



# Swallowcliffe P-6

Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard



## Welcome to our Newsletter

Term 4, Week 6 2023

*Pictured: Mr Blair Boyer MP and Mr Nicholas Champion MP Visit*



## Diary Dates

### Week 7

Wednesday 29/11 - Transition R-6

Thursday 30/11 - Reception Transition

### Week 8

Monday 4/12 - Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 6/12 - Reception Transition

Thursday 7/12 - Transition R-6

### Week 9

Monday 11/12 - Award Ceremony

Tuesday 12/12 - Common Christmas Party / Splash Party Afternoon

Thursday 14/12 - Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15/12 - Last day of Term 4 (Early dismissal 2:00pm) / Preschool End of Year at the Park

## Key Contacts

Penny Sweeney	Principal P-6
Eleanor Rawson	Deputy Principal
Erica Goodfellow	Co-ordinator
Dominic Stevens	Senior Leader
Elly Currin	Senior Leader
Kylie Holmes	Co-ordinator
Sarah Browning	Lead Teacher, Pre-School

## Principal's Message

Our last four weeks of term includes some fun activities for students;

- St John first aid lessons
- End of year parties
- Splash Day
- Graduations
- Award Ceremony

Please make sure you save the dates for these events, the students enjoy having you come along. Parents/caregivers will receive their child's end of year report and child's class placement for 2024 on Thursday of Week 9.

Changes to your child's class will only be made in exceptional circumstances where additional information is provided to leadership through a communication request via the front office.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of photos we have in the newsletter to share with you.

Kind regards

**Penny Sweeney, Principal**

## Mr Blair Boyer MP and Mr Nicholas Champion MP Visit

We were honoured to have the Minister for Education Mr Blair Boyer and our local MP Mr Nicholas Champion visit our SRC reps. Our reps spoke of their leadership role within the school, the changes they've made through student voices, and the events they have planned and organised. Our guests were very impressed with the reps' commitment to our school and their peers.

We then had the opportunity to ask Mr Boyer and Mr Champion some questions.

When we asked why they got into politics, both MPs said that they enjoyed making positive changes and serving their communities.

Both Mr Boyer and Mr Champion barrack for Collingwood, a mixed reaction from the reps.

In his free time Mr Champion enjoys playing Minecraft with his 9-year-old daughter, and Mr Boyer is working with his dad to fix up his 1981 motorbike.

When the reps asked what advice they would give to SRC, both said taking the time to listen to peers and respond to their ideas and suggestions helps build a good leader.

We ended the visit with afternoon tea and some great chats.

Thank you to the SRC reps for a wonderful afternoon and representing our school with pride.

(Pictured above)

**Swallowcliffe P-6 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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# Finance

## School card

Have you claimed for 2023? If you are unsure if this applies to you, test your eligibility with applying online. Please note this can take up to 6 weeks for an outcome.

**The closing date for 2023 School Card applications is 24 November 2023.**

No new applications can be accepted after 24 November 2023.

