



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

**- February -**

TBC soon	Acquaintance Night (via Microsoft Teams) for each class
TBC soon	Governing Council Meeting
Thu 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day

**- March -**

Mon 14	Adelaide Cup holiday
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**- April -**

Thu 14	Final Day of Term 1
Fri 15	Good Friday

**Some Reminders**

Please remember to **keep your child home if they are experiencing any cold-like symptoms**. We ask that you help your child to **apply sunscreen prior to school** (please ensure they know how to apply it themselves). We will then ensure children reapply sunscreen before each outdoor play break. We are **handwashing regularly** and **using sanitiser** when needed. Children in Year 3 and above are **encouraged to wear masks**, however, these are not compulsory.

**Drop Off & Pick Up Next Week**

Unfortunately parents must drop off and pick up their children **at the school gates from next week**. It is important that your child knows where they are being collected from at the end of the school day so they know where to go. We will have a staff member at each entry point to assist children to stay safe. Please contact Ms Birrell if you have any questions or concerns.

**Nut Aware – all nuts are allowed**

At Clarendon Primary we consider ourselves a nut-aware school as we have a student with a severe nut allergy. In the past, children were unable to bring particular nuts and nut products, however, **now all nut products are now allowed to be brought in lunchboxes**. Please remind your child/ren that they are not to share their food with others.

**Acquaintance Night Postponed**

Unfortunately we have had to postpone Acquaintance Night; we hope to be able to run it online very soon, and will let you know ASAP.

**Welcome to the 2022 School Year!**

Wow, what a start eh?! Monday and Tuesday we had our first students for the year with a small cohort of essential workers' (EW) kids for outside play, games, dancing and even a few cheeky episodes of *Bluey*! Thanks to the SSOs and teachers who helped with the care of those kids.

On Wednesday, we had our second start day – this time for Reception and Year 1 students, as well as EW kids. It was a very successful start with very few tears (from the kids). Parents doing drop offs were very respectful of the Covid guidelines and we took some lovely photos of the Receptions with their roses.

We welcome our new teacher Kristen Hunt into the fold. Kristen has a wealth of knowledge and experience in teaching early years and is quickly building a positive rapport with her class.

Home Learning has had some teething issues, but parents and students are being very communicative about what's working and what is not. Everyone is doing their best, showing resilience and a "can-do" attitude and that is all we can ask. Please continue to share your learning with the class teacher and myself, as well as your questions and concerns. We are sorry about the complications in moving to the Microsoft Teams and SeeSaw; once we have fully integrated these, we are sure they will help us all to communicate better and with more consistency. We are considering creating a "Whole School" Seesaw account and removing SkoolBag, which has had some issues. We will keep you informed!

Please consider joining our Governing Council which plays a vital role in the governance of our school and setting future directions for our school. We have two meetings per term on Tuesday nights (week 3 and week 8) online or in the library depending on circumstances. Our AGM will take place in week 8, Term 1 this year. If you would like to nominate or re-nominate for GC, please email me at [regan.birrell196@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:regan.birrell196@schools.sa.edu.au).

Thanks again to everyone for being so welcoming, kind, patient and understanding while I am learning all of the intricacies of this role. I am looking forward to the year ahead with you and your children.

*Regan* **Regan Birrell, Principal**

*We acknowledge the Kaurna people as the traditional owners of this land.  
 We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region.*

## Day 1 on Wednesday

We started our first official day of school on Wednesday, with our four composite classes. As you can see below, some classes had more students than others!



The Reception/  
Year 1 Class



The Year 1/2 Class



The Year 3/4 Class



The Year 5/6 Class

The Reception/Year 1 Class has been settling into the daily routines of school life. This has included regular handwashing and sunscreen application before breaks, taking care of belongings, lining up outside with hats on heads and remembering to show the five Ls on the mat: **l**egs crossed, **h**ands in **l**aps, **l**ips closed, **l**istening ears on, **l**ooking at the teacher. This is tricky for some but we are getting there!



Alex with Dad (Gavin) & Mum (Lauren)



Clare with Mum (Bec)

Our at-school learners in the Year 1/2 Class have enjoyed chatting with their classmates who are working from home and sharing a joke and a dance each morning via Teams! The class at school has been busy with some hands-on activities such as measuring volume with water from a bucket and various sized cups and containers.

