



## Scott Creek Primary School

### Diary Dates

JUNE

- **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Public Holiday
- **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Playgroup Session + Principal's Tour @ 2pm
- **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Assembly @ 9am (run by Kangaroo Class)
- **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Gov. Council @ 4:15pm
- **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – 'Working Bee'



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,

Earlier last week, I had the pleasure of welcoming members of the 'Local Education Team' to our school, in order to conduct a 'Site Visit'. This team includes the 'Education Director' (my boss) and the 'Leader of Curriculum' for our Portfolio. The team were extremely impressed with the amount of 'improvement work' that has been put in place this term. I was able to present our new 'Literacy and Numeracy Agreements', which outline our 'agreed' approaches to teaching, assessing and supporting students at varying levels of understanding. Other important documents that were shared included a 'Whole School Assessment Timeline' and a 'shared database' to allow for better consistency and joint collaboration amongst our teaching staff.

On a fortnightly basis, I facilitate 'Professional Learning Community' meetings with staff. We've been working on a new **Mathematics lesson structure to trial**, that will be reflective of **quality curriculum planning, effective pedagogy, assessment and feedback**. It's important that a 'visual' (right) was created, so the students themselves can follow and understand the flow of the lesson.

Teachers are currently in the process of writing student 'Mid-Year Reports'. These reports allow families to receive quality information regarding their children's progress in the first semester. Working with staff and the Governing Council, I have **updated the 'report template'**, so that it's clear what the student's strengths and next steps are. These reports will be distributed on the second last day of this term.

Thanks again for your ongoing support. Was great to see everyone on Bonfire Night. Looking forward to seeing you all before/after school and possibly at our second assembly for the term!



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## Classroom News: Kookaburras (3-6)



This term in the Kookaburra classroom, we have been focusing on our outdoor learning environments. As Scott Creek is such a unique place, to ensure the children know the area and its flora and fauna intimately, we have been conducting surveys of the oval and forest areas daily. This child lead investigation means that the children take ownership of their learning. Each day, the students check on Jeff (the ring-tailed possum), check for erosion, find the odd Koala, see for evidence of local kangaroo families, count the frequency and location of different mushroom species, notice the expanse of the invasive Erica (plant) and whatever else the students can discover.

For outdoor learning lessons more recently, the students have been planning a **student-built outdoor learning hut**. This is intended to be a hut for everyone in the school to use and be a way to show these students how giving back to the community can be an intrinsically rewarding experience that will hopefully, last beyond their time at SCPS. This project looks at many different aspects of the curriculum from Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

### SAPSASA Achievements:

#### **Hills District Football Team**

We are thrilled to share a notable accomplishment by **Hazel Loveys** - for being selected into the **Hills District Football team** and successfully competing in a 3-day carnival.

*"Hazel was selected to represent the Hills district for the 3-day carnival. Hazel played very well and was a very important part of the team. As the 3 days progressed, you could see her confidence grow and she continued to come out of her shell. I think she thoroughly enjoyed being with 16 other girls of a similar age. Hazel represented Scott Creek and the Hills with distinction and was a joy to have in the team."*

**-Adam Curran, Organising Teacher**

#### **Hills Cross Country Carnival**

At the recent 'District Cross Country Carnival', our talented students - **Hazel Loveys** and **Hunter Ryan** - showcased their outstanding long distance running skills. Their determination and perseverance led them to remarkable performances, **including Hazel being invited to the State Championships**. Congratulations on their remarkable achievements!

*"As soon as I got to cross country carnival, the atmosphere was really kind and helpful. The competitors were supportive and the run was fun and calm. Obviously, everyone was competitive, but it was also really good"*.

**- Hunter Ryan (Year 6)**



## Additional Information:

### Community Share Table

- Our '**Community Share Table**' is finally coming together! Located 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!** 😊

### Well done – Preservice Teachers!

- This term alone, our school has **hosted six university 'preservice teachers'**. Our staff often happily put their hand up to support the 'new teachers of tomorrow'. This school provides a solid foundation for early career teachers, allowing them to observe the 'hands-on' environment we set up for students, which fosters inquiry, creativity and exploration. A special mention to **Heidi Trinkle**, who spent the most time at our school, working in the Kangaroo's classroom. She was able to form such special relationships with our students and we wish her all the best for the official commencement of her teaching career. We will also miss the yummy treats she would bring daily from her family's bakery!



### Science/Outdoor Classroom Teacher (Update)



- With Miss Parker now finding her feet in this new role at our school, her attention is turning to developing an **official 'outdoor classroom' space (shed next to the 'Juicy Garden')**. This will enable the students to be outside in the environment, even when doing smaller tasks that require sitting down. This enclosed space will also provide storage, resources, and easy access gardening equipment for the students.
- Ashleigh has also reached out to the '**Garden Specialist at Woodend Primary School**, to get advice on how to set up a program that is comprehensive, manageable, and provides multiple opportunities across the year for kids to be involved in.
- We have beautiful gardens throughout our school – **great opportunities for class beds, community beds and any other ideas the students can come up with.**
- We will also need to get **some gravel for the pathways** to refresh them and make them clear and suitable for high traffic. Particularly as we are going into winter and things will get muddy, without good gravel on pathways. **If families have any spare gravel or can get us a good deal – it would be greatly appreciated!**

### Introducing - Ms. Danielle Bougourd (Term 3 – Kookaburras)



Finding a replacement for Mr Sandow, whilst he's enjoying some much-deserved leave, wasn't going to be an easy feat! I am, however, very pleased with the teacher we were able to obtain – **Danielle Bougourd**.

**Danielle** has both a Bachelor of Marine Biology and Master of Teaching. Over the past few years, she has worked as a **Joey and Cub Scout Leader, Program Facilitator** at Woodhouse Activity Centre, and as a **Marine Educator** at the Marine Discovery Centre. She has more recently been working as a classroom teacher at **Pimpala Primary School**, in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. Understanding our Kookaburra students and how they best, I know they will thrive under Danielle's care. She has a wealth of knowledge to share and I'm excited for what Term 3 will bring! 😊



## Community News

### Thank you to 'Baker's Delight' (Stirling) 😊

- For kindly donating loaves of bread for the sausage sizzle, held after our schools' AGM/Acquaintance night last term.

### Thank you to 'Woolworths' Happy Valley 😊

- For kindly donating drinks and other items to our school 'cake stall' on Bonfire Night.



#### UPCOMING PRINCIPAL TOURS:

Wednesday, 14th June @ 2:00pm

Friday, 23rd June @ 9:00am

Tuesday, 4th July @ 9:00am

# SCOTT CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### SCHOOL FEATURES :

- ✓ Small Community School
- ✓ Individualised Learning
- ✓ Balance of Academics + Outdoor Nature Education



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