*Charlene Warrington, Business Manager*

**SCHOOL CARD**  
**Applications close**  
**24th November**  
**2023.**

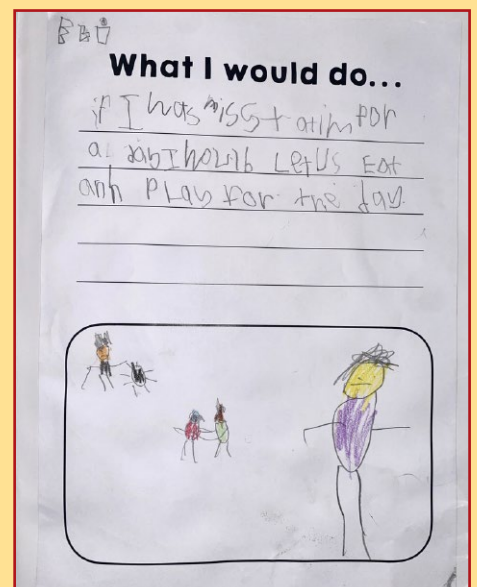
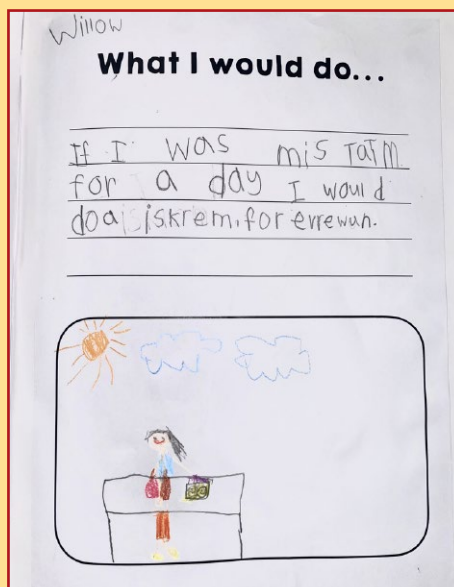
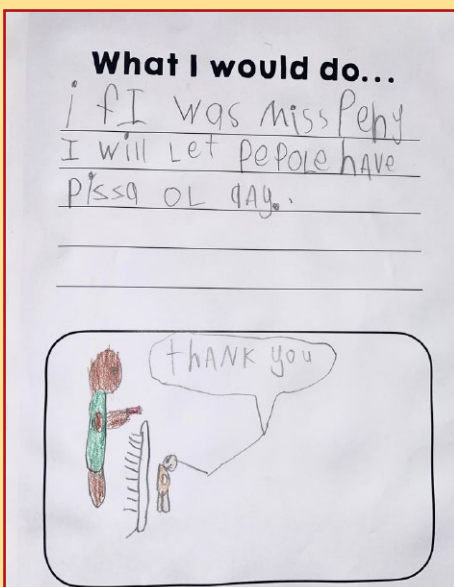
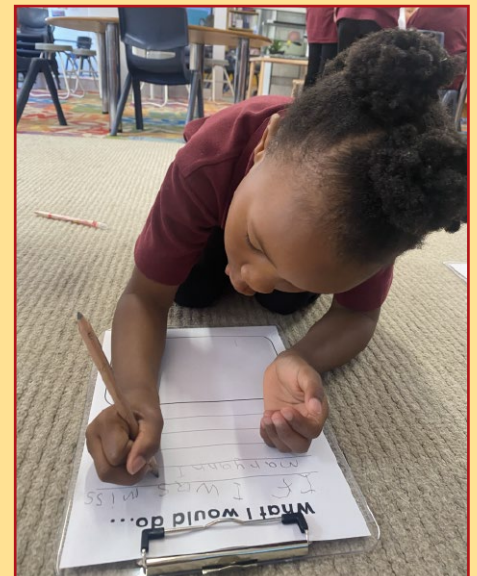
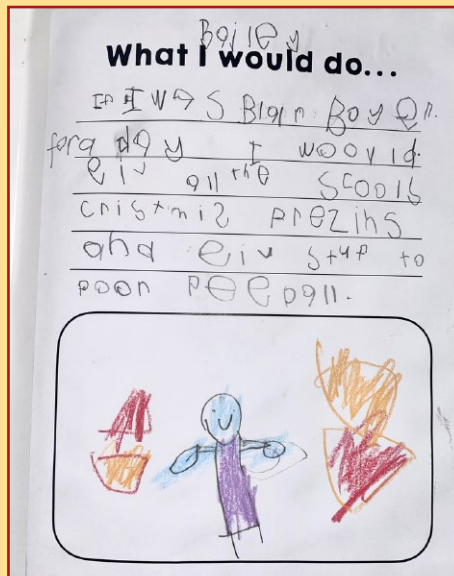
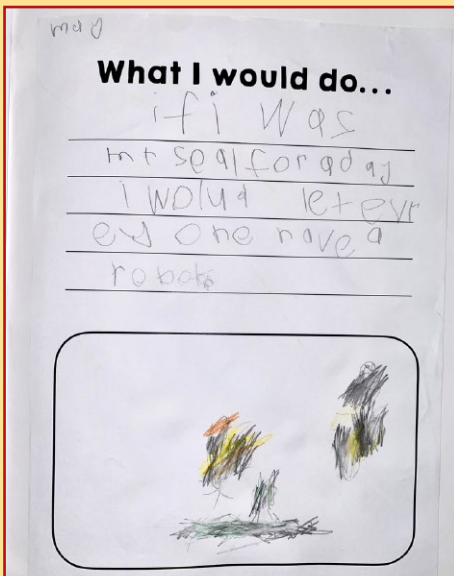
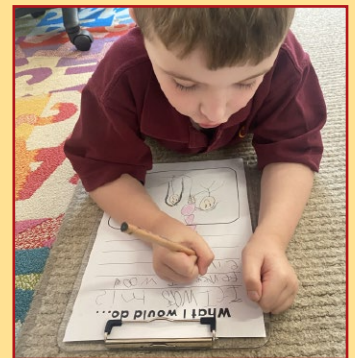


## B4R5

After completing our Initialit program, the B4R5 students have been dedicating extra time to improve their writing skills. In a recent writing activity, the students used their imagination to pretend that they were trading places with an adult for a day. Some of these chosen adults included teachers like Miss Tatum and Mr Seal, our school Principal Miss Penny, and Minister for Education Mr Blair Boyer.

