



## Scott Creek Primary School

### Diary Dates

#### DECEMBER

- **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 Aquatics Program
- **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 – Fun Day + Dinner
- **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Year Reports (sent home with students)
- **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of the school year
  - 9am: 'Thank Volunteers' Whole School Picnic on Scott Creek Oval
  - 1:30pm – Guard of Honour + Water fight!
  - 2:30pm: Early Dismissal

#### JANUARY

- **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January** – First day of Term 1, 2024



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### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to everyone that attended our Year 6 Graduation last night. Many ex-students and members of our community also attended the event, to enjoy 'The Grinch' school play, which was performed prior to the graduation ceremony. I'm sure you would agree the night was a huge success, a big credit to all our students and staff that helped make this event so special. Photos of our graduates, as well as a list of award winners are on the next page of this newsletter.

#### 2023 – a year to remember. Our school community enjoyed the following:

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| - Monarto Zoo excursion | - Colour Run Fundraiser    |
| - Learning Showcase     | - Pet Day                  |
| - Combined Sports Day   | - Biggest Morning Tea      |
| - SAPSASA events        | - Lego League              |
| - Mid-year Concert      | - CreARTive                |
| - Bonfire Night         | - Disco Night              |
| - Wheels Day            | - Book Week Parade         |
| - Zoo Snooze Camp       | - Footy Colours Day        |
| - Bandana Day           | - Halloween Day            |
| - School Mural          | - Graduation + School Play |

**Next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**, we invite all families to attend our traditional '**Whole School Picnic**'. This event starts at 9:00am and is held at the Scott Creek Oval – **NOT** the oval that is opposite our school. This picnic acts as a 'thank you' event to all our volunteers who provided their valuable time to help our school this year. All students and families will receive a free breakfast – so please come along! 😊

#### **THANKYOU to the following volunteers (in alphabetical order):**

- Angela, Brooke, Danielle, Fiona, Gerard, Julie, Katie, Lisa, Mark, Pat, Robyn, Rochelle and Tim. Sincere apologies if you are missed – there are many!

#### We have now finalised teaching staff for our **three classes in 2024:**

- **Reception to Year 2** (Joey's class): **Carly Rosser (3 days) + Kate Coates (2 days)**.
- **Year 3/4** (Possum's class): **Natalie Squire (5 days)** – a permanent teacher who is transferring from my previous school. **Information on page 4 of newsletter.**
- **Year 5/6** (Kookaburra's class): **Danielle Bougourd (5 days)**.
- **PE/Health** – **Anthony McIver**
- **Science & Cultural Studies (incl. AUSLAN):** **Courtney Elliott** – another high performing teacher who is transferring. **Information on page 4 of newsletter.**
- **Music** – **Thea Martin (supported by Anthony McIver)**



Bring on 2024 – happy holidays everyone! 😊

**Anthony McIver**

Principal

**Scott Creek Primary School**

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## Year 6 Graduation + 'The Grinch' Play ☺



### Congratulations to the following award winners:

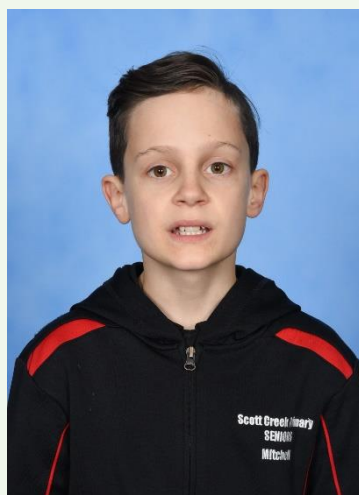
- Sue Zecchin's Reading Award: Dexter
- Leif Justham's Environmental Award: Archie
- Academic Award: Bradman
- Arts Award: Spencer
- Sports Award: Hazel
- Student of the Year Award: Harry



### Well done and farewell to our Year 6 Graduates for 2023:

We wish you all the best for your future journey – never be a stranger to our school. ☺

**Aven, Bradman, Hazel, Hunter, Mitchell and Oakley.**



## Photos from our Year 6 Graduation & School Play



## Meet our new 2024 teachers 😊

### Courtney Elliott – Science + Cultural Studies (incl. AUSLAN)

Hi everyone, I'm Courtney Elliott and I'm very excited to be starting at Scott Creek Primary in 2024 as the Science and Cultural Studies teacher.

I have been teaching at Brighton Primary School since 2013 and taught as a classroom teacher in Years 3-7. I recently decided I was ready for a change and am ready for my new teaching journey.

