



Term 1 Week 1 ~ 3rd February 2023

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Welcome to our new reception students for 2023



Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 14th - Welcome Night
- 20th- - Swimming Lessons
- 24th R - 5
- 20th- - Yr 6 Aquatics Camp
- 23rd
- 27th- - Swimming Lessons
- 3rd Mar R - 5
- 28th - SAPSASA Summer Hub Carnival

MARCH

- 1st - Swimming Carnival
- Bus Mtg
- 8th - Road Crossing Training
- 13th - Public Holiday
- Adelaide Cup
- 15th - NAPLAN
- 24th

- 21st- - Jon Madin
- 22nd Performance
- 21st - Harmony Day

Term 1 Assemblies
 Week 2, 4, 6, and 8 on Fridays in the Open Space at 2:20pm.
 No Assembly Week 10 as Public Holiday



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



From the Principal

Welcome back to school for the 2023 school year. We have started the year with 244 students in 11 classes. It has been wonderful catching up with the students and hearing about what they got up to in their holiday break. I have enjoyed walking through the classes, watching students interact 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 extend a warm welcome to our new students, their families and new staff members Sue-Ann, Mandy, Denise, Eileen, Bec, Madeline and Jess. We look forward to getting to know these new members of the BPS community.

Due to the timing of Madeline's departure we were unable to secure a French Teacher for 2023. Therefore we made a decision to learn Auslan for our Languages component of the Australian Curriculum.

Entering the Grounds

If entering via Wallace Street, all families who park on the Eastern side of the road (Swimming Pool side) must use the School Crossing. For those who park on the Western side of Wallace Street (School side) you may use the bike / pedestrian access gate near Rm 1 (where the Primary School and High School meet / cricket net) or the School Crossing.

Families entering the site from Gwy Tce must use the pedestrian access gate near the Adventure Playground.

Please **do not use** the BHS Tech lane or the bus road to enter the school grounds.

Exemptions for Holidays

If you are planning on going on a family holiday for a week or more throughout the school term(s) please notify the front office prior to leaving for a principals exemption form.

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Swimming Lessons

Swimming Lessons for Rec to Year 5 students will be held in Week 4 and 5 of this term. Classroom teachers will send home specific information closer to this date. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 1st March at the Balaklava Swimming Pool. We hope you can join us throughout the day. The Year 6 students will have their aquatics camp in Week 4 Term 1.



Life Jackets

As in other years, we are looking to borrow life jackets for use by our beginning swimmers for the duration of our lessons.

If you can help with this request please contact the school or drop off the life jacket/s at the front office prior to the start of swimming lessons.

Please clearly name all life jackets.



Swimming Carnival

Save the date – Swimming Carnival will be held Wednesday the 1st March 2023. More information about the Swimming Carnival will be sent out once the committee has finalised the details.

If any parents, grand parents, family members or care givers are around for the day and can help out we would really appreciate it. Please let Jo Michalanney know if you can help out.

We hope to see you there!

**Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 1st March**



Community Assembly

These are held fortnightly at 2:20pm on Friday's in even weeks. Parents are welcome to attend.



Governing Council

Included in this newsletter is the 2023 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. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Nomination forms are to be returned prior to the AGM.

Governing Council
AGM
Date to be confirmed



Thankyou

Thankyou to Melissa Smith, Amy May and Ali Tiller, members of the PCC Committee who assisted with the sale of uniforms on the first day back at school.

Thankyou also for providing a cuppa and chat opportunity for families after they dropped their children off on Monday.



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 OKR app (app cut off is 9am on the day of the lunch order).

Illness

Please be reminded that we all need to do the right thing and keep children home when they are unwell to ensure we do not spread illnesses throughout the school. Students need to stay home from School for a minimum 24 hours after their last symptom. However, we appeal to you and strongly encourage you to keep your children home for 48 hours after their last symptom to ensure they are completely healthy upon return. If your child comes to school sick, or develops symptoms of illness throughout the day, we will contact you to collect them. Thank you for continuing to follow this SA Health, Department for Education and BPS directive. Students who are absent for 3 days or more require a Doctor Certificate.



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.



Term Planner

Included in this newsletter is the current Term Planner. At this time of the year, events are added to the planner frequently. Please keep an eye on Facebook, SkoolBag and Seesaw to keep up to date with events that are added to our calendar.



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.

Positive Play

In 2020 we introduced the Positive Behaviour for Learning strategy - Positive Play. Staff set a school expectation to focus on and the students who continually follow that expectation are rewarded through an extra 15 minutes of play on a Friday.



Our Positive Play focus is staying in class, not leaving without permission, wearing a hat in the yard, returning to class promptly. Students who don't follow these expectations remain in the class with the teacher for the duration of Positive Play.

