



Our students are confident learners and caring citizens prepared for their futures.

**– March –**

Mon 29 to Wed 31	Arbury Park whole school camp: <b>Arrive at school between 8.30am &amp; 8.45am as the buses will leave at 9.15am</b>
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Please note the requested arrival time at school to ensure we have time to pack the buses with both luggage and children! 😊

**– April –**

Thu 1	School Closure Day
Fri 2	Good Friday
Mon 5	Easter Monday
Thu 8	SAPSASA Cross Country: Selected students from Years 4-7
Fri 9	Sports Day: 9.30am to 2pm-ish Early dismissal at 2.20pm (1 hour early) for final day of Term 1 <b>Please note we are limiting numbers to FOUR per family (no RSVP required)</b>
Mon 26	Public Holiday for Anzac Day
Tue 27	Day 1, Term 2

Also, on Tuesday each of our classroom teachers were released to spend time with Carolyn, from the Brightpath team at head office to moderate our student writing samples.

Embedding the Brightpath writing tool into our writing programs is a key action of our School Improvement Plan.

This term each of our students has had both a persuasive and narrative piece of writing assessed, moderated and uploaded to the Brightpath tool.

From this process our teachers receive information on our students' writing to support the next steps for teaching and individual writing goals for each student.

For more information regarding your child's writing and Brightpath scores, please make contact with your classroom teacher or me to chat further.

Next week we look forward to our whole school camp at Arbury Park.

We require students to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am on Monday so we can begin loading the buses. We will return by 3pm on Wednesday afternoon.

School camps always provide enjoyable and engaging learning opportunities and the chance for our kids to grow in independence and responsibility.

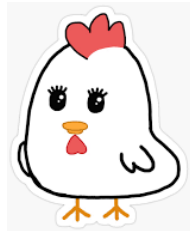
We will share lots of photos on SkoolBag while we are away.

Sports Day will take place on the last day of term.

At Governing Council, we made the decision that we would ask each family to bring a maximum of 4 adults to Sports Day to support our social-distancing requirements. We will not require RSVPs but ask that you check in using the QR code when you arrive. Thank you for respecting this limit on numbers. A digital copy of the program is on SkoolBag.

*David Hodges* **Principal**

**Can you help to look after our Chooks in the school holidays?**



Please drop by the office to let us know, or phone/email:  
8383 6110 or [dl.0720.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0720.info@schools.sa.edu.au).  
Thank you.

**Welcome to the Week 9 Newsletter**

I hope you have all had a great week.

I have been on leave for the latter half of this week as my wife underwent surgery and I would like to thank our staff for 'stepping up' and their support.

On Tuesday our Young Environmental Leaders attended the first forum for the year at Belair National Park. Please see inside for more information and highlights from the day.

## Featuring our Young Environmental Leaders

The Young Environmental Leaders attended their first forum for the year this week at Belair Main Pavilion which is in Belair National Park where they undertook various activities.

“There was an odd activity where we had to sell a really bad tree to the native wetland birds of the area. The tree was really old and quite small and it looked dead. We looked at all the positives and focussed on that – with the old part we said it was very ‘vintage’ and that it was made using only the finest materials. We said it had many levels and an all-you-can-eat 24-hour worm buffet at the bottom. All the YEL members created a project tree and wrote down all our goals for the three projects we have. Jacob, Patrick & Callum are going to make a bee hotel. Molise & Emily are going to finish the butterfly garden and Mia & Ella are going to redo the frog pond (projects they started last year as part of YEL).

Another fun activity was the nature scavenger hunt – we had to find lots of things in nature and tick them off our list as we found them. We also looked at our individual footprints: water, consumption, electricity and waste. Each person calculated their own footprint and the lower number of points at the end, the better.

Thanks to Jess for driving all the girls to and from, and Mr Hodges for driving the boys and staying to supervise.” **Jacob, year 6 & Emily, year 6**



## Thank You

Thank you to Raphael & Alijah’s Nonno (grandfather) Tom for the beautiful Aboriginal and Torres Strait artefacts that he provided for display in our library recently. On Harmony Day, many of our visitors enjoyed talking about it with their special young people.





## Growing with Gratitude

The Growing with Gratitude lessons have continued to be fun and engaging lessons for students from all classes. This week the Year 2/3 Class did a special activity called **the 7-Day Kindness Challenge**. The students had to plan daily activities where they could demonstrate kindness. Once they completed the activity they needed to record how they felt and how the person receiving their act of kindness felt. Whilst I know that students in our school do acts of kindness regularly without even thinking about it, this challenge allowed our students to become more mindful about showing kindness. This will encourage them to consciously think about how to be kind people and how they can affect those around them in a positive way.

Annara Oxenham

## Giant Zucchini

Congratulations to Audrey in year 6 for guessing the correct weight of our giant zucchini that was left on the vine to ripen well beyond its eat-by date! Its weight was a whopping 3.5kg – well done, Audrey! An honourable mention must go to Beau B, Jarah and Kai who all got within 0.2kg of the correct weight.



## Mining Muffins



The Year 4/5 Class undertook a STEAM exercise that was **the best activity EVER** (according to multiple sources), where students looked at changes to the Earth's surface. Each child was given a muffin and a toothpick to "mine" chocolate chips. The aim was to unearth as many chocolate chips as possible while still maintaining the structural integrity of the muffin. You can see the varying results in the photos to the left.

## Screen Time Recommendations

These guidelines may assist you to review your rules at home (if needed). As your child/ren grow older it becomes much harder to instigate rules if they haven't been in place from a younger age (parents of high school children will know this all too well!)

Another idea is to talk to parents of your child/ren's friends about how they manage screen time – you may pick up some tips and you may also learn that not everything your child says about what their friends are allowed to do is true!





## SAPSASA – Year 6/7 Boys' Cricket



"Last week we played at Kangarilla Oval. Three Kanga boys Josiah, Blake and Jett helped to make up the team. We played St Martin de Porres from Sheidow Park. Our team batted first: Mason and I were the first batters and we did pretty well. Our total batting score for the team was 19. After that we fielded. The bowling line up was Eli, Mason and me for the first three. We did pretty well but the other team was just too good and the final score ended up being 19-76. Thanks to Mr H, Melonie and Nick for driving us and getting all our equipment ready." **Chase, year 7**



## SAPSASA Swimming

Yesterday I competed in the SAPSASA swimming finals for Onkaparinga North. I had three individual events and the relay. My first event was 50m breaststroke – I won that event and got a gold medal. Next I had the 100m freestyle – I started strong but got overtaken towards the end and came 4th. Next was the relay, I competed with three other boys from the district, the three boys did a fantastic job at getting us into first position, then I smashed it home as the last swimmer. We won gold for our race. Finally I swam backstroke to finish off the day and I won gold again. This was my last SAPSASA, I'm so happy we got to compete in the finals this year. Last year we missed out because of Covid. I'm a bit disappointed that there will be no nationals this year as I would have gone. But I encourage other people to give swimming or any SAPSASA event a go as it is lots of fun for everyone.