



Swallowcliffe P-7

We value **Honesty, Respect, Achievement**

Welcome to our Newsletter

Week 4, Term 1 2018

Pictured: Block 7 used the Rite Bite Order for the Friendship Fruit Salad activity. (See article on the next page)



Diary Dates

Week 6

Friday 9/3/18

Partnership PUPIL FREE DAY

Week 7

Monday 12/3/18

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Adelaide Cup Day

Week 8

Monday 19/3/18

Governing Council AGM

Week 9

Friday 30/3/18

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Good Friday

Week 10

Monday 2/4/18

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Easter Monday

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 4, of the school year. We have had a positive start to the school year, with classes settling in well. I believe the settled start is largely due to the ongoing investment our teachers make around developing a positive classroom culture that provides safe conditions for students to take risks and achieve learning growth.

Teachers have begun writing learning plans for identified students, including students who have Negotiated Education Plans. If you would like to know more about your child's learning goals, please speak to their classroom teacher. We will be having Parent/Teacher interviews in Week 9 of this term.

I have recently attended the State's Leaders Day Conference, where the SA Minister for Education, Susan Close and the DECD CEO, Rick Perse talked about their vision for SA schooling, as part of the most recent DECD Improvement Plan. I'm happy to say that the messages provided on the day reinforced that Swallowcliffe is on the right track with the plans we have made so far and the approach we have taken over the last 2-3 years, which has included a strong focus in regards to teacher training, that less is more and that we need to become experts in the key foundational practices for Literacy and Numeracy. Our focus has included a whole school approach to agreements, training and assessment, particularly around Literacy and Numeracy. I'm happy to say that student achievement data is reinforcing that we are making considerable growth, particularly in reading. A Pupil Free Day foci for the coming term will include a focus on the Big 6 of Reading – letter/sound knowledge, phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

This term our Pupil Free Day learning on the 9th March, will be around Learning Design and Moderation (LDAM). This is a state focus aimed at developing not only around consistent teaching/outcomes, but around teachers developing their capacity to provide learning environments that enable children to develop critical thinking skills and be active participants in their own learning.

Thanks again to our whole community for the patience demonstrated, around each stage of the Refurbishment. Your support as we iron out the kinks around routines at each stage is greatly appreciated. I hope to announce news, re occupation of Block 4 very soon.

Kind Regards

Tonia Noble, Principal Swallowcliffe P-7

Say hello to our **Principall!**



Tonia Noble

Key Contacts

Principal: Ms Tonia Noble

Deputy Principal: Eleanor Rawson

Student Wellbeing Leader: Ely Currin

Early Years Leader: Penny Sweeney

Co-ordinator of

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Swallowcliffe P-7 is committed to providing Quality Education.

Our Mission: To empower students to recognise and optimise their full learning potential through explicit teaching of;

✓ High Expectations ✓ Positive & Growth Mindset ✓ Relationships with Others



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- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Changes to School Card in 2018

More Swallowcliffe Families will be eligible for School Card in 2018 as the income limits for families have increased.

Income limits for applications lodged in 2018 – based on the family's gross income in 2016/2017.

NUMBER OF DEPENDANT CHILDREN	GROSS ANNUAL SCHOOL CARD INCOME LIMIT	GROSS WEEKLY SCHOOL CARD INCOME LIMIT
1 child	\$57,870	\$1,113
2 children	\$58,903	\$1,133
3 children	\$59,936	\$1,153
4 children	\$60,969	\$1,173
5 children	\$62,002	\$1,193
more than five children	add \$1,033 for each dependent child	add \$20 for each dependent child

School Card does not roll over year after year; you are required to apply each school year. If eligible for School Card the entire 2018 M&S charge of \$205.00 will be paid and a further \$30.00 can be accessed to purchase uniforms or pay for excursions in 2018.

Forms are available from the front office or you can apply online at www.sa.gov.au "School Card scheme" / applications / Form A: income audit – apply online

Finance Update

2018 Material and Services Charge

Governing Council approved the charge of **\$205.00**. This amount is legally recoverable by DECD Central Debt Collection for all students except those who receive approval for School Card in 2018.

Payment of fees
Fees are able to be paid by **EFTPOS, PAYWAY** or **Centrepay**.

Centrepay – the easy way to pay your bills and expenses
Centrepay is a voluntary bill-paying service which is free for Centrelink customers. Use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. You can start or change a deduction at any time. The quickest way to do it is through your Centrelink account online. Forms available from the front office.

Governing Council

We christened the new office with the first Governing Council meeting for the year. The **AGM** will be held on **Monday of Week 8 (19 March 2018)**. New parents interested in becoming members are encouraged to attend.



Rite Bite

During the first two weeks of school Block 7 used the Rite Bite Order for the Friendship Fruit Salad activity. Mrs Easton and Mrs Summers class worked together to discuss what a good friend looks like and sounds like in the classroom. The fruit was used to represent actions of the children in the class. The next step was to cut the fruit up and mix it together. Everyone was able to eat a small serving of friendship fruit salad.

(See more images on front page)



PE News

Congratulations to **Lucas Taylor** – Mrs Quinn's Class, on making the State U/13 Softball Team. The carnival takes place in Mt Baker in a couple of weeks time. Best of luck Lucas.



