

DIARY DATES

Monday 11th March

Public Holiday

Friday 22nd March

Wear orange for

Harmony Day &

Easter Raffle Tickets

DUE

Monday 25th March

to Thurs 28th March

Parent/Teacher

Interviews

Friday 29th March

Public Holiday

Monday 1st April

Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th April to

Thursday 11th April School Photos

Thursday 11th April

School Assembly

Thursday 12th April

Last day of term

Early Dismissal 2.05

Text your child's

absence to:

0416 906 281

Full Name/Class/Reason

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 02

TERM 1, WEEK 6

8th MARCH, 2024

Dear families

As we end week 6 of Term 1, who can believe how fast the term and year is tracking? We recently held our acquaintance night where families were able to wander around the school, visit classrooms and meet staff. Leadership cooked a free sausage sizzle



and sold drinks to many happy customers on such a warm evening. This Friday is the first of our Pupil Free Days for 2024, where the whole staff come together for the last part of our Trauma informed practice training (Connected Self).

COVID

I didn't think we would still be writing about COVID, however we have had quite a few cases of late so we just ask that you be mindful that it is still circulating and if your child is unwell and experiencing symptoms, then please have them tested. The most current DfE advice, is Students who have COVID need to remain home for 5 days, and longer if



they are displaying symptoms after the 5 days. We ask that everyone works together so that we can finally resume to 'normal' school life. It is a requirement from DfE and SA Health that you notify the school if your child has COVID, so that we can closely monitor any potential spikes and work with the appropriate department to manage this for all concerned. Please, if your child(ren) has COVID you must let us know!

NAPLAN

Between the 13th and 22nd March (week 7 and week 8), our Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the various NAPLAN assessments. Over the years, we have seen a number of students and parents get quite anxious about these assessments. We are writing to let you know, that whilst it's understandable to be a little nervous, all we ask any of our students is to give it their best efforts. For the Mums and Dads at home, the best way that you can support your children is to reassure them that they just have to try their best, don't place unnecessary expectations or pressure about getting everything correct and please don't let it be the focus of that time frame. Children are made up of more than an assessment score, we all have our strengths and areas that we can improve. NAPLAN doesn't capture a sense of humour, social skills, or friendships. It does not focus on our school values; Respect, Responsibility or Resilience. Whilst NAPLAN is an important snapshot of students abilities in Literacy and Numeracy (and gives us as a school direction to strengthen if large numbers of students have not grasped a concept), the best advice we can offer, is just do your best. Ensure students have a good sleep the night before, eat breakfast and most of all, not stress or worry about it.

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STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Both the kitchen and the garden would desperately love some volunteers to support with either garden or cooking sessions. If you have some spare time and enjoy cooking or gardening, we would love to hear from you. Even if you would like to pop in and see how either session runs, we



would warmly welcome that. All volunteers will be required to complete some training and have a Working with Children clearance, but the school will support you and fund any of these requirements. As you would appreciate, this is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, but also provides training for our volunteers.

SWIMMING



The last two weeks, our R-5 students were able to enjoy swimming lessons at the Elizabeth Aquadome. Swimming lessons are an important life skill to learn to ensure that we keep ourselves and others safe when in and around water, so we are very

appreciative that we had such a positive uptake in the number of students that attended and were involved. We fully understand that with the rising costs of living, this was yet another expense and therefore we are mindful on what and how much money we are asking families to find.

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

In week 9 this term, we will be hosting school interviews. This will be an opportune time to more formally meet with your children's teachers and discuss how they have gone in the first term. More information, instructions and the online booking schedule will be sent out soon for families to book in at a time that is convenient for them.

END OF DAY PICK UP

Please be mindful of our schools neighbouring private properties and boundaries. It has been brought to our attention that children and parents from our school have been trespassing and running in front yards damaging plants.

Look after yourselves, stay cool and enjoy the upcoming long weekend.

