



# NEWSLETTER 3

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**Term 3 Resumes on  
Monday 20th July**

**R-5 Swimming Week  
14th-18th September  
More info to come!**

**Sports Day  
Friday 25th September**

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Dear families,  
This term started out quite differently to any other term 2 we have had, however we have quickly returned to 'almost normal.' Restrictions are continually being lifted with Covid 19. We continue to follow the guidelines of the department and keep families up to date. In keeping with the guidelines, we request that any parent/carer/volunteer who enters the classroom will **need to sign in and out and complete a site access form via the front office.** We welcome back our volunteers who play an integral role in the functioning of our school. Please pre arrange times and dates for volunteering on site with the class teacher and through the front office. Parents are welcome on school grounds and are requested to continue to drop off and pick up children from outside of school buildings. We have been proud of the resilience shown by our students throughout the period of change and have seen students demonstrate greater independence at the start of the school day. Learning has started promptly in the mornings with students settling quickly into the routine of the day.

The playgrounds are reopen before and after school for St Agnes students and we ask parents and families to continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines during school drop off and pick up, around the playgrounds and outside of classrooms.

Playgroup, kitchen lessons and assemblies will recommence next term. Playgroup will be on Friday mornings 9am-11am, run by Sally from our Preschool. Krys has taken a position at another site and we welcome Bojan who will be running kitchen lessons. Bojan is completing a Bachelor of Education (Food and Textiles technologies) and is excited to be working with our students in the kitchen.

We will be hosting assemblies for the remainder of the year and these will be for school students and staff only until further notice. Even with the lifting of some restrictions we are not able to follow the adult social distancing requirements as well as the number of students and staff present at assembly. Our first assembly post Covid19 was held this week for staff and students only, and was a great opportunity to share learning and connect as a whole school.

### **Physical distancing requirements remain in place**

All adults must continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health

- no more than 1 person per 2-square metres in an enclosed space
- maintain a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres.

A reminder that the AHPPC (Australian Health Protection Principal Committee) does not believe that it's appropriate or practical for students and children to maintain physical distancing requirements in classrooms or corridors.

The following activities can resume providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- From term 3 camps and excursions can resume. SA Health has updated its advice for school camps reflecting the updated Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advice on dormitory accommodation
- School sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of change rooms and shower facilities is not permitted)
- Inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- School formals, socials and discos
- Playgroups and occasional care

### **Requirements that remain in place**

- It's important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.
- Physical contact (even between students) must be limited. Non-physical greetings should be encouraged.
- School, preschool or early childhood visits to nursing homes cannot recommence.
- The general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment.
- **Parents must continue to physical distance, including at school pick up and drop off**

### **Vulnerability to COVID-19**

Employees and students who are considered [vulnerable to COVID-19](#) should consult their medical practitioner when deciding to return to the workplace or school/preschool.

### **More information**

If you have any questions about managing the impact of COVID-19 in the workplace, please call the department's COVID-19 Information Line on 8226 2000 (8am to 5pm).

Information is also available on the department's dedicated [FDI COVID-19 pages](#).

You can also call the government's coronavirus health information line on 1800 020 080. The line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I understand that this is still a challenging time for all of us. If you have any concerns or/and questions please contact the front office. We thank you for your continued support and understanding with the changes that Covid19 has presented to families. Staff have been fantastic in dealing with our ever changing climate, supporting student learning and wellbeing, whilst providing a safe and positive learning environment. Our students have shown incredible resilience, kindness and understanding during this time of uncertainty and we are extremely proud of them. The St Agnes team wish you all the best over the holiday break.

**Sandee Ising**

## School Banking



We are excited to report that School Banking will return in Term 3. For those of you who wish for your child/ren to participate in the CommBank School banking program, here is what you need to do:

- **You can apply online at:**  
Commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
- **Log on to your CommBank app** (if you bank with CommBank)
- **Visit any CommBank branch**

Once you have applied you will receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet, which is used to make deposits every Friday morning at St Agnes School!



**It's as easy as that.**

Students receive rewards for making regular deposits and they are presented at school assemblies.

If you have any queries please direct them to the front office.

**We would like to thank our School Banking Volunteers - Anna, Mel and Ronda for all that they do.**

## New School Beanies

Winter is well and truly here, and in consultation with Governing Council we have added St Agnes School Beanies to our School Uniform dress code.

Not only do the beanies look great, they will keep our students warm during the colder months while still maintaining consistency in our dress code.



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The beanies will be available in July and will be priced at **\$20**.

We are really excited to add this item to our uniform and look forward to seeing our students wearing them!

## Governing Council

Just a reminder for families that our Governing Council members meet twice per term in Weeks 3 and 8. If you have any feedback or items that you would like raised at these meetings please don't hesitate to email the school via - [dl.1091.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1091.info@schools.sa.edu.au) Please make sure you reference **Governing Council** in the subject line.

