

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 03

TERM 1, WEEK 11

11th APRIL, 2025

DIARY DATES

Monday 28th April
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 29th April
First Day Term 2

Tuesdays

Hakea Swimming

Tuesday 6th May
School Tour 9:25am

Thursdays

Banksia Swimming

Thursday 8th May
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 9th May
Mum's Day & Whole
School Assembly

Monday 12th May
Governing Council

Tuesday 27th May
Reception Transition

Monday 9th June
Public Holiday
King's Birthday

Monday 16th June
Governing Council

**Text your child's
absence to:
0416 906 281**

Full Name/Class/Reason



Dear Families

It's the end of Term 1... we made it! It's always nice to have Easter in term 1 to help give everyone a few days to catch their breaths in what is the longest term of the school year. This year we weren't afforded that luxury, however we have all soldiered on and made it to the end of week 11. Huge thanks and appreciation to the staff, students and the families in supporting each other to get to the end!



After a very long and busy term of swimming, aquatics, excursions, Harmony week celebrations, Launching into Learning, NAPLAN, Interviews, Acquaintance Night, Athletics and New Student School Photos, we have also managed to squeeze in a phenomenal amount of learning to best support our student learners on their academic journeys. We have continued to work with staff on our Site Learning Plan, delving deeper into the public education strategy with a specific focus on what it means for Playford PS.

Staffing



It is with mixed emotions that I inform our school community that this will be Alison Kennedy's (Assistant Principal) last week at Playford Primary School. Alison has won the Special Options coordinator position at Elizabeth East, starting next term. Alison's skill set and knowledge in this field, best positions her for this role and we know that she will excel. Alison came to us from support services at the end 2020, for a short tenure and after proving herself in the position, won the role in an ongoing capacity. We have seen Alison raise two beautiful girls and more recently get married, so whilst we are happy for her, we are saddened to see her go. We have valued Alison's contributions to Playford PS and I am sure that you will all agree, will miss her warm and friendly disposition, her caring nature and her willingness to help others. Join us to congratulate Alison and wish her well in her next adventure!

We also take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Chelsea Langridge (Ms L) who will be getting married in the school holidays. We wish you every joy on your wedding day! We also take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Tahlia Price who was in B07 last year and supported in Banksia at the start of this year, who recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy! We can't wait to meet Teddy!





Mum's Day

Next term, in week two (Friday 9th May) we are holding a Mum's day at school, where we will invite all the mums, the dads doing the role of mum or any special person into our school. We will open up the classrooms to let the mums see what happens and join in with an activity, provide a yummy morning tea and the opportunity to have a coffee, see some displays and attend our whole school assembly. We will send out a full agenda week 1, where our guests can attend the whole session, or come in for a section. We have every intention of running two more events this year, a Dad's day and a Special

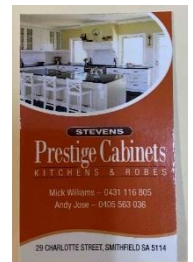
Person's day ie, grandparents, aunty, uncle etc. We fully appreciate that not all students have a mum in their life, and therefore are not offering this event to the 'mums only' – we are more than happy for anyone to attend. We will send home via Edsmart a RSVP for catering purposes, that we would appreciate if you can reply to. There will be no cost on this day. Please pop this in your calendar so that you are available to attend.



Kids Shed

Our groundsman, John Price continues to work with a core group of students across the week in our Kids Shed. One of the things that students have been making is a smiley face (Groot). A huge shout out to Stevens

Prestige Cabinets Kitchens and Robes for supplying us with some very cheap (pre-cut) wood so that our students can make items such as a wooden box for Pokemon cards, jewellery etc. For those unaware, we created kids shed to stimulate friendship groups, foster confidence, encourage strong behavioural choices, support student in developing greater resilience and advancing communication and collaboration skills. At the same time, students will learn valuable 'woodworking' skills in a safe and supported environment. Students don't use any power tools, but they do use hand held tools once they have been safely inducted into their use (drills, hammers, wood saws etc). At the end of the project, students then get to keep their item to take home. The feedback over the last few years has been very positive and well received by the students involved and their families.



Pupil Free Day

A friendly reminder that the **first day of Term 2 is a Pupil Free Day** for students. Staff will be on site participating in some professional development, but students get one extra day of holidays. Please ensure that you have made alternative arrangements for your children on this day (Monday 28th April). School will resume on Tuesday 29th April.