If you have any questions about Positive Play, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the App that we use for Admin communication. If you have not connected, please do so ASAP to ensure you keep up to date with school news. SkoolBag can also be used to access the newsletter, email the school (non-urgent messages only) and notify us of student absences.



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 for after school arrangements for your child) must be done through a phone call to the front office - **88621660**.

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.



**Have you
connected
to Seesaw?**

WHY: to directly communicate with classroom teachers (Private Conversations) and to read Announcements (messages) that teachers send to the parents of students in their class.

HOW: Scan the code which was included in the book pack for each student or email dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au to request the invite is emailed to you.

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. Installing the Skoolbag app will help you keep up to date with any developments.



PCC AGM

The BPS Parent Coordinating Committee AGM will be held this term

The PCC would love for some new members to join them this year. PCC is a great way to meet new people and keep up to date with what is going on in the school. There is no pressure to take on any major role. Non-school age children are welcome to come to meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Day and Time

To be confirmed

All families are invited to attend the...



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 "WELCOME NIGHT"

On Tuesday 14th February at BPS from 5:30pm, followed by a BBQ at 6:30pm

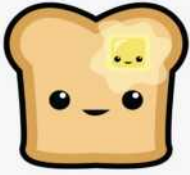
Please come along with your family from 5:30pm to

- look around the school as your child/ren give you a guided tour of their classroom and other learning spaces.
- see some of the work your child has done this year so far.
- have an informal chat with teachers. Interviews about your child's learning will be held later this term. If you do wish to discuss your child's learning prior to the interviews, please arrange a time for this with the teacher. Individual child interviews will not be possible on Welcome night.

Then, at 6:30pm, join us

- for a BBQ. A gold coin donation per person would be appreciated please. Governing Council members are cooking the BBQ. SRC will be selling drinks.
- to meet the 2023 staff who will be introduced to you at the commencement of the BBQ.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club has resumed for 2023. 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.

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.



First Nations News

Hello Balaklava Primary School community, My name is Vivienne Churchett.



I am very pleased to be the Aboriginal Education Teacher again in 2023.

I will be at the school on Tuesdays to work with our First Nations Students. Balaklava is on Kurna land and the Kurna language is a major focus of my teaching role.

I intend to meet with families of our First Nations students throughout the year. We are hoping to have Cultural incursions and excursions for our students too.

Another goal for 2023 is to create an Acknowledgement of Country video. We started making clay tiles in 2022 for a Kurna mural and we will complete this project this year.

I will regularly inform you of our progress and achievements throughout this school year.

- Vivienne Churchett

Setting up for Success

It was great to see all our students excited for their first week in their new classrooms for 2023. To support our students have a positive start, each class begins the year with a two week program called Setting up for Success. This program supports students to:



- Understand what our school expectations are and why we have them.
- Learn and practice organisation skills such as daily routines, understanding the daily/ weekly timetable and knowing what to do or who to ask for help when required.
- Focus on student wellbeing and a variety of opportunities to get to know their peers and teachers
- Create class expectations and levels together as a class
- Explicitly teach what makes a good learner and positive learning environment
- Learn how to play a positive part in our school community and respect the environment.

Creating a positive classroom environment where all students feel they belong is key to a successful school year. We look forward to seeing our families and showing them our classrooms at the Welcome Night on the 14th February. More information about Welcome night on page 5.

- Mrs Pudney



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 (preferred), 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 or their accompanying adult 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 by their accompanying adult. 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, Michelle or myself so that we can assist.

- Mrs Jarman



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!



