



Scott Creek Primary School

Diary Dates

AUGUST

- **Tuesday, 8th August** – School Disco @ 5:00pm
- **Friday, 11th August** – Principal's Tour @ 9:00am
- **Tuesday, 15th August** – Assembly @ 9:00am (hosted by the Kangaroos)
- **Wednesday, 16th August** – Governing Council @ 4:15pm
- **Friday, 18th August** – **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- **Wednesday, 23rd August** – Playgroup + Principal's Tour @ 9:00am
- **Friday, 25th August** – Book Week Parade @ 9:10am, followed by 'Learning Showcase' and 130th Birthday Picnic



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

This term, a big focus (amongst everything else!) has been introducing our students to the 'Zones of Regulation' and **redesigning our classroom spaces** to better cater for student de-escalation and regulation. I would like to acknowledge the work of our SSO team (Rani, Carolyn, Sarah and Kim) who have put together large **classroom displays** that highlight the 'Zones'. Each student has also been provided with a '**Zone Flip Chart**' – to help them better identify their emotions and importantly, act on a 'strategy' to re-engage with their learning. '**Break Cards**' have also been put together, which students can negotiate with the teacher to use, when appropriate. A student on a 'break' is given an **electronic timer**, which reminds them that there is a 'time limit' and an expectation to return straight to their learning.

Our classroom teachers have now completed their '**Orbis Maths**' training. The workshops allowed them to develop quality skills to deliver engaging learning experiences for students. They have trialled and implemented warmup activities, manipulatives, and created opportunities to explore, discuss and question. The next steps will be to continue this momentum and embed these great practices.



Our School Disco is tomorrow - not too late to get tickets!! (See flyer on page 3).

I would like to also formally acknowledge the ongoing service of **Ms Jill Wiseman** (our Front Office SSO). Jill recently attended a 'celebration of service' ceremony, which was an opportunity for the 'Department for Education' to show appreciation towards her outstanding long-term service. Jill commenced work as a SSO in 1975, with 2024 being **Jill's 30th year at Scott Creek Primary School**.

Friendly reminder - we are now **starting the enrolment process for any students looking to commence in 2024**. If you have a child wishing to start Reception or in another year level, **please complete an enrolment form**, so we can lock in their place. **NOTE** – from 2024 onwards, there will be a 'mid-year intake' option for Reception students. If this is a preferred pathway for your child, still complete an enrolment form now, so that we can cater for their future placement in July.

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Thanks again for your ongoing support for our school,

Anthony McIver

Principal

Scott Creek Primary School

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Classroom News: Kangaroos (R-3)



The Kangaroos have enjoyed our return to school, and we have welcomed two new learning partners to our class. **Our SSO's Carolyn and Sarah** have settled in fabulously and we look forward to them helping us to learn!

Kangaroos have really loved our new look classroom, with our fresh new carpet and tidy up giving us a good perspective on an organised term ahead.

'Some winter moments in the Kangaroos classroom'

'Erkle', our dear pet turtle, is semi – hibernating throughout the colder months. This is a natural process for our native turtle species in South Australia and is called 'Brumation'. Brumation is a **winter cool-down**, which allows the turtle to survive when temperatures are lower. Turtles enter into a period of sluggishness and inactivity. They live off stored fat and their metabolism slows, but they can still move around if needed.

Erkle is a great asset for our children, teaching us about caring for living things and their needs. She provides an aspect of calm and connection for the children, as they observe her swimming and interact with her when she is brought out for feeding and exercise.

We have a theme of life-cycles for this term. This concept will be explored in various ways throughout the coming weeks. We are taking a photographic record of our chosen plants near our Palti Circle area. We are doing this to reflect on the changes going on around us. As one aspect of our *'Garden to Plate'* - Science and Technology focus, we have planted lettuce seeds in different spots around our *Juicy Garden*, dependent on what each child gauged would provide the best results. We are excited to monitor the growth to see how accurate our predictions were.



LET'S BOOGIE!



School DISCO!

