



Government  
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Department for Education

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Week 1, 2021

First day back Wednesday 27th  
January

# Newsletter

*A Community of Successful Learners*

*End of Year Newsletter*

## Happy holidays

I hope this final newsletter finds you just starting to relax after the busy last few days of term. We certainly had an exciting few days here. We felt so lucky to be able to farewell our year 7 cohort at their graduation on Wednesday and send them off for a fun day out to Murray Bridge pool on the Thursday. Meet the teachers occurred during the last week giving our students the chance to meet their new teachers and to share with them information about themselves. It was great to see how comfortable the students felt during the shift and we were delighted to welcome the new families of students in years 1-7 to our school on that afternoon too.

At our final assembly on Friday we celebrated and farewelled Mrs Neller, Miss Katie, Miss White, Mrs Kluge and Mr Alan as they start their new adventures in 2021. We thank them for their contributions for the year. We welcome back Mr Blakemore who will be joining our 6/7 team and Miss Sarah who will be joining the year 6/7 team and team teaching with Mrs Schapel on a Thursday and Friday.

We are very fortunate to have a supportive school community and we thank you for the support and understanding you have shown us during this complex and unpredictable year. Any updates to restrictions or school protocols will be provided to parents via an update from me in week 0.

I hope you enjoy a wonderful break with your families and look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.



Celebration of our year 6 school leavers—Sophie, Matilda, MARRAKAI and Georgia (absent Kaynen). Good luck at your new schools.

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# Awards



**Congratulations to :**  
**Sasha, Ella, Emma, Payge,**  
**Hayley, Ben, Jack & Will**

**Premier's Reading Challenge**  
**Hall of Fame Reader for Life**  
**Certificate winners.**



**Congratulations to :**  
**Tyson, Jaxon, Jack and Zali** for  
being awarded medals in  
recognition of their achieve-  
ment in the Maths Olympiad  
program  
Well done to all those who  
participated.

## Summer time

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.

Visit [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au) and search 'bushfire brochure' for more information on keeping safe.

Our site Bushfire Plan is available on our website [mtbarkerps.sa.edu.au](http://mtbarkerps.sa.edu.au) under Parent Information, Policies.



**DECD**  
**Emergency**  
**Information**  
**Hotline**

**1800 000 279**

# *Remembered with Fondness*

As a school community we celebrate the life of  
Samuel Michael Scott (room 14)



13/02/2015 – 20/10/2020

Not all heroes wear capes....but this one often did.

We will remember Samuel's cheeky grin, his creative  
flair, and his inspiring courage.

Our school community will remember  
Samuel with fondness.



## Sports Sports Sports



Emma and Lily played in the Barker Netball team and Jack and Jaxon played for the boys Softball team.

**Well Done!**

## School Fees 2021

Thank you to those families that returned the polling information for our school fees for 2021. 46 families voted in favour of the fees set by Governing Council and 9 families were against.

The invoices for Materials and Services will be sent home during the first half of term 1, 2021 and are set at \$280.00 for the year. Excursions, incursions and camps will be at invoiced separately and are in addition to the school fees. If you are eligible for School Card contributions you will need to apply annually. This can be done in the new year at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

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