



## Scott Creek Primary School

### Diary Dates

#### FEBRUARY

- **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Playgroup @ 9:15am
- **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Acquaintance Meeting + Governing Council (AGM) @ 3:15pm in school library
- **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Assembly (Kookaburras) @ 2:30pm in school library
- **Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Playgroup @ 9:15am
- **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February** – NAPLAN Practice Test (Year 3 & 5 students)
- **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Clean up Australia Day (@ Scott Creek PS)



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### Principal's Message



Dear Families,

The dust has now settled on **Swimming Week**. What an action-packed week of fun! A huge thankyou to all staff and parent volunteers that were happy to transport the students to and from the pool. Having swimming lessons so early on in the year has its pros and cons, but the fact we get to experience beautiful summer weather, a wonderful outdoor pool, a chance for the kids to develop strong relationships early on with their teachers and peers – I'm sold! 😊

I'd like to take this opportunity to also welcome all our recent enrolments! We've had new students commence in each of our three classes. **We're currently shy of 40 enrolments**. We couldn't have done this without the support of our community. The positive feedback led by our proud families is what is bringing these enrolments, so thank you sincerely for your support.

As I've mentioned in emails, I'm so proud of the time and effort each teacher has put into organising such quality learning for their students this term. On Seesaw, teachers will have sent through a **Learning Overview**, a snapshot of what will be covered. I have also sent through a copy of the **school's weekly timetable**. Please print and refer to this when booking appointments, holidays etc. Having **quick access to this timetable at home**, will also help you prompt and prepare your children for what's to come on any school day.

#### **SAVE THE DATE – Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**

A huge afternoon is planned. A free BBQ, an opportunity to gather in the library and receive a presentation from the 2024 school staff... AND a Governing Council AGM!?! I'm pinching myself! Please note that the events are optional however, attendance is always encouraged and appreciated.

#### **Governing Council – AGM (following Acquaintance meeting)**

- An agenda of the meeting has been emailed out to families.
- Due to departing members we have **TWO vacancies to fill**.
- Governing Council acts as an 'advisory committee' for the Principal and the school community. This is definitely the ultimate way to support and help govern our school. In 2023, meetings were held twice a term and were on Wednesdays at 4pm. The day/time could possibly change and will be discussed.
- **If you are interested in being part of our council in 2024, you can either reach out to myself or our Chairperson, Katie Good (Mason's Mum)**. You will need to be officially sworn in during the AGM.

**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](http://www.scps.sa.edu.au)

Wishing you all a wonderful week, 😊



**Anthony McIver**

Principal

**Scott Creek Primary School**

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## Classroom News: Joeys (R-2)



The Joeys have had a great start to the new year. We have welcomed many new students into our class this term and they are all setting in well.

The start of the year has included a large amount of play to develop our sense of community and connectedness. We have played both inside our classroom and in the wonderful learning spaces we have at Scott Creek. Students have had the chance to play in the forest, build cubbies, discover the delights of our 'Juicy Garden' when looking for caterpillars and other bugs, and have investigated 'Kid's Creek'.

We created a dress for Ms Carly to wear with drawings of our holiday adventures and what we had learnt in the first few days of school.

As a class, we have read many books in the last two weeks. We are also working on building growth mindsets. We look forward to sharing our resilience, determination, bravery and curiosity towards our learning with families throughout the year.



## Learning Information (from Courtney)

**Science – This term, all classes will be engaging in Biological Sciences (focus on living things)**

I will take classes into the **Juicy Garden** at some stage during their double lesson each week. This may vary from most of the double lesson to 20-30mins. This will involve weeding, harvesting, fertilising etc.

My plan is to engage the classes in a **STEM project** each term (one class at a time) to redevelop a space around the school. This will involve a lot of student voice, student driven research, design of the space and then establishing the spaces. Where necessary, I may ask for parent volunteers or donations of plants/timber etc.



**Term 1 – Kookaburras – Redeveloping the Butterfly Garden**

**Term 2 – Possums – Redeveloping the Bush Tucker Garden**

**Term 3 – Joeys – Redeveloping the Bee Hotel**

**Term 4 – time to finish off any remaining projects**

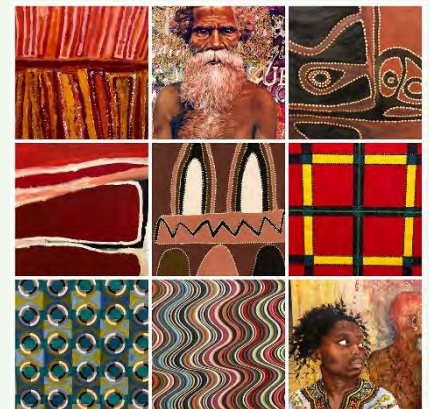


<p><b>TERM 1</b> Biological Sciences</p> <p><i>What students will be learning?</i></p>	<p><b>Joeys</b> R- Living things have basic needs, including food &amp; water</p> <p>Yr. 1-Living things have a variety of external features</p> <p>Yr. 2- Living things grow, change and have offspring similar to themselves</p>	<p><b>Possums</b> Yr. 3 – Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things</p> <p>4 – Living things have life cycles. Living things depend on each other and the environment to survive</p>	<p><b>Kookaburras</b> Yr. 5 – Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment</p> <p>Yr. 6 – The growth and survival of living things are affected by physical conditions of their environment</p> <p><b>STEM project</b> “How can we make improvements to the Butterfly Garden so it</p>
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**Other:** Clean Up Australia Day activities

