



Term 1 Week 1-5 ~ 6th March 2022

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Welcome to our new reception students for 2022



Important Dates

MARCH

10th - Lacrosse Yr 4-6
PCC AGM 7:30pm

14th - **Adelaide Cup**
Public Holiday

15th - Governing Council
AGM 7Pm

16th - SAPSASA Summer Hub
at Clare

17th - Lacrosse Yr 4-6

18th - Clean Up Aus. Day

24th - Lacrosse Yr 4-6

- Naplan Online Practice
Test 11am

25th - Ride to School Day

28th - SAPSASA Swimming at
Clare

31st - Lacrosse - Yr 4-6

APRIL

4th - Proposed SFD

7th - SAPSASA Girls Football

12th - Road Xing Training

14th Last day of Term 1

15th - **Good Friday**

Online Community Assemblies -
Wk 6, 8, 10 - Fill out Skoolbag Eform
to have the link sent to you.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



From the Principal

What a start we have had to the 2022 school year. In many ways it is hard to believe that it is already the start of Week 6. As this is our first newsletter for this year, I wanted to reflect upon the hybrid start to the year.

On Wednesday 2nd February we welcomed to school our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students from Ber 2 along with students who were not able to be adequately supervised at home due to parent commitments. The staggered start allowed for our youngest members of school to gain confidence moving around the school in what felt for them like a very safe and secure environment as there were a lot less students to contend with.

For the remainder of year 2 – 6 students, the journey of online learning began (again). This time round, staff had agreed to use Microsoft Teams and deliver several live lessons through the day. This gave students multiple opportunities to interact with their teacher and peers.

Online learning is a challenge at the best of times, however, starting the year with a brand new group of students and students with, in most cases, a new teacher is even more challenging. I am so very proud of the way that the staff, students and families embraced the challenge and made the most of every opportunity.

To support our students, we once again loaned ipads and internet dongles to students. These were collected at registration days, sent out via the School bus and home deliveries were made. By loaning devices we ensured each student had access to the technology required to log in from where ever they were learning.

After two weeks of the hybrid model, we were very excited to welcome ALL students back on Monday February 14th.



It has been fantastic to see classrooms full and the yard buzzing with excitement. Everyone has quickly settled into routine. Students have been interacting with peers, creating new friendships and working together to develop class expectations. These structures, routines and relationships are vital in setting up a successful year of learning.



We have welcomed 264 students into our classrooms this year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students, their families and new staff members Sophie Griffiths, Simone Garrard and Sandy Hodgetts. We look forward to continuing to get to know these new members of our BPS community.

Newsletter

Late last year, we farewelled Zac who had been our newsletter editor for the last two years. Diane and I took over the role of production which resulted in the newsletters being sent on different days depending on how many other commitments were taking place during newsletter week. Fast forward to the start of 2022, with the hybrid start, we haven't managed to get a newsletter out to you until now and for that we apologise. It hasn't been through lack of trying.

As of this week, we are very excited to welcome our new Editor, Alicia. Alicia has worked hard getting to know the program we use and gathering 5 weeks of information to ensure we could send out our first newsletter for 2022. We know you have been eagerly awaiting this moment.

From Week 7, newsletters will be distributed Thursday of odd school weeks. You will receive your newsletter via Skoolbag unless you have previously requested a hard copy. If you would like to change your newsletter preference, please email the school: dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au with your updated request.

Term Planner

Included in this newsletter is the current term planner. At this time of year, and as restrictions ease, events are added to the planner frequently.



Skoolbag is the App that we use for administrative communication. All bus and covid communication is sent out via Skoolbag so it is essential that families are connected. Please go into the groups section of Skoolbag to ensure you have removed yourself from your child's 2021 class, and added yourself to the 2022 class. There are instructions on page 12.

In the Eforms sections we now have a form for One Off Occasional Bus Travel as well as a form to request an Online Assembly link.

If you have any questions about Skoolbag please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School hats

Students are required to wear a school hat in the yard all year round. Students without a hat will be asked to play in the

- JP sandpit area for students R-2
- Under shelter between Ber and Music or the Yr 3-6 playground for students 3-6

Students may also access the library at lunch time.



Messages

Email, Skoolbag and Seesaw are fantastic ways to communicate with the school staff, however, we are not always able to check them continually throughout the day. Therefore all urgent messages (such as changes to after school arrangements for your child) must be done through a phone call to the front office – 88621660.



From time to time, you may receive a text message from staff at BPS. The messages may come from one of the following numbers: 0428 029 285 or 0408 847 002. When we are sending out bulk messages via our computer system, they will come from BalaklavaPr.... you are unable to reply to this number. We use this system for bus and covid information.



Proposed Student Free Day / School Closure

I will be seeking the support of Governing Council

when proposing the following Pupil Free and School Closure Days:

- **Student Free Day:** Building Reading Culture – **Monday 4th April.** Unfortunately due to presenter availability we were not able to hold this on the same day as the BHS SFD.
- **Student Free Day:** Partnership Day – **Monday 2nd May** (Day 1 Term 2). The agenda for the day will be set by the Lower Mid North Partnership Executive Committee.
- **Student Free Day: Friday 10th June.** Kerri Sellen - Restorative Journeys.
- **School Closure:** Adelaide Show – **Monday 5th September** (aligned with BHS)

I will communicate via Skoolbag and the Week 7 newsletter regarding if these days are approved and thus you can go ahead and put the dates on your calendar!

Absences

If a child is going to be absent for a week or more (eg planned holiday) you must apply for an Exemption prior to this taking place. Please contact the office for more information.

If your child is absent for three consecutive days for a medical condition or illness (not related to COVID), you are required to provide a medical certificate.

School Start Time

Student safety is extremely important.

Teaching staff begin yard duty (duty of care) at 8:25am each morning.



