



Memorial Oval Primary School

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Cooperation

Week 2, Term 1

~ **Respect** **Responsibility** **Resilience** **Cooperation** ~

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2015 school year! The holidays seemed to fly by, but it is lovely to be back at school and beginning a new year. The staff and I are feeling very motivated and excited about the year ahead and working with your children to lead them in reaching the best outcomes possible. This year we welcome many new students and their families to our school. This includes 33 new receptions, students transferring from Whyalla schools and several families who have moved from Adelaide or interstate. We hope that you are able to quickly settle into Memorial Oval and that your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

It has been wonderful to see how well the students have settled into their new classes so quickly. Week 1 was spent following a whole school start of year program. The aim of this is to begin to establish the relationships, rules and routines which will enable teaching and learning to occur effectively in classrooms.

Staffing

This year we are pleased to welcome **Miss Tegan Crocker** who is working in Room 2 with our Reception / Year 1 class. Miss Crocker completed some of her pre-service teaching at Memorial Oval Primary School and has settled into our school extremely well.

We are also very happy to welcome **Mr. Scott King** to Memorial Oval Primary School. Mr. King will be working on Thursdays and Fridays each week, as well as other relieving days when required. His main role will be working in Rooms 2, 8 and 15.

Our NIT (Non Instructional Teaching) structures have changed slightly this year.

Mr. Beveridge will be teaching all R—2 classes for 2 Science lessons per week and 1 Design & Technology lesson per week.

Miss Pickert will be teaching all R—2 classes for 3 lessons a week. She will be covering Health & Physical Education, as well as a different area of the Arts each term. Miss Pickert will also be running Intervention Groups with some of our R—2 students in order to further develop and improve their reading skills.

Mrs Fargher will be teaching all 3—7 classes for 1—2 sessions per week. She will be teaching History and Geography.

Mrs Cowan is continuing as our AET (Aboriginal Education Teacher) in 2015, but through her NIT role will be spreading her skills and expertise more widely across the school. Mrs Cowan will be teaching all 3—7 classes for 1—2 sessions per week. She will be teaching Aboriginal Studies integrated with Media Studies, as well as a new curriculum area, Civics & Citizenship, in semester 2.

Partnership Focus for 2015

This year the Whyalla Partnership is focusing on improving Numeracy across all Whyalla schools. In order to do this effectively we have sought the expertise of Ann Baker and Mike Chartres, who will be running three proposed pupil free days throughout the year. The proposed dates are:

26th March, 4th June & 28th August

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you ever have questions, feedback or concerns please speak to your child's teacher. Alternatively, Leadership are happy to make appointments to meet with parents / caregivers.

Sincerely,
Tracey Ward





CALENDAR DATES

FEBRUARY

Wed 11th	Meet & Greet Night from 4:30pm
Wed 11th	Annual General Meeting & Governing Council 6:30pm
Mon 16th	Assembly—Room 16
Thurs 19th	Chinese New Year “Year of the Sheep”
Mon 23rd—Wed 25th	Room 6’s Camp
Wed 25th & Thurs 26th	“World of Maths” performance
Fri 27th	Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

MARCH

Mon 2nd	Assembly—Room 15
Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd	Young Leaders Conference in Adelaide
Tues 3rd—Thurs 5th	Parent—teacher Interviews
Mon 9th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 10th—Thurs 11th	Room 7’s Camp
Fri 13th	Ride 2 School Day
Mon 16th	Assembly—Room 9
Fri 20th	Harmony Day
Thurs 26th	Proposed Student Free Day
Fri 27th	Choir Rehearsal 9:30am—1:00pm
Mon 30th	Assembly—Room 8
Tues 31st	Easter Olympics

SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

Week 3 Monitors

Tyronne Coulter, Jake Nugent, Alex Forbes

Week 4 Monitors

Eloise Stainer, Billy Yeend, Jazlyn Murray

Morning times: 8:30am—8:50am
Afternoon times: 3:10pm—3:25pm

A teacher will be on duty from **8:30am** in the mornings and until **3:25pm** in the afternoons.