2023 STAFF AT BPS

Class Teachers

Room 6



Marcia Nowlan
Year R/1

Room 7



Emily Behn
Year R/1

Room 8



Abby Silverman
Year R/6

Room 2



Jenny Rowland
Year 4
Monday - Wednesday

Room 2



Mandy Tiller
Year 4
Thursday - Friday

BER 1



Wendy Richards
Year 1/2
Monday - Thursday



Julie Wickam
Year 1/2
Friday

BER 2



Sandy Hodgetts
Year 4/5

BER 3



Madeline Marks
Year 2/3

BER 4



Courtney Durkay
Year 2/3

Room 14A



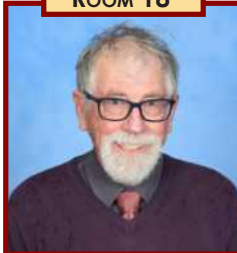
Rebecca Houston
Year 5/6

Room 18



Jo Michalanney
Year 5/6

Room 18



Kym Palka
Year 5/6
Tuesday

Room 20



Simone Garrard
Year 5/6

BER 3 & RM 14



Eileen Patterson
Teacher Relief
Monday

FIRST NATIONS



Vivienne Churchett
Tuesday

SCIENCE



Denise Herreen

AUSLAN



Sue-Ann De Vries

ARTS & TECHNOLOGIES



Jessica Bushnell

AUTISM INCLUSION



Jess Daniel
Mondays

Leadership

PRINCIPAL



Dianna Jarman

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



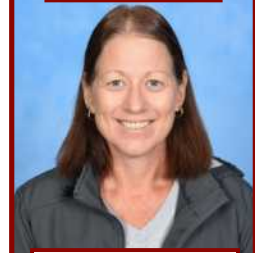
Michelle Pudney

STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR



Cherie Cleary

LITERACY COORDINATOR



Jo Michalanney

Office Support

ADMINISTRATOR



Diane

OFFICE SUPPORT



Michele

OFFICE SUPPORT



Megan

ICT SUPPORT



Michael "Mazz"

Student Support



Angela



Deidre "Dee"



Denis



Dianne "Fitzy"
On leave for Term 1



Dot



Kylie



Kym



Sally



Sammi



Shelley



Sheralyn



Stacey



Marlene



Taylor



Teagan

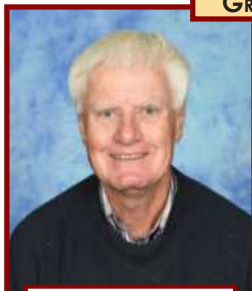


Alicia

NEWSLETTER

Student Support

GROUNDS



Geoff



Kevyna

NAPLAN

Our Yr 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN tests this year from March 15th - 27th. The tests will be commencing on Wednesday Week 7 (15/3/23) with Writing first up. The Year 3s will be doing this on paper but all the rest of the tests will be online. The online versions of the tests allow for more scope with the questions, with the tests taking 3 possible pathways depending on initial answers. The intent with this is to provide more specific information about a child's understanding of a subject and hence provide staff with detailed knowledge of the learning areas that require more assistance. Other designated days for the tests are the Thursday, Friday of Week 7 and Monday Week 8. Because they are now online catchup tests can be undertaken up to the end of the Week 8.

There is more specific information about the online version of the tests plus practice tests available on the ACARA website. Parents of our Year 3 and 5 students will be receiving a NAPLAN Online information brochure with this newsletter.

A reminder that these tests provide a snapshot of your child's literacy and numeracy knowledge and are but a small yet important component of the assessment tools that we use here at BPS. If absent on any day, your child can sit the test to make up at a designated time in the following week. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests according to religious or philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with the class teacher or myself. Formal notification of this must be received prior to testing. If your child is in Year 3 or 5 and you wish to discuss your child's participation in the NAPLAN Online tests, or you wish to be sent a withdrawal form to complete for your child, please contact Dianna prior to Wednesday of Week 2 (8/2/23).

More information about NAPLAN will be in the next newsletter.

- Mrs Pudney

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)

Library Bags

The PCC gifted our new Reception students with a library bag full of goodies to help with learning at home.

If you would like any additional “at home resources”, please speak with Jo Michalanney.

New Library Bags available from office.



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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.



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.

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.

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.

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 2023.

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.

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.

**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?**

LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

All classes at Balaklava Primary School will run with a 'levels of engagement' approach. Each class will have their own outline of 4 the levels, 4 being the most self-managed and positive and level 1 being the one where more coaching and modelling occurs.

Room 18 discussed the actions and expectations for each level and agreed that these would govern how our classroom operates this year. In Room 18 it takes 2 or 3 days of repeated behaviour to move up or down the levels. For example, you may make a mistake and wear your hat inside once but not move down a level. If you consistently wear your hat inside over two days, you will find yourself slip down a level.

In our classroom we have a display on the wall which clearly shows the levels to remind students of expected behaviour / actions. All students in Room 18 are starting on level 4.

Each class will negotiate their own levels of engagement with their own students. The Junior Primary version may have pictures instead of words to explain the elements of each level. It would be great to see parents and families take an interest in what level their child is on to encourage positive engagement in learning at school.

- Jo Michalanne

Level 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher chooses where I sit • The teacher chooses who I work with • I work in the classroom unless the teacher gives me other instructions • Not able to attend SAPSASA • Blue Slips • Community Service • -Need to wash the windows • -Need to clean desks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I often don't finish my work • I often leave things I need at home • I am often disrespectful to others • I rely on others to get organised for the day • I rarely do what is asked of me • I am off task regularly • I often do not have the required books/equipment to begin a task • I wear my hat inside • I often don't sit on chairs correctly • I walk out the class without permission • I don't enter / exit the classroom using the correct door • I often chat in class • I often call people rude names • I interrupt constantly • I am often reminded about my behaviour • I'm not participating • Swearing • Being rude • I am often not responsible

