



From our Principal



Term 2 has been productive with many fantastic opportunities occurring across the school as you will see throughout this edition.

We'd especially like to thank all of the special ladies that joined us last week for morning tea and some lovely activities.

This term we welcome Elesia Daniell back from maternity leave and welcome Paula Zbierski who joins the administration team. Kelsey Paveltish has been in Room 13 completing a teaching placement with Nicole Utting and has been doing an amazing job. We farewell Karen Smith this term and thank her for her tremendous work at Long Street.

We are so excited to have the Norrie Stuart Kindy visiting our school and making use of our library each week. We are looking forward to more collaboration throughout the year.

For our year 6 parents, the transition to high school process has begun. More information about the transition process will be shared as it becomes available.

As staff have been analysing data, we have noticed that a significant number of students are arriving late to school daily. Our mornings begin with Morning Circles to check in, followed by our literacy block. It is important for students to be at school on time. School begins at 8.50am.

We have already had one of our Student Free Days. Staff engaged in learning from the Literacy Guarantee Unit about Reading Comprehension which aligns to our Site Improvement Plan.

- Dianna Pickert

Calendar Dates

22 nd May	Choir Rehearsals at Bunyarra Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm
24 th May	National Simultaneous Story Time
25 th May	Dream BIG performance 9.15am
26 th May	National Sorry Day Student Free Day
9 th June	Assembly Room 1 and 10
12 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
16 th June	Year 5/6 Soccer Carnival
19 th June	Choir rehearsals at Bunyarra Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm
23 rd June	Year 5/6 Boys Basketball Carnival
30 th June	Assembly Room 2 and 12
3 rd July – 7 th July	NAIDOC Week
7 th July	End of term – 2.10pm dismissal



Football Carnival

On the 31st of March, 11 students from Long Street participated in the Inter-School Football Carnival which was held at Bennett Oval. Every school in Whyalla was involved and it was a great day seeing so many children participating and giving their all in a highly entertaining day of football. Although Long Street didn't have the success of winning a game, they still represented and tried their hardest in every game. Throughout the day Long Street played 8 games that consisted of 20 mins and by the end of the day they were completely sapped of all energy after giving their all.



Congratulations to the students on the way they continued to better their skills and showed resilience when up against extremely strong oppositions.

Table Tennis Carnival

On Wednesday 13th April, Long Street Year 6's had the opportunity to participate in a table tennis carnival involving the majority of local public schools. Our students learnt a variety of new skills including how to serve, table tennis rules and scoring, and playing as a part of a team. The Long Street team played well all day, winning many of their matches and finishing second in some close games. Well done to all those who participated.



Ride to School Day

On Friday the 24th of March our students were invited to participate in National Ride 2 School Day. Students were encouraged to jump on their bikes, scooters, skateboards or roller skates and ride to school. Ride 2 School focuses on developing healthy habits and encourages students to get physically active on their journey to school. We had a number of students participate and it was great to see some of our families getting involved.

Netball Carnival



We are excited to share the fantastic news about our Year 6 students' success at the recent Interschool Netball Carnival. On Friday the 12th of May, 10 of our Year 6 students attended a carnival at the Whyalla Netball Courts. Our team were enthusiastic and determined to get started, despite some having no experience playing netball. The team got off to a cracking start winning their first 2 games against Nicolson Avenue and MOPS. They then faced a challenge and were forced to work as a team coming up against Town Primary School and Samaritan College and despite their great teamwork unfortunately lost. Our last game of the round was against Fisk Primary School where the students worked spectacularly as a team to pull out a win, gaining them 3rd place in our pool. By the end of the day, it was evident that the students had worked hard to develop their teamwork, skills, and sportsmanship, which showed throughout their last game. Students faced off in the final against the other 3rd placed team only losing by 2 points. The students remained positive throughout the day and represented our school with pride. A big thank you to the parents who attended throughout the day and congratulations to the team for their spectacular performance!





