Another Exciting Year Begins...
We have started this year with 410 students which is 13 more than at the same time last year. The students were excited to start a new year and have settled in really well. There is a lot of organisation and planning that occurs in the early part of the year as teachers get to know their students and set up positive class dynamics.

Many of the Year 5 students have organised their BYOD devices with more being set up over the last week or so. We expect Term 1 to be a familiarisation period for this project as staff and students work through what each other knows and how best to use the devices. During February we will be ensuring students are able to connect to the school network. This process will take some time as it is the first time we have done this. We do have some spare devices for students to use if they are unable to get their own. These will remain at school however.

A number of excursions have already been organised for Term 1, Sports Day will be on Friday of Week 7 and the First Impressions Report will be sent home on Friday 27 February. We are off to a good a start and as always “Aim High and Reach For the Stars!”

Giant Snake Sighted in Playground!
The new JP playground upgrade has begun at last and the wait will be worth it! Our two artists Lawrence and Danny have sculptured a giant snake climbing over rocks and it is looking fantastic! A unique feature will be the ability for a fountain to sprout from its mouth into a shallow pool which will turn into a meandering creek. Water flow will be limited and will allow for a range of creative and scientific play.
The snake will be ready for mosaic work soon and this will bring it to colourful life! It is anticipated that students and parents can help with the art work. Helen Nieuwendijk is the artist who will be directing this part of the project. If you are interested in helping please leave your name and details at the front office.

Meet The School Community BBQ NOW on Wednesday 18 February
Due to the weather forecast being 39 degrees for next Wednesday this event will now be the following Wednesday evening. Everybody is welcome to come along to our free sausage sizzle on Wednesday 18 February between 5.30 and 7.30 to meet the school community. The Staff are looking forward to meeting you. This will be held in the undercroft near the Basketball Courts. Soft drinks will be on sale from the canteen. It is always a great night so come along!
Parking!  The owners of the new shop on the corner of Brighton Road and Barwell Ave. have respectfully asked that parents refrain from parking in their private carpark at the rear of their shop. Thank you for your help in this aspect. A good alternative is the Memorial car park just off Scholefield Road that is only a short walk to the school.

Smart Maths Project Continues
Last year Lynne Grey Gardner began to develop a program to support Year 2 students who lacked confidence in maths. The program provided these students with 3 half hour sessions per week to help them develop basic maths concepts and fluency skills. Initial results showed great promise so in 2015 we have expanded this program to give more students this opportunity. Lynne will be coordinating the program on Wednesdays and Jodie Terry will help to run sessions.

Staffing News
Welcome to Mardi Angus who is new to the school and will be teaching a Year R/1 class in Room 3. Mardi has a variety of teaching experience in Junior Primary and loves teaching the younger students!

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Student Support
- Literacy R-3: Jan Baulderstone
- Quicksmart: Cathy Stevens
- Smart Maths: Lynne Grey Gardner
- Principal: Greg Miller

SSO Support Team
- Suzi Ban: Office Manager and Finance
- Sue Wright: Receptionist
- Elaine Low: Receptionist
- Susan Richardson-Jaeger: Classroom support, Library
- Mel Bourne: Quicksmart, Classroom support
- Jodie Terry: Quicksmart, Classroom support
- Kay Griffin: Library
- Michael Laing: Quicksmart, Aboriginal Liaison & Classroom support
- Phil Reimann: Grounds
- Evelyn Rooney: Front office support
- David Harvey: ICT Technician
**Being Nut Aware**

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (cashews), cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

Parents are encouraged to pack the foods of their choice for their children to eat at school, however we ask that you are mindful that at Seacliff we have children who are anaphylactic, a condition that can cause death.

Teachers at Seacliff Primary will reinforce that we don’t share food and that we should wash our hands after eating. Where it is known that students have brought nut products to school and there is an anaphylactic student in the classroom, the teacher will take all precautions to minimise risk. Parents can help us maintain a safe environment by not providing children with nut products if possible.

Food such as cakes or other foods may be sent to school to celebrate birthdays however a full list of ingredients needs to be provided. On special occasions when food is freely available, teachers will ensure that a safe environment is maintained for all students. Prior to commencing units of work that involve cooking, teachers will discuss the individual needs of students at risk with parents.

Parents who have concerns or require clarification are urged to speak to the classroom teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office for further information.

**Sports Day**

This year’s sports day has been scheduled for Friday March 13th. All students have been allocated their teams this week and children from the same families should be in the same team colour. If your children have been placed in different teams please contact Scott Francis at school. Our primary students will be electing their house captains during week three.

**Japanese Garden Plans**

A BIG thank you to Lynne Grey-Gardner’s Class of 2014 for their Japanese garden designs last year. The area next to Room 16 has now been cleared and lines are painted to show the plan for the garden. The garden will be surrounded by rocks, including a tall tori gate and three bright red garden pots for growing Mandarin Trees and Asian greens. Mr Porter’s class will be making stepping stones with the Japanese alphabet too!
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome to Term 1, 2015.
Term 1 canteen menu and the canteen roster has been sent out and everyone should have a copy by now. If you do not have the new menu please ask for one at the Canteen or the Front Office.

