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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR



DIARY DATES

Term 3

- 19th - 23rd August Book Week
- 19th August Year 11 Outdoor Ed Excursion
- 20th - 21st August Year 10 - 11 Subject Counselling
- 26th August Pupil Free Day
- 27th August Year 9 - 11 Drama Excursion
- 29th - 31st August Adelaide Show Steers
- 3rd - 5th September Adelaide Show Sheep & Goats
- 6th September School Closure
- 9th - 13th September Wellbeing Week
- 9th - 11th September F - 12 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 9th September Governing Council Meeting
- 12th September F - 12 Assembly 9.00am

FEEDBACK

At Keith Area School, we value the input that we receive from parents and community members. If you would like to provide the school with some feedback, there are many ways that you can get in touch with us. In person, speaking to a teacher, leader or another staff member. You can also provide us feedback in writing via a letter or email to dl.0757.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

A big warm welcome back to Term 3. Finally, we have had a small taste of some nice sunny days and I have noticed that the sun is coming up a little earlier so Spring isn't too far away.

We have jumped back into teaching and learning from day 1 and were thrilled to welcome our 14 new Reception students and Miss Callie Manser as their teacher. The students have settled in beautifully and on my walk throughs it has been great to see the hive of activity going on.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Erika Lamont to the teaching team. It is great to have your enthusiastic and friendly teaching demeanour back on staff.

All things facilities occurred over the holiday break. It was full steam ahead for the COLA which was finally resurfaced after many years of being on our 'facilities list'. The Secondary play space is continuing to evolve and we are hopeful that this project along with the new basketball court will be ready to use by the start of Term 4. Our hall gained a face lift with new painting and this will provide our drama students with a better back drop as the back wall is now a darker colour. Thank you to Capurso painters for tackling this challenging job! Our second Gaga pit was constructed and should be in use in the coming weeks – thanks again to Hinze, Nick Norman and Pete McAuley for erecting this pit.

It is with great excitement that I let our readers know of a new 'big' project that is underway in readiness for 2025. The old canteen will be receiving a face lift in the coming months and we will open up our first ever Keith Area School Café. We are really excited for how this can positively impact the culture in our staff, students and wider school community and try something unique that has seen great success in other sites! More information, vision and pictures will come over the coming months.

I accompanied the Royal Adelaide show students and Mr Wotton to Lucindale last Tuesday for a day of Junior Judging. This was a well organised day and one which had all students interacting and engaged in judging cattle, sheep, poultry and goats. The show students and Mr Wotton are well underway with show prep and we wish them all the very best with the upcoming show.



NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR CONTINUED

This week our Year 10 students are attending careers camp. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to engage in industry, universities and trade and learn about the different pathways they may pursue later in life. Thank to Miss Day and Mr Blake for accompanying our Year 10 students.

In Week 2, Miss Lucas, Aaron and I took the Year 10 and 11 students to Bordertown to attend the Career's expo. In 2023 we sadly missed this day, so it was great to be able to join the vendors for the day. It was also fantastic to see 2 of our very own Year 12 students, Charlie Lambert and Jack Hedges on their work place stalls explaining to our students what their job entails.

On a personal note, I am off to Melbourne later this week to attend the Courageous Principal's program run by Deloitte University. I would like to thank my Education Director for nominating me for this opportunity and hope that it will provide me with lots of ideas and further growth in all things related to leadership. I look forward to sharing this experience with you all in our next newsletter.

Enjoy the brighter days this week and I look forward to seeing you all around the place in the coming weeks.

Jacqui Vandeleur
Principal



FACILITES NEWS

There was a lot of site projects happening over the holidays and more is still in progress!

- The COLA has a new surface
- The Hall has been repainted
- The 2nd GAGA pit is being installed
- The Secondary Play Space is coming along nicely!



Secondary Assistant Principal News

Ms Chantelle Lucas



BORDERTOWN CAREERS EXPO

In Week 2 the Year 10 and 11 students visited the Tatiara Careers Expo. We heard from Steph Bartlett about her journey since leaving school and her experiences with starting and running businesses of her own in Adelaide and Keith.

Students then visited the different stallholders to speak with employers and industry partners about the many opportunities that are available in the Tatiara for young people.



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES AND 2025 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Please continue to make bookings on SOBS for the upcoming subject counselling for Year 10/11s next week.

Subject selection forms for Year 8 and 9 students are due back by the end of this week.

Bookings for 7-12 parent/student/teacher conferences are also open, and these are taking place in Week 8.