If your child is going to be away on a day that they are rostered on to do Road Crossing, please phone the school.

ATTENDANCE

In 2014 we had a site target of 93% for our overall attendance rate, which is equivalent to the DECD target. Unfortunately, our overall attendance rate at the end of the year was 90.8%

In 2015 we are increasing our focus on attendance and have some new incentives in place to support this. At each assembly the class with the highest attendance rate since the previous assembly will be presented with a MOPS Attendance Trophy. They will also be rewarded with a 20 minute class activity, which will be negotiated between students.

Please ensure that your child is at school on time every day unless there is a legitimate reason!

Help us reach our target!





INFORMATION

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is **FREE** for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au



foster care
Open Day Whyalla
Tuesday 24 February
10:00am – 4:00pm

Centacare Country SA,
25 Forsyth Street, Whyalla

For more information contact your local
fostering agency, Centacare 8640 4900



AWARDS



Hayley Gooding,
Brooke Markadonatos,
Halle Devalle-Beaty,
Jazlyn Murray, Emily MacDonald,
Jake Grzona, Misty-Eve Yeend,
Levi Kingdon



Tamara Grillett, Daniel Kleinrahm, Jarrod Tetlow, Ethan Doyle, Charlie Johns, Elizabeth Cash, Lilly Craig, Rahni Hughes, Mia Lines, Georgie Williams, Sebastian Hubner, Storm Collins, Nash Turner, Joel Harvey, Aleisha Kogas, Lucas Grillett, Charli Hubner, Hector Collins, Sean Smith



BELL TIMES

The start of 2015 saw a change in our bell times for both the start of the day and at lunch time. This change came about as a way of restructuring the lesson times within our day to have a more uniformed and consistent approach.

The **8:45am bell** is the signal for students to go into class and unpack their bag ready for the day. Last year we noticed a large percentage of students were not ready to start the day until almost 9:00am, which starts cutting into core learning times. Please note that children are not permitted to be on school grounds before 8:30am.

Our **8:50am bell** will continue as per normal. This is now the signal for class admin time to begin. Any student who is not in class by this time will be marked as late.

We hope that by making this small change the students will be more organised in the mornings and we can maximise the learning time we have with them.

BREAKFAST CLUB

This year we are pleased to be continuing with our Breakfast Club, which is sponsored by the Food Bank and Arrium. Breakfast Club gives students an opportunity to have some breakfast before school begins.

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
8:25am—8:45am**

Choices provided include toast, cereal and fruit, as well as juice and Milo (at times). As a part of Breakfast Club we do not exclude any child who would like something. We know that children are able to focus and concentrate for longer when they are not hungry, so we are happy for anyone to attend.



FAMILY MEET & GREET

**Please join us for our Family Meet & Greet Night!
Wednesday, 11th February, 2015**

4:30 – 5:00 Family Activities

Obstacle course with Miss Milne on the lawn	Marshmallow and toothpick towers with Miss Crocker in Room 2	Scavenger hunt with Miss Snowdon starting in Room 13	Circle Time Activities with Mrs Maxwell in Library
Playdough activities with Mr Ma in Room 6	Family quiz with Miss Sweeney in Room 7	Collage construction with Miss Brown in Room 8	Scattegories with Mrs Kleinrahm in Room 9
Games with Mr Marshall on the courts	MOPS Jeopardy with Mrs MacDonald in Room 16	Games with Mr Beveridge on the lawn	Chant and action energisers with Miss Pickert in Room 22

A display will be set up in the library, including some new uniform choices. Come past and give us your feedback.

5:00 – 5:15 Classroom Information Session—Miss Pickert will also be running a session on SSP in Room 22

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6:30 – 7:00 Annual General Meeting / Governing Council Elections

A Free sausage sizzle will be available from 5:15pm

We hope to see you and your family there!