**Cultural Studies - This term, all classes will be exploring Aboriginal culture (focus on Kurna) through language, music, games, traditions, Dreamtime stories and connection to Country.**

<p><b>TERM 1</b> Aboriginal Culture</p>	<p><b>Joeys</b></p> <p>Notice that people use language in ways that reflect their culture, such as where and how they live and what is important to them</p>	<p><b>Possums</b></p> <p>Explore connections between identity and cultural values and beliefs and the expression of these connections in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language</p>	<p><b>Kookaburras</b></p> <p>Explore connections between identity and cultural values and beliefs and the expression of these connections in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language</p>
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**Other:** Harmony Day activities



## Playberry – Phonics & Spelling Program

Prior to school commencing this year, myself and teachers took part in ‘Playberry’ training. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Playberry provides a very structured, synthetic phonics approach to teaching reading and spelling. The program focuses on developing children’s understanding of the relationship between letters and sounds. All students across the school will participate in 5 of these lessons a week, most likely at the very start of the school day. I look forward to sharing more information on the Playberry program as the year progresses. **Here is an example of a phonics lesson:**

<b>Phonology Lesson Plan Outline</b>		
<b>1. Alphabet Work</b>	Letter Naming Flashcards (R/1) Alphabet Letter Writing(Handwriting Focus)	3-5 minutes
<b>2. Reading Card Drill</b>	Reading Card Review Deck	2 minutes
<b>3. Rule Revision / Retrieval</b>	Rule Reciting Retrieval Activities	3-5 minutes
<b>4. Spelling Review Drill</b>	Individual Grapheme Spelling Review	5 minutes
<b>5. Words to Read</b>	6-10 words to read	1-2
<b>6. Reading Fluency</b>	Word Reading Fluency	1-2
<b>7. Words To Spell</b>	Revision Words to Spell	5 minutes
<b>8. New Teaching Point</b> (Not included every lesson)	Introduce New Grapheme/Spelling Rule/Concept (including handwriting of new grapheme if applicable)	3-5 minutes
<b>9. Words to Read</b>	6-10 new words to read	1-2
<b>10. Words to Spell</b>	New words to spell	5 minutes
<b>11. Heart Words</b>	Read, Tap, Spell	2 minutes
<b>12. Dictation</b>	1-2 Sentences	5 minutes
<b>13. Connected Text</b>	Fluency Work – I Read, We Read, You Read, Choral Read or Paired Reading	3-5 minutes
<b>14. Vocabulary</b>	1-3 Words from Connected Text or Phonology List	1-2 minutes
<b>Total Time</b>		<b>40-50 minutes</b>



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# **AQUAINTANCE MEETING + GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM**

**Tuesday, 13th  
February.**

**2:50 - Early  
Dismissal**

**BBQ - FREE FOR ALL  
FAMILIES :)**

**Acquaintance  
Meeting**

**3:15pm - School Library**

**Join the Principal and  
School Staff as we  
share a presentation on  
the 2024 school year**

**Governing Council (AGM)**

**Following a brief intermission, we aim to commence  
this event at 4:30pm. All school families are  
welcome to attend this meeting.**



Playgroup sessions  
this term are on  
Mondays 9:15am to 10:45am

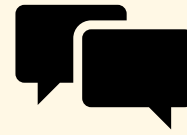
- 12th February
- 26th February
- 25th March
- 8th April







## Kid's Council



In 2024, we've decided to rename our Student Representative Council – '**Kid's Council**'. We want it to be bigger and better, welcoming participants from Reception right through to Year 6!

- **Courtney** will run Kid's Council meetings on Thursdays – aiming for at least four a term.
- Teachers are currently doing 'leadership' lessons with their classes, ensuring students develop the skills necessary to be active and responsible leaders. Shortly, they will choose TWO members from their class to be on the council. We will change the members EACH TERM.

# Clean Up Australia Day at Scott Creek PS

*We all have a role to play*



During Science lessons on Wednesday Week 5, Courtney will be taking classes around the school grounds for a clean up. We will discuss the impacts of rubbish on our environment and how we can dispose of rubbish correctly at home and in our school.