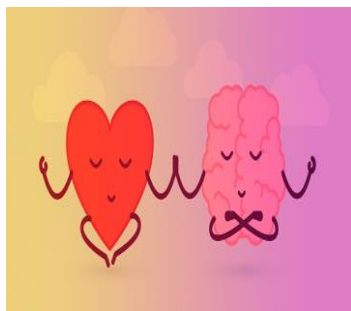
We wish you a happy and safe holiday break and for those who celebrate Easter a great Easter break. We hope that you can all enjoy the time with your family.

Warm regards

Jason, Matt, Alison, Lauren and Christine- Playford Primary School Leadership Team



THE NEST



A lot of students really enjoy coming in to The Nest and checking to see what their pulse is using the pulse monitors and then checking again before going back to class to see the changes in their pulse rates after following the steps in The Nest to help them Self-Regulate. Students are able to come to The Nest for Self-Regulation Breaks when needed during the day, there are also students that attend small group sessions that focus on developing Interoception awareness and social skills.



ATTENDANCE




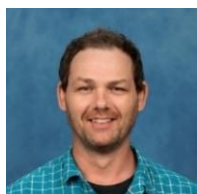

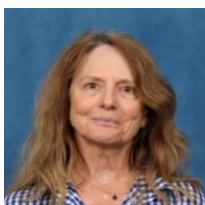
Thank you all, for making an amazing effort this term to make attendance matter. We have had lots of parents replying to the text message with reasons for absences, which is great. Remember you can reply to the text message or ring the office to let us know of your child's absence. Any absences over 3 days require an exemption form which can be collected from the front office or student services. Encouraging your child to be a regular attender at school

TIPS FOR ATTENDANCE

- Arriving early and on time can boost your child's confidence for the day, putting them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement.
- Learning is a progressive activity. Each day's lessons build on the previous day's lessons.
- Arriving late or leaving early often can lead to gaps in learning. This might mean your child misses out on blocks of learning. They might miss out on important social activities.
- School is often the first place a child learns the importance of being on time.
- Being punctual and having good attendance helps develop good habits that are important at school and later at work.
- Late arrivals can impact the whole class, as teachers might have to stop the lesson, repeat instructions, and regulate the emotions of the students, leading to lost teaching time.



GETTING TO KNOW US

Staff	Where did you go to school?	What was one of your favourite subjects at school?	What is your favourite holiday destination?	What do you do for relaxation?	Does Pineapple belong on pizza?
 Hannah Smith	I went to Campbelltown District High School (in Tassie).	One of my favourite subjects at school was Home Economics.	To go back home to Tassie.	I love to take my dog for a nice long walk or read a good book.	Absolutely!!
 Luke Hartley	Seaview High School	Science and Art, both of which have stayed a lifelong passion for me	Peru, I like to hang out with the Llamas	I love to build things to relax, like more robots and arcade machines	Absolutely, I could eat a whole pizza with only pineapple, but it's mostly just an excuse to eat a whole pizza to myself
 Sharon Barlow	I started early years in England, then Para Hills West Primary. High school Gawler High.	Maths and Home Economics were my favourite subjects.	Tasmania but I love New Zealand and Switzerland.	I love going away to the Yorke Peninsula in our caravan with family.	Yes, pineapple does belong on a pizza, gives it a sweet zing
 Sharon Piekart	I went to Concord Primary school and Strathfield Girls High school in Sydney.	My favourite subject was Biology (science)	Asia Pacific	Family fun days ❤️	Nope.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN



Welcome Back to the Kitchen

The term has been exciting in the kitchen. The students are so happy to be back and trying new skills. We are exploring new recipes enhancing our sustainability. We have made a variety of different foods, scones, pumpkin donuts, potato pancakes, crunchy mushroom fries, rainbow cupcakes and our school favourite pizza. We incorporate a variety of international dishes allowing students to explore different cultures through food during Harmony Week. The students were enthusiastic and appreciated the chance to make Sushi, Fried Rice and Hong Kong Coconut Pie. Next term as we harvest food from our garden will offer the students with many other dishes to enhance our selection of recipes. Our times in the kitchen have changed 12:05pm to 1:45pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you could volunteer a spare hour or the whole time, come and join in the fun. Please contact myself Sharon Barlow or your class teacher, it would be much appreciated.

Our menu celebrates the diverse backgrounds of our students. We incorporate a variety of international dishes, allowing students to explore different cultures through food. This not only broadens their culinary horizons but also promotes inclusivity and appreciation for global traditions.