The students put great effort and enthusiasm into this task. They really enjoyed the exploration of various possibilities for experiencing a day in the life of their selected adult.

It has been so wonderful to see the progress each student has made in their writing skills over the year, especially their use of digraphs, tricky words and correct punctuation of capital letters and full stops within their sentences.



## B7R2

### B7R2 InitialLit StoryBook Focus: *Dugong Magic*

Author: Deborah Kelly & Lisa Stewart (Illus.)

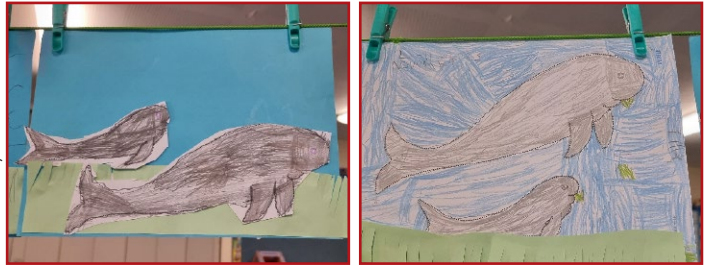
**The beginning** - A little dugong calf is born. She starts to learn how to breathe and swim and eat with her mother.

**The middle** - The calf and her mother face many dangers: sharks, human rubbish, noisy boats and fishing nets.

The calf's mother is caught in a net, leaving the calf alone.

**The end** - The calf will need help to survive. If humans clean up the sea and are careful with their boats, then she might have a baby of her own and dugongs will live on.

We created our own dugong pictures.

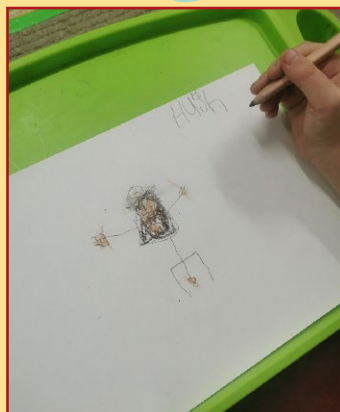
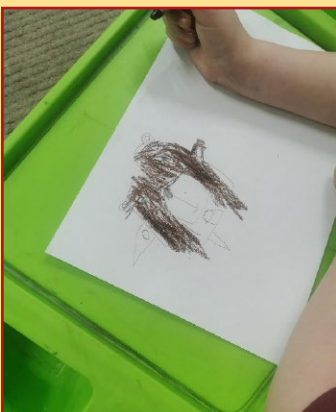
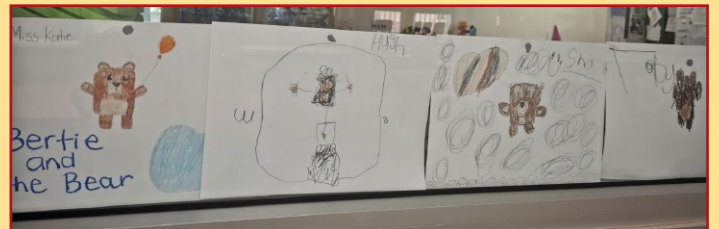


## B4R7

In B4R7 we have been reading the storybook 'Bertie and the Bear'.

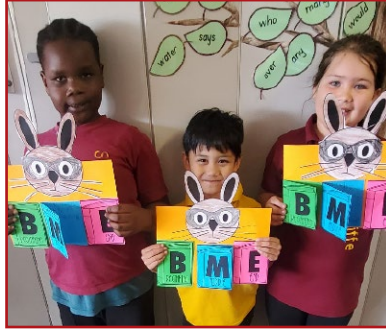
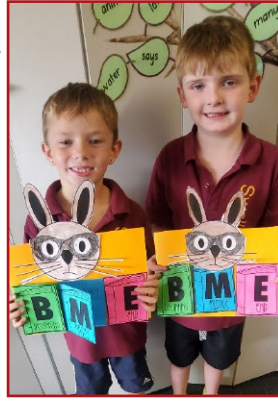
One of our activities was practicing how to draw a bear by watching a tutorial. The students did a great job following the instructions by illustrating their own bears.