A reminder that we are once again participating in the **Coles Sports for Schools Promotion**. The tickets you collect can be dropped into our collection box in the front office or Gym. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Sport
Mr Mack & Mr Ben

Swallowcliffe Parent Group News

We are collecting **Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers** again. You can place your vouchers in the box for **Swallowcliffe** at the **Elizabeth City Centre Coles** store or the box in the **front office**. You can also nominate "Swallowcliffe Junior Primary" or "Swallowcliffe School P-7" to receive your vouchers when shopping online.



Parent Group is run by volunteers, we appreciate your support and welcome new members.



Children's University



Children's University will begin next week – Week 5. Woohoo! Timetables will be coming around soon. Copies will also be available at the front office. Welcome to our new members who have signed up this year. If you would like to sign up, enrolment forms can be found in the Front Office, or you can come and see me for one. Registration is \$15 per student, which includes your first passport.

Miss Phan



Science News

This term in Science, we are focussing on teamwork, reflecting the way working scientists collaborate. Teamwork and collaboration are two important skills scientists need in order to be successful. Students were randomly sorted into groups of



3, having to use Australian inventions to find their team mates. They will be working in these groups throughout the term to complete investigations, projects, and challenges.

The first challenge required students to rescue Sam, a worm (gummy worm) who had been capsized at sea (the paper). They had to retrieve the life buoy (a Lifesaver) from under the boat (a plastic cup), and get Sam into it. Sound easy? Not if you could only use paper clips! Students were not to touch any of the materials with their hands, only able to use paperclips to manipulate them. This task not only required teamwork, but also creative thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Team 'HeV Vaccine' successfully completed the challenge, and after all their efforts, gleefully ate Sam!

If you try this at home, I'd love to hear about how you went.

Miss Phan

Congratulations

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Congratulations

Swallowcliffe School P-7

for outstanding achievement in the

Premier's Reading Challenge

2017

Jay Weatherill

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PREMIER



Pre-School

Our time at Kindy has been well spent getting to know each other further and it is remarkable how quickly the children are picking up the new routines and responsibilities they have been given. As we get to know your child and grow that relationship we also wish to get to know you. Parent/teacher relationships are very important, the more growth in the relationship the more your child can progress. We encourage parents to ask questions when they are needed, either in person or you may wish to ring. Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to help your family settle into our Kindy.

Messy play is everywhere in our Kindy and we encourage all children to become involved when they wish to. Messy play can be craft and gluing, painting, water play, sand play, sand and water play and mud play. The nature of learning extends to messy play and this is why it is a much valued part of our environment. Whilst we encourage smocks to be worn whilst painting there will be times when an independent child may help themselves to the paint before putting a smock on. To enable your child to become fully engaged at Kindy they need to feel safe and supported. Do you allow your child to get dirty? This is a question that you may not have considered before. Here is a link to some more information about messy play and the benefits. Check out more values on the door as you enter the bag room.

<https://childhood101.com/active-learning-through-messy-play/>

To encourage your child's independence in all routines it is helpful if you name all items they bring to Kindy. Their name on clothing, drink bottles, hats, lunch boxes and bags ensures they are able to complete routines

quickly and move onto playing. As we encourage messy play, and it has been a very warm start to the year, there has been water play available each day. This is very popular and we encourage all children to get wet which results in many changes throughout the day. Please **pack spare clothes** in a plastic bag for your child to enable them to get changed as they feel they need to.

As we are a no cost service we rely on **donations** to some supplies. We are currently looking for **boxes of tissues, any spare children's clothing and plastic bags for wet clothes**. We are also in need of **empty hand soap dispensers** which we would like to use for paint storage. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Kindy Team



Relationships with Others
'Building relationships with others through saying greetings & goodbyes'

CLASS AWARDS – TERM 1 WEEK 4

<u>Class & Teacher</u>	<u>Student</u>
B4R2 - Valerie Romeo	• Jaxon Dix
B4R1 - Sarah Browning	• Lochlan Whelan
NUNGA ROOM - Ms Belinda	• Taura Langford
THE NEST - Ms Walker/Ms Hunter/ Ms Hentschke	• Esther Shindano • Nam Tran • Payton Krause
B1R3 - Lisa Watkins	• Lily Gregory
B4R6 - Kelly Eastburn	• Delilah Childs
B1R5 - Justin D'Antini	• Ben Mayers
SCIENCE/CUA – Ms Phan	• Phoenix Horstmann • Kyron Errington • Willow Frith • Decla Seal
B4R5 - Barb Plumridge	• Matthew Stagg
B1R4 - Sandy Sibley	• Dylan Groves
B4R7 – Courtney Ahrns	• Hayden Martlew-Groves
B7R1 – Tracy Easton	• Isabella Taylor
B1R6 – Mark Seal	• Andrew Fenyn
B3R1 – Kylie Holmes/Simon Gill	• Blake Harrison
B4R4 – Ms Staite/Ms Smajlovic	• Lachlan Drowley
B4R3 – Steph Smith	• Kayden Mastroavos
B1R7 – Felicity Nelson	• Darcy Brusnahan
B3R2 – Dominic Stevens	• Mia-Jane Wilson
B1R3 – Cherie Venables	• Abdulrahim Zangana
B3R3 – Melissa Quinn	• Malakai McKenzie
B3R4 – Travis Victory	• Michael Fisher
B7R2 – Shannon Summers	• Mercy Irakoza