Kind regards

Jason, Matt, Alison, Lauren and Christine *Playford Primary Leadership Team*

FUNDRAISING

We will be holding an Easter Raffle this year and are seeking

donations from our community towards our Easter Baskets.

Raffle tickets have been sent home and extra sheets are available from the front office.

All donations to be made to the front office by Wednesday 20th March.

TICKETS DRAWN Wednesday 27th March.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

In technology students listened to the story 'The Gingerbread Man' then investigated and tested which materials would float and sink. Using this information, they decided which would be best to build a boat for a gingerbread person to get across the river in so they wouldn't need to trust the fox. After designing, they constructed their boat and will be testing their boats with paper gingerbread people this week.













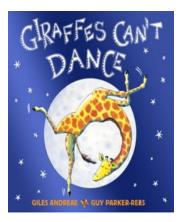


STUDENT SHOWCASE

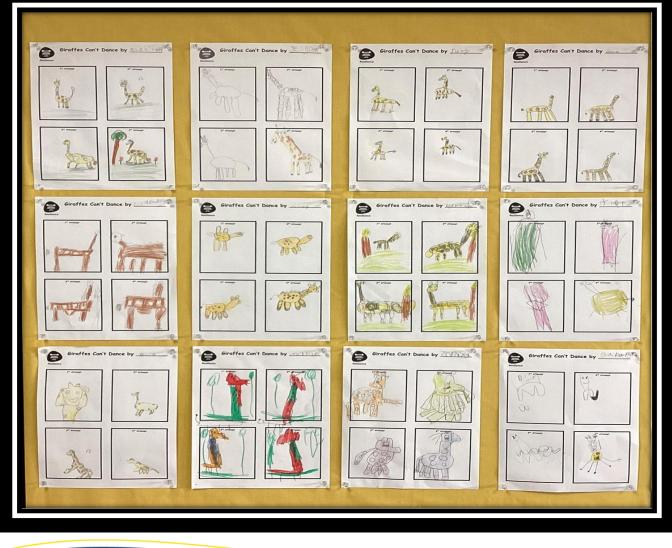
E08's Student Showcase, by Mr Webb.

At Playford Primary and in E08, we have three important values we aim to live out, being respect, responsibility and resilience. As part of thinking about and learning about these values, E08 read the story book 'Giraffes Can't Dance'.

To help foster resilience, the students had to try drawing a giraffe 4 times. At the end of each attempt, another student would look at their picture and provide them with positive and constructive feedback. They then needed to act on the feedback and draw the giraffe again with the aim of trying to improve on how they drew it before.



I was very proud of the students and how respectfully they gave feedback and showed resilience in trying to improve their drawings. Well done E08!



GETTING TO KNOW US

Class Teacher name	What is your favourite book?	What is one of your favourite quotes?	What was your first job?	What is your favourite food?	If you had one wish, what would you wish for?
Stacey Leech	A song of Ice and Fire Series	Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime	Cashier at Woolworths	Stir-fry	For everyone to have somewhere warm and safe to sleep at night
Helena Tilly	The Power of One by Byrce Courtney	If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing	Teacher	chocolate	A family holiday
Mike Webb	The Gruffalo & biographies/autobiographies	A job worth doing is a job worth doing well. (Thanks Dad 🌝)	Working at Newman's Nursery	Anything Italian	That people would care for others more.
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Tammy Rowan	Love James Patterson Books	Live life to the fullest	Ice Arena Cafe	Chicken Parmi	Win the lottery & travel the world ©
Lynette Stone	Pride and Prejudice	Be yourself; everyone else is already taken - Oscar Wilde	Customer Service at Hungry Jacks	Avocado	The removal of all true evil on Earth
Laura Rumsby	The Secret Garden	"Destiny is not a matter of chance it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved"	Baby Sitter	Cheese	Good health and happiness
Nadya Bolderoff	I prefer to listen to all sorts of podcasts	Be strong and Courageous	Flower shop	Tacos + Chocolate	Travel the world
Reannon Gridley	Unbreakable Jelena Dokic	If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change	Big W	Fasta Pasta	Good Health and Good Energy