Level 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teacher chooses where I sit • The teacher chooses who I work with • I work in the classroom unless the teacher gives me other instructions • I may get to choose fitness • I may attend SAPSASA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I require a lot of reminders to stay on task • I am usually respectful of others • I sometimes follow instructions • I usually complete my work • I can get organised for the day by myself • I sometimes do not have the things I need to begin a task • I sometimes interrupt others • I need to listen to others • I sometimes wear my hat inside

Level 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I may ask to sit in a different seat– inside the class • I may ask to work in the well • I may ask to use the library computers if supervised by an adult. • I may ask to choose my own partner. • I may choose fitness • I may have a choice of my reward or free time • I may attend SAPSASA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I complete my work to my best standard • I sometimes need reminders to stay on task • I am consistently respectful of others • I can be trusted most of the time • I am usually on task • I follow instructions quickly • I am consistently organised

Level 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I may ask to work outside of the classroom eg well, library, outside • I may negotiate where I sit in class • I may negotiate a short break • I may use the library computers. • I may ask to choose my own partner. • I may negotiate my reward • I may choose fitness • I may attend SAPSASA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I always complete my week's work to my best standard • I look for ways to improve my work and extend learning • I speak respectfully to staff and peers • I stay focussed on the task and do not interrupt others • I follow instructions quickly • I am always organised • I am trustworthy • I use all property respectfully • I always sit correctly • I am listening and on task



SAPSASA CRICKET, TENNIS & SOFTBALL



Students in years 5 and 6 are welcome to try out for a variety of sporting teams throughout the year. Currently we are selecting teams for cricket, tennis and softball. There are two try out sessions, 6th and 13th Feb from 3.30 - 5pm. Extra softball practice on the 27th Feb. Cricket and tennis will be at the town oval/courts and softball will be at the primary school oval. If you are not able to make it, please let Mr Brice or Mrs M know. Students who make the teams will compete against other nearby schools in Clare on Tuesday 28th Feb.

If you would like any further information, please leave a message at the front office and I will ring you as soon as I can.

Regards

Mrs M

How to Nominate:

Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online by the first Trial on Monday 6th February.

Students who have not nominated online before the trials will not be eligible to attend trials. This is to ensure supervision ratios are maintained for a safe environment.

If you require support in completing the form, please contact your school SAPSASA rep.

To nominate please use this link or the QR Code: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=6fS7c4gGRkmuqb0LtA7PBz-0A2EvlWdKnkAAPMYEMe9UNU1EOkRLUjJPTzVRMzROTVBDR0UwTU82SyOIOCNOPlWcu>

If you wish for any further information or have any questions about the nomination form please contact: **Marty Brice - 0427 455 958 Email: bricey@rbe.net.au**

Mid North District State
Carnival/Championship
Nominations 2023



SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO...
OUR OWN

MARTY BRICE

We would like to thank Marty for his 30+ Years of Service within
the SAPSASA community.

Marty has put in a lot of time and effort over the years organizing
and coaching SAPSASA Teams.

Thankyou Marty!

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS

EDITION 1 2023

FREE BOOKS

ON THIS NEW BIGGER & BETTER EDITION

SEE BACK FOR DETAILS

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

SAVE 20%
\$13

NEW! **THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB**
The Baby-Sitters Club
AGES 8+
\$17.99

SAVE 30%
\$13

NEW! **CAT KID COMIC CLUB**
Cat Kid Comic Club
DAVE PILKEY
AGES 7+
\$19.99

SAVE 40%
\$9

NEW! **NINJA KID**
Ninja Kid
AGES 8+
\$15.99

INCLUDES REOLAGE, LOCK AND KEYS

NEW! **Burgundy Dragon Diary**
100 pg. Hardcover
AGES 8+
\$25.99
\$17.00

DRAGONS RULE THE SKIES!

ONLY \$3 EACH SAVE UP TO 80% READ ALL ABOUT IT!

SAVE 40%
\$9

NEW! **DRAGON GIRLS**
Dragon Girls
AGES 8+
\$14.99

NEW! **WINGS OF FIRE**
The Dragonet Prophecy
AGES 8+
\$15.00

NEW! **Dragon Girls**
The Dragonet Prophecy
AGES 8+
\$15.00

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The Dragonet Prophecy
AGES 8+
\$15.00

SAVE \$100
\$29

NEW! **Gratitude & Love 10-Pack**
A collection of inspiring picture books.
10 books each 28 pg.
AGES 3+ \$129.99

SAVE 44%
\$10

NEW! **MINECRAFT ZOMBIE**
Pet Store Parodies
It's the Scare
Set up per book
160 pg. AGES 8+
\$17.99

INCLUDES ZOMBIE

SAVE 40%
\$12

NEW! **SPEEDY SLOTH**
The Speedy Sloth
An inspiring story to celebrate all talents.
28 pg. Hardcover
AGES 3+ \$19.99

