



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

**- February -**

Thu 29	Reception & 1-2 Classes excursion – Little Red in the Hood @ Marion Cultural Centre
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**- March -**

Fri 1	Maths Day
Fri 1	Schools Clean-Up Day
Tue 5	Tennis Fun Day, years 4-6
Thu 7	2.40pm Assembly
Fri 8	International Women’s Day
Mon 11	Adelaide Cup holiday
Tue 12	Pupil-Free Day
Wed 13 to Mon 22	NAPLAN period
Thu 14	9am coffee on KG deck: all welcome
Fri 15	Year 3-6 excursion to Migration Museum
<b>Tue 19</b>	<b>Harmony Day &amp; Elders’ Day</b> <b>*ask elders to SAVE THE DATE*</b>
Tue 19	6pm Governing Council Meeting & AGM
Mon 25	Working Bee from 2pm
Thu 28	Sports Day
Fri 29	Good Friday

**- April -**

Mon 1	Easter Monday
Tue 2	Pupil-Free Day
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
Fri 12	Early dismissal at 2.20pm

**Principal’s Message**

Thanks so much for an exceptional start to the term. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our 15 new Reception students, as well as George, Olivia and Billie to our older classes. The kids have settled so well and we were all so proud of their attentiveness during our Rose Ceremony on Day 1 and at our first assembly this week.

Our new school values of *Be Kind* and *Work Hard* are in full flow. We gave out some awards to kids displaying these values at assembly this week and will continue look for kids living and demonstrating them so we can shine a light on them. I had to laugh on Wednesday when I was working in the Village with the Reception kids for garden lessons. It was a little hot and most of the kids were putting in a lacklustre effort. I gathered them around and said they looked a little tired...but could they tell me what our school values are? I started them off with “Be kind...” Then they all tiredly said together “Work hard!” and went off with renewed vigour (to be rewarded with 5 minutes of free play in the Village for their hard work).

The Acquaintance Afternoon saw some positive feedback from staff and families. Many families loved the kids taking ownership and leading the tour and sharing important information about their class. Parents were able to make time for conversations with staff and find out how their children are settling in. The kids certainly enjoyed the BBQ and being able to be the leaders of the day. Thank you for being receptive to change! If you have any feedback at all, please feel free to SeeSaw it to me. A few parents mentioned that the time did not work for them. Sadly there is no time that will suit everyone, but you are welcome to contact your child’s teacher and arrange a time for your child to show you around.

We had our first parent/carer coffee morning last Friday. This was a very relaxed affair up in the top kitchen/deck area where you have the opportunity to make a coffee on the espresso machine, eat a snack and share some stories with other parents and a staff member. We had about 10 parents come along as well as their non-school aged kids. It is another chance to continue to build our community back towards those pre-Covid times. We really do encourage you to engage with each other, use the school grounds before or after school, join in on pre-start of school activities like early-bird learning, skipping, basketball or handball, and hang around after school to use the outdoor facilities.

A reminder that my door is always open...please feel free to pop in, call me, email me, SeeSaw me or chuck a lasso around me as I run about the playground. You and your kids are so very important to us!

*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.*

## Thank you, Will!

A big thank you to Will from **Will's Window Washing & Gutter Cleaning** for coming to clean our windows here at school, *after* they were cleaned (not so thoroughly) by another company. As the parent of a student here at Clarendon, Will saw the job still needed to be done and asked if he could finish the job free of charge. We are really grateful for this gesture.

If you have any windows that need cleaning, please consider using Will; we have some business cards in the office, or just google his business name.



## From the Library

It has been a pleasure to have so many enthusiastic readers visit our library so far this year!

We will be open for browsing, borrowing and enquiries on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30-9am.

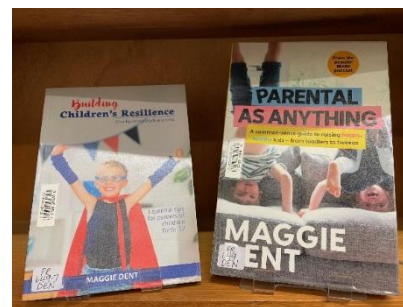
Children come over weekly with their class; your child/ren's class teacher will have already advised you of your child's whole class library borrowing day.



Also, we have a few new books on our Parent Shelf in the office, two of which are by author Maggie Dent.

Maggie is not only an author, but an educator and parenting and resilience specialist, with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence.