**Soldier's
Memorial Hall
(next door)**

5pm to 6pm

(Parents get together in Library -
during Disco)

Tuesday, 8th August

\$3.00 - Tickets
(incl. Popcorn + Juice)
• Pay at Front Office

50 cents for Glowsticks
(sold on the night)

Additional Information

PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER – Friday, 18th August

Myself and teachers will be using this valuable time to:

- Conduct data analysis of Bond Blocks, Place Value and Number assessments (Mathematics).
- Jointly moderate and assess students' second formal Narrative writing sample for the year.
- Identify children 'at risk' and working out 'next steps' for all students.
- Review our Site Improvement Plan.



Technology Update

- The Department for Education have now sent us **30 x new Microsoft Surface Go 3s**. These also come with keyboards and electronic pens. Our school has also purchased **5 x HP Laptops**, which the staff will be able to utilise and connect to the 'Interactive TVs' in the classrooms. We have also obtained **6 x new iPads** – which brings our **total to 22 iPads**. We can now look into how we can evenly disperse these across the school.

Bond Blocks (New Maths Resource)

- Myself, Carly and our team of SSOs, visited **Mount Barker South Primary** to observe how they are using **Bond Blocks**. They have been working with these materials for far longer than us, so we were able to watch and take notes on the effective practices of the educators. I'm excited to see what growth our students will be able to obtain, after a solid term of solid 'Bond Blocks' implementation, particularly with our students who struggle in Mathematics.



OSHC 2024 – Survey Reminder

- As you're aware, **we currently have a before/after school OSHC service**, which is run at Mylor Primary. A snapshot of how many families utilise this service is necessary, in order to organise how OSHC is going to look in 2024.

Please click on this link and complete the survey ASAP - If you DON'T want to use the OSHC, just click 'no' on the first question - and survey will be over! <https://forms.office.com/r/Qn2invRYGi>

Autism Inclusion Teacher – Our journey so far...

CAPTURING PARENT AND STUDENT VOICE

Surveyed families about student's needs and challenges. These results will form future improved practice for our site.

Plan to meet with appropriate families to discuss the school journey through this role and how we can improve.

COLLECTING EXISTING INFORMATION

Analysing a range of existing data, including behaviour, wellbeing and engagement looking for common links to determine the best direction for student learning.

GATHERING DOCUMENTATION AND STAFF INPUT

Working collaboratively with teachers at staff meetings, gaining understanding of staff perspectives, knowledge, needs and challenges of our autistic students.

AS A WHOLE SITE

We have implemented the Zones of Regulation to help students learn all about psychological sensations they feel in response to different emotions. Each student has access to 'calming tools' to foster and support self regulation.

WHERE TO NEXT?

Planning for the future

Working with site leader to formulate a plan to meet the needs of our site.

Engaging with families to support student needs.

Assist teachers with identifying required adjustments from data.

Reconfiguring 'safe spaces' within the school for student regulation.

MY ROLE AND FEEDBACK

As this is a new role within the department feedback is essential to gain understanding of the needs and challenges faced by students within our school.

My role as an AIT is constantly evolving as we determine the best approach for our site. This year has included lots of training and looking at current school data.

Carly Rosser



Scott Creek Primary School

'Zoo Snooze' – Whole School Camp (Monday, 4th to Tuesday, 5th September)

Dear Families,

It gives me great pleasure to formally invite our students to attend our 'Zoo Snooze' whole school camp. Our students had a fantastic experience at Monarto Zoo earlier in the year. This camp acts as the perfect follow on from this excursion, allowing the students to build on their knowledge of animals and their habitats, whilst spending quality time with their fellow teachers and classmates. **NOTE: On this excursion will be myself, 3 x teachers and 2 x SSOs – 6 adults in total.**

- **The total cost of this camp is \$85.00 per student (for non-Zoo members) and \$70.00 per student (for current Zoo members) – note membership card must be presented on the day.**

Proposed Itinerary

Monday, 4th September

- **8:50am** - Students to meet at 'Steamroller Park' in Stirling.
 - SSO Rani will load her personal car with the **students' night bag** and drive car to Adelaide Zoo.
- **9:00am** - Students will travel on public transport (bus) **with their day bag (fruit, lunch and water bottle).**
- **9:45am** - Students will arrive in the city and have a 'fruit break'.
- **10:00am** – We will visit the SA Museum and Art Gallery on North Terrace. (11am – Uppers will tour Parliament House).
- **12:00pm** – We will walk to the Adelaide Zoo and students will eat their 'packed lunch from home'. After some time on the playground, students will participate in the 'Zoo Snooze' camp experience.
- **6:00pm** – We will have a BBQ dinner (catered) and participate in an 'animal close up' night walk, followed by a movie before bed.