Please feel free to contact me or any of our secondary teachers for further information on subject selection or interviews.



NEWSLETTER



On Friday of NAIDOC Week, students engaged in a number of activities in mixed class groups.

They listened to Dreamtime Stories, made puppets and learnt about Aboriginal Art.

Michael and a team of helpers cooked kangaroo meat for students to try. Well done to everyone involved it was a fun and educational week.



Parent/ Teacher/ Student Conferences

You are encouraged to attend the conferences held from Monday the 9th to Wednesday the 11th of September. The conferences are a very important part of our assessment and reporting process, allowing parents and students to have targeted conversations with teachers. The aim is to:

- gain feedback on your child's learning and progress.
- identify strengths and areas for improvement
- discuss and set goals to improve performance and targets.

Please see email sent to all families regarding bookings or contact the school.



Data

This term the Primary Team have been reviewing our Middle of the Year data. It has been pleasing to see much growth in our reading, spelling and maths data. We are focussing on keeping up to date with the latest teaching pedagogies to strive to continue to improve our practice.

Keep encouraging your children to keep up with their reading and times tables (Year 3 to 6) work at home as this extra practice is extremely beneficial.

A big welcome to Mrs Manser and our new Foundation students.



School Awards

Principal, Deputy Principal,
Subject and Values



CONGRATULATIONS

SRC Induction





Autism Inclusion Teacher News

Double Empathy

Empathy is having the ability to understand, relate to, and share how another person, or group of people, is feeling. This ability changes depending on the situation that we find ourselves in and the people involved.

Double empathy relates to how it is easier to understand and share the feelings of people who are similar to you in mindset and/or experiences. It also relates to how it is more difficult to understand and share the feelings of people who are different in mindset and/or experiences.

The double empathy concept was first developed by a man called Damian Milton over 10 years ago. Since then, there has been a lot of research undertaken in this area.

So, what does this mean? To put in simple terms, when people with different views or experiences interact with each other, they will have a lot of difficulty understanding and empathizing with each other. This can be made worse if there are cultural and language differences as comprehension between the parties will be further reduced. Therefore, a break down in communication occurs which become a problem for the people involved in the communication to deal with.

Most non-autistic people, when they think of Autistic people consider them as lacking or without empathy. However, this is not the case. Autistic people do not lack empathy but see and experience the world, society and emotions differently to non-autistic people. That does not mean they don't have emotions or feel empathy, but it does mean that Autistic and non-autistic people will have difficulty understanding and empathizing with each other. It is a problem from both sides of the communication, not just one.

Historically, the problem has been seen as being on the side of the Autistic person because the non-autistic way of communicating and empathizing is seen as the 'normal', 'correct' and 'accepted' way so the ways in which Autistic people communicate has been seen as 'different', 'incorrect', and 'wrong'.

When two Autistic people communicate, the form of communication can be easy and enjoyable for both parties with empathy and understanding being shown to each other, the same as it is for two non-autistic people. The responsibility should not be on the Autistic person to change and learn how to communicate 'like a non-autistic person' but for society to accept and understand the different form of communication. That way, communication will be enhanced and everyone will be richer for it.

By Ceri Price
Autism Inclusion Teacher

Year 5-6 Poems

In 5/6 English we have been looking at poetry and language techniques. So far, we have focused on similes and metaphors. To practice, we had to write a 'My Life is Like' poem that describes things about our lives. While our poems had to be at least 8 lines long, here are 4 lines each from students who wanted to share.

Whitney

My family is like a group of white Bellbirds.
Talking and yelling so loudly.
My 2 dogs are like shrews,
active day and night.

Mac

My pet is like a knight, first into the fight.

Ashton

My brother is like a cow with a broken leg,
stubborn all the time and won't let you do
anything with him.
My parents are nice as puppies, they help me
when I am going through hard times.
My sister is an emotional rollercoaster: happy,
sad, funny all the time.

Lucy S

My life is like a sun,
Always traveling the world.
My brother is like an exciting dog,
Instantly always wanting to play but never
stops.

Sharlah

My family is like a zoo, because they are loud.
My Mum is like a bee, because she is sweet.
My pet is like a rug because she is very fluffy.
My netball team is like a pack of wolves
because we work together.

Ian

My pets are like monkeys,
Always doing something to get in trouble.
My friend Zane is a really bad Tom Cruise,
He's bad at his stunts and always gets hurt.