Maggie is an advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She is a passionate, positive voice for children of all ages. Maggie is the host of the LiSTNR podcast *The Good Enough Dad* and the award-winning ABC podcast *Parental As Anything*. She is the author of nine major books, plus several e-books and other resources for parents, adolescents, teachers and early childhood educators, and others who are interested in quietly improving their lives.



## Free Home Internet Access

Students and families who have inadequate or no access to internet at home are eligible to apply for a free internet connection to support learning.

There are two options available to eligible families:

- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the student home internet program
- NBN broadband internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative.

You might be eligible if you:

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN broadband connection.

Find out more about what options are available and how parents and carers can apply by visiting [education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning](https://education.sa.gov.au/students/curriculum-and-learning) and selecting **Student home internet program**.

## Have any old broomsticks or large dowel?

We need some old broomsticks or large dowels of a similar size for cubby building. We have plenty of sticklets, but no big sticks. If you have any, please bring them in for our kids to use. Thank you ☺



## Featuring the Year 4-5-6 Class

We have had a busy start to the year in the 4-5-6 Class. We have been working hard on developing strong routines that will be important skills for the year. To increase our teamwork and collaboration skills, we have been taking part in some challenging and engaging activities. The purpose of these activities is to focus on encouraging each other as well as being resilient in difficult situations. It has been great to see the development of teamwork and encouragement, which will be an asset to the students throughout the year. To accompany this, the class has been workshoping our new school values; 'be kind, work hard' to create a class oath. This oath will take the similar ideas of all the students to construct the final copy.



We have also been working hard on pieces of art to personalise our classroom space; we have some name art and photos up already, and will finalise this next week when you can visit the office or our space to check it out.



## Years 3-6 Excursion to the Fringe

Our two older classes enjoyed their first excursion for 2024 today with a trip to Fringe show Junklandia (focused on sustainability), which according to their teachers they absolutely **loved**, and as we go to print, we're looking forward to hearing all about when they return. They also enjoyed a stop-off at Princess Elizabeth playground to eat and play.



## Water Play



Last Friday we concluded the week with water play on the lawn, with the Reception to Year 2s in one space and the Year 3-6s in another. It was a great way to cool off and a fun way to end our second week of learning here at school.

**SOUTHERN  
TIGERS**

# TIGER CUBS

**JUNIOR BASKETBALL SESSIONS FOR  
5-9 YEAR OLDS**

## 6 WEEK PROGRAM

**DEVELOP KEY SKILLS  
LEARN BASIC GAME RULES  
WORK AS A TEAM  
MAKE FRIENDS & HAVE FUN**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
SOUTHERNTIGERS.COM.AU/TIGER-CUBS**

JOIN THE AMBUSH **2024** HEAR THE ROAR

**Aberfoyle Park  
High School**

**IGNITE**

**OPEN  
NIGHT**

**Tuesday  
26 March  
5:30-7:30pm**

Email: [APHS.Info970@schools.sa.edu](mailto:APHS.Info970@schools.sa.edu)  
Website: [www.aphs.sa.edu.au](http://www.aphs.sa.edu.au)  
Address: 36A Taylors Road,  
Aberfoyle Park, 5159  
Phone: 8270 4455

**Programs:**

- IGNITE for gifted students
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
- Music
- International Ambassador
- Spanish & Japanese

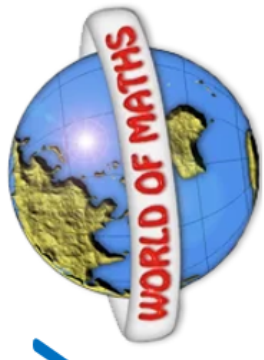
**Our 2023 year 12 results:**

- 100% SACE Completion
- 6 Merits (Specialised Maths, English Literacy, Physics & Research Project B)
- Highest ATAR of 99.85
- 5 students with ATAR of 95 and above

## School Card Scheme

If you're a low-income family with children attending a government school, you can get financial help with school fees (materials and services charges), through the School Card scheme. Where your school fees are less than the School Card subsidy, you could also get help with expenses such as uniform, camp and excursion costs. Parents can speak directly to Ms Birrell about financial help.

To find out if you are eligible for the School Card scheme, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ycyp77bt>



# MATHS DAY

Week 5, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**World of Maths** is coming to our school!

Costume Dress-Up. You could be a calculator, a clock, a Rubik's cube, a triangle or even a mathematician!

*Be there or be square!*