AUTISM INCLUSION SPECIALIST

The strengths of learners with autism

Autism refers to a broad range of conditions that affect how a person thinks, feels, interacts with others and experiences their environment. Although students with <u>autism</u> may find difficulties in some areas, they can have some great strengths and

amazing abilities, as well. Every child with autism – and every child without autism – is unique. Every child has their own needs, their own strengths, and their own personality and way of being. Here are some strengths of learners with autism;

- Attention to detail and observational skills
- concentration that is free from distraction
- an extraordinary memory
- expertise in particular areas of interest
- unique thought processes that support innovative solutions
- integrity, tenacity and acceptance of difference.



I wanted to also add, as role as the Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT), the Department for Education provides an Autism Inclusion Multidisciplinary (AIM) team to support me in the AIT role. The team includes, senior advisor educators, developmental educator, psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist and an Aboriginal cultural project officer. The information from the AIM team is evidence-based and informed by the autistic and autism community. If you have any questions or would like the time to meet with me please contact me via email, rosie.connelly131@schools.sa.edu.au.

Thank you, Rosie Connelly - Autism Inclusion Teacher

SCHOOL TIMES

We wish to remind all families of the daily structure for 2024

School gates (both front and back) are open at 8:30am



- 8.50 am First bell (Some classes may open as a gesture of goodwill)
 8:55 am School day begins
 11:30 am LUNCH EATING
 11:40 am LUNCH PLAY
 12:10 pm Lessons Resume
 1:50 pm RECESS
 2:10 pm End of Recess Break
 - 3:05 pm Dismissal

School gates (both front and back) are closed at 3:20pm. Students who have not been picked up will be brought to the front office and or taken to OSHC

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN - SAKG



A01 students enjoyed feeding and visiting the chickens this term.

While in the garden they learnt to safely use the shovels, spades, trowels, and wheelbarrow.

Putting on their garden gloves posed a challenge at first, however practice made perfect.

The bean seed experiment went surprisingly well too. Lovely little class.



DID YOU KNOW?

In a process known as "companion planting," some plants are grown together to benefit each other. For instance, planting basil near tomatoes can enhance the flavor of the tomatoes and help repel certain pests. This technique has been used for centuries to improve crop health and yields in gardens.





GOVERNING COUNCIL – WE NEED YOU!

We recently held our Annual General Meeting for 2024, but unfortunately were unable to have a Governing Council meeting, due to insufficient numbers of parents on / wanting to join Governing Council. We are

desperately seeking some new members to join our Governing Council, or failing that, to join a sub-committee and help out. Governing Council meet twice per term. You can attend in person, or via an online platform. For those of you unfamiliar or apprehensive of the online platform, we are happy to support you in navigating this. It's really quite easy and you can attend the meetings in the comfort of your own home. We are currently in the process of looking at some 'incentives' to thank and support the parents who wish to or are able to join / be part of our Governing Council. At the end of the day, we can't operate and make decisions without an active Governing Council.



Governing Council meetings usually last less than one hour, so we are talking a total of no more than 7 hours of your time (in meetings) throughout 2024. Governing Council is the perfect opportunity to support the school and guide its direction whilst providing your input. We have attached the terms of reference, so you have a quick glance about what Governing Council does and the various aspects of the council. We appreciate the fact that everyone is busy, but if you can spare some time and join the Governing Council, it would be appreciated. We believe that everyone has something to offer, so if you have some spare time, would like to have your say and support the school, then please have a chat to us.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING INFORMATION



Parking restrictions at schools are for the safety of your children.. **Do not park across residential driveways** – Also, please take note of the following rules:

<u>NO PARKING (Left sign in the photo.)</u> You may drop off and pick up in this zone during the designated times. You cannot leave your vehicle during this time and there is a two-minute limit.



NO STOPPING (Right sign in the photo.)

You must not stop in this zone at any time.

DOUBLE PARKING: You must not stop where any part of your vehicle is between the centre of the road and a car parked at the side of the road.

Fines apply for failure to comply with these restrictions. For further information on parking restrictions, please visit the City of Playford's website:



https://www.playford.sa.gov.au/explore/getting-around/parking

School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/h at any time when a child is in the zone, whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, even if they are on a bike. A child is any person less than 18 years of age and includes a student of any age wearing school uniform.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



The 2024 Premiers Reading Challenge has begun and will finish on the 8th September. Please encourage your child to participate. Each participant is required to read 8 books from a variety of categories and 4 free choice. Each year children who complete the PRC receive certificates or medals.

Certificates and medals are awarded for each year of participation. Some students may skip a year of participation, but the PRC office has a record of the award they are due and only issue medals as listed.

1st year = Certificate 2nd year = Bronze 3rd year = Silver 4th year = Gold 5th year = Champion 6th year = Legend 7th year = Hall of Fame



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Do you need any school uniform for next year? Now is the time to work out if you require any additional items. If you would like to beat the rush, now is the time to purchase new uniform for 2024.

Purchase options:

Payment window: Monday – Friday (8:30am-9:15am) Over the phone: Monday – Thursday (10:00am – 2:00pm) Finance Officer not available Fridays. Order form: Send it in with your child or place it in the secure slot in the front office

A full Uniform Price List is available on our website: https://playfordps.sa.edu.au/parent-information/general-information/



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MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES (SCHOOL FEES)

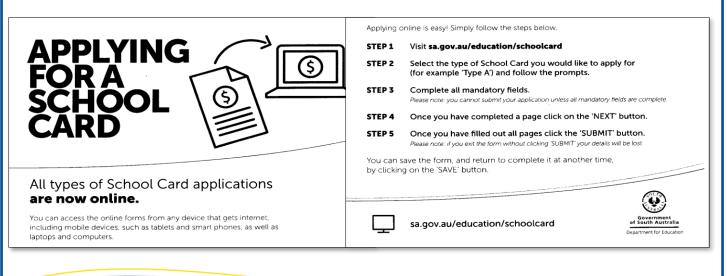
Fees are due by Friday 14th April

Payments can be made at the Payment Office every morning from 8.30am-9.15am or via our secure Payment Slot in the Front Office any time during office hours. Payments can be made over the phone during office hours using your credit card. Receipts will be sent home via the class courier bag. If you would like to pay your fees in instalments please contact the Payment Office to complete a Direct Debit instalment plan. If you would like to pay your fees by direct bank deposit please ensure you include your child's Student ID and if known, your Family code, when making the payment.

Don't forget if you are eligible for School Card please lodge your school card form for 2023 as soon as possible. School card applications need to be completed at the beginning of each year. Applications can be completed online at:

https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss your fees, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Manager.



CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen service is run by Rory's School Lunches. Please ensure you are using the new 2024 Menu for Playford Primary School available on their website at: <u>https://rorys.com.au/menus/playford-primary/</u> and ensure you update your child's class for this year.

Orders online need to be placed by 8.30am on the day of require. For further information visit <u>www.rorys.com.au</u> or call their support line on 0413 575 800.

2024 NEW MID YEAR RECEPTION INTAKES

If you have a student at Playford Primary School with a brother or sister who will be starting Reception in 2024, if you haven't already done so, please complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. The department requires a copy of your child's birth certificate, gas or electric bill and your council rates or rental agreement before completion of the enrolment forms. Please bring these with you to the Front Office.





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TERMS OF REFERENCE – Governing Council

Key skills

- Enjoy being involved in school decisions and developments.
- Enjoy being part of a Governing Council Committee.

Main duties

- Attend Governing Council Meetings, generally twice per term.
- Actively participate in Governing Council Meeting discussions.
- Promote the role of Governing Council members.
- Contact the school if unable to attend a meeting.
- Check your email for Agendas and Minutes of Meetings prior to each meeting.
- Email any items for Meeting Agendas no later than 48 hours before a meeting.

