



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

– November –

Mon 27	Kindy transition visit for whole day, including whole school Step-Up Day
Wed 29	Cultural Awareness Evening: 5.30pm-9.30pm – please book in the office or <a href="mailto:kathleen.best692@schools.sa.edu.au">kathleen.best692@schools.sa.edu.au</a>
Thu 30	Revegetation Grand Opening & Project Celebration: 2.30pm start

– December –

Tue 5	6pm Governing Council dinner
Wed 6	Rehearsal day for End of Year Concert
Thu 7 OR Fri 8	High school transition day (public schools select one of these two days)
Thu 7	End of Year Concert - arrive by 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start
Fri 8	School Closure Day
Tue 12	Oak Tree Ceremony ( <i>held in the evening with staff and families of year 6 students only</i> )
Wed 13	Year 5-6 excursion
Thu 14	2.40pm Graduation Assembly
Fri 15	Visit to Toondilla (Riverbend Park) Please join us if you can from 10.30am Early dismissal at 2.20pm from school

**Principal's Message**

Can you believe we are now two-thirds of the way through the term? It has been flying by - and we have another action-packed 3 weeks to come.

Our school leaders have been working with the younger classes to discuss our school values: what values are, why they are important and whether our current values are the right ones for us. At the moment it is looking a little like our values might be updated to something along the lines of *Be Kind, Show Respect, Work Hard*. It is a valuable conversation our young leaders are having with their peers and these school values drive so many of the everyday decisions and conversations kids and staff make/have at school, so we want them to be easy to bring to mind and to really resonate with our kids and staff. Watch this space!

On Wednesday, the State Minister of Human Services and Volunteering Nat Cook, made time to come to school to present our much respected volunteer **Duncan Nash** with the **Premier's Award for Volunteering**. Duncan (as is usual) took it all in his stride and made a poignant, on the spot speech to our eldest class about what it means to volunteer, why they should think about volunteering and what he gets out of volunteering. It is blokes like Duncan who keep our little school running so well, provide these kids with great opportunities and the ability to develop relationships with other important adults. Three other volunteers who have been especially acknowledged are Anne Zacpal, Angela Brown and Toni Smith. These three ladies have all made significant contributions to our school over multiple years and we thank them for everything they do. Every person in our community who has given time to our little school has helped us to be the great place that we are. We appreciate EVERY single little thing you all do for our kids. You are great role models for our kids.

Kind regards

*Regan*

**Regan Birrell, Principal**



MP Nat Cook presented Duncan Nash with his certificate.

*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.*

## Year 5-6 Wirraway Camp

Our Year 5-6 Class really enjoyed their time at Wirraway Camp recently – activities such as horse riding, sheep herding, the low ropes course, archery and slip ‘n’ slide kept the kids occupied in a co-ordinated sense, then their free time was spent on other activities like playing pool, carpet ball, air hockey, volleyball, basketball and having pillow fights.

When asked to describe their highlights, it was hard for people to choose:

“Horse care – it was really nice to brush them and lead them around.” **Ebony**

“The food and horse riding as well as horse care and archery.” **Paxton**

“I loved the food – it was amazing – they had really good food there. The butter chicken was my favourite...I want to go back in the holidays.” **Ezri**

“Horse riding cos my horse Ruby was cute.” **Justin**

“That’s really hard cos there was a lot of really great stuff to do. Probably archery and water play.” **Jada**



sheep herding was tricky but fun



lunches and dinners were a BIG hit



talent show winners Emily, Jada and Tilly



Christian, Luca, Tyler, Hannah, Tilly and Travis ready to ride



Joey rides Coco



Justin slides by



Nyah, Alyssa and Zahlia, tired and ready to go home

## Reception Sleepover @ School



Our Receptions enjoyed their school sleepover recently in the library. Mrs Sleep and Jackie also stayed the night with our youngest cohort and all went smoothly. On the kitchen classroom deck they enjoyed dinner and dessert of pizza and ice-cream followed by *Toy Story* in the library, with lights out soon after.

