

Auburn Primary School



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DIARY DATES

MARCH

Week 6	SWIMMING WEEK
Mon 07	Premier's Reading Challenge STARTS
Week 7	
Mon 14	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Wed 16	Summer Hub (tennis, cricket, softball)
Thurs 17	Pupil Free Day
Week 8	
Tues 22	Taikoz music performance, Governing Council (6.30pm, Library)
Thurs 24	NAPLAN practice test
Fri 25	Ride to School Day, Y3-6 Assembly
Week 9	Newsletter Week
Thurs 31	Landcare Awards

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Briony Ackland

School life continues to be active and exciting as we got wet and wild in the swimming pool this week! The morning thermometer was perhaps not as high as we would have liked, but students nevertheless enjoyed the chance to develop swimming and lifesaving skills. We are especially grateful for Karen Meaney and her team who worked tirelessly to ensure we were able to squeeze lessons in before the outdoor swimming season at the Valleys finished.

The SAKG program at our school continues to evolve and under the auspices of local, Sal Holmes, 2022 is off to a flyer! Aligning with the work students are doing with Mrs Rusca in Health, learning opportunities to support a healthy mind and body have been at the forefront of the kitchen program. You may have already seen the announcement on Facebook about our Mobile Market to promote a diet of clean, nude foods and encourage our community to be creative with fresh, seasonal and local produce. In addition to this initiative, we have started our *Mystery Masterchef* drive - see the attached story for details!

And finally, in the COVID space, we continue to feel incredibly supported by our community and very much look forward to the release of further directions for the return to greater normality at the end of Week 8. *Watch this space!*

Until then, be safe, enjoy a long weekend!

Bri

10 March, 2022
WEEK 6 - TERM 1

PUPIL FREE DAY - THURSDAY 17/3

A friendly reminder that **next Thursday** is a Pupil Free Day, to allow staff to engage with literacy training, *Learning English: Achievement and Proficiency*. We will participate in training to enhance our capacity to differentiate teaching and learning programs to target individual needs. **Our new OSHC service will be available on this day, from 8.30-6.00pm - if you haven't already, please contact the school immediately to make a booking.**

NEW STUDENTS

We must apologise for omitting a photo of our new school students before now. We have warmly welcomed new friends and look forward to the school growing even further with more arriving over coming weeks. It is fantastic to see our school growing and our community embracing new families to the school.



Value of the Week





THANKYOU TEAM!

Thankyou to those who were able to make it to the Saturday busy bee, or pitched in with a few jobs to help tidy the court space at a time of their convenience. Many hands truly do make light work, and with new school signage, and nets and pole protectors to come over the next Semester, we are thrilled to have reinvigorated this space for our school and community's use. Also, a belated thankyou to Robbie Macdonald who has given our playground pencils a tidy up, sanding and repainting them - they look as good as new! To Mel and Kent Wewzow, for their kind donation of plants to begin filling in our new water soakage garden beds around the playground. And to Heidi Linckers, for replanting the entire back side of the tennis court on her weekend. So many examples of a community that support our school in any way they can! We are truly grateful.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

At the AGM in Week 4, I had the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report for year ending 31 December 2021. While upon acceptance by the Governing Council this report is posted online on our website, I'm not convinced many people access it there for some light reading! 😊 And so, unless you are able to attend the AGM, there are many big and worthy achievements that can be easily missed. *For example, did you know that 100% of our Year 3, 5 and 7 students participating in NAPLAN achieved above National Minimum Standard and Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) in ALL areas tested. And, as a result of our tireless focus on improving reading outcomes of our students, 67% achieved (excelled!) in National High Bands!* These results need to be celebrated and shared, far and wide. To assist with this, attached to the newsletter you will find an infographic summary of our achievements in 2021 for your reference. About the size of a bookmark, it summarises key results, achievements and developments of 2021 - we would love for it to be a topic of discussion and celebration, providing some great talking points for our school and wider community. Together we are achieving great things - let's talk about it, share and celebrate it! #smallbutmighty

THANKYOU, HOSPITAL SCHOOL SA!

We were absolutely delighted to receive a special package of books from the Hospital School SA. In contacting the school to pass on our personal thanks, we discovered that the Hospital School had been the beneficiary of over 600 books, donated by a gentleman who owned a publishing company and whose child the Hospital School had cared for. And this kindness, was passed on to us via this donation. There are some wonderful people going above and beyond to do wonderful things for others. Inspiring!

