

2023

Term 2 Week 6

NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DOWNS PRIMARY
SCHOOL AND DISABILITY UNIT



Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

Term 2 is flying past! Winter is definitely upon us and I would like to remind all families that if your child is displaying cold symptoms, please keep them home, RAT test and let the school know as soon as possible if your child is positive for COVID.

This Friday (9th of June) will be our Student Free Day. Teachers will be participating in Professional Development regarding School Connectedness and Autism Inclusion.

In exciting news, our new school website is nearly complete! This new website provides us with a user friendly and fresh platform to best showcase our school.

Over the next few weeks, we have quite a few exciting events coming up. In Week 8, our Primary DU students will be showcased through their restaurant event. We cannot wait to share this with DU Primary students, their families and special guests.

On Week 9 Friday, we will be taking our whole school to AFL MAX for our Team Building Events. Students will be required to come dressed in their team colour. Further information will be provided closer to the day but please make sure you have returned the permission forms.

Week 10 Monday will be our Annual School Photo day, envelopes will be sent home by end of Week 7, a text message will be sent closer to the date to remind you! On Thursday of Week 10, we will be hosting our DISGLOW— an advertisement for this event was sent home last week.

Kind Regards,

Caitlin Manser

Principal



DIARY DATES

Week 7

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Week 8

Monday 19th June

Playford International College Visit,
Year 6 Students

Tuesday 20th June

Governing Council Meeting
1:45pm

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1:45pm

Thursday 22nd June

DU Restaurant

Week 9

Friday 30th June

AFL MAX
Whole School Excursion



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School and Disability Unit



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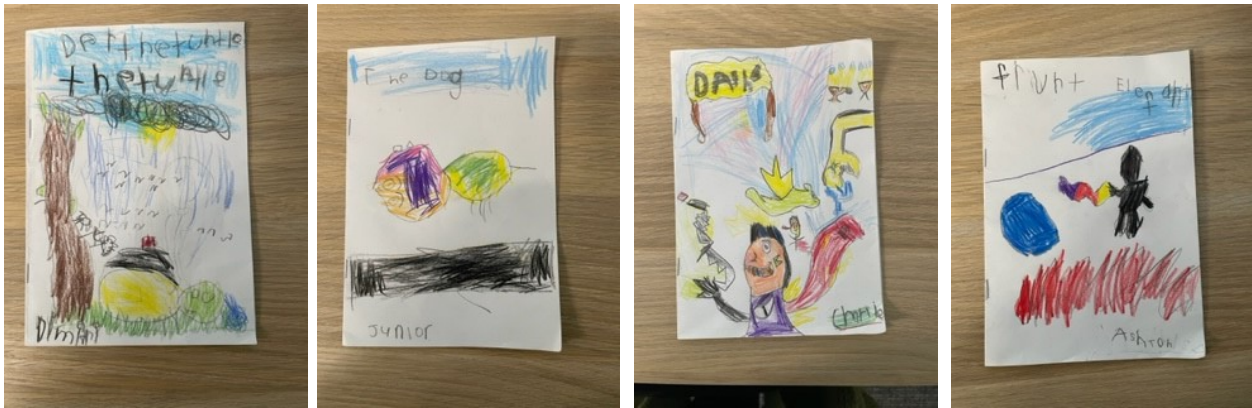


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CLASS SHOWCASE

Room 9



Hello Families, Room 9 have been learning lots of new concepts this semester!

In writing, we have just started to write complete sentences with the support of an adult. We have also been looking at what makes a book and how to start our stories with an exciting beginning. We will be using these skills to make our own books which will be on display in our classroom until the end of Term. Please enjoy our photos of the front covers of our books. We can't wait to start writing the stories later next week.



In Maths, we have been focusing on Counting and Quantity. We have looked at partitioning and the part-part-whole relationship of small collections. During Maths Chats we are practising our number fluency skills and how to represent and explain our thoughts and ideas. We are loving this part of the maths lesson.

This term we have started Design and Technology. We have designed a form of transport, planned how we will make it out of boxes and other recyclable items and are about to embark on the construction of our vehicle. We are looking forward to learning about how to join items together and making our construction look like our plan. On completion we will photograph our work to help us analyse how successful we were.

