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## PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



### DIARY DATES 2017

- ◆ 14.8.17—18.8.17 Science Week
- ◆ 21.8.17—25.8.17 Book Week
- ◆ 28.8.17 Monday Indoor Volleyball Carnival Yrs 4-7
- ◆ 30.8.17 & 31.8.17 Fathers Day stall
- ◆ 1.9.17 Friday **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- ◆ 5.9.17 Tuesday Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
- ◆ 13.9.17 Wednesday Indoor Volleyball Carnival Finals
- ◆ 14.9.17 Thursday Senior Choir Concert
- ◆ 20.9.17 Wednesday Year 7 Graduation Photos
- ◆ 25.9.17—29.9.17 Rec to Yr 5 Swimming Week
- ◆ 29.9.17 Friday End of Term 3
- ◆ 25.10.17—27.10.17 Rm 14 & 15 Kl Camp



### It's National Science Week.

As part of National Science Week, Seacliff Primary students have enjoyed a range of 90-minute workshops provided by Mobile Science Education over the last seven days. Children shown here are pictured enjoying a robotics and coding session. All classes also attended a science show, presented by Frank's Lab on Legs.

If you have not yet paid for your child's participation, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

Yesterday, Year 6 and 7 students attended the Southern STEM Expo and experienced the privilege of judging high school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics projects.

Remaining Oliphant Science entries are due next Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Please deliver these to Seacliff Primary's staffroom on this day, including completed 'Risk Assessment' forms for models and inventions. If you haven't yet paid for your child's entry, please do so. Thanks

to those of you who have supported your children with entries at home.

Consider dropping in during the Oliphant Science Open Day, 12 noon until 4pm, Festival Functions Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon, on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, (gold coin donation). Winning entries from around the state will be exhibited.

Between August 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, Year 3 Oliphant entrants from Seacliff Primary will discuss their learning with students from other classes, demonstrate their science investigations in operation and explain the idea of fair testing. These sessions will exercise the strategy of *students teaching students*.

Coding Club will continue to be held in the computer room every Thursday at lunch time for interested students from Years 3 to 7, (thanks to Miss Lucas and Miss Thomas). Mr. Porter continues to teach computer science sessions from room to room around the school. The drones, probots and Ollie robots that we purchased in 2016 are also getting a work-out in various classrooms.

You may want to investigate whether it is possible for your child to join the local Roboroos robotics club, which has competed nationally and has connections with Seacliff Primary. The club's website is [www.roboroos.org.au](http://www.roboroos.org.au). Send enquiries to [roboroos@roboroos.org.au](mailto:roboroos@roboroos.org.au)

We hope that your child's immersion in science, technology, engineering and maths will be an ongoing phenomenon.



## Student Attendance Data

Each term school staff analyse attendance data to identify any concerns or trends. DECD and school policy aim for a 95% attendance rate throughout the year. For several years now Seacliff has not achieved the 95% target (see table 1) for a variety of reasons including student illness, family reasons and often exemptions are granted for family travel during school terms. If your child will be absent from school we ask that you contact their teacher through a diary note or leave a phone message. If an absence is unexplained after 10am text messages are sent asking for an explanation.

**Table 1 - % Attendance Summary by Term 2014 - 2016**

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2014	94	92	90	92
2015	94	92	89	91
2016	94	93	90	92
2017	94.69	93.57		

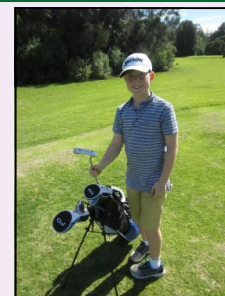
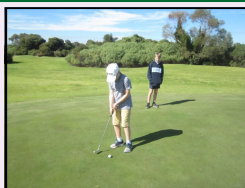
Table 2 outlines percentage attendance rates by year level over the period 2014 – 2016. It indicates that attendance rates are generally higher in the early years with our year 1 students having the highest attendance rates over the period.

**Table 2 - % Attendance by Year Level 2014 - 2016**

	2014	2015	2016
Reception	93.5	90.8	93.9
Year 1	93.1	93.1	93.4
Year 2	91.3	93.2	94.2
Year 3	92.1	90.7	94.3
Year 4	91.3	90.9	90.5
Year 5	93.2	90.6	92.5
Year 6	91.3	91	90.9
Year 7	91.6	91.4	89.7

## SAPSASA Golf

Six Seacliff students participated in the primary school golf try



out day and qualifying event. Our students attended the Flagstaff Hill or Adelaide Shores Golf Courses and acquitted themselves extremely well, playing some excellent shots and holing some great putts. Congratulations to Jack K and Ashleigh G who have both qualified for the state championships in September.

## Sport Trophies

With winter sports reaching an end for another year coaches have begun organising trophy presentations. It is important to note however, that only students who have paid their registration fees will receive a trophy. If you are unsure if you have paid please contact our administration staff.



## Seacliff Primary School External School Review

During the first few weeks of Term 4 Seacliff Primary School will welcome an external review team. The purpose of the external school review is to support schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance. The external school review process is intended to strengthen our school's focus on learning.

The process provides an external perspective to verify or challenge internal self-review findings, the rigour of improvement practices or the capacity to achieve or sustain improvement over time.

