project to life. Thanks also to **Lynne** for helping us cover our beds with **frost cloths**, keeping them protected during chilly nights.

We are so excited to watch our garden thrive and look forward to harvesting some **home-grown produce** in the coming months!





On Tuesday the R-2 class travelled to the Blyth cinema to watch the Lilo & Stich movie with their pen pal friends from Manoora. It was great to meet our friends from Manoora in person. The R-2 class gave the movie 5/5

"The aliens and Stich were funny." - Eli

"I enjoyed the part when Lilo had to grab Stich to throw him away from the water." - Chloe

"I gave the movie a 1/1 stars. Stich was funny." - Ted

"I loved watching the movie at the cinema." - Chris

"I liked Stich because she was very funny. Millie my pen pal and I couldn't stop laughing." - Elka



PRESCHOOL MID YEAR CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Damon & Eedie who have finished Preschool and will be starting School in Term 3. They both received their Preschool certificates, cards & gifts. A huge thank you to Eedie's Mum Tanya who made delicious cupcakes and shared with all. We give a warm welcome to Eedie who will be joining the R/1/2 class and wish Damon all the best as he starts his schooling at Clare Primary school.



SLT BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who donated and purchased items from our Bake Sale.

The SLT raised \$264.25 for Backpacks 4 SA Kids.

Thank you very much to those who have been selling and buying chocolates to raise money for the Year 6 camp. If you would like to purchase or sell a box we still have some boxes left. Please see front office staff.

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FUNDRAISING



CLAY DISC DESIGNS



KIDS IN SPACE SHOWCASE

Makers Empire

"I had a fun day at Riverdale Primary School. We got three votes each and we had to vote for the booths that we thought did well. We also had a card to collect stamps from each booth. It had 36 boxes on it and we had to get 18 boxes stamped to get a sticker. You had to ask a good question or give feedback to get a stamp. I got sixteen stamps. My project was the Melting Machine and I was in a group with Scarlett, Frank, Reggie, Alfie and Violet." - Elsie

"We went to Riverdale Primary for the showcase and even though we didn't win I still had fun." - Violet

"I enjoyed having a cookie from Subway and telling people about my designs at the Kids in Space Showcase." - Sofia



"We went to Riverdale Primary School to show our inventions. We got to move around and see all the inventions made by other schools. We had Subway for lunch." - Reggie



"I went to Riverdale Primary School and I liked the invention called Bob. It destroyed asteroids and saved astronauts." - Alfie

"When we went to the Kids in Space Showcase channel 10 News was there and interviewed us about our inventions. Lots of people came to our booth to see our creations, including some judges." - Ollie



"We went to Riverdale Primary School for the Kids in Space Showcase. We left to go at 7.40am. When we got there, we set up and then went to the welcome. Then we got to look at different stalls." - Paul



"I was really excited when I got to share my design with the judges! When we got to Riverdale Primary School, I went to set up the booth. After the winners were announced I was a little upset because we didn't win, but we're all winners for getting to go." - Scarlett

"For the Makers Empire showcase we went to Riverdale Primary and presented our designs. The best part was getting to go on 10 News with Millie. My design was the Super Space Wheat Carrier. When we heard the song 'Reach for the Stars' we had to go sit on the floor but we couldn't remember the song!" - Charlie W

"We left at 7.50 and arrived at 9.30am. We had recess and then set up our stall. At 10am a lady called all the schools in for a chat and then we started the showcase. The first person we saw was 10 News and they filmed us talking about our designs." - Millie

VISUAL ARTS

In Art we have been gel printing with Rachel Porter and we have been linoprinting with Rachel too. We have experimented with lots of different designs as well as textures. We also experimented by mixing ink colours when creating our prints. It was so much fun to see the different colours we could make and how it changed the look of our prints. On one of our Wednesdays we all worked together to make gel plates with Mrs Burford and have included the recipe in this weeks newsletter for us to try at home too. By Charlie F and Piper



"I drew a butterfly for my nature print. My free choice foam print was a rainbow and free choice lino print was a love heart inside of a love heart with a border around it. It turned out amazing and I have really enjoyed Art." Piper

"I liked when we got to experiment with all of the different colors, make our designs, and get to do the gel print with Rachel because with her help she gave me ideas and made it a lot easier." - Isaiah



"In Art we learnt about gel printing and lino printing with Rachel. My nature print was a bird and my free choice was Pikachu"- Alfie



"Last week for visual arts we could do our free design for lino print. I did butterflies on mine with a flower and sun. I liked the colours I used. I liked how my print turned out like, it was beautiful with the colours I used. It was fun mixing ink colours for lino printing. It was fun experimenting. It felt like I was actually an artist."—Sofia

"We made a design on paper then sketched it on a slab of rubber. We then used lino carving tools to carve out the rubber, after that we used a roller to spread on our print. The ink didn't go into the parts we carved out, so when we put it on paper and took it off it made a cool artwork." Ollie