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SAPSASA Winter Carnival



On Friday 26th of May, Mr. Ferguson accompanied by coaches Deb, Ella and Matt, took two teams to participate in the annual Winter Carnival. This year, with some eager soccer players, we moved from Netball and Volleyball to entering a Netball team and a Soccer team. With great conditions and students bursting with excitement, we went across to Argana Park and took on the competition.

With some hard fought matches from both our Netballers and Soccer players, both teams managed multiple wins across the day. Though there were no official placings given at this carnival, our students should be proud of their effort and resilience in each game resulting in more wins than losses. These are encouraging signs for whichever sporting ventures South Downs Primary School take on in the future.

Once again, well done to both our Netball and Soccer team.

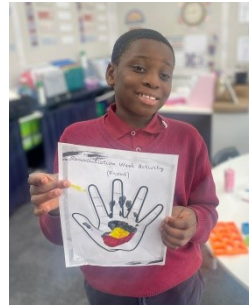


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Reconciliation Week



Last week, we came together for Reconciliation Week.

As a school community it is an opportunity for us to come together, to acknowledge past injustices and to forge a brighter, more inclusive future.

A huge thank you to our Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer Chris who led us through the week and provided an acknowledgement of country in Kurna Language. Chris has been working with our ATSI students in a weekly Kurna Language Club and was able to share this language with each classroom over the week.

For Buddies, our mainstream and disability unit classes joined together using the theme of Reconciliation Week "Be a Voice for Generations" and worked together on how they can use their voice in positive ways.



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Wellbeing



The importance of sleep

As we power through the term and school year, tiredness levels start to rise. We all need to sleep well to help our bodies recover from the day...especially our little humans.

Here are some ways we can enhance children's sleep:

- Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine.
- Try to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day.
- Avoid caffeinated or sugary drinks before bed as they prevent deep sleep.
- Set boundaries around electronic devices before bedtime.
- Put relaxing music on in the background.



We still have lots of learning and fun activities in store for the rest of the term. By implementing some of these sleep tips, we can continue to have focused, engaged and enthusiastic learners.

DID YOU KNOW...

Studies have shown that kids who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have improved attention, behaviour, learning, memory and overall mental health.

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Children aged 5-11 need 9-11 hours of sleep a night.

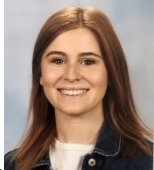
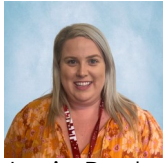

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GETTING TO KNOW US



Get to know our Teachers	 Cassie Corbo DU Teacher	 Jessie Rook Yr 1/2 Teacher	 Laura Liddell DU Teacher
<i>What was your first job?</i>	Candy Bar Girls at the Odeon Star Cinema	Checkout Operator at Woolworths	KFC
<i>What's your favourite random fact?</i>	My siblings and I are the only people to have red hair in the family	A snail breathes through its foot.	An octopus has three hearts
<i>What is your dream pet?</i>	Orangutan	Monkey	Otter
<i>Who is your favourite author?</i>	Aaron Blabey	Dr Seuss	J.K Rowling
<i>What is the biggest risk you ever took?</i>	Not much of a risk taker however closest thing would be trekking Machu Picchu!	Going on an overseas holiday alone when I was 18	Quitting my full-time job in real estate and going back to university to become a teacher

SMS SYSTEM



We use a text message system to provide information to parents, if you are not receiving these messages please contact the front office on dl.1038.admin@schools.sa.edu.au or 8255 6380 or pop in.

HATS



We would like to remind parents that sunsmart hats are require to be worn at break times. These can be purchased from the front office for \$10.

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SAFETY & REMINDERS



SPEED LIMIT

We would like to remind families and the community that the speed limit around to school is 25kph when children are present.

PARKING & STOPPING

For the safety of our families please refrain from stopping or parking on a yellow line, fines can apply for stopping or parking in these areas. There is ample parking across the road at Argana Park Netball Courts.

