



STURT STREET
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

February

WEDNESDAY 13th

- Acquaintance Afternoon
3.30-5.30pm
- Governing Council AGM
at 6.30pm

THURSDAY 28th

- Rooms 4 & 5 Baba Yaga
performance

March

MONDAY 11th March
Public Holiday

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK FOR 2019

Dear Families,

I hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday period. We've had a great start to the year with classes very settled. It has been a pleasure to talk to parents and see so many students entering and leaving the school grounds with smiles on their faces.

At the start of the new school year teachers will be running a program called "**Quality Beginnings**". This program runs for the first two weeks of the school year, aiming to build a positive and supportive classroom and school culture where students and teachers know each other, where students are able to develop a sense of belonging to a community, and where quality learning happens.

What is the purpose?

Research has shown that student's social and academic learning can be directly related to teachers establishing a positive culture and atmosphere within their classrooms and across the school. The "Quality Beginnings" program covers the following and will provide us with a great start to 2019.

- ◆ Establishing a positive and supportive classroom culture
- ◆ Establish a clear purpose within the classroom
- ◆ Establish and articulate classroom principles, values, routines and ways of behaving
- ◆ Develop students' responsibility for their own learning and behaviour

- ◆ Value students' identity and provide opportunities for students to reflect on:
- ◆ Their goals for learning
- ◆ The strategies they use to learn
- ◆ How they feel about their learning
- ◆ The outcomes of their learning
- ◆ Promote cooperative relationships
- ◆ Establish forums to raise issues

I encourage you to discuss these topics at home with your children. Students will be presenting aspects of their "Quality Beginnings" learning at our first assembly which will be held on Tuesday 12th Feb 9.00am in the Hall. All Parents are of course invited!

SCHOOL DIARIES

In 2019 we again have provided newly designed and customised school diaries for students in Years 2-7. These diaries standardize and support communication between school and home as well as being a useful tool in students' educations. The diaries contain a great deal of school information, policies, essential consents and activities around our shared values, study habits, social skills and homework activities. We have had conversations with students about their responsibilities in using and looking after these valuable diaries. We are hoping that parents will support and look through the diary on a regular basis. Replacement for lost diaries will be \$10 and are available from the front office.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF

Firstly I would like to welcome all the new students and families to Sturt Street Community School. We have a Reception Class full of excited students and around 20 other families who have joined us from other schools and overseas.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

STAFFING

We have a very stable staff that love working at Sturt Street and hence there has been little change in staff this year. I would like to welcome Jane Caputi to the school who is teaching Receptions for 2019. Jane comes with a wealth of experience in the Early Years and knows the school and many of its students, as she was working in Pre School for a number of years.

Specialist subject changes are Mike who will be teaching Physical Education to all year levels, and Lyn will be teaching Art to Years R-5 in 2019.

Staff for 2019 are as follows:

Darrin Briggs:	Principal
Alison Wells:	Early Years Director
Kerri Watt:	Assistant Principal
Graham Gordon:	Assistant Principal
Asta Gehling:	Preschool teacher
Prue Geary:	Preschool teacher
Jane Caputi:	Reception
Jalna Anspach:	Year 1
Amy Mouratidis:	Year 2
Louise Willson:	Year 3
Judith Crisp:	Year 4
Belinda Clarke:	Years 5
Nick Vlok:	Years 6/7
Graham Gordon:	Years 6/7
Lyn Long:	Art Year R-5
Mike Hastwell:	Physical Education Primary R-7
Kathleen Patitsas & Kathy Xanthis:	Greek LOTE and First Language Maintenance
Sally Newman, Susan Langton, Sue Mann,	Administration
Debra Kember :	Finance

LATE ARRIVAL/ABSENCE

A reminder to parents that students who arrive at the school after 8.50am need to come to the Front Desk to get a late slip for their class teacher.

Also a reminder to call the school if your child is going to be absent from school through family or illness reasons.

ACQUAINTANCE AFTERNOON

Wednesday 13th February

Parents are invited to come and meet their children's class teacher at the Acquaintance Afternoon on **Wednesday 13th February** where teachers will discuss Term One curriculum overview, class routines, programs, excursions and communication with parents etc.

TIMETABLE:

Please Note:

Supervision of **school age students** will be provided by the school from **3:30-5.30pm** in the yard.

Students **Under 5 years** a crèche will be available from **3:30-5.30pm** in the Early Learning Centre.

A note will be sent home next week for you to return if you are attending the Acquaintance Afternoon and the number of children needing care. Please return this by Monday 11th February.

If you are already booked into OSHC on Wed 13th Feb, the booking and charge remains as this service is separate.

For Safety

Acquaintance Night Class Meetings		
Rooms 1/2	Jane and Jalna	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Rooms 3/4	Amy and Louise	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Rooms 5/6	Judy and Belinda	4.30pm - 5.00pm
Rooms 7/8	Graham \,Sonia and Nick	5.00pm - 5.30pm

Families are requested to sign students into and out of the Early Learning Centre crèche before leaving. School students are requested to sign in and out at the gate before leaving.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held in the School Hall after the Acquaintance Afternoon meetings. The election of new Governing Council members will also be conducted at the meeting. I encourage all parents to consider taking on a position as a member of Governing Council as it is an excellent way to contribute to and have an input in the governance of your child's school. Information about the AGM has also been sent via email. By aligning Acquaintance Afternoon with the Annual General Meeting it is our intention to make it easier for families to attend both of these important meetings and become more aware and involved in the school.

ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING: ADELAIDE CITY

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT FAMILY DETAILS?

You will shortly receive an envelope containing a printout of the student / family details that we currently have on our EDSAS system. It is vital for communication (particularly in emergency situations) that these details are current and accurate. Please check this information, make any necessary changes and return the form to school by **Friday 8/2/19** Please return the form even if all details are correct.

During 2019 there are many exciting developments planned for student learning and facilities. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and encourage you to engage with the many opportunities to connect with our community as the year progresses.

PARKING AND SAFETY

This is a persistent reminder to families that I have to make throughout the year. There are a number of drivers who park illegally in the vicinity of our school and the safety issues that this causes. This is not a new issue, the main problems occur at school start and finish times and it is often parents of children attending the school that put their own children at risk.

I would like to take this opportunity to be proactive and prevent any major incident rather than having to react after the event. **There is no "Kiss and Drop Zone"** anywhere around our school but there are an increasing number of students waiting out the front of the school for parents to drive by and pick them up. This is a very dangerous and unsafe practice as there is no teacher on duty in this area **and it is a designated bus zone**. Road rules also prevent stopping within 10-20 metres of the crossing outside the school. The school has a **Duty of Care** for the safety of your children and we are asking all parents to collect their children from the rear yard of the school .

I am asking parents to be mindful of their own behaviour around schools, whether in relation to where they park or in the respect shown to Officers trying to ensure pedestrian safety – parents are our children's greatest role models.

Kind regards
Darrin Briggs - Principal

Parking Zones around the school are put in place to ensure pedestrian safety. Children are in particular danger near schools because:

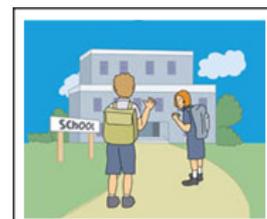
- *Their small size makes it hard for drivers to see them between traffic, parked cars, stobie poles and other obstacles.*
- *They are easily distracted and may not be aware of traffic.*
- *They may suddenly run onto the road - e.g. to meet a parent.*

Some road rules you particularly need to be aware of are:

- *You must **not** stop in a **NO STOPPING** Zone, even for a few seconds to pick up your child.*
- *You **may** stop in a **NO PARKING ZONE** for a few seconds to pick up a child who is waiting nearby. You must **not** park or leave the vehicle.*
- *You must **not** double park, or stop in the line of traffic, to pick up or drop off a child.*
- *You must **not** stop in a bicycle lane.*
- *You must **not** stop within 20 metres before a crossing or 10 metres after a crossing.*
- *You must **not** stop within 10 metres of an intersection or junction without traffic lights.*

If you have any enquiries regarding this information please contact Adelaide City Council on 8203 7203.

Adelaide City Council Parking and Information Officers and the Eastern Adelaide Police are aware of these issues and will monitor the situation and deal with breaches accordingly to ensure children's safety, and expiations will be issued to any vehicles contravening these rules.



TERM 1 - HATS ON

Children have been receiving reminders since the beginning of the term about the wearing of hats as the UV rating is now rated as continuously over 3.

All students are required to wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat for all outside activities and play in Term 1. Children without a hat will stay in a shaded area at playtime.



NEWS FROM the ELC AND PRESCHOOL

Hi all

Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back existing families. As always, a busy start to the year with new children settling *and* learning new routines. If you have any concerns during this period, please chat with your child's primary caregiver or give me a call. As the weather has been so hot, please ensure your child is dressed in sun safe clothes i.e. broad brimmed hats and t-shirts with sleeves. It is incredibly helpful if you are able to sunblock your child in the morning before you leave.

Again we have our CAFHS nurse (Sue Kent) is onsite every Tuesday and it has also increased to every second Friday. If you would like to see Sue i.e. for concerns about development, eating, sleeping, please make an appointment by calling ph. 8362 5422. We also have Bronwyn Whelan our Family Support Coordinator (social worker) and Kat Ochan our Community Development Coordinator onsite if you'd like to know more about parenting courses, local playgroups, or to discuss child/family issues.

From the Preschool:

- Library Thursday afternoon for Pre-schoolers (4-5yr olds). Could parents please pack their child a Library bag for borrowing.
- Please remember to sign in and out your child each day at the sign-in sheets located opposite the child sign-in table.
- Please remember to put sunscreen on your child/ren each morning before you arrive or once you arrive at Preschool each day (especially during the hotter months, in both term 1 and 4).
- Please remember to bring back your child's 'All About Me' sheets if you haven't already and a family photo to display within our room.

Diary dates:

- Open evening for families – Wed 20th of February 5.30pm-7pm (more information will be out shortly).
- CAFHS 4 year old health check – Wed 20th March (please call or speak to staff about making a booking).
- Preschool closure day – Wed 27th March (if you require care for that day, please email ssccelc.admin532@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Photo days – 1st and 2nd of April (ordering packs will be sent out prior) .

Kind regards,

Ali Wells

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REMINDER:

Just a gentle reminder that when you come in, although you may like to take photos of your child, please be mindful that other children/children's information should not be included in photos for privacy reasons.

SCHOOL BANKING

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week to the Front Office on MONDAYS (School Banking day), using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



Polar Savers Rewards:

- Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers