

SEAVIEW DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Events to remember:

Term 1 2022

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7 Monday 14th Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Day

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11 Friday 15th April Public Holiday Good Friday

Families

School context beginning 2022

This year we start with 307 students from Reception to Year 6. This is amazing knowing we had 87 students leave us in 2021 for the year 7 to high school transition process.

We have 57 new receptions, 56 year one learners, 45 year 2 learners, 40 year 3 learners, 36 year 4 learners, 38 year 5 learners and 35 year 6 learners.

A warm welcome must go out to the families of all new students to Seaview Downs Primary School – we know this community will benefit with your family participation.

Citizen of the Year for City of Marion – Dr Pauline Glover, our Governing Council Chairperson

Congratulations Pauline! We know how much work and effort you have dedicated to the school over the years as the Governing Council chairperson, leading to much change in our Governing Council operations and community interest.

Canteen update

At this time the canteen remains closed until future operations are clarified with finance committee and Governing Council in upcoming meetings. We look forward to clarifying our service in upcoming weeks.

Seesaw as our communication platform

Earlier this year we engaged in a full subscription to the Seesaw platform for online learning and communication. We will be sending a link to gather feedback from all families next week to clarify your thinking about its benefits and challenges.

Change of Details

A reminder for parents to notify front office if any contact details have changed - especially important for our Year 6 students for future transition processes to high schools.

Sam Winters

Principal

Library

Welcome back to school everyone, especially the students who have only just returned this week.

I'm pleased to say that most books were returned before the end of last year but if you had books out at the end of the year could you please return them promptly so that borrowing can resume for you/ your student. Thank you.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again this year, forms will be given to teachers for their classes. Please encourage your student/s to borrow PRC books from the library. Green dots on the spine of the book indicates Reception to Year 2; yellow dots, Years 3 – 5 and Red or fluoro red dots years 6 – 9. There will obviously be some students able to read above their level and some who may need to read easier books and that is fine, in consultation with their teacher.

Thanks in advance for supporting your children with learning the responsibility of borrowing, caring for and returning their library books, you helping to create lifelong habits.

Andrea Ellison

Library Manager

Governing Council

Over the past 2 years we have had a variety of Council meetings with face to face, teleconference and ZOOM. The council has embraced the different meeting styles and undertaken the business that needs to be done and meet twice a term as determined by the Constitution.

The object of the Council is to involve the school community in the governance of the school and to strengthen and support public education in the community. In broad terms, the Council works in collaboration with the Principal to set broad direction and vision of the school, determine policies for the safety, welfare and discipline of the students, review budgets and monitor and review the Site Learning Plan.

I have been the Council chairperson for the past 6 years and I am retiring from Council in February 2022 at the Annual General meeting (Tuesday 8th March 2022). I have been a community member on Council all that time. The Council has capacity for 18 elected parents of the school to be members. It is crucial that we have some parents nominate for positions on Council for 2022. It is not onerous and it is one way to know what is going on at the school. In particular, we must have a chairperson for next year. If you would like to nominate for a position on Council, you can self-nominate or get a parent or teacher to nominate you. A nomination form is included with the newsletter on the last page. If you would love to be the chairperson and would like to chat with me about the role, please contact me on 0408410010.

I would like to thank all Council members for their time and commitment to Council in 2021. Some are going to renominate which is fantastic. I would also like to acknowledge all volunteers in the school community. Without your support life would be so much more difficult. Volunteering is not for everybody; however you will get more from it if you can make a commitment however big or small. Just think of the hours if 200 parents gave just 2 hours a term to help in the canteen, listen to reading, accompany children on excursions or assist in the classroom and with sport, what a difference that would make.

I hope that some of you will feel that your time is now for more active involvement in the school and will use this opportunity to put your name forward for Governing Council. You will not regret it! My phone is waiting for your call. Please put the date in your diary. The AGM will commence at 1900 hours in the STEM building on Tuesday 22 February 2022.

Dr Pauline Glover
Governing Council Chairperson

Wellbeing Wrap



Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 1 of 2022. I hope you had a wonderful break with your families and are ready to embrace the new school year.

I wanted to introduce myself to families as Student Wellbeing Leader of Seaview Downs Primary School, a position which I currently hold for the next three years.

Each Newsletter Week I will be posting a little Wellbeing Wrap of current happenings at SDPS. Some weeks I will post wellbeing tips for students and families and also recommended websites and Apps which you may want to check out to support your family's wellbeing.

As we know, this school year will not come without some obstacles, whether it may be due to the pandemic or life in general. If your child is experiencing any difficulties that are stopping them from reaching their full potential due to changes, transitions, significant emotional events or stress/anxiety, please get in contact. No question is considered too silly and no concern is considered too small. I am here to support students, and with open communication with parents we can work together to ensure your child's wellbeing is a priority.

I am looking forward to supporting mental health and wellbeing at Seaview Downs Primary School and empowering the students to look after themselves and their peers.

You can contact me by phoning the school on (08) 8298 1327 or emailing at: chris.crabb791@schools.sa.edu.au.

**Kind Regards,
Chris Crabb
Student Wellbeing Leader**

Lunchtime Legends

Every lunchtime, teachers on yard duty are on the lookout for students going the extra mile and being truly outstanding helpers. Whether it be helping to clean up the yard or being extra welcoming to a new face, each one of these lunchtime legends have earned a nomination as a result of doing something awesome.

The following students have been recognized as being Lunchtime Legends:

- Perry R



For each nomination, a student earns a ticket, to be placed in our barrel and drawn out (normally at assemblies). Each nomination goes in the draw and the winner gets a free Frozen Mini Milk from the canteen! The names have now been drawn, and the winner of this week's lunchtime legend is: Perry R

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Thank you making the effort to keep our school yard clean 😊

Room 12 – Miss Knight

We are all very excited to be back at school!

Here we are on our first day of Year 1 with what we want to learn this



Harvey G

I want to learn about how fast Sonic is.



Harvey W

I want to learn about dinosaurs.



Ethan G

I want to learn about fish.



Reuben C

I want to learn about Great White Sharks.



Ameera S

I want to learn about Science.



Elliot B

I want to learn about Maths.



Alanna Q

I want to learn about the World.



Hamish D

I want to learn about dragons.



Axel W

I want to learn about sharks.



Kyuss P

I want to learn about Sonic.



Bivaan S

I want to learn multiplication.



Louis H

I want to learn about colours.



Charlie W

I want to learn about Science.



Braxton G

I want to learn about Sonic.



Liam F

I want to learn about dinosaurs.



Araminta B
I want to learn
about rabbits.



Sage T
I want to learn
about our
bodies.



Alira H
I want to learn
about tigers.



Alex B
I want to learn
about rabbits.



Allira C
I want to learn
more Maths.



Rylee H
I want to learn
about Physics
and unicorns.



Oscar G
I want to learn
about
dragons.



Halleigh M
I want to learn
more Maths.



Andrew C
I want to learn
about
animals.

It is so much fun in Year
1!
We are so excited to do
lots of learning this year.

Meet the staff of SDPS



Staff Spotlight

About me:

Hi, I am Jo Downes. I have been teaching at Seaview Downs since 2006! Prior to being at SDPS I was a Japanese language teacher. I live with my husband and two boys - Riley (16) and Macklin (13) in the Adelaide Hills. We have a 30 acre property which keeps us busy with sheep, alpacas, chickens, dogs, cats and lizards! In my spare time I am a member of my local CFS. I also keep bees as a hobby. We love to travel and have been lucky to visit many places in Australia and overseas.

My favourite:

Colour: Blues and greens

Sports team: My kids sports teams

Hobby: Cooking & gardening

Subject to teach: Science

Food: Indian, Thai, Japanese

Subject to learn: History



Jo Downes
Year 3/4

About me:

I'm Miss Mann and I teach the year 3/4s in room 8 on Thursdays and Fridays. This is my 4th year at Seaview Downs. My favourite things to do in my spare time include art and being outdoors. I enjoy drawing and painting nature. Over the holidays I learned how to paint with watercolours and went snorkelling. After school I like to go for a run or bike ride by the beach. My favourite season is spring because of all the new flowers and baby animals.

My favourite:

Colour: Blue

Sports team: Hockeyroos

Hobby: Drawing and painting

Subject to teach: Art

Food: Dark chocolate

Subject to learn: Science



Miss Mann
Year 3/4

Vinnies Appeal, December 2021

A note from the end of 2021:

Leila S, Dylan D and Dylan W from Room 3 wanted to send out a huge thank you to all of the students who donated to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Fran and Laurie from the Holy Spirit Church couldn't believe how generous everyone had been - prior to receiving our delivery, they were actually thinking they would need to purchase toys for their hampers this year. Fran mentioned that with housing being such a big problem at the moment, the hampers will make a significant impact on families doing it tough this year.

If you know someone doing it tough at the moment, encourage them to reach out and give Vinnies a call. Your encouragement might be what gives them the courage to ask for a bit of help and make Christmas a little easier this year. Well done everyone. 🙌



December/January holiday program

Our holiday program started off with a bang with many excursions. The children had so much fun. A big thank-you to all those who were so understanding during the holidays period with the many COVID restrictions we had to put in place. We are still following direction from the department on the safest practises we need to put in place.



2022 Before and After School Care

Bookings are now open for 2022 Before and After School Care. Please book via the Fully Booked. Bookings are as normal.

Hats

Please ensure your child has a spare hat packed for OSHC so they can play outside.



Ezi Debit

Statements are sent to families every second Monday and fees are taken out from your accounts on the Thursday of the same week. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to avoid a late payment fee. Please ensure your account is at \$0 by the end of year.

Acting Director Position



Well done to Emily Hicks who has won the Acting director position from March until October 2022. Emily will be working closely with Kristy until she goes on leave.

**Kind Regards,
Kristy Weekley
OSHC Director**

Soccer Academy Development Program



Free 10-Week Program* | Limited Spots Why Join Our Program?

- Free for newcomers age U7/U8*
- A track record of real player success stories and results
- Over 200 weekly participants of ages U7 to U16
- Highly trained, experienced and qualified coaches
- 25 sessions located all over Adelaide
- Choose the day, time and age group that suits you
- Only 12 participants per session to ensure players get personal and thorough coaching. Register before spots run out.
- The chance to compete in the Premier Academy League

Contact: 0423619188 (Kyle)

Register At: SoccerLifeMastery.Com

Session Details: See Website For More Info

Locations: All Around Adelaide: North, East, West & City South



STURT JUNIOR INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Junior Inclusive Basketball League (JIBL) is a basketball program for kids aged 6 to 14 with a disability. It is an environment where everyone is included and encourages team work, dedication, responsibility and improves social skills.

WHEN	WHERE	TERM FEES
Saturday mornings	Springbank Sports Centre	\$50 for season, (Term 1 2022)

TERM 1 DATES Season start date Saturday 12 February 2022
Season finish date Saturday 9 April 2022

For more information, or to register visit
sturtsabres.com.au/inclusive-program

call 08 7084 1858 / email finance@sturtsabres.com.au

LEARNING AREAS / Health & STEM Pathways

Health & STEM Pathways

Health & Sciences (STEM) Pathways Program

Each year, there are up to 20 positions available for enrolment at Adelaide Botanic High School through the out-of-zone selective entry process. These positions are available to students who reside outside of the school zone and who show a high-level interest and success in one or more of the STEM areas.

Applications for the 2022 intake have closed.

Applications for the 2023 school year are now open and are for Year 6 students (in 2022) entering Year 7 the following year.

Adelaide botanic High School – see website for details



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GOVERNING COUNCIL

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM 2022

Please indicate below if you wish to nominate for 1 year or 2 years

Circle

1 year

2 years

I (full name)

Of (address)

Nominate

..... (full name)

Of (address)

To be elected as a member of Seaview Downs Governing Council

I (full name)

Of (address)

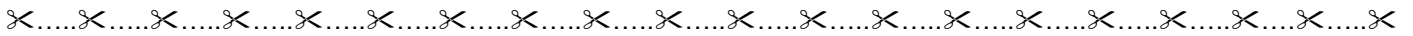
Accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offences listed my membership of Seaview Downs Primary Governing Council will cease.

Signed..... Date.....

Please return to the school's Administration Office Building by Friday 20th March
or bring to the AGM.



For Your Information

PARENT / CARER INPUT


Please return to Front Office for the attention of Pauline Glover or email to pauline.glover60@gmail.com

I would like to raise the following matter with Governing Council –

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Please supply contact details if you would like a school councillor to discuss this with you.

NAME: _____  _____