It is important that **students are not at school prior to 8:25am.**

If your work commitments require you to drop your children off prior to 8:25am, you will need to make arrangements with Balaklava Community Children's Centre – Out of School Hours Care service.

Illness

It's vitally important that you please keep your child/ren home if they are:

- unwell
- experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- any other member of the household has COVID-19
- they are a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine



Please notify us **asap** if your child/ren tests positive for COVID-19.

If a student develops symptoms throughout the day, we will be making contact and asking for the student to be collected from School ASAP.



We need your help to ensure we are minimising the spread of illness through the school. For non Covid related illness, students need to stay home from school for a minimum of 24 hours after their last symptom. However, we appeal to you and strongly encourage you to keep your children home for at least 48 hours after their last symptom to ensure they are completely healthy upon return.

Thank you for continuing to follow this SA Health, Department for Education and BPS directive.



Thank you to our school community for your continued support with the Covid restrictions. A range of restrictions were removed from the start of Week 5. It is intended that these arrangements will apply until the end of Week 8, Term 1.

- QR check in is no longer required.
- Day excursions permitted (indoors and outdoors) and incursions (held outdoors where possible). Some excursion venues may have vaccination requirements.
- Swimming lessons and sports days (spectators may attend if held outside)
- Interschool sporting competitions.

- Extra-curricular activities at the school, including choirs, band practice, instrumental lessons attended by a non-school employed music teacher.
- Work experience and work placements.
- Assemblies that are held outdoors.
- Staff are encouraged to continue to do online meetings and professional development where possible.
- In person professional development can occur in small groups, with participants wearing masks and social distancing.

Restrictions that have remained in place include:

- Parents not coming onto the site to drop students off / pick up.
- Phoning to make an appointment to see a teacher.
- Phoning before entering the office.
- Masks to be worn by all adults on the site (unless a medical exemption applies).



Term 1 Events

Many of our events were put on hold or postponed.

- **Welcome Night** – while we won't be holding our traditional welcome night, we are working on an alternative way to deliver the information that you would normally receive on the night.
- **Swimming Lessons:** due to a shortage of swimming instructors, swimming lessons and the Swimming Carnival have been moved to Term 4.
- **Year 6 camp:** We are still negotiating a new date.
- **Community Assemblies:** will resume online in Week 6. If you would like to be sent the link to join our Online Assembly (via Webex) please use the Skoolbag EForm to request the link is sent to your email.
- **Governing Council AGM** - Webex (online) meeting.
- **PCC AGM** - Webex meeting.

All other events are planned to go ahead as scheduled and previously advised (eg Year 4/5 camp). Sports Day will be held in Term 3 just prior to SAPSASA Athletics.

Classroom Contact

What's a 'classroom' contact?

If your child is in an education setting (school, preschool, childcare, OSHC) and someone in their room, class or bus tests positive to COVID-19, they will be deemed a 'classroom contact.' Parents/carers will be notified ASAP. At BPS, we will use an automated text message and also send you a Skoolbag message with further information.

What does this mean for families?

If your child doesn't have any symptoms, they can continue to attend school, preschool, childcare as normal – they should avoid attending OSHC.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, keep them at home and get a PCR test.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, let your school, preschool or childcare know as soon as possible and your family will need to follow instructions from SA Health.

What's a 1:1 close contact?

In some cases, children or students may be deemed a 1:1 close contact if they were helped by a teacher or SSO who tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes, indoors, in close proximity and masks weren't worn.

1:1 close contacts will need to do 7 days of rapid antigen testing, and must get a negative result before attending school, preschool or childcare each morning. If they are unable to test, they must quarantine for 7 days.

You can get more information here: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/.../cov.../start-term-1-2022>



If a student is a close contact from outside of an education setting, you must follow the SA Health Close Contact advice. Students who fall into this category cannot attend school during the isolation / quarantine period.

Our Learning SA

Continued learning
between school
and home

Learning at Home Lessons

A suite of online lessons is available to support students who need to learn from home due to quarantine requirements, testing positive for COVID-19, or if their parents choose to keep them home while awaiting vaccination / other medical reasons.

Reception to year 10 students can access a minimum of 3 Learning at Home lessons online each day. Lessons are delivered via video or Microsoft PowerPoint and can be accessed on any device.

ONLINE ISSUES? ACCESS ICT SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS



ICT support for parents

The Parent ICT Helpline will continue to be available to assist parents and carers if students are accessing the learning resources on Our Learning SA. Parents can call 1800 271 211, 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Canteen

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to purchase food from the canteen throughout the school day. All food must be pre-ordered either via a lunch bag or the QKR app (app cut off is 9am on the day of the lunch order)

School entry reminder

Please be reminded that students cannot enter the school from the Balaklava High School Tech lane or from either end of the Bus Road.

Smoking near Entry / Exits

Can I please ask you to be considerate of others and not smoke at the entry / exit gates. Thank you

Parking along Wallace Street

Please refrain from parking along the stretch of Wallace Street between the bus road and the crossing (School side) at school pick up and drop off.

Allergy Aware School

Many children have allergies and if exposed, allergic reactions can include hives, swollen eyes, wheezing and asthma symptoms. A few reactions however can be life threatening. Some children are severely allergic to food products such as nuts.

It is our responsibility at BPS to ensure we are providing a safe environment for all students to ensure we are not exposing any students or staff members to something that is going to be a health risk.

We are seeking the support and cooperation of all families to minimise the risk of a student coming into contact with harmful foods (peanuts, sesame and linseed etc.)

While we recognise that many students enjoy Peanut Butter and Nutella and may enjoy nuts as part of a healthy diet, we ask that you include these foods in your child's diet before or after school only.

ALLERGY



AWARE

In our experience, a child who is told they can no longer have Peanut Butter or Nutella at school because it can put another child at risk will respect that and will learn to enjoy an alternative for lunch. If you are experiencing difficulty with finding alternative foods for your child, please contact the school.

