



Scott Creek Primary School

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

- **Tuesday, 31st October** – Halloween Day - Assembly @ 9am + Movie afternoon (Scooby Doo)

NOVEMBER

- **Wednesday, 1st November** - Playgroup + Mobile Library
- **Thursday, 2nd November** – Beach Volleyball (Yrs. 4-6) + Principal's Tour @ 4pm
- **Sunday, 5th November** – Working Bee @ 9am
- **Monday, 6th November** – **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- **Wednesday, 8th Nov.** – Gov. Council @ 4:15pm



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,



Over the last few weeks, I've had the great pleasure of showing prospective families around our school. Particular areas around our grounds are really starting to flourish with the spring weather. Our Juicy Garden particularly is reaping the benefits of our last community get together, earlier in the year. If you haven't added the **next Working Bee** date to your diary, please do so – **Sunday, 5th November (9am to 11:30am)**. Together, we're going to tackle some painting and work particularly in the Kids Creek area. I wish to formally acknowledge **Stratco St Mary's** and **Coromandel Valley Nursery**, who have donated various plants and other bits and pieces to help make our school look its absolute finest. The icing on the cake will be when **Nicky Create** completes our new mural (mid-November) on the wall of the Junior Learning Centre. As mentioned, both staff and students have helped contribute to the overall design of this artwork, reflecting the important theme of 'kindness'. You can check out some of Nicky's amazing past work on her website – <https://nickycreate.com.au/>

The arrival of our wonderful **goats**, 'Bandit' and 'Bullseye', has no doubt been a true highlight of our school year. We were saddened recently by the sudden passing of 'Bandit', but we'll welcome a new playmate for 'Bullseye' shortly. Soon we'll be receiving some **quails**, further contributing to the interactive and educational environment we are building here at Scott Creek. Many studies have proven the effectiveness of having students interact with animals. Already we're noticing signs of increased sensitivity and better awareness of the feelings and needs of others. These animals provide positive opportunities to help students de-escalate and develop their reading abilities. Some students struggle to read aloud to adults, but seem to turn into Shakespeare when they can sit on a hay bale and read to a goat! Interactions with animals also support future student applications into high schools, such as Urrbrae Agricultural High School. **Thank you again to our volunteers** who are helping look after our animals on the weekends, it is greatly appreciated.

Friday, 27th October was **World Teacher's Day**, a chance to recognise and celebrate the teachers who are making an impact in the lives of our students. We had an **amazing morning tea** on Tuesday (day most of our teachers are on site). **This was graciously supplied by our Governing Council.** At a school like Scott Creek Primary, the chances are high that your child will fortunately have the same classroom teacher/s for a few years in a row! That's why we always ensure we go that extra step, to acknowledge the hard work (and patience) of our hard-working educators.

Finally, a warm welcome to **Ebony** who has commenced in the Juniors class. Such a wonderful addition to our school community!



Thanks again for your ongoing support for our school,

Anthony McIver

Principal

Scott Creek Primary School

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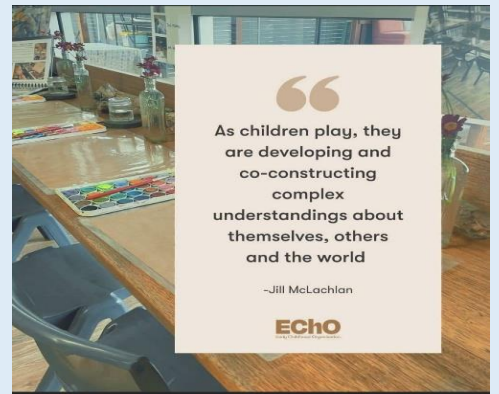


Classroom News: Kangaroos (Juniors)



The Kangaroos class have had a wonderful start to Term 4. We are enjoying learning together and working on our social and cooperative skills through **Walker Learning**. Walker Learning is an intentional invitation to play. It allows for connections to all our Key Learning Areas.

At Scott Creek, we value play as an integral part of child development and wellbeing.



😊 Auslan News from Chloe 😊

The **Kookaburras** have recently celebrated *National Week of Deaf People*, where we explored the theme – ‘A World Where Deaf People Can Sign Everywhere’. We explored how we can create a more inclusive environment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and learned about Deaf history, barriers, and culture. Students have also been learning how to sign our daily routines with the days of the week and have created Auslan presentations to share. You will see these videos appear on SeeSaw shortly, so keep a look out! Make sure you get your child to interpret the videos into English for you at home, as they will be ‘Auslan only’.

The **Kangaroos** have been busy continuing to learn signs ‘connected to their worlds’- such as animals in our local environment, colours, greetings, numbers and finger spelling. We have also learned how to sign the people in our families. We are busy learning how to sign the ‘Sing a Rainbow’ song. **We will be performing our Auslan song during the week 3 assembly.** Make sure you ask your child to sign the song for you at home!