**Wednesday 28th February**



# Autism Inclusion Teacher

Hi,  
I am the Autism Inclusion Teacher for Scott Creek Primary.  
I will be working in my AIT role every Thursday morning and look forward to working with students and their families throughout the year.

Carly Rosser



**diversity is beautiful**

**diversity in the animal world**  
there are millions of different kinds of animals - more than we can count!

**diversity of people**  
people come in a great variety of shapes, sizes, genders, abilities, and appearances - we are all unique!

**diversity of human brains**  
no two brains are alike, but we have names for different types - like ADHD, autistic, dyslexic, typical, & more!

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# HARMONY DAY

TO CELEBRATE STUDENTS CAN  
WEAR ORANGE OR THEIR OWN  
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL DRESS

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO  
SCHOOL WITH A GOLD COIN  
DONATION.

WE WILL DECIDE WHICH ORGANISATION  
TO DONATE TO IN OUR KID'S COUNCIL  
MEETING ON THURS WEEK 3.  
(SUGGESTIONS VERY WELCOME)

THURSDAY 21ST  
MARCH (WEEK 8)



SCOTT CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LUNCH ORDER MENU 2024

**Delivered on  
FRIDAYS! 😊**

**HOT FOOD**

*Vili's Range:*

Beef Pie, Chicken Pie,	\$5.30
Pasty, Large S/Roll	\$5.30

*McCues Range:*

Potato Pie, Tuna Pie	\$4.95
Veg. Pasty, Lamb Pie	\$4.95
Savoury Slice	\$4.00
Spinach & Cheese Roll	\$4.00

**GRILL**

Plain Hot Dog (sauce opt.)	\$5.00
Hot Dog with Cheese	\$6.00
Chicken Burger	\$7.00
#1 (chicken, cheese, tomato, lettuce, mayo)	
#2 (chicken, cheese, tomato sauce)	
Cheese Burger	\$8.00
#1 (beef, cheese, pickle, lettuce, tomato sauce, mustard)	
#2 (beef, cheese, tomato sauce)	
Chicken Nuggets	\$1.00 each
Chicken Tenders (3)	\$4.00



**A Lunch order bag MUST be completed and brought to the Front Office by the end of school on Wednesdays, whether paying by cash or EFT.** This allows school to have a complete list of orders to check against items delivered.  
Lunch bags are available from the Office.

**FROM THE SANDWICH BAR**

Double Cut Rolls	\$7.50
Single Cut Rolls	\$6.50
Sandwich	\$5.50
<small>(meat: ham, chicken, silverside, salami) (salad: lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot, pickle, red onion, beetroot, cheese)</small>	
Salad Pack	\$5.00
* (with meat)	\$7.00

**CAKES**

Custard Tart, Vanilla Slice, Raspberry Scroll, Cinnamon Scroll	\$3.00
Donut (chocolate/strawberry/sprinkle)	\$3.00
Finger Bun (fruit or fruitless)	\$3.00

**DRINKS**

Nippy's Juice 500ml	\$4.00
<small>(orange, blackcurrant, orange mango)</small>	
Juice Box 250ml	\$3.00
<small>(orange, blackcurrant, apple)</small>	
Nippy's Flavoured Milk 250ml	\$3.60
<small>(chocolate, strawberry, honeycomb)</small>	

**FROZEN**

Nippy's Frozen Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Nippy's Frozen Chocolate Milk	\$3.60
Golden North Swing	\$2.50
<small>(chocolate, strawberry, lemonade, cola)</small>	

Orders can be paid by cash to the office or by EFT direct to the shop.  
A/c Name: Jacent Family Trust  
BSB 105 079 A/c No: 056 895 240  
Please use SCOTTCK and Child's name as reference.

General Store. Phone: 0412 272 870



## Additional Information

### New look – 'Community Share Table'

- Please feel free to take from/ contribute to our community share table.

We welcome fresh produce, pantry items and clothes. Thanks in advance for everyone's donations.



**Before and afterschool - Learning Club (has been very successful!)**

**If you ever wish for your child/ren to be enrolled, please email me (the Principal) – [anthony.mciver124@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:anthony.mciver124@schools.sa.edu.au).**

This service is free of charge and students will be supplied food from 'Kickstart for Kids'.

Before school commences at 8am and afterschool commences at 3:30pm to 5:00pm. There will be a consent form that will go home on day one, which will need to be completed and returned at your earliest convenience.

- **Friendly Reminder - students are more than welcome to store their water bottles and/or lunch boxes in a school fridge** - to keep it cool, especially on hot days.
- There is a fridge in the JP classroom, as well as in the main building (next to the library).



Community Information

# BYO BABY

WITH AMY HETHERINGTON

A comedy show you  
can bring your baby to!  
Have a laugh with  
other parents this  
Adelaide Fringe!

MARCH 9 + 10 + 11  
@ 1:00PM AND 3:00PM



←  
SCAN FOR  
TICKETS

\* ADELAIDE  
\* FRINGE \*

