



**STURT STREET
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
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DIARY DATES

February

MONDAY 13th

School Assembly 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 15th

Acquaintance Afternoon
class meetings from 3.30pm

TUESDAY 21st

Year 7 to GRIP Leadership
conference 8.45-2.30pm

R-3 Parent Reading session -
6pm to 7pm

March

MONDAY 13th

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK FOR 2017

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 2017.

- ◆ 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 Monday 13th February at 2.30pm.

SCHOOL DIARIES

In 2017 we have provided newly designed and customised school diaries for both Junior Primary and Primary students. These diaries will 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 and social skills. 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 a number of families who have joined us from other schools and overseas.

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

STAFFING

There have been a number of staffing changes for 2017. We are very excited to introduce graduate teachers Jalna Anspach (Year 3) and Melina Pohl (Year 1) who are beginning their professional education careers. Both Melina and Jalna know the school and students very well from working in OSHC and the ELC.

We would like to welcome back Mike Hastwell who will be teaching Physical Education (Primary) along with Lyn Long (Junior Primary).

We would also like to welcome Litinas Antonios who has been appointed by the Greek Consulate to our school as a Greek teacher assisting our language program.

Staff for 2017 are as follows:

Darrin Briggs:	Principal
Alison Wells:	Early Years Director
Leonie Shelley:	Deputy Principal
Sophie Northcote :	Preschool teacher
Uri Whipp:	Preschool teacher
Kerri Watt	Receptions
Melina Pohl:	Year 1
Judith Crisp:	Year 2
Jalna Anspach:	Year 3
Belinda Clarke:	Years 4/5
Poh Keng Low:	Years 4/5
Nick Vlok:	Years 6/7
Graham Gordon:	Years 6/7

Lyn Long: Physical Education Junior Primary

Mike Hastwell: Physical Education Primary

Kathleen Patitsas & Kathy Xanthis:

Greek LOTE and First Language Maintenance

Robyn Henwood: Art

Austin Brandon, Susan Langton, Sally Newman, Jane Salb, Annalisa Condo, Catherine Hodgins:
School Services Officers

Petiola Wilson: Aboriginal Community Education Worker

RESOURCE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

The *self-funded and managed* school redevelopment of our Resource Centre has made significant progress over the holidays and is nearing completion. It has required a huge amount of planning, patience and logistics but the innovative transformation of this space has been truly spectacular.

We are 95% complete on stage 2 which included the library. Stage 3 is the installation of a new kitchen which will take place in February. Currently our book collection is being placed on shelves, organised and re-catalogued. Students and staff cant wait to start using this facility which should be completed during this term.



ACQUAINTANCE AFTERNOON

Wednesday 15th February

Parents are invited to come and meet their children's class teacher at the Acquaintance Afternoon on **Wednesday 15th February** where teachers will discuss Term One curriculum overview, class routines, programs, excursions and communication with parents etc.

Acquaintance Night Class Meetings		
Rooms 1/2	Kerri and Melina	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Rooms 3/4	Jalna and Judy	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Rooms 5/6	Poh Keng and Belinda	4.30pm - 5.00pm
Rooms 7/8	Graham and Nick	5.00pm - 5.30pm

TIMETABLE:

Please Note:

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

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 13th February.

If you are already booked into OSHC on Wed 15th Feb, the booking and charge remains as this service is separate.

For Safety

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.

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 10/2/17** Please return the form even if all details are correct.

During 2017 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

I have been in communication with the Adelaide City Council to discuss our concerns regarding the 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 schools 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 .

It would assist the school and the council and we are 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.

Please be mindful of your own behaviour around schools, whether in relation to where you park or the respect shown to Officers trying to ensure pedestrian safety – you are our children's greatest role model.

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.

Kind Regards - **Darrin Briggs** - Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the 2017 school year, I trust that a relaxing break was enjoyed by all.

All students from Reception to Year Three have received a reader bag, stamped with the school logo. The reader bag will be a fantastic organisational tool, where students can store notes home, their school diary, homework book and take home readers and safely transport these between school and home. Class teachers have explained to all students about how to use the reader bag and it is expected that these will be brought to and from school each day.

All students have also received a student diary and our initial focus will be on using these effectively to aid communication between school and home. Please encourage your child to keep track of the diary by reminding them to pack it in their school bag each morning.