The next morning some families joined the children for breakfast on the deck; some kids remained at school while others left to spend a quiet day at home.



## Gymnastics



Brothers Christian (left) and Alexander (right) have done it again and performed highly at another athletics competition. On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November they competed at the MAG (Men's Artistic Gymnastics) Level 1-10 Invitational Championships, with Christian competing in Level 3 and Alexander in Level 2.

Christian won 1<sup>st</sup> overall and received 3 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal. He received a gold certificate of excellence for his scores greater than 90% of maximum possible start score and achieved his Level 3 badge.

Alexander won a silver medal for his rings performance, received a bronze certificate of excellence for his scores greater than 85% of maximum possible start score and achieved his Level 2 badge.

## Farewell from Pastoral Care Worker, Hannah Lamb

My time as interim PCW while Annara is on maternity leave concludes at the end of this term. I wanted to take some time to thank everyone for welcoming me into the Clarendon PS community. I have felt part of the CPS family from the moment I started, and I am very sad it is coming to an end. The students here at Clarendon are the kindest I have ever worked with; they are gentle to the environment, polite to everyone they meet (except maybe when there is the occasional friendship issue) and have a strong sense of justice. The staff are incredible; always striving to give students the most engaging learning experience possible, always going above and beyond for individuals who need a bit more attention, and they do this all with a smile (most of the time – we all have those days). The team here have given me a safe environment to challenge myself and discover just how much I am capable of; I will forever be grateful. From the beginning I was surprised how involved the parents and community are with the school. I have spoken with a lot of parents while I have been here and whether it is face-to-face, over the phone, casually in the yard or in my office, what is clear is the depth of love and care families have for their children. I always walk away reflecting on how fortunate these children are to have parents who are so involved and caring, and how these factors are what will make the challenges they face work out in the end.

As for me, I have accepted a role as a PCW at McLaren Flat Primary School where I will work two days a week while I continue with my writing career and raising my son. Life will never be boring!

I will continue to be available at school on Tuesdays and Fridays until the end of the term.

Thanks again

Hannah

## Reception Transition Days



Our 2024 Reception students have enjoyed their transition visits here at school to become familiar with their classroom and teacher Mrs Sleep before they begin next year. They are already very familiar with the surroundings as they have visited our school many times with the kindy.

Their final visit will be on Monday next week and will be a full school day.



Students across the rest of our school will have a whole school “Step Up Day”, meaning they will spend the day in their 2024 classroom.

For this day, the year 6s will be based in the library and will spend their time completing any unfinished work and their Scrapbooks which they will have on display at graduation.

## Volunteer Assembly...

Our assembly was a wonderful way to thank our volunteers, of which we have MANY. The kitchen classroom produced bottles of their famous passata/pasta sauce which were gifted to our volunteers, and they also received a special volunteers’ drink bottle. We are never short of a volunteer putting up their hand to help out with driving, reading, cooking or assisting on excursions – we are very grateful for every effort: big and small.

Anne Zacpal, Toni Smith and Angela Brown (right) each received a volunteering award for their ongoing contribution to our school community.



## ...and the Opening of the 2010 Time Capsule



We were so pleased to see some familiar faces at the opening of our 2010 Time Capsule. In the above image are Robin Howard & Jackie Cooney (current staff who were also here back in 2010...and much earlier!), past student Maddie Byass, Neil Beverley (ex-principal and current volunteer), Suzanne Riches (ex-middle primary teacher and current volunteer), past students James Hooper & Cody Stephensen and Cody’s mum Cindy.

Neil Beverley did a great job officiating the proceedings as he shared the contents of the time capsule. It contained many photographs from 2010 and a few bits and pieces from students and staff.

Each student got to eat a chocolate beetroot muffin after they had served their decorative purpose (making 2010).

We are contemplating putting together another time capsule next year so we can do it all again in 10+ years’ time. ☺