INCLUDES ADOPTION AND ADVENTURE CARDS, ADOPTION CERTIFICATE AND BIRTH BLUSH

NEW! **Adopt-a-Sloth**
AGES 3+ \$24.99 **\$18.00**

1/2 PRICE
\$4

NEW! **Misty Fly**
Misty Fly
AGES 4+ \$7.99 **\$6.00**

SAVE 56%
\$10

NEW! **Paris**
Paris
INCLUDES BUBBLE TEA SODA
AGES 7+ \$22.99 **\$10**

SAVE 33%
\$10

NEW! **POKEMON CONNECTIVITY**
Legendary Fire
INCLUDES BONUS TOPPER, STICKERS AND STENCILS
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Catch the Robberthief
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Ella & Ben make a new friend.
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NEW! **Rooster Noodle For Diary**
160 pg. Hardcover
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INCLUDES WORKING DP, LOCK AND KEYS

NEW! **MINECRAFT EPIC INVENTIONS**
Minecraft Epic Inventions
Includes 100+ stickers, trading village, and more to explore.
112 pg. Hardcover
AGES 8+
\$19.99 **\$19.00**

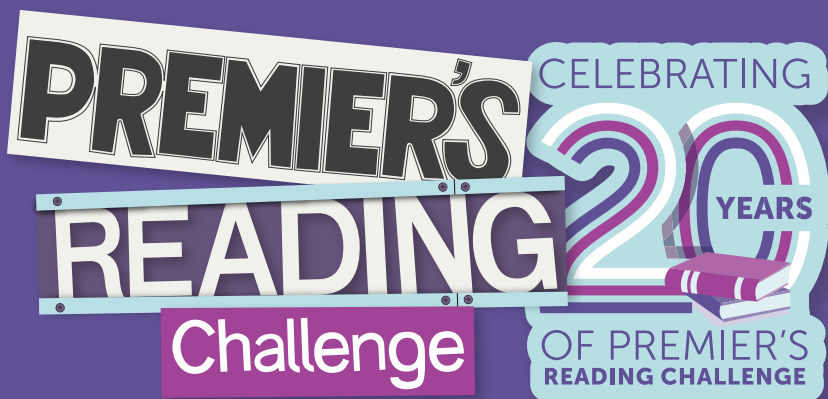
NEW! **SPY**
Includes 48-pp book and spy sleeve featuring: flashlight, compass, digital watch, notepad, pencil.
AGES 7+
\$29.99 **\$25.00**

15% OF YOUR ORDER VALUE IS GIVEN BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

Book Club is back for 2023!

They have changed from catalogue form to a newspaper from recycled paper.



20 BOOK CHALLENGE

In 2023, the Premier's Reading Challenge turns 20!

To commemorate this milestone, we are running an additional Challenge where students can challenge themselves to read 20 books instead of the usual 12.

Successful students will receive a bonus certificate.
This challenge is for 2023 only!

Books to be read: The additional 8 books to be read in the 20 Book Challenge are free choice.

Data entry: Schools will enter data the same way as previous years.

Tracking students: Each school will keep track of their students who complete the 20-book challenge.

Certificates: All students who complete the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their award at the end of the year. Students who also complete the 20 Book Challenge will receive a bonus certificate. Schools will download and print the 20 Book Challenge certificates for students and present them.

Reading logs: Both 12 and 20 book reading logs are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Only 1 reading log needs to be filled in (by completing the 20 Book Challenge log, students will have automatically completed the 12 book requirement).

Reading for the Challenge finishes on 8 September 2023

For more information visit the website, phone 08 8226 4300 or email prc@sa.gov.au

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PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2023

The Premier's Reading Challenge is back again for 2023 and this year is even special!

As the Premier's Reading Challenge is turning 20 this year, they have decided to commemorate this milestone. They are running an additional challenge to students who can push themselves to read 20 books instead of the usual 12 like previous years.

Students will receive their Premier's Reading Challenge forms this week as they can start their reading straight away.

If you have any further questions please see or contact Cherie Cleary.

Happy Reading!



We would just like to thank all our wonderful families who made contact via email, Form survey, payments, School Card applications and phone calls, before our first day of school. We have had an amazing response with the lowest ever non contacts made prior to the commencement of the school year.

To our patient parents on the first Registration day, Wednesday last week, who were in the line at 9am and we weren't quite ready till 9.10am - thank you.