Alex

My mum is like a worker bee, always rushing
out of the hive,
She works hard and then comes home and now
she's exhausted as a sloth.
My dogs are like bulls who've seen red, always
doing zoomies,
They love to run, they love to jump and now
they are being lazy.

Jed

My dad is like the one who helps me prepare, to
strengthen and to practice my tactics.
My brother is like the one that helps me along
on my quest, bathing my cuts when I fall
helping me along when I stumble.

Lucy M

My netball team is like a well oiled machine as
we take the ball down the court smoothly My
pet is like a koala, really sleepy in the daytime
and really active at night.

Arizona

My little sister is like a monkey, because she
acts crazy and hangs from things.
My sister is as pretty as a sunset, because she is
pretty
My mum is Like honey, because she is sweet
My life is like a road that doesn't end, because
you never know what's going to happen next.

Hayden

My life is like a hole in one,
It makes me happy every day.

Year 5-6 Poems

Jett

My family is sweet like a candy cane and a m&m and really sweet.
My pet is like a zoo every day.

Jackson

When I do my homework I am bored as a sloth.
When I go up the hill I always tumble down like boulders.
When I see my dog it barks loudly like a lion.

Emma

My family is like a zoo,
Chaotic and noisy but good and fun.
My cousin Thomas is like a puppy,
Playful, full of energy and follows me everywhere.

Charli S

My family is like a Little pups
They are playful and full of energy and help me when I feel down.

Makai

My dad is like a ram, always hard at work.
My sister is like a butterfly in the sky, flying high.
My other sister is like a cat, going silly and crazy.
My dog is like my grandpa, very very old.

Skyla

My brother is like a monkey love making noise
My sister is like a travel bug she is always traveling
My brother is like a rock hard on the outside and the inside.

Emily

My dog, Deni, is the speed of lightning when it comes to attacking dotty like a fierce dragon
My cat, Clide, is a couch potato when it comes to sitting on the lounge and he is a flash of light when he sees the chance to get inside.

Lilly P

My mum is like a flower,
because she is sweet.
My dog is like a cheetah,
as he runs fast around the backyard.





STAGE 2

Food and Hospitality



Staff Morning Tea

On Thursday the 8th of August the Stage 2 Food and Hospitality class catered a morning tea for staff. The students designed and created a series of sweet and savoury foods, which they then cooked and presented. The feedback from staff was excellent, well done girls.



SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS

KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL

Despite it being a good 3 months since the boys had picked up a basketball, let alone shot a basket, the Open Boys found themselves in a Round Robin competition against Naracoorte, Bordertown and Penola in an attempt to qualify for finals in Adelaide during Third Term. In reality, it would appear that they lacked the seasoned competition for such a tournament, however, this was a seasoned team (Mitch, Corri, Tyson, Bailey, Jed, Dusty and Travis) who had played together before and they were 'up for the fight'.

Our first game was against a strong Naracoorte team and a slow start saw us quickly fall 5 points behind. However, the coach bought out some much needed 'elbow grease' in an attempt to remove the rusty spots and the boys settled; began to produce some much needed pressure and clawed themselves back to take a solid 7 point lead at half-time. This was due to the domination of the boards by Bailey and Tyson 'The Rock' who was fearsome. Mitch shut down their reliable 3-point shooter and at the other end Travis, Corri and Dusty were making the most of quick ball movement to the key. Jed was 'mopping up' any attempted fast breaks and with everyone doing their bit, the team edged away to a 42 – 28 win. Corri with 10 points and Travis with 9 led the way with the baskets and although being 'The Rock' defensively, Tyson failed to trouble the scorers with a solid 'duck-egg' in offense. However, it was a solid win over a team who probably started favorites at the beginning of the game.

Our second game, saw us start as underdogs again, against the more fancied Bordertown team. However, a tremendous shut down effort by Mitch on a well credentialed 3 – point shooter left them short of points and 'go to' options. Furthermore, Bailey had an 8 point 'purple patch' towards the end of the first half which saw us 4 points up at half time 23 – 19. The second half saw a repeat of the pressure summoned in the first game with both Travis and Corri capitalising on opposition turnovers. As a result an 8 point offensive run pushed the lead out to double digits and when 'The Rock' finally scored that elusive basket in the back end of the half, the game was 'iced'. It was a strong relentless effort that saw the boys pull away for a 47 – 33 victory.

