



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

- January -

Mon 22 to Thu 25	Staff will be onsite
Mon 29	Day 1 of school 9am Rose Ceremony: arrive at school from 8.30am to help your child settle. Parents/carers are welcome to stay to help welcome our new students

- February -

Tue 13	6pm Governing Council Meeting
Wed 14	2.40pm Assembly

- March -

Fri 1	Maths Day
Fri 1	Schools Clean-Up Day
Thu 7	2.40pm Assembly
Mon 11	Adelaide Cup holiday
Wed 13 to Mon 22	NAPLAN period
Tue 19	6pm Governing Council Meeting
Wed 20	Harmony Day
Mon 25	Working Bee from 2pm
Thu 28	Sports Day
Fri 29	Good Friday

- April -

Mon 1	Easter Monday
Wed 3	World Autism Awareness Day
Fri 5	2.40pm Assembly
Mon 8 to Fri 12	Swimming & Water Safety for Reception to Year 5 students

Principal's Message

Another action-packed year at Clarendon Primary School has ended. We have had an absolutely fantastic year filled with many different events, excursions and camps. Each of the classes had a sleepover opportunity- the Receptions had a school sleepover, the 1-2s with their amazing camp at Monarto Zoo, the 3-4s went to Mylor Camp and the 5-6s to Wirraway Homestead. We had our first ever whole school plus kindy excursion to Warriparinga Wetlands and the new playground at Glenithorne National Park. We celebrated and experienced teachers, elders, sports, outdoor learning, nature play and maths days as well as Harmony Day plus Book, Reconciliation, Volunteer, SSO & Science weeks. We held three assemblies each term, proudly sharing our learning and we watched the kids become more confident speaking in front of crowds.

Around the school in 2023, we have seen a few physical changes with the development of the mini-classroom adjoined to the 3-4 classroom. What was once a space for storage and art equipment has become an organised, freshly painted and carpeted space that students can use for group work, regulation and working with members of staff. Additionally, we were able to fund built-in storage and furniture in the senior primary classrooms, a Torres Strait Islander flagpole, the fence near the car park and we began the retaining upgrade of the playground.

One of our major changes at the school was that our young leaders worked with students from all classes to develop our new school values which are simply: *Be Kind, Work Hard*. We look forward to putting these in place from 2024 and beyond. What more could we want from our kids, but to display these two values?

A huge thanks must go to the amazing staff of Clarendon Primary School who work so hard for our kids each and every day, as well as our volunteers who keep our programs running and costs low. I thank them all for their dedication, enthusiasm and altruism. Have a great holiday and rest over the summer. We all deserve it.

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.*

End of Year Concert

We had such a great night at our End of Year Concert last week – Julie-anne once again polished the kids' performances to put on a spectacular show.

Thanks also to Miss Michelle for the beautiful goose-bump opening with the Year 3-4s signing in Auslan to *This is Me* from the Greatest Showman, while the Year 5-6s sang along.



Along with the dances, we were treated to short films by the Year 5-6 students with stories of robbery, time travel, a cooking competition and basketball magic to name a few. A very big thank you to Brad Pickford for all the time he put into assisting the kids with planning, filming and editing these short films – they couldn't have done it without you and it really does add some extra special entertainment to the End of Year Concert night.

Oak Tree Ceremony

Our Oak Tree Ceremony ended up being held inside the library on Tuesday night for fear of being rained out, plus the grass was very waterlogged, however, during the night there were several references to our beautiful oak tree.

The night began with immediate family for a dinner planned and executed precisely by a small group of parents, with Toni at the helm. People gathered in groups outside the kitchen classroom and chatted before extended family and friends arrived and it was time to head inside the library. The Year 6s were welcomed one by one under the balloon archway and up to the front of the room.

It was obvious the Year 6s had spent a lot of time rehearsing their speeches as they spoke with incredible confidence and poise; Jada even managed to give her full speech by heart. Mr Hunter described how the whole class had welcomed him for his first year here at Clarendon and how sad he was to see the year 6s leave, but excited to hear about what they all will get up to in future. He reiterated that the invitation is always there for kids to return for a visit (Travis even referenced this in his speech saying he would *definitely* be back for Sports Day).