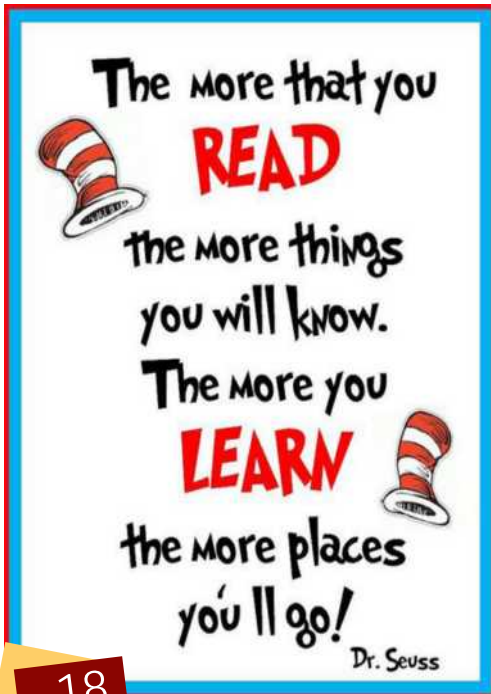
We have continued to get very favourable responses to our "click and collect" system (despite - thank goodness- no covid constraints). Our Express Lane needs a little work with some families coming through, wanting questions answered and non preordered bags and hats which slows that lane a little but all ran well.

We appreciate, the way Friday's parents accepted the early closure of the lanes due to the excessive heat.

Organising and On the Lane staff also deserve a big thank you for their contribution to ensuring these mornings ran as smoothly as they did.

Ultimately the biggest thank you goes to our families who were super efficient and already responding on the 5th January plus our School card applications were rolling in from the opening day, 16th January.

If you have any feedback (positives and constructive) on the Registration days, January posted invoice packs or anything else related to the start up of school, please email dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au





RECYCLING FOR TERM 1

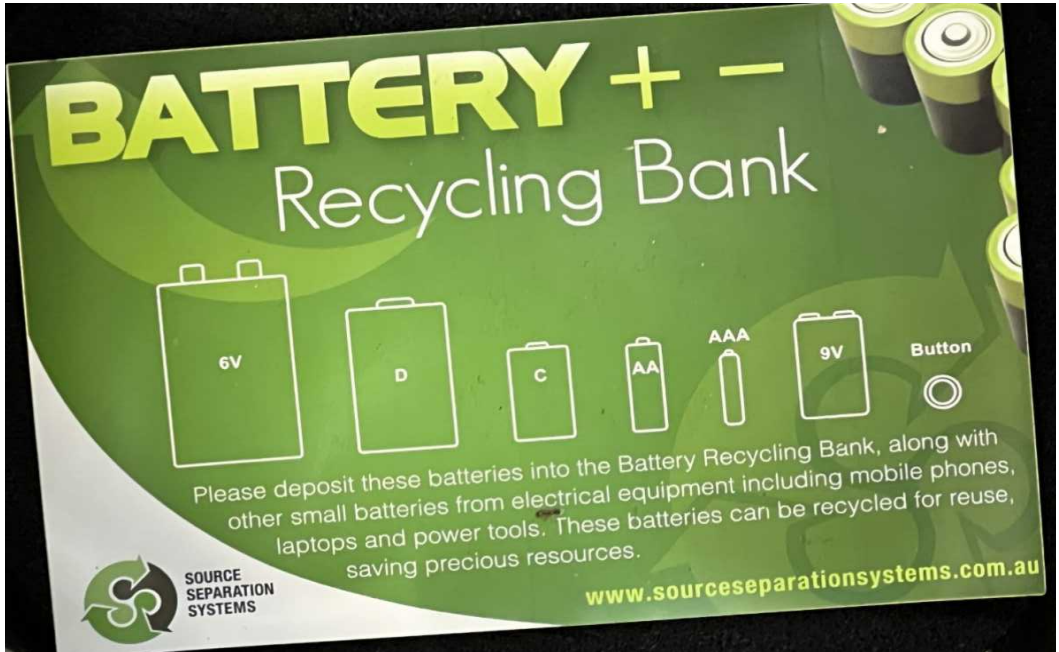


At BPS we love to recycle! This term we are recycling the following:

- Batteries
- Bread Tags
- Bottle Caps

If you have any of the above laying around at home please bring them into the front office and we have special bins to put it all in. We have stopped collecting breadbags for now as we have heaps and heaps and as widely advertised in the news, Australia has not one single soft plastics recycling plant.

Remember you can recycle at home too!



The PCC would love if you have any pre-loved school uniforms that your child/ren no longer fit or they no longer need.

Please wash them and bring them into the front office.

Any donations would be muchly appreciated!

Please find more information about our school uniforms on page 12.

The Arts



Welcome Back

The youngest student of each family will be sent home a welcome note from myself. It contains information about captains, lunch time groups, how to contact me, choir information and music services available. Please read and store it in a safe place for at least the first term as all the information on it is relevant to this year.

