



Scott Creek Primary School

Diary Dates

JANUARY

- Monday, 29th January – First day of Term 1, 2024

FEBRUARY

- Monday, 5th February – Swimming Week commences (R-5)
- Monday, 12th February – Playgroup @ 9:15am
- Tuesday, 13th February – Acquaintance Meeting + Governing Council (AGM) @ 3:10pm in school library
- Tuesday, 20th February – Assembly (Kookaburras) @ 2:30pm in school library



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Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 2024 school year! Trusting you and your family enjoyed your Christmas, New Years and school holidays together. The summer break always allows for so much quality family time. That being said, I'm sure there's many itching for school to return! ☺ There were so many positive successes in 2023 and I genuinely can't wait to kick off another exciting year at Scott Creek Primary School. Importantly, I wish to acknowledge and welcome all our new students and staff members commencing with us. **Below is an outline of the class and staffing structure**, with new teacher introductions on the next page. Remember – our website (which has had a holiday makeover) is a key source for school documents, policies and previous newsletters. www.scps.sa.edu.au

- Reception to Year 2 (Joey's class): **Carly Rosser (M-W) + Kate Coates (Th-F)**.
- Year 3/4 (Possum's class): **Natalie Squire**
- Year 5/6 (Kookaburra's class): **Danielle Bougourd**
- PE/Health – **Anthony McIver**
- Science & Cultural Studies (incl. AUSLAN): **Courtney Elliott (W-Th)**.
- Music – **Thea Martin (supported by Anthony McIver) – Fridays**
- SSOs - **Sarah Auld, Carolyn Bennett, Kim Lau, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Rani Quinton, Jill Wiseman**

On the final page of this newsletter is the **Term One calendar**. As always, there are many events to add to your diaries. Please ensure you take note of the various Pupil Free Days and Public Holidays that take place this term. Importantly, note that our school will be hosting the annual **'Small Schools Sports Day'**, which will be taking place on **Thursday, 28th March** (day before Good Friday). More information will be sent out to families closer to the date.

Two important events that I wish to bring to your immediate attention are:

- Swimming Week** – students in Reception to Year 5, traditionally attend a week of swimming lessons commencing **Monday, 5th February (second week back)**. Students will receive all the necessary information/forms that will be needed to be completed ASAP. Lessons will take place at **Burnside Swim Centre**.
- Acquaintance Meeting + Governing Council (AGM)** – Tuesday, 13th Feb. Starting at 3:10pm in the school library, all families are invited to a combined 'meet the teacher' acquaintance meeting. This will be followed by the Governing Council (AGM). We will have a brief intermission between events.



Bring on 2024 – looking forward to seeing you all soon! ☺

Anthony McIver

Principal

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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 had a great break and I look forward to meeting you all!



Natalie Squire – Years 3/4 Teacher

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. Looking forward to meeting you all in the new year.



Thea Martin – Music Teacher

Hi everyone, I'm really looking forward to joining the Scott Creek Primary School community. I have worked in a number of similar positions, as the Director of Strings at Glenunga International High School and as the Artist in Residence through *Musica Viva* at Morphett Vale East School and The Pines School. My areas of interest/specialty are collaborative composition, building ensemble programs and string programs.

I am currently touring in Japan and will be commencing my music program with the students in the week following swimming. For your reference – [please see my music program plan on the next page of this newsletter.](#)





Music Information (from Thea)



Program Goal: For students to access their creative agency and to see themselves as creative individuals with the ability to confidently articulate, share and explore their ideas/experiences through music.

We will explore the following musical tools to support students in achieving this goal:

- Developing a sense of meter/pulse
- Creating and aurally copying rhythms including syncopated rhythms
- Using scales/concept of tonal centre and patterns to create melodies
- Aurally copy 2 note motifs (high and low)
- Whole body, active listening (drawing on deep listening principles) to encounter new sonic experiences

The ways of creating we will explore include:

- Playing instruments (pitched and unpitched percussion + other instruments of interest)
- Body percussion
- Scoring (writing music, graphic notation, lyrics, text etc.)
- Collaborative composition (whole class and small group)
- Collective singing
- Engaging with/listening to music from a diverse array of voices/genres, with a focus on living composers and canonically underrepresented voices

For the R-2 class, I would like to focus on developing a sense of meter/pulse and introducing elements such as rhythm and pitch, through a play-based, movement and singing-centred approach. This would look like a series of short activities/games in each lesson, with time for individual and group creative exploration.

For both the Year 3-4 and 5-6 classes, I'd like to work with a more project-based approach as this has worked well for me at Morphett Vale East School where I was employed in a similar position. This would look like 4-5 week projects where students create original music, each project with a different focus and method of creating. There would be an opportunity to perform/record/video these projects at the end of each one to share with the wider school community.

For all classes, I'd love to utilise the beautiful setting of Scott Creek Primary School. I love to use soundwalks and soundscapes to encourage deep listening. I aim to work with the students outside - walking, listening and creating, I feel that would be a really great opportunity to take advantage of.

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



- **THREE x new exhaust systems** are soon to be installed throughout our school (later than expected due to manufacturing delay), 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 that in a few weeks' time, 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! ☺



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~ TERM CALENDAR ~

TERM 1, 2024

29/01/24 -12/04/24

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wk 1 29/1	School commences				
Wk 2 5/2	Swimming Week (R-5)	→			
Wk 3 12/2	Playgroup Newsletter	Acquaint. Meeting + G.C - AGM			
Wk 4 19/2		Assembly (Kookaburras)			
Wk 5 26/2	Playgroup				
Wk 6 4/3	Newsletter			Pupil Free Day	
Wk 7 11/3	Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)	NAPLAN commences			
Wk 8 18/3		Assembly (Possums) G.C meeting		Harmony Day	
Wk 9 25/3	Playgroup Newsletter			Sports Day	Good Friday
Wk 10 1/4	Easter Monday	3 Way - Interviews commence			
Wk 11 8/4	Playgroup				Last Day of Term – 2:30pm Dismissal