Year 6 Rose Ceremony

We farewelled our Year 6s in a celebratory Rose Ceremony. Each child was handed a rose by a Reception student, a full-circle moment for our Year 6s, having been handed a rose by the departing Year 7s when they commenced school all those years ago. We had a big turnout for this assembly and there were some emotional moments. We were sad to farewell 12 of these families for their last day at school today!

Award Presentations



Two of our students were presented with some impressive awards yesterday.

Congratulations to Hannah who received the Mayo Community Service Award presented by Rose Beltchev on behalf of Rebekha Sharkie Member for Mayo. Hannah received this for having demonstrated a keen interest in social justice and showing great community leadership.

Congratulations also to Paxton who was the recipient of the Heyesen Citizenship Award which also included an impressive medal, presented by Member for Heyesen Josh Teague. Paxton received this for his community commitment including to environmental projects.



Dance Legends

We received a lovely message from a parent on the weekend that we are so proud to share:

Audrey in year 3 and Chloe in Reception both attended a ballet concert on the weekend where both girls received awards for their kindness and ballerina etiquette. They have 200 children at their ballet school, and only three awards were given out; it was beautiful to see our Clarendon girls shine on stage and be acknowledged amongst their peers for their outstanding work. Thank you for the support and community created at Clarendon Primary. Be kind, work hard shines bright.



The Final Farewell!

We began a new tradition today, with our Year 6s going through an archway of arms and coming out near the school bell to give it one last ring before they leave primary school for the final time.



YOUNG ADELAIDE VOICES OPEN DAY!



YAV invites you to discover the joy of singing at our Open Day!

Come and experience our world-class choral education, hear our choirs perform and get to know our staff and choristers through interactive rehearsals, fun musical games, and over coffee!

When: 10am – 12pm, Saturday 3 February 2024

Where: Burnside City Uniting Church

Register: youngadelaidevoices.asn.au



A Letter from the Member for Wright



Government
of South Australia

Hon Blair Boyer MP
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

Every child deserves access to a great education – one that supports them to learn and thrive.

To achieve this, we need to remove barriers for students with a disability so they receive appropriate support, and we need to give schools extra funding to ensure they have the resources they need.

We've heard from parents, families, teachers and principals, that the application process to receive funding for children with additional needs can be a barrier to effective inclusion.

As such, we are implementing new arrangements from term 1, 2024, to give schools greater autonomy to respond to the needs of their students quickly.

Schools will no longer need to apply for funding to support individual students at Levels 1 to 3. These levels will be abolished, and schools will now automatically receive a grant based on the number of students with a disability.

The changes will mean schools will have access to funding from the start of the year to help plan for staffing, programs and resources that respond to the needs of their students.

It means better, more targeted support to the students who need it the most.

It will see an additional investment of more than \$50m over the next four years to strengthen support for students with disability.

The Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) changes will reduce the workload for our staff while giving teachers and leaders greater autonomy and flexibility over how they use those funds – working with families to get the supports right.

For those children and young people who require intensive support, schools can still apply for additional funding above the grant.

These changes will make a big difference for our students with disabilities and will equip our schools with the resources to better plan for students' immediate and future learning needs.

These improvements will ensure South Australian students with disabilities thrive and prosper in a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment – because they deserve it.

Yours sincerely

A stylized blue ink signature of Blair Boyer.

Hon Blair Boyer MP
**Minister for Education,
Training and Skills**

A blue ink signature of Martin Westwell.

Martin Westwell
Chief Executive
Department for Education



HILLS HANGOUT

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING!

**GET CREATIVE & CRAFTY WITH
OUR ART CREW, HIT THE
BASKETBALL COURTS, TAKE ON
THE PHOTOGRAPHY
SCAVENGER HUNT OR JUST
CHILL OUT AND ENJOY THE
FREE FOOD! COME HANG WITH
ONKAPARINGA YOUTH IN THE
HILLS THIS SUMMER!**

DATE Monday 22 January 2024

TIME

Session 1 (8-12's): 10.30am – 12.30pm
Shared Lunch from Midday
Session 2: (13-17's) 12.00pm – 2.30pm

COST \$10

AGE 8 - 17 years

WHERE Meet at Clarendon Recreation
Ground (35 Nicolle Rd, Clarendon)

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NOTE

Preferential spots reserved for young people
in Clarendon & Kangarilla surrounds.