Additional Information



PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER – Monday, 6th November

We will be using this valuable time to:

- Conduct **data analysis** of all completed student assessments in the 2023 school year.
- Identify children 'at risk' and work out 'next steps' for all students.
- Review and update our **Site Improvement Plan**, ready for 2024.
- Meet with **Courtney Hunter-Hebberman**, a Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri Mamalu. Courtney has extensive knowledge and experience based around multiple areas of the Peramangk culture. She'll be meeting with us to brainstorm ideas/activities to engage our students, throughout 2024 and beyond.

Farewelling Mr. Kieran Sandow – at the end of 2023

Mr Sandow has been an outstanding teacher and incredible asset to our school for many years. It comes with great sadness that we will farewell him at the end of this year. Whilst Kieran was recently on leave, he was able to spend some quality time with his young family and reassess aspects of his life. He has made the very difficult decision to press 'pause' on his teaching career and undertake a new, fresh and challenging journey. The Scott Creek Primary community will be forever grateful and appreciative of Kieran's inspiring work and positive relationships with the students he has taught. We will ensure we formally acknowledge and farewell Kieran on the night of the Year 6 Play and Graduation.



- When one door closes, a new one opens. **Replacing Kieran in 2024 will be Danielle Bougourd (teaching the Year 5/6 Uppers class in a full-time capacity)**. Danielle taught the Uppers in Term 3 this year and is currently working with Year 3 and 4 students, teaching Literacy and Numeracy. Danielle has very quickly become a valuable asset to our school and I'm sure she will flourish with this opportunity.

The following consent/payment forms have been sent out (hard copy + electronic):

- **Glenelg Beach Volleyball Competition – Years 4 to 6 students** (Thursday, 2nd November)
- **Port Noarlunga Aquatics Program – Year 6 students ONLY** (Monday, 11th December)
- **TO GO OUT SHORTLY – Year 6 Fun Day Out + Farewell Dinner** (Tuesday, 12th December)

SAVE THE DATE – YEAR 6 GRADUATION + 'THE GRINCH' PLAY – STARTING AT 6:00PM (Tuesday, 5th December)

Additional Information



Whole staff – Gender Diversity Training

On Tuesday, 24th October, our staff underwent training to learn about providing a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment for gender diverse students.

By completing the online and face to face sessions, our staff have gained knowledge and understanding of:

- inclusion and diversity
 - legislative obligations and the Department's policies and procedures
- experiences and issues encountered by young people who are gender and sexually diverse
 - our school's role in supporting social transitioning
- inclusive whole school and individual practices to help support these students

Bond Blocks (Continuing in 2024)

- For the past six months, teachers and SSOs have been successfully using 'Bond Blocks' to help our students develop and strengthen their Mathematical number sense. Developed by Dr Paul Swan, this evidence-based program allows students to enhance their problem solving and reasoning skills, and importantly engage in over 100 hands on activities. **I have booked our staff in for a special workshop run by Dr Paul Swan himself (March, 2024).** I look forward to unpacking how we can further implement this successful program into our day-to-day learning schedule. I encourage families to view the website, if you wish to look into the program or even purchase it yourself for home! <https://bondblocks.com/>



Music Program in 2024 – Welcome to Thea Martin 😊



- I'm genuinely very excited to welcome **Thea Martin** to our school in 2024. Thea will be teaching each class Music for a 50-minute lesson, once a week. She is an amazing musician who will bring a wonderful and talented spark to our school. The students are going to love her inspiring passion for music.
- Thea has worked as the Director of Strings at Glenunga International High School and as an Artist in Residence for Musica Viva at Morphet Vale East School and The Pines School.
- More information will be sent out next year however, feel free to check out Thea's website to view her biography and musical works/projects - <https://www.thealuciamartin.com/>

Additional Information



Playberry (Commencing in 2024)

- In the week prior to school commencing in 2024, our staff will be undergoing new Literacy training. Like many schools within our local Portfolio, we will be starting a program called '**Playberry**'. Well known educational consultant Bill Hansberry, will teach us the Playberry structure that uses a direct instructional approach to teach students phonology, sound-letter associations, spelling rules, syllable types, morphology, syntax and semantics.
- These key areas are taught in a very systematic and multi-sensory way. Importantly, all students from Reception through to Year 6 will experience the benefits of this program.
- I will ensure myself and teachers run some afterschool workshops next year, to provide examples of how these lessons will look in the classroom.



Thank you for having us – Longwood Market! 😊



REMEMBER – Stirling Christmas Pageant

Our request to partake in this year's **Stirling Christmas Pageant** has been approved! 😊

Save the date: Sunday, 3rd December (11:00am - 12:00pm).

PLAN? For our 'float', we invite all students and their parents to take part and walk together. We will be carrying a large banner with our school's name on it. As our students will be part of 'The Grinch' end of year play and will have costumes organised for this, students can wear these outfits during the parade. There will be a Ute driving with us, which we will decorate as well.

Community News

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Scott Creek Progress Association Inc. – Christmas Event



It has been a while, but this year we're bringing back our **BBQ Christmas Carols event!**

To be held on The Oval on Friday, 15th December 2023 from 4:30pm.

Please put the date in your diaries, with more details to follow in due course.