



"Learning together for a better future"

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Flinders News

FLINDERS VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 1 WEEK 2

THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2022



"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." – Carl Bard

DATES TO REMEMBER:

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING

MONDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a very different start to our school year!

It's not the start we had planned but we have greatly appreciated the support received so far from the school community and are particularly grateful for families understanding and cooperation.

I extend a warm welcome to our new students and families both in the school and preschool who have joined us for the first time this year.

Last week we were excited to welcome our younger students onto school grounds and it is fantastic to see how well they have already settled into their classes and school routines. Students have shown great courage and resilience coming into classrooms on their own and getting themselves organised for the day. A special thanks to parents who had to drop off and leave last week. It's not how we usually welcome families in the first week however, this has certainly helped children take their first steps to independence.

From this week the process for drop off and pickup for school children has changed. Students are to be dropped off and collected from the gates, except for families with pre-schoolers. Parents of pre-schoolers may continue to use the front path to the preschool double gates, where they will be welcomed by preschool staff. We ask that only one adult accompanies their child.

We encourage families not to arrive too early, to continue to maintain physical distancing whilst waiting for children by the gates and to move on when children have been dropped off or collected. This helps prevent gathering in numbers and also helps students to find their parent or carer as they all walk through the gates.

For families of Year 3-6 students, it was fantastic to connect with students and family members when packs were collected or arrangements made for home learning packs. While we know this hasn't been ideal, and home learning is met with a range of challenges, we value and appreciate your support. We encourage you to make contact through the SeeSaw app using the QR code in your child's pack or the school if you need to speak with the teacher.

We look forward to officially welcoming all students back to classroom based learning on Monday 14th February.

STAY HOME IF UNWELL:

If your child is unwell, please keep them home or if symptomatic please seek a COVID 19 test and inform the school if the results are positive. The school, while maintaining confidentiality, is obligated to inform families of any potential classroom contacts. This will also assist the school in reducing the incidence of a potential outbreak at school.

SA health guidelines MUST be followed. If families are isolating, students must not attend school.

Anna Nayda ©



TUESDAY

1ST March

5:15pm

Crèche Available



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and Child Development

First Student Free Day- Monday 18th February

There will be **no school on this day** as our previously planned staff training with Stephen Graham, a Literacy consultant from Melbourne, will be going ahead. We are very excited that this training, based on the explicit teaching of different text types, will be delivered to staff online after being cancelled for two years due to COVID restrictions and state closures.



Anderson dancers

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR NEW INCLUSIVE DANCE CLASS?

We are pleased to be able to offer an inclusive dance class for those aged 10 and above.

Please contact Lindy Madigan for information, or to register your interest
Phone: 0408 083 191
Email: lindymadigan@gmail.com

Limited places available

CANTEEN NEWS

Spriggy Schools will make lunch orders more convenient for you!

To get started:

1. Go to www.spriggyschools.com.au register and download the app.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select FLINDERS VIEW and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders 😊
You can place orders in advance!

Spriggy Schools

CONNECTED BEGINNINGS PORT AUGUSTA

APPLY NOW to be part of the Connected Beginnings Leadership Group

Connected Beginnings is about making sure our Aboriginal children have the best start in life, and making sure our Aboriginal families are well supported to support their little ones. It is funded by the Australian Government with the funding facilitated through Uriling Country SA.

It is led by a Leadership Group, which includes up to 12 Aboriginal community members and leaders. It is going to be an EXCITING year, with so many ideas ready to happen, including the design and launch of the Connected Beginnings Aboriginal Community Hub at the old Willsden Special School site.

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people living in Port Augusta are able to apply

Expressions of interest must be received by Friday 18 February 2022

If you would like to apply contact the Connected Beginnings team on 08 7628 3109 to ask for an expression of interest form

Wellbeing Corner - Working together to achieve

Welcome back to the 2021 school year and a special welcome to all of our new families who have joined us for the first time.

My name is **Ange McAuliffe** and I am the **Wellbeing Leader** at the school.

My role is to help students, parents and staff with social and emotional issues, connection to school and supporting others to work through problems.