From our Deputy Principal

Pupil Free Day

On Monday we had our first pupil free day for the year. Daina from the Literacy Guarantee Unit joined us and lead us through Scarborough's Reading Rope and the Simple View of Reading. Reading Comprehension was the main purpose for the day with staff thoroughly enjoying their time to collaborate, plan and prepare to put their learning into practice.

Children's University

We are proud to be joining Children's University. Students / families who are interested in signing up are invited to see either Miss Hunt in Room 10, Ms Stirling in Room 1 or Shirley in the Front Office. Registration forms are to be returned as soon as possible with the \$5 subscription fee. We will be hosting some Children's University activities soon and c:

further opportunities with CUA.



2024 Enrolments

Families with siblings who are due to start school next year please contact the front office to get an enrolment pack.

If your child/children will not be attending Long Street in 2024 please contact the Front Office.

2024 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Week 9 Award Winners



Back left: Kaiden Grillet, Nicole Mandemwa, Matika Kruger, Lexi Kemp, Tyson Davies.

Front left: Annabelle Collier, Myles Van Balen, Senudi Dheeraseskara, Lexi McCarthy, Silas Marshall

Tennis Coaching Clinic

On Tuesday of this week, our four primary classes spent the morning at the Whyalla Tennis Club to participate in a tennis coaching clinic. Students played a variety of games to develop their tennis skills and showed great resilience whilst learning new skills.



Welcome to Seesaw!

Connect Families on the Seesaw app

Seesaw is where your child's learning lives.
It's where home-school communication lives.
All in one place! Let's get you connected.



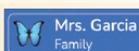
Steps to Connect

Look for a **printed, email, or text** invite and follow instructions!



- 1 Download the **Seesaw app** or go to **app.seesaw.me** on a computer
- 2 Click **'I'm a Family Member'**
- 3 **Printed Invites:** Scan the QR code
Text/Email Invites: Click the link
- 4 Follow the prompts to **create an account** or **sign in**

How to Use Seesaw



Mrs. Garcia
Family

Adjust **Account Settings** and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children



View and engage with **all recent posts** from all of your children using Seesaw



View posts from **one child or class** (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)



Use **Messages to Communicate** with teachers

Connected family members see only their own child's learning
[Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy](https://web.seesaw.me/privacy)

Watch the [Get Families Started Video](#)





From our Intervention Leader

Literacy Intervention

We have completed a Literacy assessment across the school to identify students who are needing extra support, which aligns with our Site Improvement Plan on improving student's reading achievement.

A letter has been sent home with all students who will be participating in the literacy intervention programs.

We have also created a welcoming and engaging space for these programs to be implemented in. Some may know it as Room 14, or the room next to the Wellbeing Room. It has been given the name, 'The Learning Hub'. This space is coming together nicely.

If you have any questions or would like further clarification on the intervention programs, please feel free to contact me.



Special Ladies Morning Tea

On Thursday the 11th of May, we hosted a Special Ladies Morning Tea to provide a special opportunity for students and their families to share some time together to acknowledge the importance of female influences in our lives. We had over 70 attendees, which is an amazing effort from our families in such short notice of the event!

Well done to our room winners on the colouring competition: Ava from Room 13, Joseph from Room 1, and Haylee from Room 2.

Also, congratulations to Elocia on being the winner of the door prize!

This was a great turn out and we are looking forward to many more community events.





From our Wellbeing Leader

Importance of sleep

I would like to tell you of the importance of sleep for children.



Physical health: Sleep is essential for physical growth and development. During sleep, the body produces growth hormone, which is necessary for the growth and repair of tissues. Additionally, a good night's sleep can help children maintain a healthy weight, as lack of sleep has been linked to an increased risk of obesity.



Mental health: Sleep is crucial for healthy brain development and cognitive function. It helps children consolidate and retain new information and promotes problem-solving and decision-making abilities. Additionally, lack of sleep can lead to mood swings, irritability, and other behavioural problems.



Immune system function: Sleep plays a crucial role in the proper functioning of the immune system. During sleep, the body produces cytokines, which are proteins that help fight infections, inflammation, and stress. Children who get enough sleep are less likely to get sick and have a stronger immune system.