Please note there is also a taxi zone and a disabled parking zone on the Dockett Road side of the school.

The following signs are displayed around the school, please adhere to these as fine can apply.



CLOTHING REMINDERS

If your child has borrowed school clothing from the Front Office, please return the item/s washed ready for the next student.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many items in our lost property basket that are not labelled. To avoid your child from losing items please also ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the students name so we can return the item/s of clothing to the rightful owner should they get lost.

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FINANCE NEWS



Thank you to our Families who have finalised their 2023 School Fees, or have lodged a School Card Application. For those outstanding accounts, payments can be made at the Front Office or over the phone during office hours.

If you would like to pay your fees by direct bank deposit please ensure you contact the front office to get the schools banking details.

Don't forget if you are eligible for School Card please lodge your school card form for 2023 before the 10th of November. School Card applications need to be completed at the beginning of each school year.

Applications can be completed online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss your fees, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Officer

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications **are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



[sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](https://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Welcome to our community notice board. If you or someone you know in the community is apart of a sports team or community club and would like to be featured on our notice board please email a flyer to dl.1038.admin@schools.sa.edu.au



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✔ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✔ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✔ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✔ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Stacey Hall
stacey.hall@thesmithfamily.com.au
 0417 048 689

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Dad's Business
Supporting Dads - Building Futures

Dad's Business provides relaxed and non-judgmental group environments where dads can be themselves and share their experience of parenting.

Our courses run during the school term.

MONDAYS

10am-12pm
Dads' Time
Support for a range of fatherhood and men's topics. 1:1 appointments available.

1pm-2.30pm
Circle of Security Program
Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?
Come along to this FREE 8-week course.

TUESDAYS

9.30am-10.30am
Seahorse Program
6-week prenatal and postnatal skills for dads with children from 0-12 months.

11am-12.30pm
Circle of Security Program
Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?
Come along to this FREE 8-week course.

1pm-2.30pm
Dads Plus
6-week parent skills for dads with children aged 1-12.

WEDNESDAYS

11am-2pm
Dads and Fathers' Social Group
Weekly drop-in group to connect with other dads.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL COURSES.

Shop 7A, Elizabeth Rise Shopping Centre | 26 Hamblynn Rd, Elizabeth Downs
For more information, please contact Alex on 08 8412 9500.

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playford communities for children
Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services
 Visit www.dbs.gov.au for more information

Due to the nature of our services, we are unable to accommodate children at the DBHQ site.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our School acknowledges the Kurna People as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains. We acknowledge their connection to the land our school is built on. The land on which we congregate to learn, play and work. We pay our respects to their Cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Ngdluku piipawardlirlu tampinhi, Kurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku. Ngadlurlu Tampinhi, tarraitpayi yartangka ngdluku piipawardli tayi. Ngadlu inparrinhi tirkanthi, muk anthi, warpulayinhi Kurna yartangka. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna miyurna tapa purrunna. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna Pukiana miyurna puki-puki-unungku, Kurna Purkarna yalaka tarrkarriarra kuma.

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GIVING GOODS TO KIDS IN NEED

helping SA families through tough times

providing direct access to basic essentials for babies and children from newborn to 18 years old.

- *is your family struggling to make ends meet?*
- *do you have a health care card?*
- *We can provide essentials for a fraction of the cost.*



Quality preloved and new essential childhood items

- Toys, books and games
- Clothing packs (12 month supply)
- Shoe Pack (4-5 pairs)
- Nappy and baby care items (1 month supply*)
- Toiletry packs (Baby, child, teen, adult)
- Linen, bedding and homeware packs

VISIT

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Family Support Program

Any questions: requests@treasureboxes.org.au

Two locations. Edwardstown & Davoren Park



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Prices correct
June 2023

\$50

**HEALTHY
FOOD** CO.

FAMILY FAVOURITES
5 EASY MEAL KITS FOR \$50

All ingredients included with recipe cards.
MEAL KITS PICTURED: CREAMY CHICKEN PASTA,
TOMATO MACARONI CHEESE BAKE, CURRIED
SAUSAGES, TUNA BAKE & CHOW MEIN

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