In my role I can help to:

- Listen to you or your child's concerns and provide strategies of support
- Attend any school based meetings as a support person for yourself or your child
- Embed social skills in your child's daily learning through our whole school Play is the Way Social Skills Program
- Reward, support and improve student attendance
- Manage relationships between student-student, student-staff, staff-parent
- Provide information for families regarding agencies and supports that they can provide
- Work 1:1 with challenging behaviour to seek positive change
- Work with students to learn and connect with their feelings and emotions

We know that when our children and young people feel good about themselves they feel happier and enjoy a higher rate of positive relationships with teachers, peers and parents.

Life can be challenging and this includes parenting. If you have any concerns, or you would like some advice, please call 86425866 to speak to me, or pop into the school to see me. I can work alongside you and work with you to improve things for yourself, your child and or family. I look forward to reconnecting with many families this year and meeting our new families and students.

Our Attendance Rewards will commence in Week 2 with our Early Birds and our End of Term Reward.

Early Birds is held randomly once a week for students who are at school, **in class and in full uniform (school top and black bottoms) by 8.50am**. These students are rewarded for being good role models in the way of an ice block, fruit box, milk drink or fruit.

Our **End of Term Reward** recognises students who have an attendance of **90% or more**, for this to occur **students are not able to miss more than five days of school each term**. Successful students receive an invite to an excursion or a school based activity, such as a free lunch.

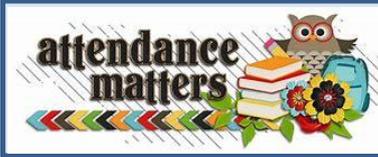
If you do not want your child to participate in the Attendance Rewards please let your child's classroom teacher know.



Staff Update

We welcome back all staff and I am grateful for the amazing work they have put in so far for classroom based and home learning programs, as well as setting up their classroom learning environments in anticipation for students returning to school.

While this year we do not have any new staff we welcome back *Ms Sage Othams* as preschool coordinator along with *Miss Geena Kirkham* and *Miss Amanda O'Reilly* in teaching roles.



It is a requirement for families to report their child's absence from school or inability to participate in home learning every day. We ask parents to do this by 9am each morning via SMS or phone call.

Masks are strongly recommended for students in years 3-6 and we encourage parents and carers to support this. The wearing of masks will help keep staff and students safe and reduce the potential of them becoming close contacts. While we encourage students to bring their own mask, disposable masks will be available for students from their class teachers.



Reception 2022





Family Calendar

Term 1 - 2022

Week No.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31/1/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	1/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	2/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	3/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	4/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2
2	7/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	8/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	9/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2	10/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2 	11/2/22 Home Learning 3-6 Onsite R-2
3	14/2/22 ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING	15/2/22	16/2/22	17/2/22	18/2/22
4	21/2/22 Student Free Day	20/2/22	21/2/22	22/2/22 	23/2/22
5	28/2/22	1/3/22  Governing Council	2/3/22	3/3/22	4/3/22  Playgroup
6	7/3/22 	8/3/22	9/3/22	10/3/22 	11/3/22  Playgroup
7	14/3/22 Adelaide Cup Day	15/3/22	16/3/22	17/3/22	18/3/22  Playgroup
8	21/3/22	22/3/22	23/3/22	24/3/22 	25/5/22  Playgroup
9	28/3/22 	29/3/22  Governing Council	30/3/22	31/3/22	1/4/22  Playgroup
10	4/4/22	5/4/22	6/4/22	7/4/22 	8/4/22  Playgroup
11	11/4/22	12/4/22	13/4/22 	14/4/22 	15/4/22 Good Friday

Please note: Dates and events may change throughout the term due to COVID restrictions – please ensure you check the newsletter that is distributed regularly.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



You may be eligible for support to pay Material & Services fees and subject fees if you are a low income earner. School Card assistance **must be applied for each year** as the assessment process is based on your family income for the prior financial year. We recommend that you lodge your application for School Card assistance early each year. This will allow you to establish a payment plan with the school early in the year if your School Card application is not approved. You can apply online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or Forms are available from the Front Office.