Our Nut Aware policy is included in this newsletter. Thank you for working with us and recognising the need for ongoing vigilance in minimising the risk.

School Drop off / Pick Up

While we understand that it's not ideal for many parents and students that the restrictions remain in place regarding families not coming on site to walk their child/ren to the classrooms, we appreciate your continued support.

We do ask that you please consider the students when waiting at the Crossing entry / exit. As our students approach the exit they can become quite distressed when looking at a sea of parents. Please refrain from waiting at or blocking the entry / exit so that students can feel confident standing at the edge of the school looking for their parent. The independence that is developing from this challenge is a fantastic lifelong skill.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

Parents, carers and visitors can help stop the spread of coronavirus by keeping your distance.

Wherever possible stay

1.5 metres apart
at drop off, pick up
and when visiting.

Thank you.



**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP
THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.**

Bike Track

In the weeks after school finished last year a bike track was laid around the school oval and incorporating the bus road, makes a loop of approximately 400m. The track was given a work out each day in the first 2 weeks by the children on site as part of their PE time.

We have recently purchased additional helmets so that between 12 – 15 bikes can be used at once. All that is required are appropriate road signs and installing our mini Silent Cop, that was constructed by the local Mens Shed, and is to be placed in the roundabout behind the Ninja course, and we will have a multipurpose fitness and road safety activity for all to use.



Ride 2 School Day

For Friday the 25th of March we will be putting a program together for the National Ride2School day. It is a good opportunity for students within the town to brush off the cobwebs on their bikes and scooters and ride to school. Of course, walking is another way of keeping active and, as last year, we will be positioning staff at assembly points near the school for children to meet and ride/scoot/walk together to school.

Once at school, fruit boxes and a Ride2School sticker will be given to those who have been physically active on the morning, bus children included. We intend to have a bike/scooter activity in either class or year level groups during the day. If children who come by bus wish to have their bike or scooter dropped off at school or meet a group at an assembly point around town they are most welcome. We now have an assortment of donated bikes at school that can be used on the day as a backup for many of our bus children if they cannot get to use their own bike. We now have enough helmets for our own bikes as well.

More information will be going home in a note prior to the day outlining the program of activities and our assembly points around the town.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club has resumed for 2022. Breakfast is available in the library each day between 8:25am - 8:45am. All students are welcome.

Breakfast Club is free of charge, however donations are appreciated.

CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER and SCHOOL BUSES

Balaklava Primary School, High School and BCCC are NOT high-risk sites or in a recognised bushfire prone area.

Therefore, closures based on the predicted forecast do not apply to us. This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our sites will **remain open**.

However.....

Our sites and school bus runs are located in the Mid North and YP Fire Ban District and therefore if a Catastrophic Day is declared in either district, no buses that travel through these areas will operate.



Swimming Postponed

Usually around the middle of Term 1 each year we have our 2 week swimming program. This year saw swimming fit under the umbrella of a directive from the Department cancelling sporting activities up to week 5. The school was booked into the Owen pool for weeks 4 and 5 which because of the direction from the Department, could not take place. An opening appeared at the last minute for week 6 and we managed to rebook the program for weeks 5 and 6 of this term but the instructors that were booked last year were no longer available for either of these weeks and with such short notice we were unable to find replacement instructors. As the swimming program is a requirement and an essential part of our PE program the staff have made the decision to postpone the swimming to weeks 4 and 5 in Term 4 commencing on the 7th of November. This will still be taking place at the Owen pool and we will be bussing classes to and from the pool two at a time as took place in 2021.



2022 STAFF AT BPS

Class Teachers

Room 1



Courtney Durkay
Year 2/3

Room 2



Jenny Rowland
Year 2/3
Monday - Wednesday



Julie Wickham
Year 2/3
Thursday and Friday

Room 6



Marcia Nowlan
Year R/1

Room 7



Emily Behn
Year R/1

BER 1



Wendy Richards
Year 1/2

BER 2



Jess Fiegt
Year 4/5
Monday - Thursday

BER 2



Sandy Hodgetts
Year 4/5
Friday

BER 3



Emily Thomas
Year 2/3

BER 4



Sophie Griffiths
Year 4/5

Room 18



Jo Michalanney
Year 5/6

Room 20



Simone Garrard
Year 5/6

Room 8



Abby Silverman
Year R-6

SCIENCE



Kasey Jenner
Room 14

ART & TECHNOLOGIES



Jessica Monck
Music Room

FRENCH



Madeline Gardner
Room 16

Leadership

PRINCIPAL



Dianna Jarman

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Kym Palka

STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR



Cherie Cleary

NUMERACY COORDINATOR



Jo Michalanney

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ADMINISTRATOR



Diane

OFFICE SUPPORT



Megan

OFFICE SUPPORT



Michele

ICT SUPPORT



Michael "Mazz"

Student Support



Angela



Bec



Deidre "Dee"



Denis



Dianne "Fitzy"



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Ken



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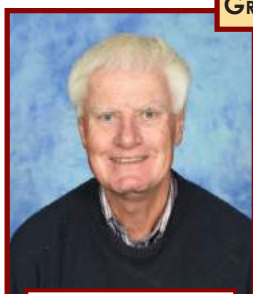
Sheralyn



Stacey



Marlene



Geoff

GROUNDS



Kevyna

Proposed **Student Free Days**

Monday 4th April

Monday 2nd May &

Friday 10th June

These dates will be proposed at the Governing Council Meeting and will be confirmed in the Week 7 newsletter if approved by GC.



Children's University 2022

Balaklava Primary School is once again offering to support students who would like to be involved in Children's University in 2022. We have been part of the program since 2019 and have seen many of our students receive recognition at the graduation ceremony which is usually held at Bonython Hall, Adelaide University in November. This is quite an experience for the students as they are given graduation caps and gowns to wear. The program is a way to acknowledge our students who take part in out of hours learning and/or volunteer their time to the community.