Aims of the role

- To support school policy and decisions.
- To participate in Governing Council Meetings.
- To participate in Governing Council motions.

What you need before you start

As well as the minimum requirements in the Department for Education volunteer policy and procedure, you must have:

• Role-specific training if applicable.

Supervision and safety

You need to:

- Follow invacuation and evacuation procedures.
- Sign in and out at the Front Office.

What we expect from you

- Treat everyone fairly and with respect.
- Be a good role model for the students.
- Show enthusiasm and enjoyment.
- Be reliable.
- Ask a staff member if unsure about anything.

Volunteer reports to: The Principal



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THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST **PENFIELD GOLF CLUB**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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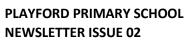
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Languages Alive!

Experience the delights of other languages and cultures

APRIL 2024

Languages Alive! is a program of engaging and interactive language and cultural experiences for R-6 students.

Delivered by highly proficient speakers of the relevant language, the program will run during the April school holidays in metropolitan and country locations.

Workshops will explore a range of languages including: Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese & Serbian. WHO: Reception to Year 6 students

> WHEN: April 2024

WHERE:

School of Languages: Tues 16 & Wed 17 April Mitcham Primary School: Thurs 18 April

Pilgrim School: Fri 19 April

Nairne Primary School: Tue 23 April

COST:

\$10 per day FREE for School card/Healthcare card holders

Register online by April 5 at: www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive





What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary students are familiar with the types of questions in the simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

the online NAPLAN assessments at NAP - Public See the types of questions and tools available in demonstration site.

How is my child's performance reported?

NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught reasonable level expected for the child at the time of in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency. Exceeding, proficiency standards. There is a standard for each Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but

your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by a report, you should contact your child's school.

NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

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Writing	 Year 3 students do the writing test on paper and on day 1 only. Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (cahools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitationa). 	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a "writing stimulus" or "prompt" and asked to write a response in a particular gene (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	 To be completed after the writing test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	 To be completed after the reading test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	 To be completed after the conventions of language test 	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

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What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual complete missed tests at another time during the students who are absent at the time of testing to school's test schedule.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
 - Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set
 - School systems use results to review the goals in literacy and numeracy.
- effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
 - The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at myschool.edu.au.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy.

Why do students do NAPLAN?

assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy students have the opportunity to undertake.

is important to check how well they are learning the As students progress through their school years, it essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum progressing against national proficiency standards. and allows parents/carers to see how their child is

performance, but it can provide teachers with additional NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing information about students' educational progress. assessments made by teachers about student

and governments with information about how education NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in iteracy and numeracy.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise presents questions that may be more or less difficult results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment. failored testing allows a wider range of student abilities based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is to be assessed and measures student achievement be taking a more complex test pathway. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

NAPLAN Information for parents and carers 2024

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess conventions of language (spelling, grammar and Students sit assessments in writing, reading, Mathematics.

authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN All government and non-government education test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA opportunity to participate in the national assessment supports inclusive testing, so all students have the program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs. Schools should work with parents/carers and students reflect the support normally provided for classroom disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should adjustments required for individual students with to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable assessments.

carers, teachers and students share their experiences To help inform these decisions, you may consult the schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parents/ in using NAPLAN adjustments. In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability Australia and has a non-English speaking background, assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in that severely limits their capacity to participate in the may be granted a formal exemption

authority can give you more information on adjustments Your school principal and your local test administration for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

PLAYFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER ISSUE 02**

Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a \$500 incentive to build your savings! If you save up to \$50 a month for 10 months (the length of the program), ANZ will double it.

What can the \$500 be spent on?







Lessons and activities

Vocational

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education



Books and

supplies

Camps and excursions

To join Saver Plus

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a Health Care or Pensioner Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355



Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
 Have a child in school, starting school next year,
 - or be studying yourself
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