We are exploring new recipes, enhancing our sustainability efforts, and expanding our educational programs. Our goal is to ensure that every meal is a delightful and enriching experience for our students.



Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Together, we are making our school kitchen a place where positivity and nourishment go hand in hand!



Harvesting food to use in food preparation - Harvest Garden produce – pick some parsley and vegetables to use.

Explore fresh vegetables – have a variety of salad vegetables representing the various parts such as carrots (roots), cos lettuce (leaves), celery (stems), capsicums and cucumber (fruits), sugar snap peas (seeds and pods), broccoli (flowers). Enthusiastic



AUTISM INCLUSION SPECIALIST



Autism Inclusion Site Visit and Autism Awareness Day

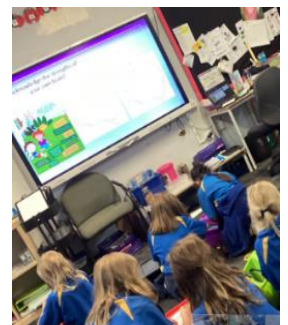
A couple of weeks ago, Playford Primary School were lucky to have a visit from Rachel Hughes (Senior Psychologist), Amanda Michalanney (Inclusive Education), and Perry Rush (Inclusive Teaching and Learning Director), from the Statewide Inclusive Education Services. Their visit focused on what my role has looked like as the Autism Inclusion Teacher at Playford, and to celebrate the achievements made over the last few years during this initiative.

A key part of being an Autism Inclusion Teacher, is to ensure that all community members can build their capacity at understanding neuro-affirming practices and celebrate the ways in which all brains work differently.

Last Wednesday (2nd of April), was World Autism Awareness Day. This was a day which enabled students to build a level of understanding between neurotypical and neurodiverse brains and to understand strengths that all individuals embody. There was a range of activities for classes, resources which were shared, and an opportunity for quiet sensory play in the Nest.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email, rosie.connelly131@schools.sa.edu.au

Kind regards, Rosie Connelly - Autism Inclusion Teacher



FUNDRAISING

Mother's Day Stall

Our Mother's Day stall will be held early term 2.

Students will have the opportunity to view gifts via photos on the class interactive whiteboards.

Items will range in price between \$1.00 - \$10.00

Children need to bring a bag and their money with them on the day (cash only)



Mother's Day | Sunday 11th May, 2025

Harmony Week



To celebrate Harmony Week, our students and staff joined together in many activities through the week including Bracelet making, Colouring in Competitions, year 6 Hand Ball and many more in class. We enjoyed working and playing together.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER GARDEN



D07 students were proactive in helping clear away the mulch from the staff carpark and spreading around the garden area.

The students did an exceptional job 🍌



Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators:

Gardening provides opportunities for children to discuss their experiences, share their knowledge, and collaborate with others, enhancing their communication skills.

Students' in E05 were doing a great job this month digging over the soil and preparing it for planting the new vegetables.

They fertilised, harvested and watered well the garden beds.

They really engaged in learning about herbs all students had a turn of pruning the herbs and were given a choice to take some home.

2025 MID YEAR RECEPTION INTAKES



Do you have a child turning 5 between 01/05/2025 and 31/10/2025?

Then we would like to hear from you!

To assist us with planning and forward projection, we welcome any mid-year reception enrolments for 2025. Initially, we will only take confirmed enrolments in the immediate Craigmore area, however we have also developed an expression of interest form for families of Reception students, to register their interest for a place at Playford Primary.

DEFENCE MENTOR NEWS



ANZAC Day will be commemorated during these school holidays. There are many things you can do to remember our heroes both past and present. The Department of Veterans Affairs have a wonderful website with facts about our history, Veterans' stories and interactive games and activities for all ages. Take the time to visit the website here: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/>

We also have many Military Museums here in SA. We have the [Army Museum of South Australia](#) at Keswick Barracks, the [National Military vehicle Museum](#) located at Edinburgh, the [Maritime Museum](#) and the [South Australia Aviation Museum](#) both located in Port Adelaide.

Each of these Museums have hands on exhibits and provide many things to see for all ages. They are certainly worth the visit!

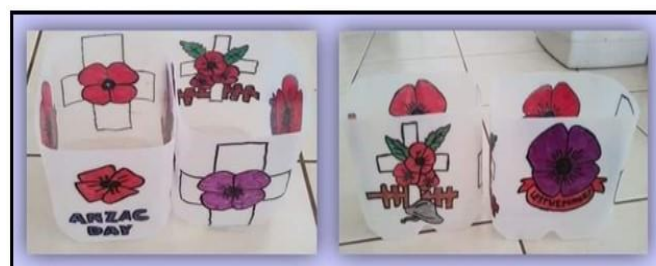
Have a lovely school holiday break and I will see you all back in term 2.

Jacqui Langstreth

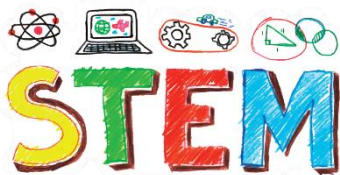
ANZAC Biscuits

- 125g (4½ oz) butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1 cup (90g) rolled oats
- 1 cup (80g) desiccated coconut
- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- ½ cup (110g) caster sugar
- ¼ cup (55g) brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

- ❑ Set your oven to 180°C (350°F) and line a baking tray with baking paper.
- ❑ In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the butter and golden syrup together. Remove from the heat and set aside.
- ❑ In a bowl, mix together the oats, coconut, flour and sugars.
- ❑ Mix the bicarb with 2 tbs of boiling water in a small bowl. Stir into the butter-syrup mixture, then pour this into the oat mixture. Stir until all the ingredients are well combined.
- ❑ Roll the mixture into heaped-tablespoon balls and place on the baking tray, leaving about 5cm (2 inches) between them.
- ❑ Bake for 12 minutes: they should be pale golden and quite soft. Leave on the tray for 5 minutes, where they will darken and set enough to be lifted to a wire rack. Leave to cool completely.



STEM SHOWCASE



Mr Webb's class in E08 have been using the new Tale-bots to go on an adventure to the zoo and visit all the animals. We use the Tale-bots to learn about programming and sequencing, to give instructions to a machine to complete a task for us. Lucky for us it makes learning great fun as you can see by all the huge smiles.



OSHC NEWS



Playford Primary School is excited to inform our school community that we are looking to establish our own OSHC service for the start of 2026.

To determine the need, to best support our school community we ask that you take the time to let us know whether this service is required – before school, after school and vacation care. To establish an OSHC, it will need to be financially viable, which means it will need to have a minimum number of students using the service daily. To progress, we ask that you complete the table (which will be sent separately via Edsmart) to indicate your interest.



EASTER RAFFLE



Thank you to all the families that contributed to our Easter Raffle this year. We made up 19 Amazing prizes!

Congratulations to all the lucky winners. We hope you enjoy your prizes and have a wonderful Easter Break.



TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL



Early Term 2, families will be sent an email with a link to complete the application for secondary school online. Please ensure your email address and residential address is accurate and correct with our school.

Families will need to complete their child's application online before the due date to ensure their nominated secondary school is considered. While families are able to nominate to attend any secondary school out of zone, the increase in enrolment demand from in-zone students may mean there is limited space available. It is recommended that families consider alternative secondary schools if applying for an out of zone secondary school.

We encourage families to read the "[register your child's interest for starting high school](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/enrol-school-or-preschool/school-enrolment/register-your-childs-interest-starting-high-school)" page on the department's website: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/enrol-school-or-preschool/school-enrolment/register-your-childs-interest-starting-high-school>

We also encourage families to visit their local (zoned) secondary school before deciding on their final nominated secondary school/s. Information on open days, principal tours and/or information evenings is available on the secondary school's website. Alternatively, families can contact the secondary school/s directly. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact our Front Office.

MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES (SCHOOL FEES)

Fees are due by Friday 11th 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 2025 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>

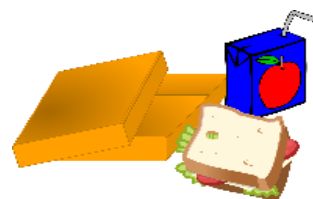
If you have any queries, or would like to discuss your fees, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Manager, Rennon Gridley.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our Canteen service is run by Rory's School Lunches. Please ensure you are using the new 2025 Menu for Playford Primary School available on their website at:

<https://rorys.com.au/menus/playford-primary/> and ensure you update your child's class for this year on Qkr.

Orders on Qkr need to be placed by 8.30am on the day they are required. For further information visit www.rorys.com.au or call their support line on 0413 575 800.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months,
and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18 years
or older



A regular
income
(you or your
partner)



Attend
free online
financial
education
workshops



Are studying
yourself or
have a child
at school, or
starting next
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