"Last week we did our free design on our Lino print I felt exquisite about mine because it is really good." - Jy



"I liked how my flower lino print turned out. I enjoyed carving it because it was fun seeing the rubber peel off the design. I tried green, blue, red and lime green with my prints - Tyrone

"Last week we did our free design lino print. I felt great about mine because it looks really good. It was fun mixing colours. We made some cool colours to print with." - Paul



"It was so much fun mixing the colours and creating our own lino print. My design was a graffiti M with a lined background. I printed several times and my favourite one was one where one side was dark blue then it got lighter and lighter till it got white." - Millie



"When we were doing the Visual Arts with Mrs Burford we did gel printing, lino printing and foam printing. I really enjoyed the free choice design because we got to do whatever design we wanted." - Blake



"Art was fun because I got to draw pictures and carve them on rubber. We also put ink on them. I used red ink and my picture was of a seed from a swan bush" - Charlie F



"In Visual Arts we have been doing lino printing, gel printing and foam printing. Thanks to Rachel we could learn about all of these fun creative activities." - Matilda



Gel Printing Plates

Makes 2 x A4 Gel Printing Plates

⌚ 15 minutes

Paint or ink is applied to the gel plate, spread with a brayer (roller), and then a print is transferred to paper or fabric by pressing the paper or fabric against the painted plate.

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups glycerine
- 1 ½ cups boiling water
- 6 tablespoons gelatine



Method

1. In a saucepan mix glycerine with gelatine and stir well to combine.
2. Add boiling water, stirring over heat until the gelatine is dissolved.
3. Pour the mixture into a flat container.
4. Use a metal spoon to push the bubbles to the side of the container, then pop them with a skewer. Work quickly as it sets as soon as it cools.
5. Cover with a lid.
6. Gel plates don't take long to become firm.
7. Store at room temperature away from sunlight and heat, enjoy printing!

Note: Gel plates can be broken up and re-melted in the microwave or a saucepan. They can be melted down and remade if they crack or are damaged. Use a sieve to remove flakes of paint when re-pouring them.

SPANISH

On Wednesday, 11th June we had a visit from Senyora Clark. The R/1/2s explored 'Worry Dolls' that originated from Guatemala. Senyora Clark let them take a mini one home and they also got to make their own! The Year 3-6 students have been learning about Spanish speaking countries. We created Ojo De Dios (Eye of God) using popsticks and wool. We could choose to keep them or give them to our friends as they are supposed to be given to people to bring them luck. Even though they were challenging everyone created a beautiful pattern with theirs!

"In Spanish we made an eye of god Oja de dios and we made that with wool and popsicles. We had a fun time." - Xavier

"In Spanish we made an Ojo De dios and Eye of God which was hard but fun." - Paul

"At the start of the term Ingrid came to our school and we made Gallo Pinto and an Eye of God." - Braxton

"It was really fun creating our own Worry Dolls out of paper and pom poms." - Ned

"I liked making and gluing all the parts on the Worry Dolls" - Ted

"Senora Clark gave us all tiny a Worry Dolls to keep." - Zoey

"I loved seeing Senora Clark and doing Spanish with her in person." - Chris

"Worry Dolls come from Guatemala in South America." - Mackenzie

"In Spanish I liked learning about all the Spanish speaking countries, and I liked meeting Ingrid because she taught us how to make the Ojo De Dios and it was really fun." Isaiah

"In Spanish we made Ojo De Dios meaning Eye of God. We got told they could protect a child from evil sprits. When the child is born they would do one layer. When the child turned one their parents would do another layer, then when the child turns two they would add a third layer. Mine turned out good." Sofia

"In Spanish we learnt about Ojos De Dios which mean Eye of the God and in Spain they give them to someone which gives them luck. I chose to make mine pink for my Grandma." - Millie

"I found it challenging to make the Ojo De Dios. I used Port Power colours to give to one of my friends because he loves Port Adelaide." - Alfie

"I enjoyed making a Fremantle Ojo De Dios for Dad because it's his favorite football team. It was hard but I kept trying and Megan helped me." - Tyrone

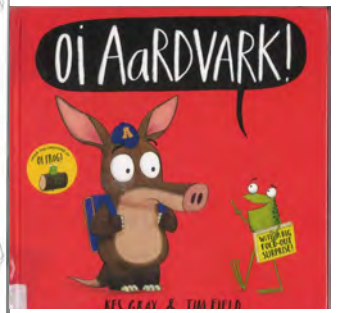
"The Ojo De Dios was fun to make because everytime I spun the string the pattern became more interesting and the end result was cool. I even had to help Mrs Burford!" - Frank