Have a look at our end results.



## B7R1

Every 2 weeks B7R1 focus on one storybook as part of our Initialit program. This fortnight we have been reading *Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar*. As part of our writing component we have written short summaries of the story. We all picked our favourite parts in the beginning, middle and end of the book to create our own short story. This has been one of the books we have really enjoyed reading together this year.



## Planetarium Visit



## Preschool News

Preschool staff and children have begun conducting regular excursion visits to the Elders Village in our local community. This has been a great opportunity for preschool staff and children to build connections within the local community, develop relationships with Indigenous Elders from different mobs, proudly share Indigenous songs and stories we have learnt at preschool and listen and learn songs, stories and new words from Elders in their native language. This experience has further strengthened our appreciation for the land, its people and Indigenous history. You can see more about our Reconciliation Journey in our floor book available in the parent area or talk to one of our friendly staff.

In the past two weeks, preschool children have been immersed in the vibrant and joyous celebration of Diwali! The preschool staff and children delved into the festivities with enthusiasm, exploring various aspects of this cultural celebration. From creating intricate rangoli pictures using playdough and loose parts, to crafting dazzling firework paintings, and even trying their hands at making peda—delicious Indian sweets—the children have had a delightful time. These activities provided a wonderful opportunity for preschool children to learn about different cultural celebrations and engage in meaningful discussions about family and community festivities. Through these experiences, preschool children not only embraced the diversity of celebrations but also built connections with each other's unique backgrounds.

Our recent trip to the zoo was an exciting adventure for our group 1 children! In small groups, the children had the opportunity to explore the Adelaide Zoo, sparked by their interest in animals. The joy on their faces as they encountered different animals was truly heartwarming. We are eagerly looking forward to taking Group 2 on their own zoo expedition next week. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the family members who joined us at the zoo to support their children. Your presence made a significant difference, and we appreciate your commitment to ensuring that all our children have the chance to experience such enriching outings. Together, we created lasting memories and meaningful learning opportunities for the preschool children.



**PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED**



**HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?**



**MOBILE NUMBERS?**



**EMAIL ADDRESSES?**



**EMERGENCY CONTACTS?**



**FAMILY INFORMATION?**

## Enrolments for 2024

Please enrol your child/ren for School/Preschool for 2024 NOW!!

Contact the front office for more information.

## Reminders

### Student Absences

All students need to have their absence from school explained and we can offer multiple ways to support our families to let the school know the reasons for a student's absence.



Call 8255 2908



Visit front office in person



Reply to SMS sent to Parent/Caregiver 1



SeeSaw message to classroom teacher



Email to teacher if email has been provided



Writing a note to the teacher

### Early Pick-Ups

Dear Families,

Please be aware that it is a duty of care requirement, that if you are requesting to collect your child early from school, that you personally come into the school's Front Office and sign your child/ren out, before they are withdrawn from class. Children will not be sent, unattended to be collected outside the school's gate.



Please be aware that children who are regularly collected early from school are missing a significant amount of their learning time, across the school year.



## Community Notices

JOIN US FOR A  
**DADS BUSINESS CHRISTMAS BBQ FOR FATHERS**  
**13th DECEMBER**  
LOCATION: BURDELL RESERVE - 438 TURNBULL RD, ELIZABETH DOWNS SA 5113  
START TIME: 12:00PM TO 1:30PM  
FREE RAFFLE ENTRY FOR ALL FATHERS IN ATTENDANCE

**ANGLICARE SA**  
playford communities for children

**Dad's Business**

**TENNIS FEST**  
**FIRST NATIONS COME AND TRY**  
**THURSDAY 11 JANUARY**

Calling all first nations children between the age of 5 and 16 years of age

Join us for a fun morning filled with tennis and the opportunity to watch some of the world's best tennis players

Time: 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
Cost: Free

Scan the QR code to register

**Government of South Australia**  
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

**SANTA IS COMING**  
⇒ COME TAKE A PHOTO ⇒  
WHERE: HOPE STREET  
WHEN: MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOV.  
Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm