



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

- April -

Sun 2	Daylight Savings Ends (clocks go back!)
Thu 6	Nature Play Day & Working Bee – helpers, please come after 10am
Fri 7	Good Friday public holiday
Mon 10	Easter Monday public holiday
Fri 14	Final day of Term 1 Early dismissal at 2.20pm

- May -

Mon 1	First day of Term 2
Fri 5	Sports Day: families invited for a 10.30am start

New Autism Inclusion Teacher

Autism Inclusion Teachers are a new, nation-leading initiative that aims to build educator understanding and knowledge around supporting autistic children and young people.

Every public primary school in South Australia has appointed an Autism Inclusion Teacher. Our Autism Inclusion Teacher is our school principal Regan Birrell, who will take on the role 1 day per fortnight.

Autism Inclusion Teachers will build their own teaching expertise, knowledge and understanding of autism through engaging in formal learning offerings and participation in the Autism Inclusion Teacher networks. To improve knowledge and practice across the school, Autism Inclusion Teachers will then be encouraged to share their learnings and resources with their colleagues to utilise in teaching autistic children and young people in their own classes.

Visit the Department for Education website to find out more about improving support for autistic children and students: <https://tinyurl.com/ysea3vxs>.

Parents Say Membership

We have access to the Parents Say digital magazine using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y6fzww4a>. You can also request to borrow the hard copy from our Governing Council Secretary Leah; please contact the office if you need her details.

Principal's Message

Hello all,

Thanks so much to all parents and carers who have made time to come and meet with teachers to discuss their child/ren's progress. These conversations are incredibly important so our teachers can share with you their goals and aspirations for your child but also for you to share your own ideas and thoughts about how things are going. If you haven't yet booked in a time, please do.

On Tuesday night of week 8, we held our AGM where we presented the 2022 Annual Report and elected our new members:

Chair: Kathy Farrugia

Deputy Chair: Bec Fox

Secretary: Leah Smith

Treasurer: Brendan Coulls

Assistant Treasurer: Alex Lourie

Community Representative: Vanessa Telford

General Members: Nick Blight, Nikki Edwards, James Pearce and Karina Weribone

Please let us know if you are interested in joining our council as we still have 1-2 positions left. If you would like to read our annual report, please email me as I can send through the draft to you- it will be published by the Department later in the year.

Yesterday at assembly I was so proud of our students. To see them up there, confidently presenting in front of their peers and the school community, the pride they had in their work and the amazing learning that goes on here in the school is just brilliant. It was great to see so many parent and community members there too and I hope to see many of you at our Nature Play Day Working Bee next week, any time after 10am, we would love to have you! Please send me a text or pop in to see me to let me know what jobs you are keen on, but you can also just pop in on the day.

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.*

Harmony Day



On Harmony Day last week, children enjoyed some craft activities with their buddies. Some made hand prints which were combined to create a Harmony Day poster, some created some origami and others made friendship bracelets.

We welcomed the community from 3pm and our students sang and signed using Auslan the song *We're All in This Together*. Everyone then helped to create a collaborative chalk artwork on our pavers and retaining walls to perk the place up a little (at least until it rained).



Featuring the Year 1-2 Class

On Friday 24th March the Reception and Year 1-2 Classes visited Thalassa Park in Aberfoyle Park to view the Storybook Walk. It was a great day, thanks to the help of volunteer parents Luba, Victoria and Julia, and our SSOs Sally and Kelly. Upon arrival the children enjoyed some fruit then had a play on the playground, loving the giant slide. Mrs Sleep and Miss Eckert then read some of the featured stories from the walk followed by an exploration of the sculptures. *Dirty Dinosaur* and *Fancy Pants* proved popular as were *Possum Magic* and *Cat*. After lunch and a play the Year 1-2s wrote about their favourite book or sculpture and why they liked it while the Reception children drew the dirty dinosaur then got themselves very dirty!

The Year 1-2 Class has also been learning about describing characters using the text *Nerdy Birdy*, a great story about a clever little bird who helped a big bully bird. Our learning intention in literacy is to write an entertaining narrative by the end of the term. In numeracy the Year 2s are working on place value using ones, tens, hundreds and thousands while the Year 1s work with hundreds, tens and ones. We are learning about ourselves in the Zones of Regulation, identifying which zone we are in during health lessons.