The final game was against Penola and this was a more comfortable victory. Jed led the way with multiple fast breaks, Bailey brought the crowd to life (all 10 spectators) with two towering dunks. Even 'The Rock' had his fair quota of points. With 30 seconds to go the boys had 91 points on the board. However, with three 'steals' from Travis quickly took the score to 97 and when Dusty iced a 3 pointer on the buzzer, triple digits were recorded for the first time by a Keith Area School basketball team. Final scores were 100 – 21.

Final thanks must go to Levi Sigston for his umpiring duties and to Joe Llewelyn for doing the bench scoring on the day. They were treated to some high class basketball, played with a good competitive spirit under conditions of fantastic sportsmanship from all schools involved. But in reality the day only went ahead because of their willingness to give up their days. Thank you again from the boys and the coach. A final thank you must also go to Sarah Makin and Miss Pado for organising all the paperwork associated with such a day and allowing the coach to avoid all the nightmares associated with such a process. The team now move on to Adelaide now for finals which are to be played on August 14th.

The 'Coach

YR 9/10 KNOCKOUT NETBALL

On Friday 26th July three year 9 girls were a part of the 9/10 River Mallee knockout netball team. Allie, Evie and Tori travelled to Karoonda to play 2 games against Murray Bridge High School and St Francis of Assisi College. The team was successful and won both games which means they go on to compete in the state finals in Adelaide on 28th August.

Well done girls and all the best for the finals.



KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

On the very frosty morning of Monday 29th July, the 7/8 boys and 7-9 girls River Mallee sides competed in Murray Bridge for the carnival.

The boys versed Unity College, Eastern Fleurieu and St Francis College. Unfortunately they did not win despite some very close finishes.

The girls versed St Francis college and Eastern Fleurieu. They won both games and will compete in the State Finals in the next few months. Well done to the boys: Kade, Hudson, Harry L, Henry W, Jacob, Eddie, Hunter, Jax and Mason. Girls: Kristal, Piper, Tori, Dexy and Issy.



SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

Tuesday 6 of August was our date, Bordertown Basketball Stadium our setting, 5/6 SAPSASA Basketball our event, a boys and girls team full of energy our participants, a brisk 9am start our time, and 6 teams each our opponents. The girls started off our day with a hard-fought loss to Mundulla Primary School, while the boys team won their first match against the 'Allstars' side consisting of Naracoorte South and Sunrise Christian School players. After a quick break, the girls played Bordertown A and had another loss, while the boys won their second match against Mundulla Primary School. Another break and the girls played their third match, going down narrowly to Naracoorte A; while the boys lost the match against Bordertown A. Inspirational words from girls coach Nikki led to the girls coming out firing for their last three games, winning against Bordertown B, Naracoorte B and then the Allstars side. The boys also finished strong with a fourth match loss to Naracoorte A, before winning both matches against Bordertown B and then Naracoorte B.

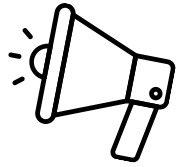
Summary:

Girls	Boys
Loss vs Mundulla Loss vs Bordertown A Loss vs Naracoorte A Win vs Bordertown B Win vs Naracoorte B Win vs Allstars	Win vs Allstars Win vs Mundulla Loss vs Bordertown A Loss vs Naracoorte A Win vs Bordertown B Win vs Naracoorte B

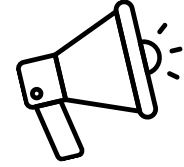
All-in-all, both teams played excellent team basketball throughout the day. A big thank you to girls coach Nikki and boys coach Brayden.

Girls (left to right)- Lilly, Ruby, Emily, Skyla, Sharlah, Scout & Kensie
 Boys (back)- Charlie, Toby, Hayden, Jack & (front) Ashton & Lewis





Meet Michael



Michael is Keith Area Schools' new Aboriginal Education worker.

Michael's aim is to teach our students about First Nation culture, language and history.

Michael is available to help students and teachers to understand Indigenous culture in their classroom. He is also available to support First Nation students with academic support and wellbeing.

Michael encourages parents to get in contact with him and he would love to work alongside parents and teachers to help students learn their culture.

Please contact Michael at the school or on his email:
michael.hogarth534@schools.sa.edu.au





KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY!



A new spinner for our Children's (G rated) DVD collection!

A new magazine rack and lots of new titles!

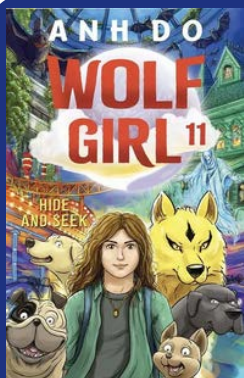
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- Fishing SA
- 4x4 Australia
- Australian Traveller
- Caravanning Australia
- Australian Golf Digest
- Operation OUCH!
- Teen Breathe
- + lots of old faves



2x New Computers and a New Printer! Our public computers have recently been upgraded



New furniture for our new Community Meeting Room. Please call the library for bookings.