On Wednesday, students at school from the Year 3/4 Class followed the same on learning PowerPoint just like the children doing at-home learning. Children watched the PowerPoint for an English lesson on narratives and worked in their books.

Our Year 5/6s have been following along with the same online learning program as home-schooled students and have been lucky enough to get extra outdoor breaks where they have made good use of the new court!

## Kitchen Garden @ school this week

On Wednesday, our three Year 5/6 students harvested the zucchini that had been growing during the school holidays. The Year 1/2s weighed them yesterday and discovered that the biggest (held by Travis on the right) weighed in at 7kg! We had a grand total of 26.7kg worth of zucchinis – what a bumper crop! Let's hope we can use some in the kitchen soon.

Tyler & Travis with the biggest of the crop



## 2021 Yearbook

We have received our 2021 Yearbooks and will distribute them to families when school returns for all of our students on Monday, 14 February. Families whose children concluded their schooling here last year will also receive one, via post or the General Store (depending how far afield they are); we will be in touch.

The Clarendon Primary Yearbook is a gift from the school to each family (in split families each parent receives their own copy) that we hope you and your child/ren can look back on for years to come.

## Our Amazing New Court

"A big thank you to Mr Hodges for the installation of the new court – we will be spending a LOT of time there." *Mrs Riches*

"You don't get hurt as much cos it's not as bumpy. I fell over on the old one and it really hurt but when I fell over on the new court, it isn't rocky so I didn't get hurt as much. The ball bounces better on this one too." *Tilly, year 5*

"It's really grippy and nice so you don't slip over. I like the colours too." *Travis, year 5*

"It doesn't have all the cracks. When there were cracks, the basketball would bounce away." *Beau, year 3*

"It's much better than the other one and the colours are really bright." *Henry, year 3*



## Hello from Annara, PCW/SSO

Hello and welcome to a wonderful new year of school. If you are new to our school, you might not have met me yet. My name is Annara and I am the Pastoral Care Worker as well as an SSO (school services officer) here at Clarendon. You might think my role means I teach religion, however, this is not a part of my job unless specifically requested by a parent. My job is to support the wellbeing of students, parents and teachers; I personally think it is the best job in the world! My job is wide and varied and I support our lovely community in a number of ways. You will often find me providing support in the classrooms, running fun activities (such as face painting or knitting), playing with students in the yard during the breaks, or meeting with people individually. Whilst my role isn't that of a school counsellor, I am a qualified counsellor and those skills certainly come in handy. I am available to talk with anyone no matter what the concern. Some common concerns I help with are: anxiety, friendship concerns, parent separation, classroom engagement, grief/loss, and managing change. No concern is too small or too big. So, please feel free to email me, call me, or come have a chat with me. I will be at school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and my email address is [annara.oxenham401@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:annara.oxenham401@schools.sa.edu.au). PS Even if you don't have a concern, you are still welcome to contact me; it would be wonderful to hear from you and I would love to hear about your start to the year.

**Annara Oxenham, Pastoral Care Worker**

## Paperwork Being Sent Home – please return to school

We will send home some updated consent forms for early dismissal and General Consent Forms for those families who have not recently completed them. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.



# WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

[www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

## HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

## WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



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## Survey re Covid and Young People

As Australian children return to school, they are being invited to share their stories about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their wellbeing, and how they have coped.

**A national survey for children and young people aged 9 to 17 – and for their parents, carers or grandparents** – will inform decisions about how best to support children as the pandemic continues, and as we emerge from it children's lives remain disrupted, and they are invited to share their experiences including returning to school amid the Omicron outbreak and other challenges of the past 2 years.

The surveys are government-funded, and National Children's Commissioner Anne Hollonds said participation by children and parents would help governments improve support services. "Whether you are a child or teenager, a parent, grandparent or carer, your story is important, and sharing it will help to build better support for children in the future. Children and young people have not had many opportunities to be heard during the pandemic. This is a unique opportunity for them and their parents to contribute to recommendations for service improvements. The surveys will consider the social, emotional, educational, and other impacts children and young people have experienced over the past two years. Understanding these impacts in greater detail will help governments design better services to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people," Commissioner Hollonds said.

Both surveys are strictly confidential. They are available at [www.kidscovidsurvey.com](http://www.kidscovidsurvey.com) and are funded by the National Mental Health Commission. The Australian Human Rights Commission will report the results later this year.