TALKING ABOUT CURRENT AFFAIRS

Right, curious minds are our future, but with curiosity, comes questions...and sometimes lots of them! Right now, you may be fielding

questions from your child about some of the more disheartening, frightening and often incomprehensible events of our world, such as those in Ukraine. Last week, we sent home a link via SeeSaw to some key points from a bigger article by Dr Aliza Pressman or Raising Good Humans podcast, to support you to talk to and respond to your child should they raise concern or questions

about the current hostilities between Russia and Ukraine. And as always, please don't hesitate to be in touch if you need further support.





PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP SURVEY

As you will be aware, we were very fortunate to have been successful with our application for funding to support and further develop our *Parents in Partnership* initiatives in 2022. The voice of our students, parents and community are highly valued and key to our partnership and the outcomes we can achieve with our students. Next week, you will receive an online survey seeking your suggestions and an early indication for parent information sessions and workshops that we hope to provide our school and broader community as part of this partnership. With a key focus on developing our capacity as a community to support the ongoing, positive education of our children, we have a broad range of sessions in the pipeline and are keen for your input before putting a schedule for the rest of the year together. *Keep an eye out for the survey link via email and let us know your thoughts! What can we do together to make Auburn and our school the most supportive and progressive educational community we can be?*

MYSTERY MASTERCHEF!

Our first *Mystery Masterchef* bags went home in Week 4. Another strategy to ensure we are minimising our waste (both garden and plastic!), promoting healthy home-made recess and snacks, and making the most of the 'fruits' of our weekly labour with fresh produce from the garden, a portion of a focus fruit/vegetable along with a target recipe is provided to every family in a calico bag (of course, reusable to fit with the Sustainability theme!). In Week 4, it was a 500g piece of zucchini and a recipe for Zucchini Chocolate Cake (you guessed it, that required precisely 500g of zucchini!). Thanks to the Wewzow girls for sharing a picture of their cake - "It was delicious!! Very moist! It makes a big cake though! Kids have it in their lunch box today. I chopped it into pieces and put



half in freezer half in fridge and it will do lunchbox snacks for the next two weeks!" We look forward to monitoring the plastic waste in our 'black' bin, and the range of homemade snacks in our lunchboxes!

RIDE TO SCHOOL

Promoting happy and healthy minds and bodies, we are excited to host a **Ride to School Day on Friday, 25 March (Week 8)**. Supported by the Kids' Council, we invite you to join us at the Auburn park at 8.30am and ride to school together. **We extend the invitation to our Playcentre friends who can 'ride' in their pushers with us to school, too.** Upon our arrival at school, the Kids' Council will serve a healthy and nutritious 'picnic' breakfast to enjoy in the sunshine on the oval. What a way to start the day! **Please be sure to let us know at the Front Office, by SeeSaw or by SMS if you will be joining us so we can make sure we have enough food for all the hungry bellies after the morning ride!**

**NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY**
Friday 25 March 2022

Join us at Auburn Centenary Park **at 8.30am**.
We will ride/walk to school together **at 8.40am**
for a delicious 'picnic' breakfast on the oval.
See you there!

Upper Primary News

Here we are already in Week 6. We are doing swimming lessons at the Clare Pool. It has been really cold, but the water is warmish and we are still having fun. Some of the things we



have learnt so far are survival strokes, how to curl our body into a ball to keep warm if we fall off a boat and how to do a safety jump. We found out that it is really hard to put a life jacket on in the water. We also found out that it is a law that everyone must wear one if they are in a boat.

In Science we have been learning about classification of living creatures. Mrs Prince showed us this picture.



We had to look at the features of this creature and try to work out what classification it belongs to. Some of the things we noticed were; things that looked like wings, it was transparent, had a long tail, wet, soft body and big eyes. We thought it might be a mollusc or a fish. What do you think it is? We will give you the answer in the next newsletter.



