



Government
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Department for Education

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 1

Tuesday 28/1

8.30am Welcome Back!

Week 2

Thursday 6/2

2pm Service Provider introduction

Week 3

Tuesday 11/2

9am Assembly in the Hall, all welcome

6pm Acquaintance Night

7pm AGM of the Governing Council

Week 5

Tuesday 25/2

School Photos

Week 6

Tuesday 3/3

9am Assembly in the hall, all welcome

10am Principal's Tour

Week 7

Monday 9/3

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Week 8

Friday 20/3—Sports Day

Newsletter

A Community of Successful Learners

Term 1 — Week 1—2020

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Welcome back to all our students and their families. We have welcomed several new families to our community over the holidays and I know that they will be made to feel welcome. We also have new staff members joining our team this year. Naomi Smyth joins our early years team as a Coordinator of Early Years education. Naomi will be in a dual role as a teacher and as a member of the leadership team. Michael Draper joins our year 6/7 teaching team and Cass Neller joins our 5/6 teaching team. Ellen Steele returns to our staff and will be team teaching in the year 3/4 team with Katie Wright. We welcome two new support staff, Kylie Ware and Kylie Kleingeld who will be supporting student with complex challenges. We are currently advertising for a Deputy Principal. Steve's short term contract has now completed and he will be returning to his role as school drama teacher. I extend my thanks to Steve for his support over the last 18 months and am grateful to be able to continue working alongside him.

Over the holiday period we have been busy maintaining our facilities. One piece of work that is almost complete is the upgrade to our 'big kids' playground on the left hand side of the oval. We have installed a retaining wall to assist with the distribution of soft fall and ensure student safety. This will be re-opened shortly.

Our whole school community communication method is the SeeSaw app. We are currently in the process of updating classes and invites will be sent to parents by letter during week 2. SeeSaw allows you to communicate directly with class teachers and also provides a forum for sharing the learning that is taking place within the classroom. Our school website hold a wealth of information relating to our school and our Facebook page provides insights into learning and reminders about school events.

In week 3, Tuesday 11th February, we invite you to join us for Acquaintance Night, Family BBQ and our school AGM. This is an opportunity for you to meet the staff in an informal setting and for your child to show you around the school. More information regarding this night will come home shortly.

Sports Day is on Friday 20th March (depending on weather). This is a family friendly event and I encourage you all to attend. We will be having some new events this year, including a pre-school race and an old scholars race. Lunch will be catered by the Mount Barker RSL and we will have a mobile coffee van which will provide hot drinks to parents. It's a long day and you will need coffee!

I look forward to catching up with you as the school year begins,

Kind regards, Jo Simpson

Principal: Jo Simpson

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Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool

Bushfires and Your Child's School or Preschool—A Guide for Families

Parents are encouraged to access a brochure which provides important information about what our schools/ preschools will do on a catastrophic fire day or in the event of a fire.

Bushfires can occur at any time during summer. It's important that our families understand our Site Emergency Plan are prepared and have a plan in place for their family when these situations arise.

If there is a bushfire emergency while children are onsite we will keep them safe until the danger has cleared even if this is outside of normal school hours.

For a copy of the brochure visit www.decd.sa.gov.au and search 'bushfire brochure'.



The school's Emergency Management Plan can be viewed on the school's website or you may request a copy by calling the school office.

BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE

At this stage we are not aware of any families that have been directly impacted by the Adelaide Hills bushfires. Please inform the office if you have been impacted by this tragedy, either directly or indirectly.

For children these sorts of unexplained events can cause lots of unanswered questions, unrest and sometimes anxiety. As a school we will be discussing the events and offering support to those who need it. Your class teacher will inform you if your child discloses any worries or concerns relating to these events. The Department for Education is providing resources to help education staff support students. We will continue to rehearse our Emergency Management Plan and reassure students that they are safe in our care.

At our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 11th February we will be hosting an Art Show. We are inviting every student from our school to create a piece of art including a native animal in their habitat, this will be done during art lessons at school. We will display the creations in the hall and ask parents to come along, view the Art Show and make a donation to purchase their child's art work. All donations from the Art Show and the Community BBQ will be donated to the Wildlife Recovery Fund. Details can be found at : <https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/kangarooisland/news/>. We look forward to seeing you there.

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