



# Elizabeth Park Schools Newsletter

Term 2, Week 9. 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## News from the Principal

This term has been a wonderful term of learning, community and togetherness.

We came together to celebrate and support Reconciliation with staff, families and students attending our First Nations Student Cultural Showcase. We had a sausage sizzle, games, crafts and spent time looking at the incredible learning about First Nations Culture completed by all students this term. Jack Buckskin's 'Welcome to Country' was a highlight as he sang, shared his sense of humour through story telling and played the yidarki (didgeridoo). I spoke with Uncle Frank, a local Elder, and Jack Buckskin as they were leaving and they said that this was so much more than they had when they were at school and that by talking about First Nations people and culture we are leading a community in Reconciliation.... What beautiful compliment. Thank you to Ms Shana and Bradley and all the other staff who worked so hard to bring this great event to life.

Next term, our school will be welcoming new families with the return of a midyear intake in all government schools. This means families will no longer need to wait for the beginning of the year for their child to start school depending on when their child was born. We are so excited to welcome our new families and children, please support them as they transition to school life.

We have traditionally started term 3 with swimming week and feedback from families was it was a disruptive start and too cold! We are thrilled to let families know that we were able to secure a different booking at the brand new Salisbury Aquatic Centre, opening this week. Our Rec-year 5 students will participate in swimming across 2 weeks towards the end of August. More info to come next term.

As we enter into the school holidays please take the time to rest, recharge and have time with loved ones, we are only half way through this year and have a lot of learning and fun still to come.

## Important Dates

### NAIDOC Week

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July– Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### End of term 2pm Dismissal

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### Term 3 Begins

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Pupil Free Day

12<sup>th</sup> August

### Whole School Photos

16<sup>th</sup> August



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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

In week 8, we held our First Nations Student Showcase. It was fantastic to see all the planning and behind-the-scenes work come to life. I enjoyed watching many families within our school community spend time together and engage in the activities. My favourite part was the Welcome to Country with Jack Buckskin.

The biggest compliment we received was from Uncle Frank, a Kurna Elder who was so impressed by how learning about the First Nations culture and heritage had been integrated into many different subject areas in many ways!

It would not have been as amazing without the support and help of many of our fantastic staff members!

Thank you to all the families for attending and supporting our students' fantastic work!

Ngaityalya (Thank you)

## EALD News

Welcome to our new BSSO Mang. Mang speaks Burmese and Hakha Chin and is in our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays supporting all our Burmese students and families. Mang has settled in very well and the students are really enjoying having her in the classroom.

If you see Mang, please say hello.



Please also remember that our Community Hub is open everyday for families to enjoy activities including English classes and Playgroup for younger children. Pop in and grab a pamphlet with information. ☺

Ms Nicola Hall.

## School Zone



School zones have a speed limit of 25 km/h at any time when a child is in the zone, whenever a child is on the road, footpath, median strip, even if they are on a bike.

We have a 25km zone around the perimeter of our school. When driving, please reduce your speed limit to 25km/hour.

All pedestrians should be using our school crossing to cross the road. Bikes and scooters should be walked across the road. Please listen and obey the crossing teachers' instructions.

Please avoid stopping and parking at the crossing or in the taxi and bus zone on Bowman Street.





## Preventing the spread of infectious diseases

As winter sets in so do many illnesses that effect a child's ability to learn. Please help us to take precautions to prevent or minimise the spread of infectious disease.

Basic precautions include:

- Encouraging your child to follow good hand and respiratory hygiene including regularly washing hands and covering nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.
- Ensuring your child with symptoms and signs of an infectious disease such as fever, cold/flu, green or yellow mucus, vomiting or diarrhoea have limited contact with others, seek medical attention and stay at home until symptoms have passed.



## Late arrival and Early Dismissal

If you are dropping your child to school after 9am please take them to the front office and get a sign in slip from the front desk.

If you need to pick your child up before 3pm, please go to the front office to sign them out and wait in the front office for your child to arrive. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom.

If you are dropping off something to your child through the school day i.e. their lunch, a hat, a jumper, please take it to the front office and give it to the front office staff. They will call your child over to the office to collect it.

To maximise student safety and learning, all parents and caregivers should report to the office between the hours of 9am and 3pm.  
Thank you for your support.

## Road Safety

The roads around the school are a very busy place just before and just after school.

Please be vigilant at all times as our students are still learning road safety and some times make mistakes.

Please use the footpaths to have conversations and not in the middle of the road.

Please use the school crossings if you need to cross the road, this is great modelling for little children and becomes good habit for our older students. Please stick to 25km when driving and students are present.

Please do not stop at the crossing to let your children in or out of your car, find a park on the side of the road to safely do this.

Please ensure you are not parking on yellow lines, taxi or bus zones, we have parking inspectors who monitor these areas and you risk a fine if you park there.

## Instrumental Music

Learning music is the only subject and skill set that activates both hemispheres of the brain. Research findings: Just 3 years of music learning in childhood has found to improve cognitive performance in adults and general brain health (eg. Memory and higher IQ), later in life).

Each year, our year 5 and 6 students are given the chance to participate in the Instrumental Music Program at our site. This program is managed and staffed through Playford International College and is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn a new skill and showcase their talents.





# Taekwondo

Training Time-Table  
@ Total Taekwondo Academy



15 Turner Rd, Elizabeth Park SA 5113  
(Elizabeth Park Primary School)

**Tuesday:**

Mini Ninja:

6:00-7:00pm

Junior and seniors:

7:00-8:00pm



**Thursday:**

Mini Ninja:

6:00-7:00pm

Junior and seniors:

7:00-8:00pm



**Saturday:**

Mini Ninja:

9:00-10:00am

Junior and seniors:

10:00-11:00am



Mini Ninja: 4 to 8 years old

Junior and seniors: +8 years and older



Head instructor: Master Reza HASSANI

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## Free School Holidays Ideas

Trying to keep little ones entertained all school holidays can be exhausting! We have devised a list of free ideas and activities for you to do over the 2 week break.

- Visit a playground – we have so many fenced in, adventure and nature playgrounds in Adelaide, try a different one each day
- Go for a bike or scooter ride – google family friend bike tracks
- Visit your local shopping centre – quite often they host a variety of fun school holiday activities
- Visit the SA Museum
- Visit the SA Art Gallery
- MOD is a place to visit if your child loves Science and its free
- Talk a walk in the Botanical Gardens
- Visit the Adelaide Central Markets
- Visit your local library – they often have very engaging set ups for children