



# Swallowcliffe P-6

Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard



## Welcome to our Newsletter

Term 4, Week 9 2023

# Merry Christmas!



## Diary Dates

### Term 4, 2023: Week 9

#### Thursday 14/12

- Year 6 Graduation
- Reports sent home

#### Friday 15/12

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

### Term 1, 2024: Week 1

#### Monday 29/1

- First day of school for 2024

### 2024 Term Dates:

#### Term 1

29 January to 12 April

#### Term 2

29 April to 5 July

#### Term 3

22 July to 27 September

#### Term 4

14 October to 13 December

## 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

In our last newsletter for the year we would like to thank our Governing Council Members for their contribution this year, in supporting staff and students.

This term we have had many fun events and have finished the year off with the awards ceremony and graduation. Thank you to the many staff who have support these events and making sure they happen for the students.

Reports and class teachers for 2024 will be coming home on Thursday. Please celebrate with your child their strengths and growth areas that you will read on their reports.

Swallowcliffe staff wish all families a Merry Christmas and hope you all have fun and safe holidays.

**Penny Sweeney, Principal**



(Pictured above: Premier's Reading Challenge)

**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

### 2024 Material and Services Charge

Governing Council approved the charge of **\$262.00**. This amount is legally recoverable by Department for Education Central Debt Collection for all students except those who receive approval for School Card in 2024.

### School Card

School Card for the 2024 school year has been set at **\$287.00** for a primary student.

*Charlene Warrington, Business Manager*



## 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.**



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



**HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?**



**MOBILE NUMBERS?**



**EMAIL ADDRESSES?**



**EMERGENCY CONTACTS?**



**FAMILY INFORMATION?**

# Community Notices



**Deadly Kids Ready to Learn!**

Bring your little learners along for a day of fun and activities to get ready for the 2024 preschool/school year!

- Animals Anonymous
- Giant Slip'n'Slide
- Free Haircuts
- Craft Activities
- Healthy Lunchbox Ideas
- Raffle
- BBQ Lunch

**Tuesday 16th January**  
**10.30am - 12.30pm**  
**Kaurna Plains School Oval**  
**69 Ridley Road Elizabeth South**

For information call 8209 3840

## Dance and Heal



### A Therapeutic Group for Tweens

A free group for 10-14 year olds who are interested in a fun and therapeutic way to express their feelings and emotions!

Movement and music are powerful tools to create harmony between our mind and body, improve emotional wellbeing and build resilience. Dance and Heal group provide a fun and inclusive space for tweens to groove, connect, and use movement to build self-confidence. Through various dance styles, we will discover the joy of self-expression and artistic exploration.

You don't need experience in dance to give it a go. Our practitioners create a fun and inclusive environment that encourages friendship, acceptance, and laughter.

Afternoon snacks will be provided.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**When:** Wednesday 24 January 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Where:** Northern Sound System, 73 Elizabeth SA 5112

Limited spots available. To RSVP or for more information please contact us on (08) 8255 3323 or email [FMHSSNorth@rasa.org.au](mailto:FMHSSNorth@rasa.org.au)



**PLAYFORD WELLBEING HUB**  
**SUMMER 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE - 182 PEACHEY RD, SMITHFIELD PLAINS  
 THE PRECINCT - 112 COVENTRY RD, SMITHFIELD PLAINS  
 FOR ENQUIRES CALL 8480 0100 OR EMAIL [JMC@PLAYFORD.SA.GOV.AU](mailto:JMC@PLAYFORD.SA.GOV.AU)

**WHEELS DAY**  
**MON 18TH DEC**  
 9:30-10:15AM: 3YRS & UNDER  
 10:30-11:30AM: 4-7YRS  
 11:30AM-12:30PM: 8-13YRS

Bring your wheels (bike, trike, scooter etc.) to JMC to complete our wheels course on the courts or to just have fun!

**LITTLE ATHLETICS**  
**WED 10TH JAN**  
 10AM - 12PM  
 FOR AGES 3-17YRS

Come n Try Little Athletics with the Munno Para Little Athletics Club @ Kooranowa Reserve, Smithfield Plains these school holidays!

**SPLASH PARTY**  
**TUES 16TH JAN**  
 10AM - 1PM  
 FOR AGES 0-12YRS

Join us for a day of FUN with water play @ JMC!

**LUNCHBOX LEGENDS**  
 WITH COOK n CREATE  
**TUES 22ND JAN**  
 12-1:30PM OR 2:30-4PM  
 FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS

Make some lunchbox snacks and learn about how to put the good stuff in your lunchbox @ JMC

**NATURE DISCOVERY KITS**

Whether it be playing at home, out & about or anywhere in between our discovery kits will provide hours of family fun!

COLLECT YOUR FREE KIT FROM JMC FROM MONDAY 8 JANUARY!  
 \*limit 1 per family\*

## Wellness Workshop



### Wednesday

A free group workshop for 12-16 year olds who are interested in a creative and crafty afternoon. Make your own journal and learn mindfulness/meditation techniques.

Getting creative with arts and crafts is a great way to express ourselves and boost self-confidence. This event will hold space to explore our self-expression and learn mindfulness techniques to help navigate through difficult emotions.

Afternoon snacks will be provided.

#### EVENT DETAILS

**When:** Wednesday 10 January 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
**Where:** Northern Sound System, 73 Elizabeth SA 5112

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# Community Notices



Hon Blair Boyer MP  
Member for Wright

Dear parent/caregiver

Every child deserves access to a great education – one that supports them to learn and thrive.

To achieve this, we need to remove barriers for students with a disability so they receive appropriate support, and we need to give schools extra funding to ensure they have the resources they need.

We've heard from parents, families, teachers and principals, that the application process to receive funding for children with additional needs can be a barrier to effective inclusion.

As such, we are implementing new arrangements from term 1, 2024, to give schools greater autonomy to respond to the needs of their students quickly.

Schools will no longer need to apply for funding to support individual students at Levels 1 to 3. These levels will be abolished, and schools will now automatically receive a grant based on the number of students with a disability.

The changes will mean schools will have access to funding from the start of the year to help plan for staffing, programs and resources that respond to the needs of their students.

It means better, more targeted support to the students who need it the most.

It will see an additional investment of more than \$50m over the next four years to strengthen support for students with disability.

The Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) changes will reduce the workload for our staff while giving teachers and leaders greater autonomy and flexibility over how they use those funds – working with families to get the supports right.

For those children and young people who require intensive support, schools can still apply for additional funding above the grant.

These changes will make a big difference for our students with disabilities and will equip our schools with the resources to better plan for students' immediate and future learning needs.

These improvements will ensure South Australian students with disabilities thrive and prosper in a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment – because they deserve it.

Yours sincerely

Hon Blair Boyer MP  
Minister for Education,  
Training and Skills

Martin Westwell  
Chief Executive  
Department for Education

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