Extract from the Children's University website:

Nurturing successful, independent learners lies at the heart of Children's University Adelaide.

For children to develop resilience, optimism and confidence, the opportunity for self-directed learning beyond the classroom is key. Children's University Adelaide fosters wellbeing by promoting 'free range learning', encouraging children to try out new activities, discover new passions, visit new places and above all, have fun!

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our students have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting program: 'Children's University Australasia and Africa (IO)'. Children's University (CU) aims to encourage high quality out of school activities for children aged between 5 and 14 years, engaging the wider community as learning partners in this process. The most important principles of CU are that participation is voluntary and activities must take place outside the normal school day during lunch, after school, weekends and holidays.

Led by the University of Adelaide, CU aims to nurture aspirations and develop a love of learning. Children and young people enrolled in CU are issued with a Passport to Learning which records their individual learning journey. After the first 30 hours of learning, children are rewarded for their participation at a graduation ceremony

held at the University of Adelaide or a prestigious venue in regional areas. Children can graduate multiple times depending on the hours they accrue. Information on the hours and award levels, can be found in the Passport to Learning.

Participating students have access to activities at school, online and also in the wider community (Learning Destinations). These activities have been validated by CU trained staff as good learning experiences. Once your child becomes a member, a full list of Learning Destinations can be found at www.cuaustralasia.com by logging on to the CU Portal*.

CU members are also able to earn 10 hours from Regular Restricted Activities. These are external organisations where students are paying members and attend regularly (e.g. sporting clubs, dance studios, swimming centres etc.). In order to earn hours, students who participate in these activities complete a 'Review' form either in the CU Portal or in hard copy issued by the CU Coordinator.

Please note that CU is not compulsory, children are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning, choosing what to do from a variety of offerings. All CU learning is designed to inspire children to think about their futures with a greater knowledge of the careers and professions that they could aspire to.

Students are enrolled in CU when they receive their Passport to Learning. The annual fee for 2022 membership is partially sponsored and will cost **\$5.00 (inc. GST)** per student, which includes a passport (if required). Any replacement passports will incur a fee of **\$5.50 (inc GST)**.

If your child would like to become a member of CU for 2022 please ask your child to collect a form from the front office and complete the details. **Return the form to the school via the front office by Friday 18th March along with your payment.**

Cherie Cleary

Premier's Reading Challenge 2022

What is the Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How to complete the Challenge?

To complete the Premier's Reading Challenge students need to read 12 books between week 1, term 1 and week 7 term 3.

1. Every student will need a Student Reading Record. These have been handed out to students and class teachers. Students in our JP classes often complete the challenge at school and the teacher keeps the records. If you are unsure please check with the class teacher.

2. Students read 12 books. Eligible books include e-books, audio books, class/shared reading, prescribed books for school, non-fiction books, books read as research for assignments or books in another language.

3. Reception to year 6: Students must read 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 4 personal choice books. In our school library eligible books have been coded with coloured stickers; red R -2, green 3-5 and yellow 6-9.

4. Students complete the Student Reading Record with the title and author for each book. The class teacher, class SSO or library staff must sign off on each book to verify it has been read.

5. Pass the completed Student Reading Record to Cherie Cleary or Ange Battle in the library by Sept 9th. You will then receive a certificate at our school assembly as an acknowledgement that you have finished the challenge.

6. Receive the official award in late November.

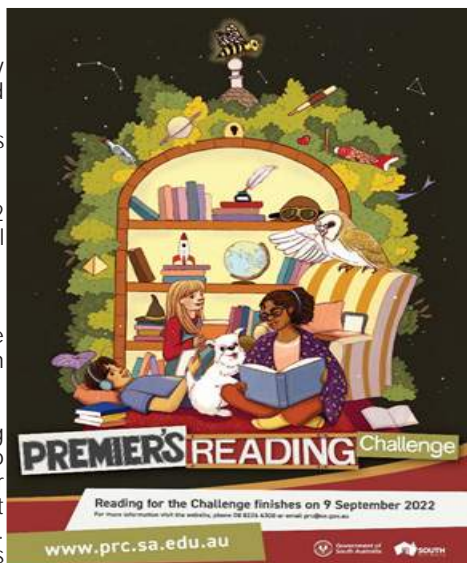
7. Students who complete the challenge are invited to a school celebration in term 4.

Please speak with your child's teacher if you feel your child is struggling to meet the challenge.

From the 1st of March there are 191 days to go. If students complete a book on an average of 1 every 15 days the challenge can be completed.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday March 18th our school will participate in the schools' Clean Up Australia Day. Each class has been allocated an area within the school or nearby, to clean up at a suitable time on Friday March 18th. We hope that participation encourages students to recognise that we all have a responsibility to help maintain and protect our environment. If we all pitch in we can make a difference. Students will bring home a note next week asking them to bring a pair of gloves, some plastic bags or buckets to carry rubbish in and perhaps a pair of tongs. Teachers will also put this note on Seesaw. Thanks for your support.



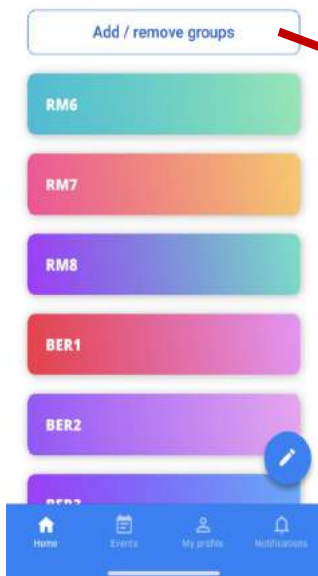
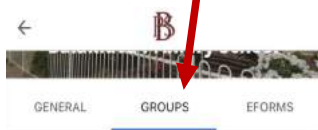
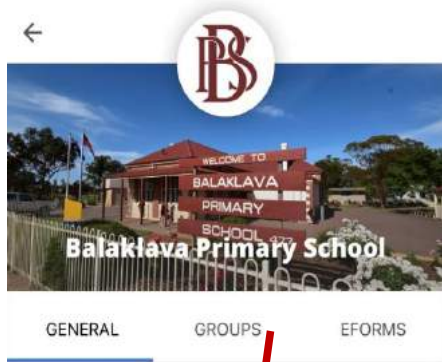
- Jenny Rowland



Are you getting notifications from the incorrect class?

Has your child been in that class in previous years?

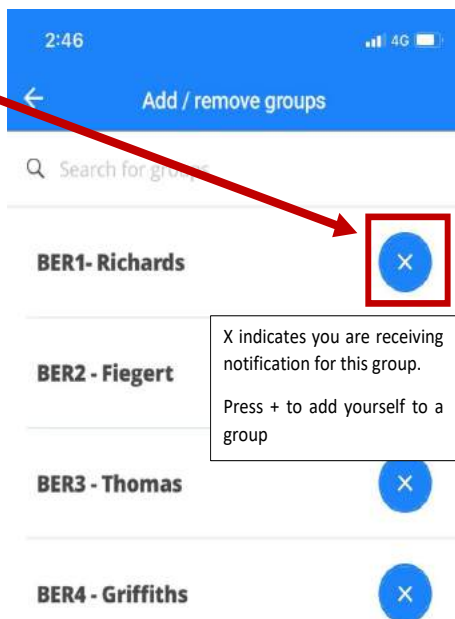
Have you removed yourself from that group and added yourself to your child's 2022 class?



Groups (Classes / Bus Groups)

To ensure you are receiving information relevant to your child's class and/or bus, please select "groups" from the top menu and under "Add/Remove Groups" select the applicable class / bus your child/children are associated with.

Please keep in mind that you will need to update the class each year. If you don't remove yourself from previous groups, you will continue to receive messages sent to that class.



The Arts

MUSIC:NEWS

Welcome Back

Over the next few weeks, all classrooms will be looking at how our mind makes pathways and how practicing these can make these pathways stronger. We will also be covering the expectations of each lesson.

Growth Mindset

Was drama not your strong suit when you were at school? Many students start off a little nervous with drama as it requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and try some (sometimes) unusual things.



Our brain makes new pathways every time we try something new, but if we give up, the pathway stops being used, so for we're really working on instilling the power of 'Yet' into things we feel we aren't succeeding at... yet.

If your child comes home with a challenge they haven't yet succeeded in, tell them they haven't done it YET. It makes all the difference to those who succeed and those who give up. I will be seeking out and encouraging the effort of each of our students - so let's do it together!

Expectations

Last year I worked extensively with department leaders of student engagement. They said for students to understand the importance of expectations, it needs to be stipulated that it's always being sought after.

It blew students minds to think that our school expectations were practice for the real world and that adults had consequences of their own when society's expectations are not met. In the next newsletter we will include the expectations at school. Perhaps quiz your children as they are leaving in the morning, or walking through the school gate, because I will be referring to them at the start of every arts and tech lesson.



Important Dates

Date	Activity
Week 11	Festival Theatre Assessment 1:00PM-3:00PM

An extensive study has found that students who studied music in primary school and into high school were almost one year ahead of their non-musically trained peers in their Maths, Science and English performance.

Shy, M., Emerson, S. E., & Deane, R. (2009). A longitudinal study of associations between school music participation and academic achievement. Journal of Educational Psychology, 101, 3-10.

**Bigger
Better
Brains**

IMS

At the end of last year I posted this reminder of just how powerful music can be. Jacob Staehr is a talented musician who teaches brass (trumpet, trombone) and woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone) for FREE! Although we cannot loan out the instruments for free, we work hard to provide competitive costs to cover the maintenance of the instruments. If you and your child would like to know more, please message me on Seesaw or call the school.



Choir Books

Year 3-6 had their first choir this week! Having lost the year 7's I was not expecting so many students this year in choir. Safe to say I am ecstatic! However this does mean I will need to order more choir books. The books and app can be found as a group deal on QKR. Once paid for, choir students get immediate access to the app's music, choreography and hidden videos! Although their books will be slightly delayed, the app is extremely useful. Music can be listened to over a browser however the music will always stream, where as once the app is downloaded, the music won't use up any more data. Please put your order in ASAP as once the order is placed, the amount is locked in.



The cost of the book and app access is **\$18.00**. If you have internet issues at home, please let me know and we'll find a work around!

Music Captains

Well done to Isabelle and Maya for winning the music captain positions. Isabelle will be our Instrumental specialist, focussing on instrumental groups and dance rehearsals while Maya will be our vocal specialist and will work with the choir and vocal related lunch time groups. So excited to be working with you both!





Optional Seesaw Task

Congratulations to those students in years 3/4-6 who had a go at the safety Google games over weeks 1 and 2. The task was sent on Seesaw and marked as optional, but students who have had a go will undoubtedly know more about our e-safety topic that we will be exploring this year. The task is still available for year 3/4-6 students for any students who wish to have a go.

Seesaw Assistance

Are you new to using Seesaw? Maybe you're just a bit Rusty? I am the Seesaw Ambassador and always happy to help!

From downloading, installing, operating, finding - I can do it all, and should something surprising come up that I don't know - I am more than happy to look into it!

Contact the school for me to organise a time to meet or talk with you

Notifications

There are many ways you can be alerted by Seesaw;

- Every notification as they happen
- A summary at the end of each day
- A summary at the end of each week

It's recommended that you have it set to at least daily. Although you're unlikely to get a message each day, there are always going to be reminders before an excursion or event. Here's how to adjust your settings.

1. Tap your Profile Icon in the upper left corner.
2. Tap the Gear Icon.
3. Choose Account Settings.
4. Turn email and/or push notifications ON/ ONCE A DAY/OFF.



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

(Previously known as "School Chaplain")

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: *Wallace Street, Balaklava 5461 SA*

Schools Ministry Group, in partnership with local churches and school communities, are seeking applications for this 10.7 hour per week position commencing in 2022.

The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the school community.

The Job & Person Specification and Application Form are available to download from the SMG website - go to:

www.smg.asn.au/work-with-us

Closing date: Submit Application As Soon As Possible.

Interested??? Attend our next "Information Session"

For details and to RSVP, go to: smg.asn.au/information-session

IS YOUR CHILD FEELING UNWELL?



**For their health and for ours,
please keep them home to
rest and recover**

For more information, visit
covid-19.sa.gov.au



Room 2 - Year 3 - 4's

In class we have been learning about appropriate and inappropriate behaviours. We practised our appropriate behaviours when working with each other and on our Technology task. We created creatures, structures and characters from recycled materials. We collaborated, shared, negotiated, encouraged and worked as a team to achieve our goals.



SCIENCE



This term we have been exploring biological science.

The junior classes are looking at the features of animals, particularly dinosaurs, and how scientists can make guesses about what their lives might have been like. We've already explored fossils, teeth and features of our own bodies.

Middle primary classes are extending on this to identify the features of living and non-living things. We are classifying and observing these features all over the school.

Upper primary classes have been conducting experiments and managing variables to test how different features help animals and plants survive in the desert.

Kasey Jenner



PRIMARY STUDENT USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICES

Mobile Phone Policy

Each school is required to have a mobile phone policy.

Purpose

This policy provides direction to students, staff and families about managing mobile phones and other digital devices that students choose to bring to school. Digital devices include, but are not limited to, smartwatches, tablets or laptops that are not part of a separate Bring Your Own Device arrangement. This policy applies while students are at school, or attending an authorised school activity such as an excursion, during school hours and on school buses.

Mobile phone use for primary school students

The department's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. The department and the school recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours.

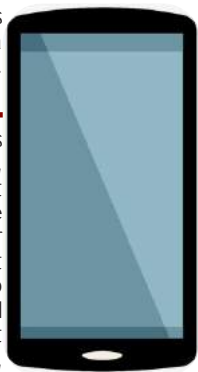
During the school day students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices. Students must switch off or mute their devices before storing them at the beginning of the school day. They will not be able to access their device until the end of the school day.

Storage of personal devices

Students will switch their device off or to silent and hand into the front office staff between 8:25am and 8:45am.

The staff member who receives the device, will put it into a labelled bag and it will be securely stored until the child collects their device at the end of the school day (3:10pm).

No electronic devices to be stored in classrooms, school bags or with the student.



If the student does not comply

If a student does not hand in their mobile phone at the beginning of the day, it will be confiscated by a teacher or leadership and stored in the office until 3:10 (the end of the school day). At this time, the student may collect the device from the office. A message will be sent to parent/cargiver to inform them.

Student will be given a rethink.

Subsequent breaches of this will result in the device being confiscated and stored in the office until a parent / caregiver can collect the device from school. Student will be given a rethink.

If you wish to view the full policy, please email dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au and we will send you a copy.



Governing Council

Included in this newsletter is the 2022 Governing Council Nomination Form. The Governing Council is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Information about the Governing Council and its sub committees is included in the newsletter. if you would like further information, please contact the school or Chairperson Kirstyn Rundle.

Nomination forms are to be returned prior to the AGM.



Have you ever wondered how you can find out more about what is happening in the school or have a greater input? Have you considered joining one of our committees?

Governing Council

The Governing Council (GC) is an elected group of parents and staff that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members of Council are elected at the Annual General Meeting and usually serve a two-year term. The tasks of GC include :

- Keeping informed about the Site Learning Plan
- Advising the Principal of general community concerns and opinions
- Discussing educational policy
- Liaison with staff

The Governing Council meet in the evenings, twice per term.

Sub Committees have been formed to help share the responsibilities and decision-making with a greater number of parents who are not members of the GC. Usually, one member of each committee is also a member of GC. They then report back to the GC with any recommendations made by the committee, for the GC to vote on if necessary.

Please join the Governing Council AGM on Tuesday 15th March to hear more, ask questions or join any of these committees. A nomination form can be found in this newsletter. We would love to see some new faces join our committees. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the school, or speak with Dianna, Diane, Kirstyn Rundle (Chair) or Lauren March (Secretary).

Sub committees include:

Fundraising:

Meets on a regular basis throughout the year to initiate, implement and support various fundraising activities throughout the year. These are usually day time meetings

Finance:

Manages the school finances in consultation with the school community by developing an annual budget and monitoring expenditure and income throughout the year.

The Finance Committee meet twice per term, usually in the early evening, however the members of the committee will discuss their availability to determine a suitable meeting time in 2022.

Canteen:

Representatives from the Primary School meet with representatives from the High School to oversee the management of the canteen, usually once per term. This is often an after school meeting.

Bus:

Review of bus routes, manages the bus policies and responds to other issues concerning the school buses as they arise. This committee meets once per term, at approximately 4pm.

Grounds and Facilities:

The general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings, including organising working bees and ensuring the school maintenance schedule is adhered to. This committee meet twice per term, usually around 5:30pm.

PCC

The Parent Coordinating Committee (PCC) are a group that promotes a closer relationship between school and home by:

- Holding open parent meetings twice a term which includes a report from Leadership with a current up date regarding the school.
- Offering general information to parents
- Providing a morning tea to welcome new families to the school on the first morning of the year (covid dependent)
- Organising class representatives
- Presenting graduation gifts to the year 6 students at the end of the year
- Overseeing the sale of second-hand uniforms
- Raising any issues of concern or suggestions and taking them to Governing Council
- Providing assistance at Sports events, school photo day and other school events or activities as negotiated with staff.

PCC meetings are held during the day. As we are child friendly, we welcome younger children to our meetings.

If you would like to know more about PCC, please speak with Dianna, Jenny Young (Chairperson), Melissa Smith (Secretary), Bridget Guthberg (Treasurer).

BPS UNIFORM INFORMATION

Hats:

Maroon broad brimmed, bucket hat.
To be worn all year round

Polo Shirt:

Maroon.

Shorts:

Boys: School Grey/ or School Black – no logos.

Shorts/Skorts Girls:

Maroon or Regulation check or School Black – no logos.

Dress:

Regulation maroon check – (material available at school.)

Kilt:

Regulation maroon plaid (material available at school)

Windcheaters :

Maroon or Maroon with logo

Long Pants:

Boys: School Grey/ School Black - no stripes or denim

Girls: School Black – no leggings stripes or denim.

Beanie, Scarf, Headband:

Maroon (optional)

Spray Jacket :

Black (optional) (waterproof with hood)

PCC
AGM
10TH MARCH
7:30PM

All WELCOME
via Webex.
A Webex meeting link will be sent to all families.



Balaklava Primary School Volunteers >

This Facebook page was created to help find volunteers for events such as Sports Day, Swimming Carnival, Balaklava Show, Fathers Day / Mothers Day stalls etc. It will also be used for requesting goods for certain events (eg cupcakes for Sports Day)

If you haven't joined the page already, please request to join.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Parent Coordinating Committee keep a range of second hand uniforms for purchase from the front office. If you have any pre-loved school uniforms (especially Polo-Shirts) that you would like to donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful.

The PCC also sell -

- School Dresses
- Material for shorts and kilts
- School Hats
- Library Bags
- School Bags

Please see the staff at the front desk.

New shirts, jumpers, pants and shorts can be purchased from Tads Embroidery, Balaklava.



**WEEK 6,8 & 10
ASSEMBLY
2:20PM**

**ALL
WELCOME** to watch via Webex

To request a Webex invite, please
complete the EForm on Skoolbag

**NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 25/3



STOP THE SPREAD

PREVENTING ILLNESS

**Wash your
hands
frequently**



**Use alcohol
based
sanitiser**



**Wipe down
frequently
touched surfaces**



**Avoid contact
with sick
people**



**Cover your
cough or sneeze
with a tissue**



**Avoid touching
your eyes, nose
and mouth**



SYMPTOMS COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



Fever



Cough



Shortness
of breath



Fatigue



Sore
throat

For more information, visit
edi.sa.edu.au/preventingillness



ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL



Nut and Seed (Allergy) Aware School

We ask that **ALL** students at BPS refrain from bringing foods to school that contain nuts (eg Peanut paste / Nutella) as well as Sesame and Linseed seed.

We appreciate your cooperation with this
Thank you - **Dianna**

A severe allergy to nuts and sesame can have a life threatening reaction. Anaphylactic shock can occur within seconds of exposure to a nut or sesame allergen.

This can occur if :

- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten nuts or nut products.
- Contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten sesame seeds or sesame products.
- Contact is made with an object such as a toy or door handle that has traces of nuts or sesame on it.

Context

The DfE requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive.

Students and staff may have Anaphylaxis, the severest form of allergic reaction, and nuts or nut products may be a trigger. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and well-being. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimize the potential risks.

Purpose

To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Balaklava Primary School community.

To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management

The Nut and Sesame Aware policy will be managed by:

- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain any nuts (especially peanuts). This includes Peanut Paste, Nutella, nougat, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Parents, caregivers and community members being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain any sesame seeds or sesame oil. This includes bread with sesame seeds on top, hummus and foods cooked in sesame oil
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Students being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in First Aid Training, understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Students washing hands and face before leaving for school in the case where they have eaten nut or sesame products for breakfast.
- Staff complying with the Nut and Sesame Awareness policy when cooking with students at school.

** This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Nut and Sesame Awareness'.*



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial. It is a requirement that children attend the school at which they are enrolled in, every day the school is open and at all school activities the school requires the child to attend.

Parents have a responsibility under the Act to ensure their children attend school regularly. If a child or young person does not attend, without a 'prescribed reason' for their non-attendance or an approved exemption, their parents may be guilty of an offence.

It is vital that you communicate with us if your child is absent from school for any reason. You may notify us via phone, text, Skoolbag, Seesaw or diary note. If you know about an absence in advance, please communicate with the classroom teacher or use one of the methods above.

If your child is absent and we do not have an explanation, you will receive an automated text from the school. Please respond with a reason why your child is absent. In the case that your child is ill, we ask that you inform us of their illness (some illnesses are notifiable to the school community) and ask you to keep them home for at least 24 Hours (48 hours preferably) after their last symptom. This helps to halt the spread of illnesses throughout the school.

If planning a family holiday or similar within a school term which will see your child away for a week or more, please see Admin staff for an exemption form. This is a requirement and must be approved by the Principal prior to the holiday.

If a student arrives at school late (after the 8:45am bell) the child needs to sign in at the Front Office. The child will be required to give the classroom teacher the printed slip they receive when they sign in.

Children departing early must be signed out at the office. Our front office staff can assist with this.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, please speak with the classroom teacher, Cherie, Kym or myself so that we can assist.



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL
2022 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I.....

full name of the person who is making the nomination of themselves or someone else

of.....(address)

Nominate (it is possible to self nominate)

full name of the person that is being nominated

I.....

of.....(address)

To be elected as a member of Balaklava Primary Governing Council.

I.....

full name of the person that is being nominated and agrees to be accept being nominated

of.....(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Balaklava Primary Governing Council will cease.

Signed.....Date.....

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE
2022 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I.....(full name)

of.....(address)

Nominate to be elected as a member of BPS Governing Council committee

Parent Coordinating (PCC) ☐ Grounds & facilities ☐

Finance ☐ Bus ☐

Fundraising ☐ Canteen ☐

Signed.....Date.....



STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY



Wallace Street is very busy before and after school

We need parents to take responsibility in teaching your children to cross the road safely. This means that when parking on the Eastern (Swimming Pool) side of Wallace Street, you must walk your children to the dedicated School Crossing in order to enter the School.

Please DO NOT cross elsewhere along Wallace Street.

Your role modelling of this is important to ensure all students safety.

The extra minute or so it will take to walk through the crossing will save a potential accident from happening.



Thank you for following this important directive - Dianna

100 YEARS



Celebrate 100 years of Balaklava Soldiers Memorial Hospital

Sunday 6th March 2022 at 2pm at the Balaklava Sports Ground.



ALL WELCOME

7th RAR Army Band performance.
Display of Army vehicles and weapons.
Unveiling of plinth, story board and time capsule.
Due to covid-19 a virtual tour of the hospital will be shown.

RAFFLE

BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY ARTS INC
Production of

SHREK The Musical

Performance Dates
2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th July 2022
at the Balaklava Town Hall

INFORMATION EVENING

Sunday 10th March - 7pm - Horizon Centre - 21 Guy Tee Balaklava
(this evening will also be live streamed)

PLEASE NOTE:

you must QR CHECK IN and WEAR A MASK at all times

AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 27th March (by appointment only)

Bookings can be made at information evening or afterwards by contacting
Kelly Bickle at bicks1@bigpond.com
Information/Audition Material will be available via onedrive (link available at information night or by email)

Please note: due to the Balaklava Town Hall being a covid-safe venue, and on advice, all cast and crew over the age of 12 will be required to show proof of vaccination (or medical exemption) prior to auditioning.

For more information please contact **Anne Read** 0412 760 235

Keep up-to-date by liking **BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY ARTS INC** on Facebook



Do you hold a Diploma in Early Education and Care?

Do you have knowledge and experience in providing quality learning and care for children?

We would love to hear from you!

We are seeking Full and Part time Diploma Qualified Childcare Educators to join our team.

CSE Level 4.1

(Children Services Award 2010)

For more information or to apply please contact **Cara** on 88621251 or Email Cara.Nielsen196@schools.sa.edu.au

The Long Plains Red Cross Fundraiser that keeps on Growing!



Purchase bulbs to raise money for the Red Cross

Order bulbs online and get them

Posted direct to your door!

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/

LONGPLAINS

get your orders in before 9th March 2022



If you would prefer to pick up in March rather than order online please ring Nicole for more information 0427 360 315

PARKLANDS, VIRGO TCE
BALAKLAVA
MARKET
SUNDAY 27th MARCH
9.00 am - 2.00pm



UNITED FC COLTS TRAINING

U/17 and U/14 - Thurs March 17th

U/11 and U/8 - Thurs March 31st

All Junior Grades begin 4:30pm
@ Long Plains Oval

Contact Mark Pym 0417851213
with any queries

FEMALE FOOTBALL COME N TRY



Are you a female aged between 11 & 16 & would like to have a go at football?

Come along & enjoy a FREE Female

Come N Try football session

Mallala Oval

Sunday 13th February 2022

10am – 11.30am

For more information & to register your attendance please contact one of the following:

Belinda 0427 866 802
Ruth 0409 671 633
Martyn 0487 701 559
Gavin 0447 511 177

Please bring along a water bottle.

INTERESTED IN FOOTY OR NETBALL?

WE WANT YOU

AT THE EAGLES!



JUNIOR PLAYERS WELCOME!

...fun...games...skills...mateship...

- ★ all skill levels and experience welcome, in all grades from under 8's to under 17's
- ★ guaranteed game time for your child
- ★ family friendly club ★ great way to meet new families
- ★ **FREE** club welcome pack for juniors, jam packed with awesome Eagles merchandise!

WE LOVE NEW FACES AT THE EAGLES NEST!

For more info, contact our junior co-ordinators:

- Dillon Catford (football) on 0429 642 253
- Sarah Young (netball) on 0408 834 145

For all the latest news, please follow "Hummocks Watchman Eagles" on [facebook](#)

HUMMOCKS WATCHMAN EAGLES FOOTBALL & NETBALL

If your kids aren't already playing winter sports, they're very welcome to come and try football & netball at Hummocks Watchman Eagles.



Find us on
Facebook

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
31st Jan - 15th Apr	2nd May - 18th July	25th July - 30th Sep	17th Oct - 16th Dec

Term 1 Planner 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31/1 Preparation Day	1/2 Preparation Day	2/2 Online / Face - Face begins	3/2	4/2
2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2	11/2
3	14/2 All students to return to face to face learning	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2
4	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2
5	28/2	1/3	2/3 Bus Meeting 4pm Online	3/3 Camp Quality Incursion Year 4-6	4/3
6	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 Yr 4-6 Lacrosse – Rm 20, 18, B2, B4 PCC AGM 7:30pm	11/3
7	14/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	15/3 Governing Council AGM 7pm	16/3 SAPSASA Summer Hub - Clare	17/3 Yr 4-6 Lacrosse – Rm 20, 18, B2, B4	18/3 Clean Up Australia Day
8	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3 Naplan Online Practice Test Yr 4-6 Lacrosse Rm 20, 18, B2, B4	25/3 National Ride to School Day
9	28/3 SAPSASA Swimming Clare	29/3	30/3	31/3 Yr 4-6 Lacrosse – Rm 20, 18, B2, B4	1/4
10	4/4 Proposed Student Free Day	5/4	6/4	7/4 SAPSASA Girls Football	8/4
11	11/4	12/4 Road Xing Training	13/4	14/4 Last day of Term 1	15/4 Good Friday Public Holiday

Meetings		SAPSASA		Student Free Days		Excursions	
Fundraising		Incursions		Assemblies			