



Scott Creek Primary School

Diary Dates

MAY

- **Friday, 19th May** – Principal's Tour @ 9am
- **Tuesday, 23rd May** – Assembly @ 9am (run by Kangaroo Class)
- **Wednesday, 24th May** – Governing Council @ 4pm
- **Wednesday, 31st May** – Principal's Tour @ 9am + Playgroup Session

JUNE

Friday, 2nd June – Bonfire Night



The Mylor Out-of-School-Hours Care has a bus to drop off children to Scott Creek Primary school at the start of school day and collect children from the school at the end of the school day. Check out the Mylor OSHC website: <https://mylorps.sa.edu.au/oshc/>



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Here we are at the tail end of Week 3, slowly approaching the half-way mark of Term 2. So many **important conversations** have been had, many **stories and experiences have been shared** and importantly, I feel we as a school community are making slow, steady, **positive progress**.

I wish to firstly acknowledge the strong and hardworking Mothers of our community, who celebrated **'Mother's Day'** over the weekend. A huge thanks to Carly for sourcing the student gifts for this special occasion. I also appreciate the positive efforts of our teaching staff in helping the students make these gifts extra special.

As you're aware, last week was a **Pupil Free Day**. This presented an opportunity for staff to come together and **continue the improvement process, outlined within our school 'Numeracy Goal'** (recorded in our Site Improvement Plan). The morning consisted of quality discussion, facilitated by the Portfolio's Maths Lead, *Sarah Centofanti*. In the afternoon, myself and the teachers 'put all the learning together', **identifying the core elements that occur in EVERY Maths lesson**. We were able to collaboratively decide on an updated **lesson structure to trial**, that will be reflective of **quality curriculum planning, effective pedagogy, assessment and feedback**. I will meet with staff every fortnight, to reflect on our progress and importantly, analyse the successes and failures.

I also want to express my gratitude to all the invited guests that attended our **'Biggest Morning Tea'** and **'Special Person Day'** events. I no longer take these types of occasions for granted. How lucky we all are to move past the undesirable events of 2020 and be able to have families properly back into our schools, sharing a space together, talking, laughing and creating positive experiences again for our students. I'm genuinely looking forward to having more opportunities like this across the year and into the future.

If you are a parent of the school and receive my emails updates, you would be aware that our school has received a **\$25,000 grant to go to 'School Facility Upgrades'**. This will obviously be an important agenda item at the next Governing Council meeting. I look forward to sharing updates with the school community, once decisions start getting made.



Thanks again for your ongoing support. Looking forward to seeing you all before/after school, at our first assembly for the term, or possibly on Bonfire Night!

Anthony McIver

Principal

Scott Creek Primary School

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Classroom News: Kangaroos (R-3)



This term in the Kangaroos classroom, we have been **focusing on people and places**. Over the past three weeks, we have created a strong focus on Japanese culture within our classroom with the children. All four of our University Pre-service teachers have helped us create a **'sushi shop' dramatic play area**, for the children to explore and enjoy. The children were very excited with the new space, especially with the wooden sushi that they discovered in the new learning area. They interacted wonderfully with one another and showed respect to their environment and resources.

Continuing the sushi theme, Pre-service teacher Heidi, **made delicious sushi** with the children in a **cooking lesson**. The children were required to choose and measure out each of the ingredients they wanted to use in their sushi before rolling it up, and of course tasting the delicious creations! The students then continued their sushi making through their writing lesson, recording the ingredients they used and the sushi making process.



In our **Music lessons**, we are learning **'Drumming'**. During these lessons, the children are focusing on percussion and rhythm and how these are used together to create and play a song. The children's music is coming along very nicely!



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.

Thursday – Student Club Reminders

- **Chess Club - Lunchtimes** (beginners/experienced students, play and receive coaching from Gerrard (long- time volunteer of the school).
- **Lego League – 2:40pm to 3:40pm** (registrations have closed). Participants are doing very well and I'm really looking forward to seeing how their teamwork and problem-solving skills develop each session.

Volunteer – Student Activities

- I wish to put a 'callout' to our fellow community and see if there are people that have **musical, creative, artistic skills, or any sorts of skills for that matter, and would be willing to perhaps volunteer at our school in the near future.** As an example, you may be able to run a 'Drawing Club' at lunchtimes – the possibilities are endless!
 - **Please call/email myself (Anthony),** if you would like to be involved.

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 Office.

Bread Bag Collection

- As part of the **'Wonder Bread' recycling rewards campaign,** we are still continuing to collect 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.

BONFIRE NIGHT! (See poster on back page)

- I'm genuinely looking forward to celebrating our local community with the warmth of a BIG Bonfire! This year's event will be held on **Friday, 2nd June, on the Scott Creek Oval, from 4pm (see flyer on back page).**
- There will be hot soup, BBQ, cakes, soft drinks, tea, coffee – all available for purchase, plus a raffle.
- BYO chairs, a mug for your hot soup - paper cups will also be supplied.
- Like previous years, **we will host the cake stall, with 100% profits going to our school.**
 - **Please email myself (Anthony) if you are able to contribute and or help on the night.**



Introducing our NEW – Science/Outdoor Learning Teacher



Hello Students and Families of Scott Creek Primary School!

My name is **Ashleigh Parker**, and I am excited to be bringing **Science and Outdoor Learning** to our school.

I have always been interested in science and nature having grown up in the Adelaide Hills. You would have found me outside, in my gumboots either crawling around in the garden or up a tree seeing what I could find. I believe that **inquiry** is the best basis to learning all about our environment and the wonderful things the world has to offer us. **I majored in Environmental Science and Biology, while completing a Bachelor of Science** along with my teaching at Flinders University in 2019. Since then, I have enjoyed sharing my love for science with students of all ages.

I have been delivering specialist education, including Japanese, ESL and science, over the last few years across different sites and am excited at the potential that Scott Creek holds for student and community engagement in nature and science.

I had a wonderful tour of your amazing community on Monday and some of the things I am particularly excited for are:

- **Developing a sustainable and interactive garden environment** where students and our community can engage, interact, produce, investigate, and grow!
- **Connecting** our learning with our outside environment.
- **Exploring** and **understanding** our wonderful local environment.
- **Creation of spaces** that give us opportunities to observe, collect and discover.

Throughout the remainder of Term 2, my focus will be on developing strong relationships with students and families, building our nature and science routine and to support students to become more confident and connected with their environment.

I will be teaching science and outdoor learning **every Wednesday** with a designated time slot in the mornings for getting our hands dirty in the garden as we progress through the term. I am looking forward to meeting you all! :)

Community News

Scott Creek Progress Association presents

Scott Creek Bonfire

Friday 2nd June 2023 - from 4pm - Scott Creek Oval



Homemade hot soups,
a BBQ, soft drinks,
tea & coffee

Cake stall by Scott
Creek Primary School

Buy a raffle ticket

Funds raised go to maintaining
Scott Creek Hall and Oval



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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Mindfulness and Meditation at the Longwood Institute

An opportunity to learn and practice mindfulness, the art of simply being with the present moment. The practice of mindfulness is a research proven way to reduce stress and improve physical and mental health.

This class is suitable for anyone interested, with or without prior experience. It includes gentle mindful movement and guided mindfulness meditations.

Thursday evenings 6-7pm at the Longwood Institute
706 Longwood Rd, Bradbury
Wear comfortable clothing
Bring a yoga mat, cushion and blanket

\$10 per session

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