



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

Christies Beach Primary School



Thursday 1st February 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

A warm welcome to begin the 2024 school year and a special welcome to new students and families joining us at Christies Beach Primary for the very first time.

I hope everyone enjoyed some quality family time over the holiday break. We have had a positive start to the new school year and are looking forward to growing together in 2024.

Welcome to new staff members: Ms Martell Dunn, Ms Maddie Plowman, Ms Shaz Holtham, Ms Claudia Edmonds, Mrs Belinda Gregory, Ms Ali May, Ms Amelia Young, Ms Nicola McGee and Ms Paula Weetra. We know they will receive a warm Christies welcome.

This year we will be focussing on student growth in mathematics, in particular whole number place value, looking at how students name and record numbers, count forwards and backwards, make numbers, compare and rename numbers. Our school will also be focussing on reading, and how all students can make growth in this area. This year our educators will be learning how to use and implement the Dibels Reading Assessment tools so we have a consistent whole school measure of student reading.

We will be continuing to use and promote our three universals of We Aim High, We are Responsible and We are Resilient. Once again we will be working together for whole school rewards using our token system. These are based upon the Positive Behaviour Learning Framework which help us work together as a community.

Please feel welcome to come along to our Acquaintance Night next Tuesday 6th February from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. All classrooms will be open and you can also stay for a Sausage Sizzle tea.

Enjoy this beautiful mild autumn weather.

Kind regards

Catherine O'Dea

DIARY DATES

5/2

Schnippers

6/2

Acquaintance
Night

12/2

Governing Council
AGM

13/2

Pancake Day

19/2

Student Free
Day

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COMMUNICATIONS

Email, Class Newsletters, Facebook and Seesaw are used by teachers and teaching teams as a means to share their students' and class' learning journeys as well as communicating directly with parents. Information has been provided to families by class teachers.

To enable a smooth start to the school year, please sign up to Seesaw as this is the main method of communication from classroom teachers. i

ATTENDANCE

School is open for students from 8.00am to attend our Breakfast and Reading Clubs. For safety and duty of care reasons, **we ask that remain in these areas until the Play Bell at 8:30am.**

A reminder that our OSHC service provides before school care from 7.00am. OSHC enrolment forms can be found on our website, or through OSHC directly.

Teachers will begin opening classrooms from 8:30am, with Whole School Huddle on the Netball Court commencing at 8.50am.

The first few minutes of the school day are very important as this is when daily notices and reminders about events are given, notes are collected, communication books are checked and a range of other organisational matters are managed. Students who arrive late (even a few minutes late), often miss this valuable information.

Students who arrive after 9:00am must report directly to the front office and sign in as a late arrival.

Families who are experiences transportation challenges can contact Greg Hollick, our Wellbeing leader to request a bus pick up in the mornings.

STUDENT FREE DAYS

2 student free days are confirmed for 2024, as follows:

- Monday 19th February – Term 1 Week 4
- Monday 5th August – Term 3 – Week 3

A further two student free days will be scheduled and communicated to families early in the new school year. A school closure day (a day of local significance) will also be scheduled, which typically aligns with the week of the Royal Adelaide Show.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

This year's **Acquaintance Night** will be held on Tuesday 6th February from 4:30- 5:30pm. All families will receive a Passport to Success and are welcome to join us for a Sausage Sizzle tea.

NEW LESSON TIMES

In Term 1 we will be trialling new lesson times.

These are outlined below:

8:00am	Breakfast Club / Reading Club
8:30- 8:50am	Yard Play
8:50am	Whole School Huddle
9:00 – 9:50am	Lesson 1
9:50-10:40am	Lesson 2
10:40-11:30am	Lesson 3
11:30- 11:40	Supervised Lunch Eating
11:40 – 12:10	Lunch Play
12:10-1:00pm	Lesson 4
1:00-1:50pm	Lesson 5
1:50-1:55pm	Supervised Recess eating
1:55-2:25pm	Recess play
2:25-3:15pm	Lesson 6
3:15pm	Dismissal

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Our **Annual General Meeting for Governing Council** will be held on **Monday 12th February** at 2pm in the Library. All welcome.

Governing councils work with the site principal to help set and monitor the direction of our school.

Our governing council meets twice a term on Monday afternoons to talk about the direction for the school.

Please consider joining the Governing Council as there are many benefits and will help you to understand more about what is happening at your child's school. Please see attached a Governing Council Nomination Form.

