

# 2023

Term 3 Week 7

# NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DOWNS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL AND DISABILITY UNIT



## Principals Corner

Welcome to Week 7!

A huge thankyou to our school community for their support and engagement at our annual Book Week Parade and Everyone is an Author morning. It was fantastic to see our families in classrooms and seeing students showcase their writing piece to families.

In staffing news, Laura Liddell will be welcoming a baby very soon! We wish Laura and her family all the best for this next exciting chapter. We can't wait to meet Baby Liddell. In Room 3 this term we welcome Brooke McDonnell and in Term 4 Maddi Hancock will be returning as classroom teacher in Room 3.

In huge news, we congratulate our very own James De Palma—who is a finalist in this year's Public Education Award—Inclusive Practice category. James exemplifies inclusive education and reflects excellence and equity to the highest level each day. His strong relationships with students, families and staff are a credit to his warm, dedicated and passionate personality. We are crossing our fingers for James, as the winner will be announced at a special ceremony on Friday 3rd of November.

### Taparra PS

Thank you for participating in our recent vote for our new school logo. We are extremely pleased that our new logo is vibrant, modern and reflects the meaning of our name well. A huge thank you to our amazing Governing Council who have been so supportive and involved with this process!

Caitlin Manser



# DIARY DATES

### Week 7

**Friday 8th Sept**

School Closure Day

### Week 8

**Tuesday 12th Sept**

Governing Council 1:45pm

**Thursday 14th Sept**

Eye Checks

### Week 9

**Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st Sept**

Dental Checks

### Week 10

**Monday 25th Sept**

Student Free Day

**Thursday 28th Sept**

Sports Day

**Friday 29th Sept**

Early Dismissal 2:00pm



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# Book Week 2023



## 🌟🌻🌻 BOOK WEEK 2023 🌻🌻🌟

### READ, GROW, INSPIRE

On Wednesday 23rd August we had our special book week parade - congratulations to our best dressed winners & "most books read" winners



Straight after our parade we hosted our very first "Everyone is an Author" session

Families also enjoyed a Bacon and Egg Muffin



Thank you Mr Ferguson for running the BBQ for us all morning!

It's days like this that brings so much joy to our community.. a huge thank you to our families who joined us this morning 🥰



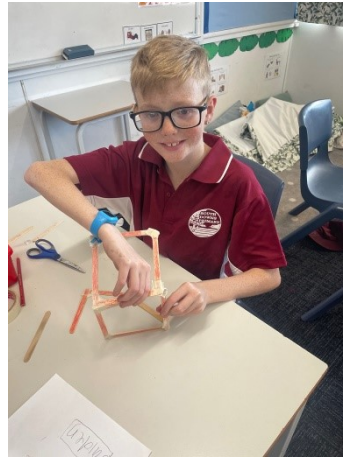
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# Class Showcase Cultural Studies



In Japanese culture this term students have been learning about a range of festivals such as Setsubun where Japanese families throw away bad luck by throwing beans at pretend ogres, the Children's festival and Shichi-Go San where they celebrate the health and happiness of their children and the Obon festival where Japanese people remember their ancestors. During festivals people often visit shrines and may wear kimonos. We have looked deeper into how a kimono is worn and what it looks like and have found out how Japanese people use the shrines for prayer. We have painted shrines and Kimonos this term and have made some 3D models of shrines using pop sticks.



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# MFS Visit



On Tuesday 29th August SA Metropolitan Fire Service came to visit our Junior Primary classes.

The students learnt all about fire safety, enjoyed playing with the equipment and exploring the fire truck.



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# 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](mailto: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.

## Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	11/9	12/9 GC meeting – 1.45pm	13/9	14/9  Eye Checks	15/9
Week 9	18/9	19/9	20/9  Dental Checks	21/9 Newsletter Dental Checks 	22/9 9AM ASSEMBLY ROOM 7 HOST
Week 10	25/9 STUDENT FREE DAY	28/9	27/9	28/9 	29/9 LAST DAY OF TERM 2PM DISMISSAL

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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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# 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](mailto:dl.1038.admin@schools.sa.edu.au)

**COME AND JOIN US!**

## AT HARLEQUIN NETBALL CLUB

**If you have been thinking about playing netball our club is perfect for you!**

We are a Local Sporting Club focused on welcoming new members and providing friendships, team work, and most importantly teaching all the skills needed to become the best player you can be, now and into the future.

We have trials coming up

(If you decide after trials you may be interested please let us know)

**WHEN: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**WHERE: Argana Park Netball Courts, 96 Mavros ,Elizabeth Downs - Courts 1 & 2**

**TIME: Juniors 6.00pm – 7.15pm – Seniors 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

We are welcoming juniors (boys and Girls), seniors, coaches and umpires

**Please Contact Nichole Atkinson on 0421 275 857**

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. *Ngad lurlu Tampinhi, tarraitpayi yartangka ngdluku piipawardli tayi. Ngadlu inparrinhi tirkanthi, m ukanthi, warpulayinhi Kurna yartangka. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna miyurna tapa purrunn a. Ngadlurlu tampinhi, Kurna Pukiana miyurna puki-puki-unungku, Kurna Purkarna yalaka tarrkarriarra kuma.*

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