Parenting Guides

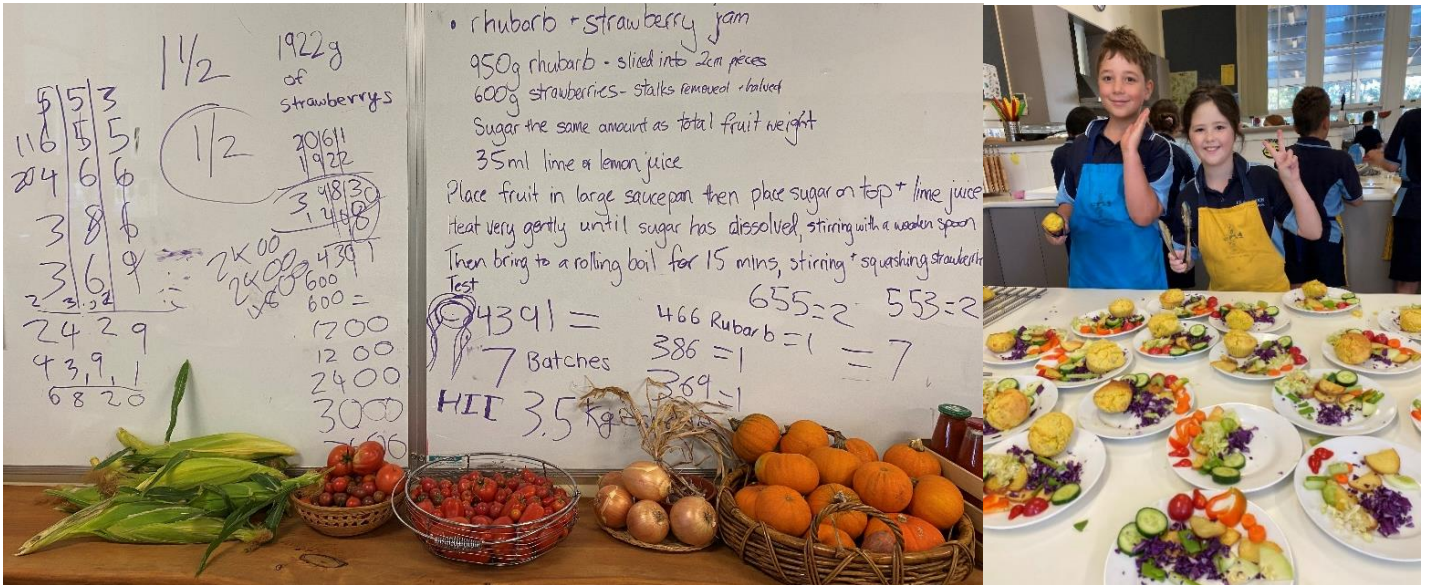
Please note we have some flyers on the office noticeboard that you are welcome to (you can take a copy from inside the large white folder in the office), on topics including:

- Self-esteem
- Sleep disturbance
- Family break-up
- Cyber safety
- Bullying
- Grief and loss
- Sibling rivalry
- Dealing with a crisis



We are also in the process of building up a borrowing library for parents/carers which will be located in the office near these flyers. If you have any suggestions of book titles or topics that you would like us to include, please let us know in the office.

The Kitchen Garden Program



Students in the Year 5-6 Class had to delve into multiplication when they made jam with Robin and Glenda. Who knew that jam making could involve such complex maths...we think we ended up with the correct amount of sugar...it tasted very sweet! The salad of imagination has increased students' awareness of how to prepare salad in a creative way, and make it look amazing as well as taste yummy; in the photo above, the Year 3-4 Class served their salads with corn muffins.

Welcome to Hannah (Pastoral Care Worker)

Annara Oxenham's final day of school this year will be next Thursday (Nature Play Day) before she begins maternity leave. While Annara is on leave, Hannah Lamb will be our Pastoral Care Worker. Hannah is married with a toddler and was previously the Chaplain at Aberfoyle Park High School. She has a degree in Social Work and is currently studying for a Graduate Diploma in Creative Writing and Communication, and a Master of Divinity. In her spare time she enjoys writing stories for children and articles about mental health. Hannah visited school earlier this week and spent some time with Annara, including in the playground during break time, which was an opportunity for our children to meet and get to know her.