Our school values encourage parent/caregiver involvement in the classroom and there are a variety of ways that you can support both your child and the school. Volunteers are needed for a range of roles, both on a weekly basis and one-off for special events. To support and encourage volunteers across the school, a Volunteer Induction will be held later in Term 1. The induction will introduce volunteers to the school environment and introduce them to the guidelines that the Department of Education has around volunteering around children. Keep an eye on future newsletters and our school website for the date of this induction to be confirmed.

Alternatively, let me know if you are interested in attending, via email or a message left with the front office. Volunteering at school is a wonderful experience and our students always love to see the parent community involved, so I really encourage you to think about this opportunity.

This year we would like to establish a Parents and Friends Committee as an outlet for parents and other school community members who would like to become involved in the school in a variety of ways. Initially, this will involve establishing protocols, etc. and we are hoping it will quickly evolve into an active group. If you are interested in joining or supporting this group, more information will be available at Acquaintance Night (Wednesday 15th February). If you are unable to make it along to Acquaintance Night and would like to register your interest, please let me know (email: leonie.shelley160@schools.sa.edu.au).

You may have noticed that our teachers and school staff have displayed a photo of themselves taken during their school years in the Front Office foyer. It has raised a large amount of interest as both students and adults try to guess who each photo is! We will label the photos with names for Week 2.

I am looking forward to a productive year with the students at Sturt Street Community School, and with working closely with our school community.

Kind regards,

Leonie Shelley - Deputy Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Please note: all bookings for Before and After School Care will roll over to this year.

Please notify OSHC Staff in writing if any of your details have changed. This is important for emergency situations.

Kate Kenny - OSHC Director.

Phone: 8231 7990

OSHC Staff

Renee	Simon
Austin	Yiani
Max	Manisha
Annalisa	

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Yes, I am interested in volunteering at Sturt Street Community School.

Name: _____
(please print)

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Child's name: _____

Room: _____

Please return this form to the Front Office.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE AND PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Families

Welcome to all new and existing families. I hope you all managed to have a happy break and feel ready for the year ahead!

The teams focus at the moment is getting to know all of the children and building relationships with you all, hence the preschools overarching inquiry topic being, *'Me, Myself and I.'*

All children have a primary carer and they are your first point of call to provide info about your child and to receive feedback. Primary carers are also responsible for the documentation of your child's learning journey. Children's portfolios are located in each section and are always available for you to peruse and share with your child.

Family partnerships are important to us and we welcome your input in any way you can. The AGM is coming up soon and we are looking for a Preschool parent to be the **Preschool Parent Rep** on the Governing Council. We also welcome any parents to join our **ELC Advisory Committee**. Alternatively, we do have some other committees that are currently running i.e. **Reconciliation Action Group (RAG)** and **KidsMatter** (focusing on positive mental health) and I hope to form an activities/events committee to help plan the year ahead. More information will be out about that shortly. Please let me know if you may be interested in any of these committees or would like more information.

OUR STAFFING IN 2017:

In the **Preschool** we welcome Sophie Northcott as the fulltime preschool teacher, and Uri as the preschool teacher working Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Nadia (acting team leader) and Silvana are in the **Kindy** room with the 3-4 year olds.

In the **0-3 group**, our primary carers are Kylie and Brenda (team leaders), Leah, Felicia and Gill with group 1 and Jill and Lucy (team leaders), Claire and Hannah in group 2.

Tara works across the site in a support role and we have a number of other regular relieving staff. Currently Lauren is cooking for us until Di returns from Japan!

Mardi is the Assistant Director and is based in the 0-3 office with Bronwyn, our FSW (social worker), and Kat (our community development coordinator) is based with me in the kindy/preschool office.

Trish currently works in admin Monday and Tuesday, and Claire, Thursday and Friday (both based in 0-3 section).

Catherine (admin), works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and is located upstairs. Catherine is responsible for issuing and receipting preschool fees.

Due to the complexity of the site, you are most welcome to contact me via email:

Alison.Wells569@schools.sa.edu.au or ph. 0400 207 270.

Sally is the school secretary and can put calls through to all sections ph. 8231 3100.

Our admin email (Claire and Trish) who are responsible for booking and billing is:

ssccelc.admin532@schools.sa.edu.au, and Mardi can be contacted on

Zero3.Admin275@schools.sa.edu.au.

Looking forward to working in partnership with you all – let's have a great 2017!

Kind regards

Ali Wells - Early Childhood Director