

# Auburn Primary School



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## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

#### Week 2

Tues 8 Parent 'Meet & Greet' (SeeSaw)

#### Week 3 **Newsletter**

Fri 18 Playcentre STARTS

#### Week 4

Tues 22 Governing Council AGM and meeting (Webex, 6.30pm)

### MARCH

#### Week 5

Fri 04 R-2 Assembly

#### Week 6 **Newsletter**

Mon 07 Premier's Reading Challenge STARTS

#### Week 7

Mon 14 **Adelaide Cup Public Holiday**

Tues 15 School Photos - TBC

Thurs 17 **Pupil Free Day**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Briony Ackland

Welcome back. There's nothing like a staged return to school to keep us on our toes and kick start what will be sure to be another year full of surprises!

For us, the return to school has been a smooth one. We are very grateful to the support of our families and community who have allowed us, at last minute, the time and space to respond calmly and thoroughly to new directions and focus on our students and their needs.

Finding new ways to connect as a whole school - Day 1 Webex meeting!



Whilst you would never know it just from a quick glance around the room or yard, we welcomed 6 new Receptions to our school this year. They have settled quickly and appear to have been here much, much longer than just a few days! Among other things, they have "loved playing with new friends" (Halle) and are excited to be "learning new sounds already!" (Archie). Along with new students in Years 1 and 4, we warmly welcome the Taljaard, Edwards & Simic families to our school community - we trust you love it as much as we do.

On the teaching front, we are excited to welcome Kasey Jenner back as the Y2/3 teacher on Monday and Tuesday, allowing

us to provide intensive literacy and numeracy instruction at the start of each week for targeted, small groups. In the kitchen, we welcome Sally Holmes. Sally brings a wonderful enthusiasm for sustainability and all things kitchen and garden - she truly does walk the walk and we are excited for the new learning she injects into the program.

At the same time, we have managed to juggle the transformation of our after-school Kids' Club to a formal OSHC service. We welcome Director, Glenys McDonnell, who has worked tirelessly to get us up and running. We are excited to work in partnership with Watervale PS to develop a valuable community resource including vacation care beginning Term 1 holidays. Be sure to spread the word as children do not need to be enrolled at APS to attend.

We were also thrilled this week to find we have been nominated as a finalist in the State Landcare Awards for our ongoing commitment to environmental action, such as Clean Up Australia Day, community tree planting with Landcare, and our kitchen-garden program. We eagerly await the presentation ceremony on March, 31 (online event details to come soon).

Exciting times ahead for us. We look forward to another great year, and only hope that we are able to have you all part of it in one way or another!

Kind regards,

Bri

03 February, 2022

WEEK 1 - TERM 1

KEEP CALM AND TEACH ON



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## SWIMMING LESSONS - POSTPONED

Sadly, due to the staged return to school and restrictions on excursions and events until after Week 4, our swimming lessons planned for Week 2 have been postponed. We are busy trying to reschedule these and will provide more detail as it becomes available.

## PLAYCENTRE RESUMES WEEK 3

Our Playcentre community continues to grow with several new enquiries over the holidays. We very much look forward to welcoming our little friends back on site next week (Friday, 18 February) and planning opportunities to have them involved in our school 'happenings' throughout the year.

## WEBSITE UPGRADES

With more and more new families moving to the area, we have slowly been making upgrades to our website to ensure it adequately reflects our school and all that we have to offer. While much of the new text is yet to be uploaded (fingers crossed for this week), last week we received new images and a short video clip to promote our school. The website will also eventually include a virtual tour and enable parents to link to our learning management system (FROG) to access governing council bits and pieces and student work portfolios, to name a few features. For a quick sneak peak of the beginnings of our video, see below:

<https://vimeo.com/665869458/053697e994>

## END-OF-YEAR EVENTS 2021

2021 culminated in our school concert and end-of-year assembly. And what stellar performances we had! We were thrilled to be able to once again invite community members to join us - there is no doubt that having extended family and friends in the audience gives the students an added sense of excitement and pride as they perform. I was also very humbled by the Rowan Ramsey MP School Community Award, and a little speechless - thank you. *See collage page for photos.*

## SITE DEVELOPMENTS 2022

Acknowledging that some of our processes need to adapt with the times and that both our Parent Information Night and AGM will be in different formats online this year, we wanted to share some of our improvement priorities for 2022. This also enables us to communicate with our broader community and keep them abreast of site developments.

In relation to our core business of teaching and learning, building on the success of the last 3 years, we will continue with a focus on improved reading and writing outcomes for our students. With targeted, differentiated teaching we have made some great gains. Our student results are fantastic and we are excited to continue this work. This year, we will be focusing on:

1. Reading - engaging students in deeper reading of texts, to develop their vocabulary and skills to infer meaning; and to enhance the depth of their talk about texts.
2. Writing - providing students targeted feedback in relation to specific and complex vocabulary, and sentence structure, to further enhance the quality of their written texts.

COVID pending, we hope to continue our Parents in Partnership program to provide information and hands-on workshops in literacy and numeracy, to work together to assist you to support your child with their individual learning goals at home.

Outside the classroom in our beautiful grounds, the ball is rolling on the next phase of the Jungle development and importantly, installation of the outdoor stage (as a result of the voice of our Kids' Council), reinstatement of the sandpit (removed for the fantastic new playground resurfacing last year) and a new sensory swing, among other features. We will continue to develop the road safety of our school, including installing new school signs; and landscaping of the oval perimeter (which was sadly decimated last year as a result of a tree audit).