I grew up in a small community (Port Broughton) myself and am looking forward to being part of the unique school community here at Scott Creek.

I hope you have a great break and I look forward to meeting you in the New Year!



### Natalie Squire – Middles Teacher (5 days)

Hi families, it's with great pleasure that I join the Scott Creek Primary teaching team in 2024. I am transferring across from Hendon Primary School, where I worked with Anthony before he came to this school.

I have been an educator for over 20 years, in very complex schools. I know how important it is to form positive relationships with the students, ensuring they feel safe and supported at all times.

Scott Creek Primary presents a new and exciting challenge for me. I can't wait to meet the students and commence this new stage of my career. Enjoy your Christmas and look forward to meeting you all in the new year.



## Additional News



### School Crossing – Signage Upgrade SUCCESSFUL

We've fought long and hard to have our school crossing re-assessed. Thankfully, the Adelaide Council has responded to my requests and conducted a thorough assessment. **The following recommendations have been made, with works to commence in January (2024):**

- Enhancements to the safety of the existing Emu Crossing, particularly concerning the safety of children and motorists, are both feasible and advisable. Currently, the signage at the crossing is inadequately sized, a significant concern given the road's horizontal and vertical alignment, which could compromise motorist's visibility and reaction times.
- This situation poses a direct risk to the safety of children using the crossing. **Therefore, it is proposed that the current signage, designated as size 'A', be upscaled to size 'B'.** This increase in sign dimensions is anticipated to significantly improve motorist's awareness and safety, thereby offering improved safety and protection for pedestrians, as well as all road users.
- Furthermore, **it is strongly recommended that signs be installed on both sides of the approaching side of the road.** This strategic placement will not only aid in alerting motorists but also reinforce safe crossing habits among children, enhancing their ability to see and navigate the crossing safely.
- Additionally, the existing location of the eastbound Children's Crossing (W6-3) and Crossing Ahead (W8-22) signs is substandard due to being positioned on a bend, thereby reducing its visibility and effectiveness AHC – Emu Crossing Assessment - 3 - (reduced sight distance) for motorists as they approach the crossing. **To rectify this issue, it is recommended that the sign be relocated approximately 25m west,** aimed at ensuring greater visibility and safety for both pedestrians and motorists, with a particular focus on enhancing the sanctuary of children using the crossing.

### School Upgrade - \$25,000 grant



- Next week, we will be **installing 3 x new exhaust systems** throughout our school, to extract air from inside the classroom to remove pathogens and lower c02 levels (courtesy of a \$25,000 school upgrade grant – a huge thank you to Julie Marron for her support).
- This means when children return to school in 2024, there will be guaranteed 'quality air' in all three of our classrooms, plus the library space in the main building. Hopefully, this will allow us to see a reduced rate of sicknesses and absences. Healthy air INSIDE and OUTSIDE at Scott Creek – sounds great to me! 😊

## Community News

### Mother Earth Studios

Cathy here, owner of Mother Earth Studios.  
I will be holding Yoga Classes at the Longwood Institute Hall every Wednesday & Friday evening.

#### **Little bit about me!**

I have been within the Health and Wellness Industry for 13 years and have a strong passion for seeing you live your best life in the body you have been given.

I previously ran a Remedial Massage Business and then moved down the path of Yoga teaching. Which I absolutely love!  
I have completed my 200Hour Yoga Teacher Training and my 75Hour Yin Yoga teacher training.

#### **About the Yoga!**

Wednesday 6-7pm - Vinyasa Flow.

Vinyasa is more movement based with you flowing through movements while connecting to your breath. - More physical

Friday 5-6:15pm - Yin Yoga.

Yin is a more meditative practice where you move your body through a series of poses. Typically the poses are held for 2 to 6 minutes. More ground bases movement. The aim is to create moments of stillness for the body and the mind.

At Mother Earth Studios, I am here to provide an inclusive and nurturing yoga space for all bodies and abilities.

#### **To book in**

<https://www.motherearthstudios.com.au/book-a-class>

Scott Creek Progress Association presents

# Carols by the Creek

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - from 5.30pm  
at the Scott Creek Oval

Sausage Sizzle / Veggie Patty  
BBQ

followed by  
Christmas Carols

BYO chairs, drinks, snacks to share,  
light/torch/LED-candles  
(no open flames)

Funds raised go to maintaining Scott Creek  
Hall and Oval