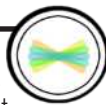
Come and Try

Each year, the year 5-6 students come and try choir for three lessons before deciding whether to commit. Year 4's are also welcome to this event, however they are welcome to come individually, rather than as a class.



Seesaw Notifications

Last year, parents asked for less notifications - this is largely due to Seesaw's 'all or nothing' system. So, in the hopes to make things easier we have created a hidden seesaw class where student work can be submitted that will not send you notifications for every comment, work submission and like.



In week 0, a Seesaw form was inserted into students' book packs which invited them to their classroom seesaw. It says Mrs B invites you to the class because we initially set it up for classroom teachers. This is for communication purposes only. Private messages and announcements will come from your child's classroom or specialist teachers.

Classroom Seesaw Classes

	Room 02
	Room 06
	Room 07
	Room 08
	Room 14a
	Room 18
	Room 20
	Room B1
	Room B2
	Room B3
	Room B4

Hidden Seesaw Classes

	Room 02
	Room 06
	Room 07
	Room 08
	Room 14a
	Room 18
	Room 20
	Room B1
	Room B2
	Room B3
	Room B4

The hidden classroom will be accessible by students through a classroom code or, if needed, a take home code. Parents are more than welcome to join this class to see any work that is handed to their child through Seesaw. Parents will not be able to send or receive private messages through this private seesaw class.

Seesaw has received many complaints about this feature and haven't yet provided a solution, however you can tailor how the way you are notified - e.g. email, phone, push notifications. See page 21 for how to set this up on your device.

Remember, we are here to help - pop by the schools in the morning, or call the school to organise a time to meet with Dianna, Michelle or myself so we can help you set it up.

Jon Madin



For our musical incursion this year we will be having a two day musical experience with Jon Madin - an amazing musician who makes his own unique musical instruments! Each class will have a 50 minute lesson to learn a song as a class which they will perform to the whole school at the end of the two day event. If you're curious, Google him and have a sneak peek at the amazing instruments he will be bringing along.

Music Captains



Detailed information was given to year 5-6 students considering captaincy. A reminder that there are only a few captaincy spots available at the school so it's always best to apply for all that you have an interest in rather than only focussing on one. Better to be able to choose, rather than put all your eggs in one basket!

Instrumental Music Service

As described in the welcome note, free music lessons are available through the instrumental music service. Jacob Steahr teaches flute, clarinet, trombone, sax and trumpet. We have flute, clarinet and trumpets available for hire through the school. BPS can also hire all other kinds of instruments through Musicorp. If you're child is interested, please call the office and ask for an expression of interest form ASAP!

Important Dates

Date	Activity
Week 3	Music Captains Submissions Close
Week 4	Festival Choir decision time
Week 8 (22nd - 23rd March)	Jon Madin and his amazing musical instruments
Week 11	Festival Theatre Assesment Week

SEESAW HELP

How To Use Messages Family Guide

Stay in touch with your child's school in one place! Please note that your child's school determines what communication tools are available.

Tap Messages to get started!

Tap on a message to open it.
You might receive:
- Schoolwide and class announcements
- Private messages from your child's teacher (group chats started by your child's teacher)

Reply privately to Announcements.
If enabled by your child's school, the "w" (message) icon means it's an Announcement.
- Tap "Privately reply" at the bottom of the message

Start conversations with your child's teachers.
If enabled by your child's school:
- Tap "G" and use the search bar to search for your child's teacher

Translate all typed text.
If your device is set to a language other than English, you'll see the option to translate all typed text...
- Click "View Translation"
- Tap in your preferred language, and the teacher will see the option to "View Translation", too

Type your reply in the text box and tap send.
- Click the 📎 to add photos, videos, and more

Seesaw

How to change your Family account notifications



Alison_Murphy

You're in control of how often you're notified about new information in Seesaw. Here are your options in the Seesaw Family account:

1. Tap your **profile icon** in the upper left corner.
2. Tap **Account Settings**.
3. Tap the **dropdown box** to select your preferred notification frequency:
 1. All
 2. Once Per Day
 3. Never

Account Settings

Phone: Phone

Password: >

Two-Factor Authentication: >

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

Email Notifications: >

Push Notifications: >

SMS Notifications:

MANAGE CONNECTED STUDENTS

Remove Connected Students: >

JOURNAL ARCHIVES

Download Journal Archives: >

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.

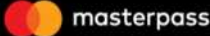
Management

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'.*





TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

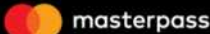
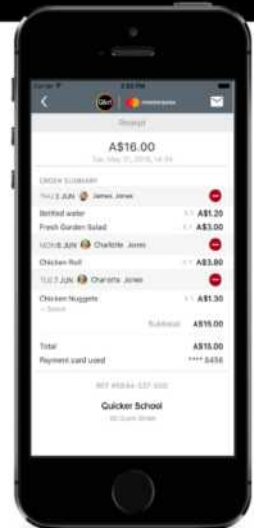
1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one. OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.



