

Auburn Primary News

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Term 1, Week 1, Friday 2/2/2018.

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| February Tuesday 1st | Premier's Reading Challenge begins. |
| February Monday 12th | Meet and Greet Evening 6.00 pm +Governing Council AGM |
| February Monday 19th | Book club online ordering due date. |
| February Tuesday 20th | Gardening & Cooking starts. |
| February Thursday 22nd | Aquatics Camp Upper Primary class Barmera |
| March Friday 2nd | Middle Primary hosting Assembly |
| March Monday 5th | Swimming R-5 at Riverton travelling by bus. |
| March Monday 12th | Adelaide Cup Public Holiday |
| March Monday 19th | Governing Council meeting 7:30pm. |
| March Wednesday 21st | Harmony Day Wear something orange. |
| March Friday 23rd | Ride to school day. Upper Primary host Assembly |
| April Tuesday 3rd | Way 2 Go Bike Education |
| March Tuesday 27th | Young Leaders Day in Adelaide Yr 6/7 |

Dear Families and Friends,

1) **Welcome to the 2018 school year.** I am looking forward to leading the school over the next two terms and have enjoyed getting to know the students, parents and staff this week. For those of you who don't know me I have 3 grown up boys, 2 grandchildren and a very helpful husband who loves his cricket. I've been teaching for over 40 years now—ouch! I am a golf tragic, enjoy bike riding and am passionate about recycling, healthy food choices, strong work ethics, internal self control and all children knowing they can be a successful learner. Please introduce yourselves to me if I haven't met you yet. I am asking question after question to make sure I understand why things are being done and how. Please be brave enough to come and talk to me if there are things you don't understand. I appreciate all cards face up with honest and clear communication. To be understood is one of the most powerful motivators to taking on challenges.



MISS PUDNEY & MRS GRACE WITH OUR NEW RECEPTION STUDENTS
 LOLA, KY, VIOLET & TIANAH.

- 2) **Neil White our new Educational Director** called in to meet the staff/students and to see the school on Tuesday. He will be working from the Gawler office. Neil will be attending the AGM to speak about the ongoing principal's position.
- 3) **We welcome Burra and Booborowie** who have joined our Partnership of schools this year as part of a realignment.
- 4) **School Card** - School Card eligibility rates have changed this year, if you were not eligible before you may be now. To apply for School Card or to check your eligibility go to www.sa.gov.au. Alternatively you can come into the school and collect an application form.



5) **Attendance** - I have reviewed the attendance figures for 2017 and would like to work closely with any families who need support to get your child/ren to school every day. Our teachers work hard to fit in all the learning areas and special activities to make learning fun and interesting. Not having your child here means that they are missing out on learning. Please come and talk to me if you have any concerns or need ideas to support your child.

6) **The Attendance guidelines** are included in the pack sent home for your information. Governing Council will check the changes for approval at our first meeting.

7) **The Behaviour Code** is also included and is a modified version which will be displayed in the learning areas to help with consistency across all year levels. The Upper Primary students helped edit it. The full version is available in the Front Office if you wish to read it all.

8) **Monday February the 12th will be the Meet and Greet** evening with a barbecue and salads tea followed by the AGM. We will send out a note with a reply slip.

9) **Can we ask for a few volunteers** to come in to school to make up the salads any time during the day and a couple to cook the barbecue at 5.30 ready for 6.00.

10) **Safe Departure points from school.** Please collect your children from King William Street gates, Port Road gate or the St Vincent Street gate near the JP room.

11) **Recess and Lunch trials.** We are trialling some changes which have been suggested by other schools and will review in week 5.

1. Recess: The students will go out to play and then eat at the end of recess.
 2. Lunch: The students will all sit together to eat outside (unless inclement weather).
 3. We will be working on reducing the rubbish accumulated in the school by having 'Nude Food' days.
 4. I have asked that the drinks are not available to order on Fridays. Please use as an after school treat instead.
- Thank You

12) **Swimming in week 6.** We are negotiating times with Paul Sugrue who is in charge of the swimming at Riverton this year. There will be some changes to the traditional afternoon only lessons due to the instructors having to travel back to Tanunda after our sessions. We plan to leave school at approximately 10.00am and return at approximately 1.30 pm. Definite times will be communicated later.

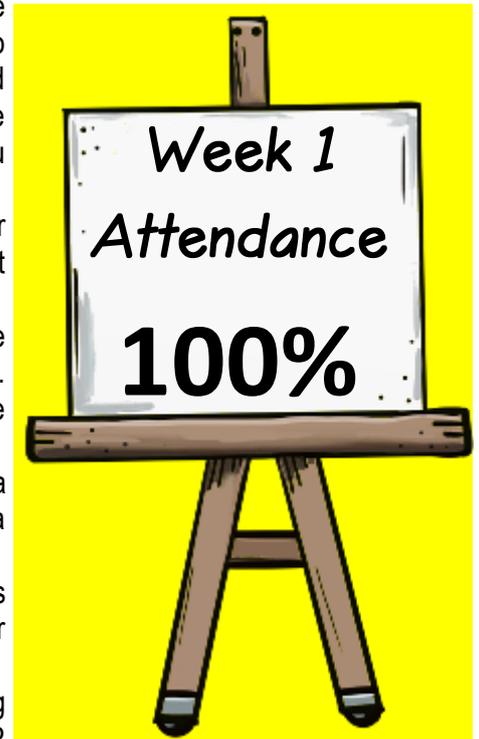
13) **Stephanie Alexander Cooking and Gardening Program** will begin in week 4. At our planning session in week 0 with Phil we discussed the Markets and produce sales. As a staff we decided to try just having produce for sale during the term as it is available. We will have a market and advertise it if we have ample produce to sell. So the markets 3 times a term will not be happening for now. We may have one at the end of term. The Gourmet Market will be our focus for markets and we will see how we go.

14) **Scholastic Book Club** - Is it sustainable for our school? **Yes** - if the Brochures are sent home to families when they arrive at school and families order online by the due date. #1 due date is the 19th of February (but the sooner the better). There are some great offers available but it is totally up to families to order or not.

15) **Young Leaders Day for Year 6/7 students** - Halogen Young Leaders day is on the 27th of March in Adelaide. It is a forum with 4 inspirational speakers. The cost is \$55 for students and \$35 for adults. I would like to encourage parents to attend with their child if you are interested. The school will subsidise the cost for the students but the adults will need to pay. Transport could be drive to Gawler and catch a train to the city. For those children not used to the city it is an ideal opportunity to go with a supportive group. The URL to check out the event is:

<https://www.halogen.org.au/shop-event.php?intid=669>

*Kind Regards,
Heather Grace*



MUSIC LESSONS 2018

Enrolments are now being taken by Pauline Garrard for piano, keyboard and singing lessons in 2018. Please call 88430038 or 0417867142 as soon as possible (preferably before the end of term) to ensure your place. Thank you Pauline Garrard

