



Scott Creek Primary School

Diary Dates

MAY

- **Monday, 1st May** - First day of Term 2
- **Wednesday, 3rd May** – Playgroup Commences
- **Monday, 8th May** – Principal's Tour @ 2pm
- **Thursday, 11th May** – **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- **Tuesday, 16th May** – Biggest Morning Tea + Grandparents Morning
- **Friday, 19th May** – Principal's Tour @ 9am



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to Term 2.

As you're aware, Kath Ireland has resigned from her position as Principal, allowing me the opportunity to step in and continue the amazing work that has already commenced this year. The position will now need to be advertised and a panel process will take place. Rest assured, families will be kept in the loop.

I'm a firm believer in the phrase – "every second counts". Rest assured, my priority is to help take our school to the next level, further establishing our strong network of staff, students and families. I want us all to be proud of the Scott Creek community we belong to and importantly, I want each child to be excited to come to school and develop a 'love for learning'.

Despite my youthful appearance and long hair (definitely not the longest in the school!), I have had considerable experience in leadership positions at Elizabeth South and Hendon Primary School. Both schools are identified as highly complex environments, where 'student positivity and wellbeing' has needed to be at the centre of my role. My message to Scott Creek teachers early this term, is going to focus on the power of 'relationships', in order to get the best out of our students.

I've made the conscious effort of phoning all families over this recent holiday period and will continue to make contact with others at pick up and drop off times. I'm genuinely excited to be part of this school community and look forward to the eventful term that lies ahead.

Other Staffing Updates

- Welcome to **Joh**, who will be covering for Jill - in the front office.
- Welcome to **Chloe**, who will be teaching AUSLAN in Term 2.

Student Teachers

- **Katherine and Heidi** – are starting/continuing their 'teacher placement'.

Building Works

- Construction in the 'Main Building' is well underway.
 - **NOTE:** Front Office has been relocated to 'the back of Main Building'.



Appreciate your time and ongoing support,

Anthony McIver

Acting Principal

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Classroom News: Kangaroos & Kookaburras

Our classroom teachers are finalising their 'Term 2 – Curriculum Overviews' and will be sharing this information with families shortly. As you're aware, parent engagement within your child's learning is absolutely crucial for their success. Simple conversations about what they are learning and doing at school, shows that you're interested and care about their progress. Throughout this term and into the future, we will continue to build on ways we can **strengthen the bond of our parents, students and community.**

Continuing from last term, teaching structures will be as follows:

- **Tanya Angaine** – Kangaroos (Monday - Wednesday)
- **Kate Coates** – Kangaroos (Thursday & Friday)
- **Kieran Sandow** – Kookaburras (Monday – Thursday)
- **Carly Rosser** – Literacy & Numeracy Support (Monday & Tuesday), Playgroup & Autism Inclusion Teacher (Wednesday) and Kookaburras (Friday)
- **Chloe Thomson** – AUSLAN (Thursday)
- **Declan & Heath** – Drums (Both classes – Friday), Ukulele (Kookaburras – Friday)

- **Myself (Anthony McIver)** – will be providing teachers release in the afternoons (Monday-Wednesday) and will be teaching the students Health and Physical Education.



Getting to know our new AUSLAN Teacher – Chloe Thomson

Hello students and families!

My name is Chloe Thomson – I am so excited to have the opportunity to be bringing **AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language)** to Scott Creek Primary School.

I became interested in AUSLAN while working at Brighton Primary School & Centre for Deaf Education – where I taught students in a mainstream classroom that were deaf and hard of hearing. I studied AUSLAN at TAFE, which was fantastic in helping me create an inclusive learning environment that supported all students in my classroom, where I'd integrate both AUSLAN and English together. I am passionate about AUSLAN and believe it's a brilliant language where children are learning visually and kinaesthetically at the same time, **engaging children of different learning styles.**

Throughout Term 2, students will be learning:

- Deaf Identity and History
- Finger Spelling
- Numbers
- Greetings
- Basic conversational signs



I will be teaching AUSLAN every Thursday morning, so make sure you quiz your child/ren on what they've been learning! I look forward to meeting you all. 😊

Additional Reminders:

Community Share Table

- We will continue to have our 'Community Share Table' at the front of the office – for everyone to share their lovely excess of fresh fruit and vegetables. Thank you to all those that have shared already!

Library Donations

- **Do you have any recent children's books that you would like to donate to our school library?** We're looking particularly for picture books, 'Weirdo' series, 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid', 'Rangers Apprentice', 'Deltora Quest', 'Spirit Animals', etc. Please bring any donations to Front Office.

Biggest Morning Tea & Grandparents Morning

- **This event will be held on Tuesday morning (16th May).**
- Donations would be greatly appreciated!
 - Cakes, sandwiches, Biscuits – more info to come!



Thursday (Week One) – Journalist Visit

One of my priorities as Principal is to help grow our school. I don't have to convince any of our current families how special our school is, but it is necessary to 'show off' what we have and further establish ourselves as a desired, quality Adelaide Hills school. **I have been in touch with a journalist who will be coming to our school** to write an article and take some quality photographs of our school and students.

When it comes to publishing time and if a photo of your child has been chosen to be included, **please rest assured I will give you a courtesy call to confirm we have your parental permission.**

- Please note the 'Principal Tours' flyer on the back of newsletter – spread the word!



Tuesday Bell Times + Staff Meeting

Please note – Tuesdays we have early dismissal at 2:50pm. Tuesday, usually means adjusted bell times and shorter lessons. To ensure teachers can maintain quality lessons, which match the usual duration of the other school days, we will trial having the same bell times on Tuesday. **This will mean that after Recess (2:40pm), students will then head to class, pack their bags and be dismissed at 2:50pm.**

- Teachers will then have staff meeting straight after school and unfortunately won't be available to speak with families. Please email/Seesaw for any urgent matters.

Hot Lunches 😊

- **On Mondays (in Term 2 and 3), students can bring food to the office (at the start of day) that can be reheated by the staff, ready for lunchtime.** The food needs to be thawed out and wrapped in Alfoil. No microwaving available. Students also need a sturdy container to collect their hot meal from the Front Office.

Bread Bag Collection

- As part of the 'Wonder Bread' recycling rewards campaign, we are collecting bread bags to be exchanged for school play equipment points. Bring clean, soft plastics bread bags to office/classroom and place them in the boxes.





Community News



UPCOMING PRINCIPAL TOURS:

Monday, 8th May @ 2:00pm

Friday, 19th May @ 9:00am

Wednesday, 31st May @ 9:00am

(RSVP Required)

SCOTT CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL FEATURES :

- ✓ Small Community School
- ✓ Individualised Learning
- ✓ Bush Education



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