TIP OF THE WEEK

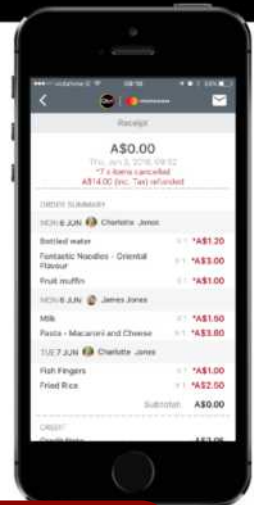
Q. How are Qkr! Refunds processed?

A. Qkr! refunds for food orders:

To reduce school costs, cancelled food orders are refunded as credit for future orders. Refunded items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming that an item/s or order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will be automatically be deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Qkr! refunds for all other payments (non-food):

Please contact your school office directly to cancel any other (non-food) school payments. These refunds need to be processed through the school office according to school policy.



If a child goes home unwell and they have a lunch order, a phone call would still be required to the Canteen and preferably before 11am. After this time it is likely the order has already been prepared and may not be able to be credited or remade on another day.

The canteen menu is currently getting reviewed and will be in the next newsletter when it is up to date. For now please use the Qkr app.

Balaklava High School Phone Number: 8862 0600 - EXT 3

BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher



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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

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL
2023 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
2023 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.....

CROSSING MONITOR ROSTER

TERM 1 2023

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25AM-8:45AM	ANNABELLA C GRACE G	ANNABELLA C * TBA *	GRACE G JOE T	LEXIE B ALEXA A	LEXIE B ALEXA A
TEACHER	MRS PUDNEY	MRS PUDNEY	MRS JARMAN	MRS JARMAN	MRS JARMAN
3:05PM-3:20PM	ILKA G ALANA B	ILKA G JOE T	JOE T * TBA *	JOE T ELLA H	* TBA * * TBA *
TEACHER	MRS JARMAN	MRS JARMAN	MRS PUDNEY	MRS PUDNEY	MRS PUDNEY

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR CROSSING DUTY PLEASE SWAP WITH SOMEONE ELSE OR ASK A RESERVE. PLEASE LET THE TEACHER ON DUTY KNOW IF YOU HAVE SWAPPED. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK MRS PUDNEY

As you can see will still need students to help out, if you are available please talk to Mrs Pudney.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cyber Safety

... a workshop for parents and caregivers about raising children in a digital age.

Cyber Safety is a FREE workshop designed to help parents and caregivers build a better understanding of the online world.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situation.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- The "big issues" in the online space such as grooming, cyberbullying, social networking, sharing images, games and apps
- Where to go to get up to date, reputable information and support
- Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour in a digital world

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from Parenting SA.

Light refreshments and crèche provided.
(Bookings essential)

Families Growing Together



Where: Watervale Primary School
27 Main North Road, Watervale

When: Monday 20th February 2023

Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm

To book: Kel Bunfield 8843 0186

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

Delivered by the Department of Human Services.



Are you looking for a new form of Therapy for your child?

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Fear
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or email hello@playtherapywithjodie.com.au





Term 1 Planner 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30/1 Term 1 Begins	31/1	1/2	2/2 Newsletter	3/2
2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2 Assembly 2:20pm
3	13/2	14/2 Welcome Night	15/2	16/2 Newsletter	17/2
4	20/2 Yr 6 Aquatics Camp	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2 New student photos Assembly 2:20pm
5	27/2	28/2 SAPSASA Summer Hub Carnival	1/3 Swimming Carnival Bus Mtg	2/3 Newsletter	3/3
6	6/3	7/3	8/3 Road Crossing Training	9/3	10/3 Assembly 2:20pm
7	13/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	14/3	15/3 NAPLAN	16/3 Newsletter NAPLAN	17/3 NAPLAN
8	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 Jon Madin Performance Harmony Day NAPLAN	22/3 Jon Madin Performance NAPLAN	23/3 NAPLAN	24/2 Ride 2 School Day Assembly 2:20pm NAPLAN
9	27/3 SAPSASA Swimming Carnival - Clare	28/3	29/3	30/3 Newsletter	31/3
10	3/4 Parent Teacher Interviews	4/4	5/4	6/4 SAPSASA Girls Football - Riverton	7/4 Public Holiday Good Friday
11	10/2 Public Holiday Easter Monday	11/4	12/4	13/4 Newsletter	14/4 Last Day of Term 1 2:10pm Dismissal

Sports Day this week - Date to be confirmed

Meetings		SAPSASA		Student Free Days		Excursions	
Fundraising		Incursions		Assemblies			