I like going on the bus because the seats are soft and comfy. - Elsie

I have been liking getting into the pool because I feel really relaxed. - Eloise



Swimming is my favourite. - Daniel



R-3 SWIMMING LESSONS



I like diving underwater with my shark goggles. - Amelia



I like jumping into the pool and you go deep underwater. - Brooklyn



I like jumping in like a pin drop (jumping like a tight soldier). - Thomas



I like swimming in the pool because it is super fun. - Abby



PIC-COLLAGE



PLAYCENTRE IS BACK!



Welcome back to all our Playcentre families. We had a lovely morning in the Auburn Park last Friday exploring the amazing new playground equipment.

Auburn Playcentre provides a sense of belonging and connection. Our Playcentre reflects our local community and the families that attend.



At Playcentre we focus on learning and help families to see the learning that happens through everyday play.

I look forward to seeing old and new smiles Fridays from 9-11am. Bec x



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Auburn OSHC

Meet the Educators

Hi Auburn Primary families,

My name is Jemma Lambert and I will be working in Auburn's OSHC on Wednesdays and Fridays.

I am currently in my final year of University, studying a Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours).

I live in Auburn with my family and I am so very excited to be back at this wonderful school, having completed my primary education here.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all!



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SA Ambulance Service volunteers needed at Riverton



The SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) Riverton team and surrounding areas are looking for new volunteers.

Did you know that your local ambulance station is solely staffed by volunteers? SAAS Clare Ambulance volunteers (L-r): Daryl and Deb Dunlop. With more ambulance volunteers needed it's the perfect way for you to give back to your community, while gaining life-saving skills you can use in your everyday life.

Riverton husband and wife volunteer duo Daryl and Deb both had similar motivations for joining up; they wanted to help their community and they now have each acquired a variety of new skills.

Daryl says, "through my involvement with SAAS as a volunteer I have been able to deal with a wide range of issues in a more controlled way. I now have the knowledge and skills to help people in their time of need". Daryl says that on a personal level he has developed a higher level of personal self-esteem, developed his person-to-person communications, and made new friends that he can rely on.

Deb echoes Daryl's sentiment and says, "the Riverton team is great to be in, as we try to understand each other's opinion, listen to each other and work together. Volunteering has taught me not to judge people too quickly, as you never know what their situation may be".

No prior medical knowledge is required, and no experience is needed. In fact, SAAS will provide all the necessary training totally free of charge, and at the end of your training you'll walk away with a nationally accredited Certificate IV in Health Care.

Whether you work full-time, are a student or retired, volunteering with SAAS can help you broaden your skillset, meet like-minded community members and make new friends. With flexible rosters that can work around your lifestyle, you don't always need to be at the ambulance station when on-call. There's no better time to take control in an emergency, to help save lives.

Interested? Call Regional Team Leader, Lloyd Tonkin on 0417 843 515 or the Volunteer Support unit on 8150 3460 (Monday to Friday, 830am to 4.30pm). Or apply through the SAAS website: www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or email SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au

See what we get up to on Facebook @SAAmbulanceService or Instagram @sa_ambulanceservice.



Parklands, Virgo Tce
BALAKLAVA MARKET
SUNDAY 27th MARCH
9.00 am - 2.00pm

ALL WELCOME!!
FAMILY FRIENDLY MORNING IN THE PARK

- *variety of market stalls
- *lions donuts and sausage sizzle
- *visit the community garden

WATERLOO COMMUNITY GARDEN

PIC+COLLAGE

FEMALE FOOTBALL

U11 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD INFORMATION

The Northern Plains Female Football Competition is starting at the end of February 2022 for a 6-week season

Age groups – U11 (7-11) Development Squad, U14 & U17

U11 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The U11 Development Squad is from 9-10am with a Skill Development Session and Match Play

Dates & Venues:

27 th February	Clare Oval
6 th March	Two Wells
20 th March	Snowtown
27 th March	Hamley Bridge
3 rd April	Balaklava
10 th April	Mintaro

Follow link to Register:
<https://www.playho.com.au/register/880754>

Contact: Katie 0411404052 for any queries

FREE

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROAD RUNNERS CLUB

Kids Fun Run

as part of the Clare Valley Running Festival

Sunday 3 April 2022

(Reception to Year 6)
Start from 10.30am
AT CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

REGISTER ON THE DAY

All participants receive a Finishers Certificate and "Colour it yourself" runners bib

Sponsored by Sportspower Clare
Further details: <https://sarrc.org.au/>