## Tuck Shop & Lunch Orders

This term we made the move to Rory's School Lunches and to say it has been a success is an understatement! It has been great to see the children getting excited about the new menu options. I think that parents are just as excited about the ease of ordering online too! We trust that everyone is happy with the service and as always we welcome any feedback.

We would like to remind parents to ensure that their child's profile is set up correctly with their class details etc, so as to avoid any confusion when it comes to delivery time.

**School Lunch Orders through Rory's School Lunches are available every Tuesday and Thursday.**

This week saw the reopening of our school Tuck Shop which is fantastic! The Tuck Shop is run by parent volunteers and senior students. This year's coordinator is Lisa and she has done a great job so far of organising parent rosters and product orders so that everything runs smoothly.

The tuck shop is open during lunch play time (1.30pm-2.00pm) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and provides healthy snack options for students to purchase.

A full menu displaying the items that are on offer is available from the front office.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Tuck Shop please contact the front office. You just need to have your current Working With Children Check and RAN Training Certificate.

## Volunteer Appreciation

Students from 6 East and 7 East have been busy creating a wall of thankyou cards for our wonderful volunteers.

**Aren't they fantastic!**

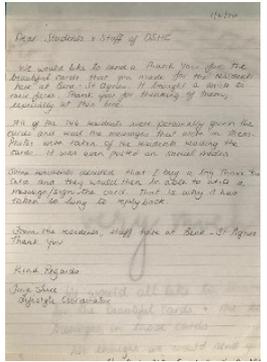
We have really missed our parents and community members and are so excited to be able to welcome them back on site this week! We value each and everyone of them, and school is just not the same without them.

**Great work 6 & 7 East!**



# OSHC - Connecting with our Community

During the Covid-19 Pandemic there were a lot of changes that took place within our service and community in particularly the local aged residents. The residential care homes were in lockdown, and here at OSHC we decided to connect with our local aged residents at **Va Bene St Agnes**. The children were busy colouring and writing cards to all 146 residents. We were able to address each resident in the cards to ensure every single person received the thoughtful gift. Our aim was to ensure the residents knew we were thinking of them during this very crazy and isolating time. Lifestyle coordinator Tina Luce was so eager to share the cards with the residents and they were so happy and overwhelmed that we had thought of them and took the time out to show we cared. They wrote us a thank you card in return to show their appreciation.



**Children's connectedness and different ways of belonging with people, country and communities helps them to learn ways of being which reflect the values, traditions and practices of their families and communities. Over time this learning transforms the ways they interact with others. Children developed a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights, responsibilities and empathy necessary for active community participation.**

## Thank You Neighbourhood Watch

St Agnes Neighbourhood Watch has long been a part of our school community, presenting the annual Community Service Award to a worthy senior student every year. We would like to sincerely thank our local members for their most recent contribution, kindly donating a brand new sound system to St Agnes School! The sound system was **\$1895** and we are so grateful that the lovely



members of Neighbourhood Watch were able to show such generosity to our school. This new system is fantastic and will be used for whole school events such as assemblies and Sports Day. *Thank you for your generosity!*



# Crazy Hair Day



To celebrate the end of Term 2 Students were invited to come to school with Crazy Hair! It is safe to say that our students thoroughly embraced it as you can see in the photos below! Students and parents have put in so much effort and they look absolutely amazing! Thank you to our fundraising team for organising this event and thank you to the school community for supporting it! It was a great day!



## Term 2 Assembly



This week on Wednesday we were able to gather as a whole school for our first and only school assembly for this term. Although it was unfortunate that parents were unable to attend due to space and distancing restrictions, it was so fantastic to be able to sit together and celebrate each others learning for this term. The assembly started with a quiz surrounding student's understanding of the Welcome to Country and their knowledge of the Kaurna people and the land that we live on. This was followed by a wonderful display of art work which was great to see!

We very much look forward to being able to welcome parents and family members back to our assemblies. Keep your eye on skoobag for this announcement!



## YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

In 2022 all year 6 and 7 students will move to high school. The latest Parent Update from the Department for Education has been sent out via Skoobag and we will continue to communicate all future updates through this platform. Parents can find out more information through the department's website at [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS)

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they will graduate from St Agnes School in 2021. It is a unique situation to have two year levels graduate at the same time to move into secondary school. We can assure you that planning is well and truly in place to ensure that our students will experience a positive and successful transition from primary to high school. Considerations that we are planning for include leadership opportunities, seniors tops, graduations ceremonies and participation in SAPSASA, The Festival Choir and sports day will include year 6 students. In fact any event that has historically been a 'year 7' event will be revised to include year 6 students with careful consideration given to each cohort to be recognised as graduates in their own right. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office.