Tuesday, 5th September

- **9:00am** - Students will wake up and have a catered breakfast before leaving. We will travel on public transport (bus) to Steamroller Park (Stirling). From here, students will travel by minibus back to school for a relaxed day, with 2:50pm usual Tuesday pick-up time.
- **NOTE: If your child is returning back to school, they will require a packed lunch for the day.**
- **If you will be picking your child up from the Zoo at 9am, please indicate on the consent form.**
- **If you will be collecting your child from Steamroller Park at 10:00am, please indicate on the consent form.**
- SSO Rani will collect the belongings of any children NOT getting picked up and will store the items in her personal car, to be taken back to school.

WHAT TO BRING

- Students should bring 2 x separate bags: **1 x day bag with drink, fruit and lunch AND 1 x overnight bag.**
- Own bedding (sleeping bag and pillow) and towel. • Single bed sheet to cover the mattresses (provided by the Zoo).
- Include something waterproof if there is any chance of rain. • Toothbrush/toiletries • Drink bottles
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM** - Enclosed shoes, warm jumpers and PJ's for bed. • Please no torches or electronics.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE (WITH PAYMENT) – by MONDAY, 28th AUGUST

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the 'Zoo Snooze' camp, as well as the SA Museum and Art Gallery. I understand that they will travel to and from the city by public transport (bus) and or private car (if the need should arise).

I will be paying \$85.00 per student (non-Zoo member). I will be paying \$70.00 per student (member) – and present pass.

I will pick up my child on Tuesday at: Zoo – 9:00am Steamroller Park – 10:00am School (with lunch) – 2:50pm.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Read, Grow, Inspire

Friday, 25th August

9:10am - Book Week Parade

9:40 - Learning Showcase

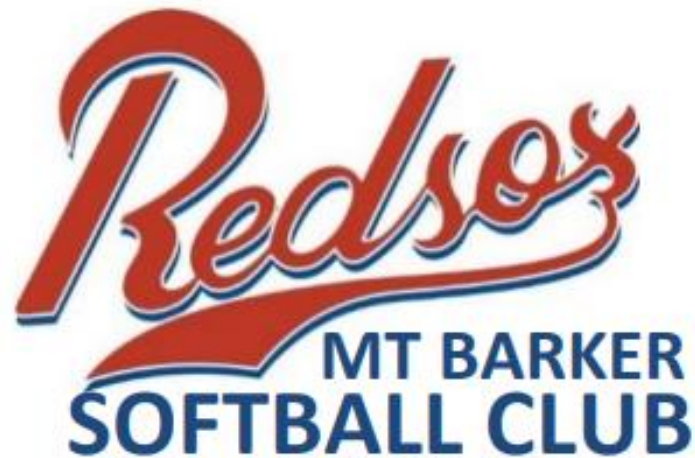
10:30 - Shared Picnic

- Happy 130th Scott Creek Primary!



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Community News



**Come & Try and Pre-Season Training
Sunday, 13 & 20 August 2023**

**11.00 am for Juniors (5yrs to 16yrs) – Boys & Girls
Tball, ModBall (U12), U14s & U16s**

1.00 pm for Seniors (16yrs+) – Men & Ladies

All games and training at Anembo Park,
Old Princes Highway, Littlehampton
(Top Oval closest to the Playground)

Are you interested in starting a new sport, or maybe dusting off the old equipment and having some fun?

Have a hit, learn some skills, and meet some new friends with a very family orientated Club.

Come along and have some fun, check out our uniform and meet both players and members of the committee. There will be plenty of spare gloves & bats so everyone can have a go.

We hope to see you there!

For more information contact Glenys 0438 385 207 or
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