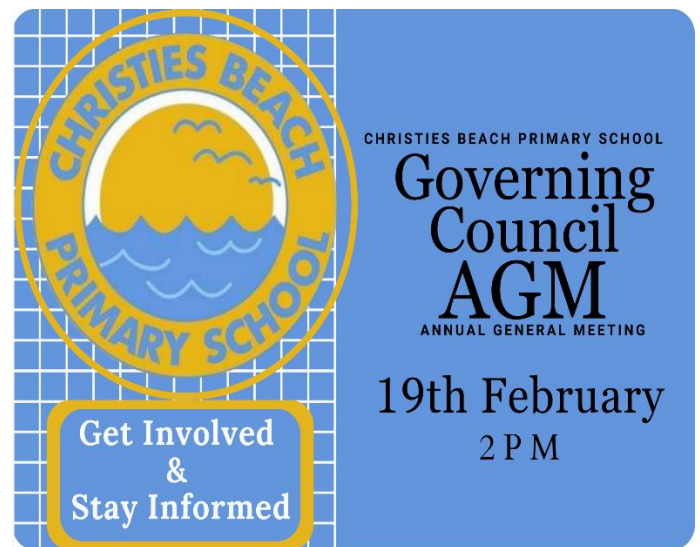
READING CLUB

Reading Club is open for all students in the Library from 8am every morning!

Every 20 sessions attended, wins a book to take home!

The Reading Club promotes connection and collaboration among students by providing a calm, unstructured space for students of any year level to enjoy. It's a place for friends to come together or for older students to buddy up with younger ones. It can be a space for quiet reading alone or enjoying a book as a group. Parents and caregivers have the option to stay and read a book to their child or listen to them reading. The Reading Club is a safe and welcoming space at the start of the school day, setting a positive tone and allowing for a smoother transition from home to school.

Looking forward to seeing you there!





ONKAPARINGA NORTH SAPSASA

Facebook Page



Your child attends a school that is a part of the ONKAPARINGA NORTH SAPSASA District. Sapsasa – Primary School Sport, provides students with opportunities to compete in their chosen sport by representing their school, their district or their state.

Students who are in years 5 and 6 have opportunities to compete in all common sports. There are also opportunities for all students born in 2014 and older to compete in Swimming, Cross Country and Track and Field. More information about School Sport SA can be found at

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/schools-and-educators/programs-students/school-sport-sa>

All information for the district will continue to be distributed to students through your school Sapsasa representative as usual. However it will also now be shared on the Facebook Page (ONKAPARINGA NORTH SAPSASA) If you would like to keep up to date with all Onkaparinga North Sapsasa information, please click on "JOIN GROUP". If you have any questions, please email me at scott.trenorden694@schools.sa.edu.au

Scott Trenorden
Onkaparinga North District Convenor



BEHAVIOUR MATRIX



WE AIM HIGH



WE ARE RESPONSIBLE



WE ARE RESILIENT

Classroom

We take pride in our work
We set goals
We are organised and ready to learn

We keep learning spaces clean
We follow instructions
We ask for permission to leave the classroom

We remain focused through distractions
We are open to new learning spaces and educators
We allow ourselves to be challenged

Yard

We make choices that we know will have positive impacts

We return to class when the break bell has gone
We move appropriately between spaces
We play in safe areas and respect boundaries
We are respectful during huddle and assembly

We are patient and we give others opportunities
We use strategies to resolve issues

Always

We give things a go
We collaborate with others

We are kind and help others
We respect the personal space of others
We use our manners
We actively listen to others
We look after the environment

We ask for help if we need it
We embrace change
We are persistent
We are accountable and own our mistakes



TERM 1 Calendar

W k	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1 /2	2 /2
2	5/2 Schnippers Begins	6/2 Acquaintance night	7/2	8/2	9/2
3	12/2 Schnippers Governing Council AGM	13/2 Pancake Day National Apology Day	14/2	15/2	16/2
4	19/2 Schnippers	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
5	26/2 Schnippers	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3 Clean Up Australia Day
6	4/3 Schnippers	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
7	11/3 Adelaide Cup	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3
8	18/3 Schnippers	19/3	20/3	21/3 Harmony Day	22/3
9	25/3 Last Session Schnippers	26/3 Dentist	27/3 Dentist	28/3 Dentist	29/3 Good Friday
10	1 /4 Easter Monday	2/4 Parent Teacher Interview	3 /4 Parent Teacher Interview	4/4 Parent Teacher Interview	5/4
11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 End of Term Early Dismissal Assembly 9am