During the external review process some teachers, staff, students, parents/caregivers may be interviewed regarding their perspective and views of Seacliff Primary School.

Possible questions for parents/caregivers and the wider school community may be:

How well does the school engage the governing council and parent groups in helping set the direction of the school?

How well does the school consult with families and respond to their views and aspirations?

How effectively does the school promote respectful, productive relationships and partnerships with Aboriginal families?

How effective is the parent/school partnership?

How effectively does the school report learning achievement and progress to parents?

All schools are reviewed once every four years.

## 'GOLD' IN VOLLEYBALL AT SA SCHOOLS CUP

From Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August to Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> nine years 6/7 student took part in the SA Schools cup volleyball tournament. We had been training since the start of the year for this tournament and this is how we went.

On the Friday we played our first two games and won those quite convincingly which gave us a bunch of confidence going into day two. On the Saturday we had probably the toughest game of the whole tournament when we played Forbes who also won convincingly Friday. Unfortunately, something got to us and we lost the first set in terrible fashion and struggled from then on losing three sets to zero.

That gave us a slight wakeup call ready for Sunday when we played our semi-final. We won that convincingly and went on to play the gold medal match against Forbes again. We went into that game as underdogs but that didn't stop us as we played the best game of volleyball we had played all tournament and ended up winning two sets to zero.

Big thanks to our coach Lauren Thomas for being an amazing coach and supporting us through the whole tournament and thanks to all the parents and guardians that helped drive the team around all weekend.



Year 6 and 7 students enjoying their 'Robotics and Coding' workshop this week.



**This year's Book Week celebration is entitled ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE.**

Escape to Everywhere: What does that mean?

As a reader, I've been to Hogwarts, a chocolate factory, The Land of Take What You Want, jungles, the bottom of the sea, up a tree house, into a secret garden and outer space.

When I'm reading, it feels like I actually AM someplace else - I can hear the mournful hoot of an owl, sounds of huge machinery or feel the thunder of hooves approaching.

I can escape to real worlds too, and learn about everything from creating code to decorating cupcakes.

The power of books and reading can transport us, to allow us to experience other places, other realities, other lives.

Come experience our students escape to everywhere at the **BOOK WEEK Assembly Friday 25th August week 5 at 9.15 am in the school hall.**

The school community are invited to be a part of this fun assembly celebrating the importance of books and reading in our lives.

**Everyone is encouraged to dress as your favourite character from your favourite story.**

# PREMIERS' READING Challenge

Has your child taken up the Challenge in 2017?

## **The Challenge is to read 12 books in total in Terms 1,2 & 3 of 2017**

If so, please ensure they have filled in their student reading records correctly, have them signed off by an adult and make sure your child hands it in to the school contact

**person in the LIBRARY by Friday 1st September.**

## **Late entries cannot be accepted.**

As an Education Dept. run program it requires results to be in by the deadline **8 of these books MUST be from the Challenge booklists,**

available on the website ([www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)), and 4 of their own choice.

**Books in the school library will have a year level related sticker on the front cover.**

Student reading record sheets were distributed to your child's teacher in February, if lost another form is available in the school library

Please encourage your students to fill in the form correctly AND LEGIBLY with Book title, Authors name and an adult signature.

**PRC book titles must be the correct YEAR LEVEL ie R-2, 3-5, or 6-9.**  
**CERTIFICATES AND MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED IN TERM 4 WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED THEM FROM DECD**

Thank you for your co-operation, Robyn and Kay, Library Staff

## **South Australian AUSKICK Co-ordinator of the Year**

Congratulations to Justin Murray our Seacliff Auskick co-ordinator who was recently named the SA NAB Auskick Co-ordinator of the Year winner. Justin ran a brilliant program and with the support of an enthusiastic group of parent volunteers made Seacliff the best Auskick centre in the state. As the state winner Justin has won the opportunity to attend AFL matches on the first week of the finals in Melbourne, including flights and accommodation.



## **Room 15 Market Stalls -SAVE THE DATE!!**

- When: Friday September 15th. 10am-2:30pm
- Each class has a selected time slot but parents can come any time.
- Where: School Courtyard
- Why: because we are doing business studies in class! We will be raising money for our school concert/ sports equipment.
- What: Some of our stalls sell candles, homemade crafts, slime and we even have an arcade!
- All of our items are either made from scratch or well treated second hand toys.
- Cost: Prices range is 10c to \$2.



**OSHC NEWSLETTER**

How fantastic does OSHC look with our new superhero theme!

Wendy has been super busy making Superheros for our kids to paint and colour in. Games and craft activities have been based on superhero theme with Superhero hand painting, commando crawling, sewing superhero dogs and making masks all popular activities. Healthy cooking is always popular and the children have even potted a plant with Lynn.

**Friday 1 September is a pupil free day;** We are having Animal Capers visit us and bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Book now to avoid disappointment.

**Further Enquiries - Vacation Care or OSHC**

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.



During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into the Brighton Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

**YEAR 7-8 TRANSITION FOR 2018**

Year 8 High School acceptance packs are being sent home on Friday 18th August.

Requests for review should be addressed and lodged to the Operations Directorate by Friday 1st September 2017.

**YARD STAR WINNERS**

Elsie - Room 16