As you can see, there is a lot happening in 2022. Keep an eye out for ongoing news as there will always be little opportunities to lend a helping hand!





Auburn OSHC is open!



Welcome to Auburn OSHC. Week 1 was all about getting to know our routines, interacting with our peers and sharing our ideas. At OSHC we create a fun, happy, learning environment where children learn life skills, social interaction and problem solving.



Auburn After School Care  
3:15-6:00  
Permanent booking: \$28  
Casual Bookings: \$30  
Vacation Care at Watervale School: 7:15-6:00 - Cost will vary depending on Activities.



Hi I'm Glenys, I have been working in the early childhood industry for just over 10years. I was previously working at the Clare Valley Childrens Centre. I'm looking forward to getting to know your children and the Auburn community. If you have an enquires please contact me.  
Email:  
glenys.mcdonnell269@schools.sa.edu.au



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Are you looking for an after-school activity for your child in Term 1?



# TENNIS IS ON!

This term, we are excited to have the Auburn Tennis Club providing after school tennis on our court, once a week, for all to enjoy! It starts straight after the end-of-day bell on Thursdays, 3.15pm - 4pm, and is available to anyone (you do not have to play tennis on weekends or be part of the tennis club to join in). Every fortnight, a professional coach will take the session - this session is still open to anyone but will cost \$5 per player (greatly reduced for pro-coaching, thanks to part-subsidization by the Auburn Tennis Club and sponsors). The term schedule is as follows:

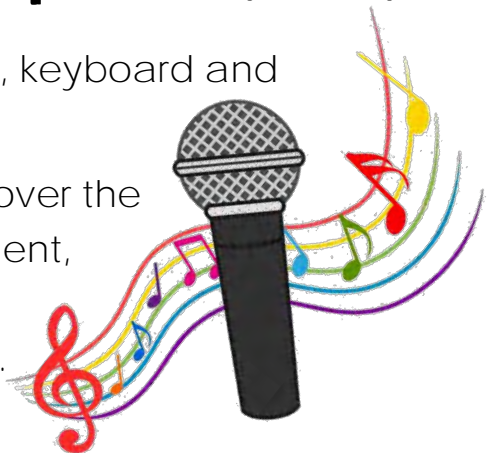
Term 1 Tennis @ Auburn PS court THURSDAYS, 3.15pm - 4pm			
Week	Date	Session	Cost
1	03/02/2022	General tennis fun with Lisa	Free
2	10/02/2022	Pro-coaching with Grant	\$5/player
3	17/02/2022	General	Free
4	24/02/2022	Pro-coaching	\$5/player
5	03/03/2022	General	Free
6	10/03/2022	Pro-coaching	\$5/player

# PIANO, KEYBOARD & SINGING

Enrolments are now being taken for piano, keyboard and singing lessons in 2022!

These have become increasingly popular over the past few years, so to avoid disappointment, please contact Pauline Garrard as soon as possible to ensure your place.

PH: 8843 0038 OR 0417 867 142





# 2021 CONCERT



**FAIRNESS**

**RESPECT**

**EXCELLENCE**

**SAFETY**

**HAPPINESS**



# End-of-year celebrations



# Final Assembly 2021

Music concert, graduates farewell and presentations





# AUBURN PLAYCENTRE

## Diary Dates

We're back soon  
and can't wait to see you!  
Playcentre starts Friday, 18 February  
(Week 3)

We have grown in numbers at Auburn Playcentre this year and welcomed lots of new families. Our family culture and connection is very welcoming. Playcentre is not just for children, it's a place where parents and caregivers can come together and interact with others over a nice cup of tea or coffee. I look forward to seeing old and new smiles on Friday mornings, 9-11am.

Come and have some Friday fun, Bec x



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or Auburn Primary School on



## PASTORAL CARE WORKER POSITION

### Auburn Primary School



#### Schools Ministry Group

together with  
Greater Clare Valley School Chaplaincy Support Group  
are seeking applications for a Pastoral Care Worker

Working Hours: 10.5 hours per week  
Commencing: Term 2 of 2022  
Job Description: [www.smg.asn.au/work-with-us](http://www.smg.asn.au/work-with-us)  
Apply By: 22nd February 2022



For more information, visit our website at [smg.asn.au](http://smg.asn.au) or  
call Ardys Bartley on Mon: 0499 039 359

## APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications  
are now online.

## Give life. Give blood in Clare.

The Valleys Lifestyle Centre  
8 February to 11 February



Tuesday 8 February	12:00pm	7:00pm
Wednesday 9 February	10:00am	7:00pm
Thursday 10 February	10:00am	7:00pm
Friday 11 February	7:30am	1:30pm

give blood

## MINMAN EAGLES WOMEN'S AFL SEASON 2022

U11, U14 & U17  
First training, information &  
registration  
8th Feb, 5.30 pm  
at Mintaro Oval  
All Welcome.

CONTACT BRETT SMITH  
ON 0456 778 451

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Stanley CA Strikers Girls Cricket League  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March - 4pm-7pm

**CLARE HIGH SCHOOL**  
16 and under - No experience necessary and all equipment provided!  
Register before Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 5pm to receive a FREE Strikers Helmet

Visit [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au) and search 5453 to find a club & register  
Drew McDonald - [dmcdonald@saca.com.au](mailto:dmcdonald@saca.com.au) or 0447183227

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