



# Elizabeth Park Schools Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4. 1st November 2023



## News from the Principal

Term 4! The time that we prepare to say goodbye to our year 6s and start to welcome our Pre-schoolers into reception. Continuity of learning from preschool into primary and primary into secondary is such an important event in children's lives. Our transition programs have started to support families and students successfully move to the next stage of learning. For our Year 6 students, class teachers are meeting with our local high schools to share information with them about how our students learn best, their strengths and where they will need additional support. Visits to high school happen later in the term. For our preschool families, visits to school have already started.

We are currently allocating students to classes for 2024. This is a very long process as we look to connect students with their best learning partners while also considering the best possible configuration of staffing and classes. If you are leaving next year, either interstate or to a new school, could you please let the front office know as this affects our class numbers and staffing.

I want to say a huge thank you to Bailey Wake, PE teacher, and all the other staff who contributed to an amazing Sports Day in week 2. We were so lucky with the weather and it was such a fun day! It was so lovely to see so many families here supporting their children and our school community- thank you to you all.

Ms Best is recovering well from her surgery. She is expecting to return to us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and we are looking forward to having her back. A big thank you to Tania Dal Zotto for stepping into the Leadership Team while Ms Best has been away. Tania has done an amazing job of connecting with students, families and staff and it has been wonderful having her on board.

Term 4 is filled with many amazing events and community celebrations; we look forward to seeing you across the term!

Jan Ritzau

Acting Principal

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 7, 14, 21 28  
November**  
Preschool Transition

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Yr 6 Aquatics

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Yr 6 Nunga Lunch

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of Year Concert

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Graduation

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Gawler Pool

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of Year  
2pm Dismissal



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**SCHOOL HOURS:** 8:50am-3:00pm

**Recess** 10:40am -11:00am

**Phone** 8255 1160

**Lunch** 12:40pm -1:10pm

## Aboriginal Education

### Bush Tucker Experience

Last week, the Year 3-6 students had the opportunity to participate in a Bush Tucker experience and view some traditional artefacts. They learnt about Quandongs, Lemon Myrtle and River Mint and how the Aboriginal people use them to help treat different illnesses. They even enjoyed a piece of Lemon Myrtle and Wattle Seed damper with Quandong jam.



## EALD News

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you have had a lovely holiday break!

Last week was the popular festival of Diwali (aka Deepawali). It is widely known as the “festival of lights.” Diwali symbolises the “victory of good over evil.” Diwali is a major cultural event for the Hindu, Sikh and Jain diaspora around the world.

Diwali falls sometime between mid-October and mid-November, but each year the dates may differ slightly because it is determined from the lunar astrological calendar of Hindu. This year Diwali will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Happy Diwali!

## 2023 Classes

Could you please inform us if you intend to change schools at the beginning of next year. Please see Heather in the front office for a ‘change of school’ form.

We are also in the process of placing students for 2024. If you have any requests that you would like the school to consider, please do so in writing and hand it to front office staff by Monday 13th November.





## Reading Superstars!!

Reading Superstars was held at the end of term 3. We hosted a special assembly to acknowledge the super star readers at Elizabeth Park Primary. Mr Glenn Docherty, Mayor of city of Playford and Mr Lee Oldenwalder, Member of Parliament attended to help present awards to our students.

2 students from each class were chosen by their teacher to receive a book and certificate award. Criteria for an award included things like:

- building reading stamina
- improved reading level/Lexile level
- working towards reading goals with at home practise
- using taught reading strategies in class

Well done to our 2023 Award Winners.



## Mobile Phones

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, please ensure it is handed in to the front office or their classroom teacher for safe keeping throughout the day.

Phones are not to be used on school grounds. If you need a message passed onto your child throughout the day, please call the front office on 0882551160.

Photos of students must not be taken on students personal devices to ensure safety and privacy of everyone when on school grounds.

### SIGN UP NOW

Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

**ATCO Cricket Club**  
Starts Wed 18th October  
5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Dauntsey Reserve  
VISIT [PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU)

**ADELAIDE Strikers**



## Well Done!

Well done to Aleah who began playing club soccer this year after being a dancer for the past 6 years.

Aleah received the coaches award and a scholarship for next year. This award is given to one junior per year.

Keep up the great work Aleah!



## Choir Concert

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November some of our students participated in the Northern Metro Music Festival, at the Shedley Theatre. The night was a great success. Well done to all the students involved. Thank you Cath McPhillips for taking your time to teach our choir.