In summary, sleep is essential for young children's physical, mental, and immune system health. By ensuring that their children get enough sleep, parents can help promote healthy growth, development, and overall wellbeing.



Colour Splatacular Fundraiser

Congratulations to our students who fundraised for our school, we raised over \$4 858.05 this year. The event was a huge success with so much fun had by students and staff.

Attendance Update

Regular attendance is crucial for a child's academic, social, and personal development. It sets them up for success in the future and teaches important values such as accountability, responsibility, and discipline.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Well Done to Room 1 for winning the attendance award in week one.

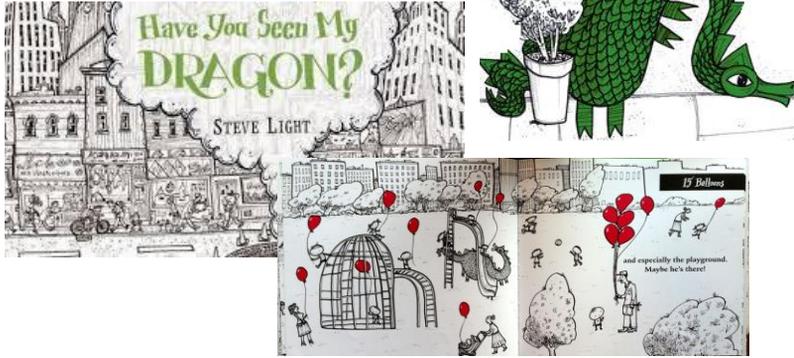
Well Done to Room 11 for winning highest attendance in week two.





From our classes

Room 1



In Room 1 we have been learning about what parts can make up the whole of a number or part-part whole. This has been investigated using numbers up to 20. We would split numbers into parts and say which parts make the whole number, for example 8 is a part, 12 is a part and 20 is the whole.

We then read the story 'Have you seen my dragon?' by Stephen Light, which shows a boy who explores his community in hopes to find his dragon and along the way comes across a number of items.

During the story we discussed other numbers and the two parts we could see in the images that made the whole number. In the end the dragon is found hiding within 20 lanterns. The students then had to place lanterns on a string and write a sentence explaining what parts they have glued that make the whole number 20.

Here are a few examples of the student's wonderful work, which will also be on our class seesaw!



The Arts

This term in Performing Arts we have been practicing two dances for the DreamBIG Children's Festival. Across the whole school, all classes are learning the choreography to 'My Island Home' by the Dusty Feet Mob. Each year level cohort (Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary) have then learnt the choreography to another song to perform at the festival.

Alongside the dances, the Junior Primary students have started to explore different emotions and how they impact people in our Drama lessons. The Middle and Upper Primary will start to explore improvisation and character traits.



Banking Details:

Account Name: LSPS
BSB: 105-140
Account No: 524000840

Please leave your invoice number and name as a reference



From our Community

Dental Care for children 2-18 Years

Your child *may* be eligible for a FREE dental check up and treatment under the Medicare funded Child Dental Benefits Scheme. **Your Dental Care** provides these services in a friendly and caring environment. Kerri Morgan is the clinical Dental Therapist with over 30 years experience working with children of all ages. She is now working full time at the dental clinic and is passionate about enabling children of all ages to access dental care.

For any queries or to make an appointment please call and speak to the team at **Your Dental Care** on 8649 3511.



PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK

MOST ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN OUTSIDE SCHOOLS OCCUR WHEN A CHILD HAS THEIR SIGHT OBSCURED BY PARKED CARS

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

- Do not park on zig zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings.
- Do not park across driveways.
- Do not park on footpaths or verges.
- do not drop kids off in the centre of the road.
- do not park where there is a no stopping sign or continuous yellow line.
- adhere to the speed limit of 25kph while children are present.

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Whyalla PARENT WORKSHOP

FREE Parent Workshop

Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Wednesday 28 of June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Nicolson Avenue Primary School

BOOK ONLINE at: speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.

Questacon
Science Circus

Explore hands-on science exhibits and experience spectacular science shows!

Saturday 20 May
11am - 4pm
Whyalla Secondary College

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The National Science and Technology Centre

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