Ahn DO

FEATURED TITLE: Hide and Seek Wolf Girl 11

From Australia's bestselling author **Ahn Do** comes another hackle-raising adventure!

Gwen and her dogs have made it out of Moon City, but the Braxans are right behind them. In the ruins of an abandoned town, the pack find the perfect spot to lay low: an old shopping centre, full of nooks and crannies to explore. But it soon becomes clear that they aren't the only ones who know about their new safe haven. Will the other residents turn out to be friends, or enemies?



Review a Book! Win a Prize

THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED FABULOUS BOOK REVIEWS SO FAR THIS YEAR - KEEP THEM COMING IN!
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME REVIEWS FROM ANY BRAVE ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL SO IF YOU'VE READ ANYTHING GREAT LATELY THEN DON'T BE SHY WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

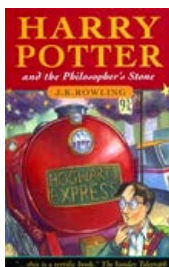
Congratulations to **William Culley** on being chosen as our book reviewer for this newsletter please come and see us in the Library to collect a \$10 Scholastic voucher to spend at the Book Fair in Week 7!

For more review forms or to submit your review please pop in and see our friendly Keith Library Staff.

Book Review

Name: **William Paul Culley**
Title: **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**
Author: **JK Rowling**

Star rating: ★★★★★



My Review:

Harry, Ron and Hermione are on an adventure to find the philosopher's stone at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. While he is defending himself from Voldemort and his team. It is a really good book for older readers and people who like fantasy!

#CBCA2024
Children's Book week*

Reading is Magic

BOOK WEEK
in the LIBRARY

week 5

Tuesday: Bookmarks
Wednesday: Magic Wands
Thursday: Badge Making
Friday: Gymnastica Fantastica

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Keith Community Library

Term 3 - Weeks 6 & 7

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9.00AM - 12.00PM
SATURDAY

BOOK FAIR OPENING DAYS

THURSDAY	29TH AUG
FRIDAY	30TH AUG
SATURDAY	31ST AUG
TUESDAY	3RD SEPT
WEDNESDAY	4TH SEPT
THURSDAY	5TH SEPT
FRIDAY	school closure library OPEN 6TH SEPT
SATURDAY	7TH SEPT

CASH & CARD OR ONLINE

The Book Fair is returning to Keith Area School!
Come by and support our library whilst getting your hands on the best new children's books!

KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Children's Book Week®

Reading is Magic

2024
17 - 23 August

Craft Donations Needed

Keith School and Community Library is looking for donations of 'craft supplies' for planned future activities including Storytime, lunch time crafts and adult craft sessions. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate then please bring them to the library:

- YARN
- BAILING TWINE
- SCRAP MATERIAL (sheets, doonas, off cuts - the more colourful the better!)



Save the date

Book Week Parade

Students are invited to dress up as a book character.