Our Special Meal deal will be held on Wednesday 25 February and Thursday 26 February with orders needing to be returned by Wednesday **18 February** at the latest. **If it will assist, payment can be made by Friday 20 February.** Please ensure that payment is made or the Special Meal will NOT be provided to your child. We find it necessary to state this, as we are still waiting for payment from some families for the Sushi Day in December last year.

We are looking for a sponsor for the Special Meal, so if you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Lynn at the Canteen or on her mobile for more information. Please do this as soon as possible as the order forms need to be distributed next week!

If you are not a Canteen Volunteer, please consider volunteering for one day a term or if you are an existing volunteer, please consider volunteering for another day! Our roster is looking a bit thin! All volunteers are welcomed and will be guided through all aspects of assisting in the canteen.

Finally, if you have any suggestions to add to our “Fresh Tuesday” for snacks or meals, please contact Lynn with your ideas.

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**ROOM 17 INVESTIGATIONS**

In Room 17, we have been investigating with using fulcrums to lift weights, modifying spinning tops so that they move differently, using the force of party-blowers to move objects and squirting water from syringe cases to set objects in motion.

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**Cycling with Bike SA**

No wonder the older kids have been excited to come back to school…. they are learning safe riding skills with Bicycle SA instructors for the next 7 weeks!
The Instrumental Music Service invites Year 5 students who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2015 to attend an:

INFORMATION SESSION
Brighton Secondary School

Wednesday Feb 11th (Week 3),
9.00 – 10.00am

Parents and prospective students are welcome. The instruments that will be offered in 2015 are:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
Electric Bass and Percussion.

For more information or to register your interest please email Sue Asser (Hub Coordinator) at Sue.Asser329@schools.sa.edu.au or text to mobile- 0400 570 089. Please include name, Year level, school and contact details.

Beachfront hub continuing students
Continuing students will start in week 2,
Band for everyone, 8 – 9am.
Niamh is a champion

Our student, Niamh Bridgeman, in Year 3, won the Under 10 Girls Chess Problem Solving Championship at the 2015 Australian Junior Chess Championship in Canberra earlier this month. And she is still eight years old! Niamh came 3rd overall in the 3-day Under 10 Girls National Championship, which was an AMAZING achievement! Incredibly, she even came 2nd overall, out of all the Under 12 Girls in this competition. She received her trophy from perhaps Australia’s most successful chess player ever, Grandmaster Ian Rogers.

This year saw the biggest junior chess championship in the history of the competition, with over 270 competitors representing every state and territory in the country.

At Seacliff Primary, we are all very proud of Niamh’s achievements and look forward to hearing of her future successes.

This is Niamh receiving her 3rd-place trophy in the Under 10 Girls Australian Junior Chess Championship, 2015, from one of Australia’s most successful ever chess players, Grandmaster Ian Rogers.

2015 Centenary of ANZAC

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our 2015 library display celebrating the Centenary of ANZAC, we would like to invite all members of our school community to make a poppy flower and place it on our Wall of Remembrance at the entrance to our library.

The poppies can be coloured in stencils, flowers made of crepe paper, tissue paper, crocheted or knitted. Please make them no bigger than 60mm in diameter. When they are finished bring them into the library.

Thankyou
Robyn and Kay
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SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au
OSHC NEWS

Seacliff OSHC has brought in the New Year with a bang with an incredible summer vacation care! The OSHC team worked well to ensure children’s safety and to also provide a fun and dynamic environment.

Seacliff OSHC would like to welcome all new families to the school and we invite you to come and check out our facilities and meet our friendly staff! At OSHC we have many things to offer, including the use of the hall, the oval, the playground, outside grass area and beach volleyball court. In the OSHC room we have lots to offer as well, including kinetic sand, fooze ball, 8 ball, movies, Playstation, Wii, and craft activities. Don’t forget that with the Child Care Rebate (CCR) every family is entitled to receive a 50% reduction on their out-of-pocket expenses. Families can also receive the Child Care Benefit subsidy further reducing fees. All you have to do is to call 136150 to register.

Existing and new families, please ensure you have filled out and returned a 2015 enrolment form before your child attends OSHC. Enrolment forms are available at OSHC or by email if you prefer an electronic version.

If you are unaware, we have created a Facebook page to be able to communicate with all families even further! The Facebook page is private and is only able to be viewed by families that use the OSHC service and have filled out and returned the Facebook consent form. The page is a great way for us at OSHC to give friendly reminders and show your child’s participation in the program, by way of photos and videos. The Facebook consent form can be collected from OSHC or we can email you one if you would prefer an electronic version.

One of the summer vacation care’s highlights was the excursion to BOUNCE inc. All children were excited to attend, behaved well, and had loads of fun!