Poetry

With the R-4s

On Tuesdays this term we have been learning about poetry and working with the R/1/2 class on this. We read the book "Oi Aardvark" by Kes Gray which included rhymes about animals and objects. We had to choose an animal that began with the letter from our first name and rhyme it with an object. We found these rhymes very challenging but really enjoyed making our pages for the book. We are looking forward to putting this book in the library for people to borrow and read. Written by Scarlett



"Elka and I did "Snakes sit on cakes for the first letter of my name and Eagles sit on sewing needles for her name." Scarlett

"Chloie and I are working together. My page is about "Crocs looking at clocks" and Chloie's is about a "Kangaroo sitting on the loo" – Charlie F



SCIENCE

Glove Investigation



In Science we are doing a space glove investigation. We learnt that astronauts wear special gloves to protect their hands in space. Sometimes, these gloves can get damaged. It is important to fix them so astronauts can continue their work safely. In our investigation we are seeing which materials can stay airtight and waterproof in water for 30 seconds or more. There are two types of investigations we need to do. For the first investigation we put our glove in water for 30 seconds without moving it and for the second investigation in water we thread beads onto pipe cleaners while under the water. We have really enjoyed the investigation but also found it very challenging as it wasn't as easy to fix as we first thought!



"My first material was sticky tape that I used to try to fix the hole in my glove. It only stayed in water for 4 seconds before it began to leak. My next material was cloth tape and that also didn't last very long in the water." – Elsie

"I love Science because we got to try fix the space glove for the astronaut. I picked band-aids first but they didn't work because the water leaked into my glove and the band-aids floated off. My next material was rubber bands but there were too many holes for the water to get through." Logan



"I am trying to fix my space glove with super glue, duct tape and sticky tape. I predicted that the super glue would work the best but it didn't stick to the rubber glove properly. I tried duct tape and that worked well as long as I wrapped it well over the hole." - Charlie F


Snowtown School Community Library presents

CRAFT WITH CARLEY

- Decorate a wooden bookmark or keychain
- Lots of other craft activities

WEDNESDAY
18TH JULY
10AM - 12PM

FREE



Snowtown School Community Library presents

CRAFT WITH CARLEY

A fun and creative morning for kids!

- Decorate a bucket hat (12 places available, please book)
- Lots of other craft activities

WEDNESDAY
9TH JULY
10AM - 12PM

FREE



SNOWTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Snowtown Primary School
Community Library

Baby Bounce

A program fostering early literacy, social development and bonding through songs, music, rhymes and story books.

Storytime
Every second Wednesday of the school term at 10am.

Music

Rhyme

Term 3 Dates
23.07.2025
06.08.2025
20.08.2025
03.09.2025
17.09.2025

Snowtown School Community Library
31, Glen Davidson Drive
Snowtown



Snowtown School Community Library

Stained Glass Workshop

Birds of a Feather, Craft Together!

Join us at Snowtown Library for a chirpy glass workshop where you'll create your very own birdie masterpiece.

Pick Your Feathered Friend:

- ♥ SweetBlue Bird
- ♥ Charming Robin Redbreast
- 🦜 Cheeky Parrot

Make a plant buddy or a hanging piece—your choice.

Morning & arvo sessions available.
Fun, funky, and totally tweet!

8th July
 9:00 - 12:00pm
 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Visit the Snowtown School Community Library Facebook page or call (08) 8865 2006 to secure your ticket.





Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



Please join us for

‘The Big Read and Dress Up Parade’

Tuesday, 19th of August at
10.30am

Come dressed as a character from a book and join us for a light morning tea.

Children's Book Week®
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT SNOWTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED

TUESDAY 8TH JULY 9AM - 12PM & 1PM-4PM

Firstival event - Stained Glass Workshops - booking required

WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 10AM -12PM

Craft with Carley - Hat decorating. Booking required

WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 10AM - 12PM

Craft with Carley - Wood craft decorating



TUESDAY 15TH JULY 9AM

Firstival events - Booking required

Dale Chihuly inspired sculptures: 10am -12pm

Gel Plate Printing: 1pm-3pm



TERM 3 PLANNER

WK	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	21 PUPIL FREE DAY	22	23	24	25
2	28	29	30	31 Girls Football at Riverton	1 August
3	4	5	6 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival Balaklava	7	8 Basketball Backup
4	11	12 Governing Council	13	14	15
5	18 Book Week	19 The Big Read and Dress Up Parade 10.30am	20	21	22
6	25	26	27	28	29 SAPSASA Athletics Day in Clare
7	1 September	2	3 School Closure Day Adelaide Show	4	5 Athletics Day Backup
8	8	9	10	11 Year 3 / 4 Tennis Carnival in Clare	12 Year 5 / 6 Tennis Carnival in Clare
9	15	16	17	18	19 Athletics Adelaide
10	22	23	24 Year 6 Camp	25 Books for Life at Bute	26