Theme: Reading is Magic

Tuesday 20th August 9:05am in the COLA
Families welcome



Community News

... **KDIBA** **BASKETBALL** — **AGM** —

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CASE II



KEITH AREA SCHOOL

TERM 3 2024 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	22 nd July NAIDOC WEEK	23 rd July NAIDOC WEEK	24 th July NAIDOC WEEK	25 th July NAIDOC WEEK	26 th July NAIDOC WEEK RMD 9/10 K/Out Netball Karoonda USE Golf Day	27 th /28 th July
2	29 th July 7/8 Boys & 7-9 Girls RMD K/Out Footy in M/Bridge	30 th July Careers Expo in Bordertown Year 10 & 11	31 st July Yr 12's – SATAC Presentation 9am	1 st August	2 nd August SRC Leaders Induction 10:05am	3 rd /4 th August
3	5 th August Governing Council	6 th August Sapsasa Basketball Carnival Lucindale Judging Ag Excursion	7 th August	8 th August	9 th August Year 12 Flinders Uni Open Day	10 th /11 th August
4	12 th August Year 10 Careers Camp in Adelaide	13 th August Year 10 Careers Camp in Adelaide Rural Youth Ambassadors Forum	14 th August Year 10 Careers Camp in Adelaide Yr 12 English Performance 'Chicago'	15 th August	16 th August	17 th /18 th August
5	19 th August BOOK WEEK Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Naracoorte Caves Excursion	20 th August BOOK WEEK Parade 9:15 in Cola Yr 10/11 Subject Counselling	21 st August BOOK WEEK AFL Football Girls 1 st Trial Yr 10/11 Subject Counselling	22 nd August BOOK WEEK Road Safety Parent Night 9/10 Boys Basketball	23 rd August BOOK WEEK Sapsasa USE Golf in Naracoorte Road Safety Presentation	24 th /25 th August
6	26 th August Pupil Free Day	27 th August Performance 'Julia' 9/10/11 Drama Excursion	28 th August AFL Girls 2 nd Trial RMD 9/10 Girls Netball	29 th August Adelaide Show Steers	30 th August Adelaide Show Steers F-6 Visiting Performer	31 st /1 st September Adelaide Show Steers
7	2 nd September	3 rd September Adelaide Show Sheep & Goats	4 th September Adelaide Show Sheep & Goats	5 th September Adelaide Show Sheep & Goats	6 th September School Closure	7 th /8 th September
8	9 th September Wellbeing Week Governing Council Sapsasa Hockey State Carnival F-12 Conferences	10 th September Wellbeing Week O/Ed Orienteering Sapsasa Hockey State Carnival F-12 Conferences	11 th September Wellbeing Week Sapsasa Hockey State Carnival F-12 Conferences	12 th September Wellbeing Week F-12 Assembly Literacy Awards 9am	13 th September Wellbeing Week	14 th /15 th September
9	16 th September Sapsasa Athletics at Santos Stadium Yr 9/10 PPEP Talk	17 th September	18 th September Yr 12 Home Ec Adelaide Central Market Excursion	19 th September Yr 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion	20 th September	21 st /22 nd September
10	23 rd September Outdoor Ed Camp Halls Gap	24 th September Outdoor Ed Camp Halls Gap	25 th September Outdoor Ed Camp Halls Gap	26 th September	27 th September Term 3 Ends Early dismissal 2:15pm	28 th /29 th September

Green – Sport, Blue – School, Red – School Meetings/Events, Pink – Arts/Performances, Purple – Camps/Excursions

Getting ready for reception



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

In South Australia, the first year of primary school is called reception. Children who turn 5 years old:

- **before 1 May** can start school in term 1
- **between 1 May and 31 October** can start school in term 3 (mid-year intake)
- **after 31 October** can start the next year.

Children who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Children who start school in a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception.



Scan or [click here](#) to register your interest to start reception

What to expect from reception

Reception is where students discover school practices, routines and structure.

Students will experience active learning, including play-based and enquiry-based approaches, as well as structured learning to develop literacy and numeracy skills.

This includes commencing learning in all 8 areas of the curriculum (English, maths, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts, technologies, health and physical education and languages).

All children have different interests, needs and motivations. Teachers provide learning opportunities tailored to the child and continually review progress to support their learning.

In reception, students continue to develop decision making, problem solving and thinking skills, as well as collaboration, communication and a positive sense of self. Developing independence is a focus.



Mid-year intake and 6 terms of reception

Students will have the same types of learning experiences whether they start at the beginning or middle of the year.

Students starting in a mid-year intake complete 6 terms of reception. They may enter a new reception class or join an existing class. This depends on enrolment numbers and the size of existing classes at your school.

Your child's teacher will plan, teach and assess all learners and ensure they are making progress with their learning.

Planning your child's transition to school

Preschools and schools have transition programs to support children moving from preschool into reception.

These programs help children settle into new routines, develop a sense of belonging at their new school, and build skills and concepts as they learn at their own pace.

Families play a significant role in supporting a successful transition to school. Speak to your preschool or primary school to find out more.



When can my child start school?

You can decide which intake suits your child best based on their age, maturity, social and emotional wellbeing and attitude.

Talk to your preschool or primary school to discuss your individual circumstances.



My child turns 5



5th birthday

Before 1 May

Between 1 May and 31 October

After 31 October



Starting school

Starts school in term 1
(that year)

Starts school in term 3
(that year)

Starts school in term 1
(next year)



Time in reception

Completes 4 terms of reception
(terms 1-4 the year they start)

Completes 6 terms of reception
(terms 3 and 4 the year they start, then all 4 terms the next year)

Completes 4 terms of reception
(terms 1-4 the year they start)



Starts year 1 (and each year after) in term 1