



Noarlunga Downs P-7 School Newsletter

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Term 1 Diary Dates

Thursday 21 February
Special Lunch

Wednesday 27 February
Room 1 & 2 Woodhouse
Excursion

Friday 8 March
Pupil Free Day

Monday 11 March
Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday

Thursday 14 March
Colour Run

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From the Principal

Welcome to 2019 at Noarlunga Downs P-7 School. We hope you have had a relaxing break and that your children are back refreshed and enjoying the learning adventures of a new school year.

We have had lots of new students and families join us this year and we welcome them to Noarlunga Downs and look forward to having them as part of our community.

We would like to welcome our new staff this year. We have Sarah (Chip) Barry teaching Auslan on Thursday and Friday and Stacey Riedel has joined us again, this time in a role supporting Literacy and Numeracy in the Junior Primary and doing the Aboriginal Education Teacher role.

Our facilities have had a makeover over the holidays with the roof on both wings being fixed (so no more leaks) and with both wings being painted. The classrooms look so fresh and clean with a coat of paint and it has been lovely to see how fast the students have settled into the new spaces. New pinboards will be put up in the near future. Before the term started we were lucky enough to be able to acquire a substantial amount of furniture for free from another school. This furniture was better than a lot of what we had so we have been able to get rid of quite a lot of

cracked and chipped old furniture. Thank you very much to Peta Grindley, Dayne's mum with her ute and horse float and to several staff members who went to the school with utes and trailers and picked the furniture up. We very much appreciate your time and effort in making our school a better place.



We have created a community room in the old Auslan/Performing Arts space and it was wonderful to see more than 50 parents attend the welcome morning tea in this space. The room will be used for parent workshops, information sessions and a host of other community events. We look forward to the wonderful year ahead and the growth we can make working together.

Regards,
Rachael Courtney
Principal



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Welcome Receptions

Room
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The Reception students of 2019 have made a very impressive start to their schooling in Room 1. The class has been working hard on class routines and expectations creating a wonderful class culture together. In class we discuss using bucket filling and the golden rule to help us achieve together:



**Treat others as you would like
them to treat you.**

2019 MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGES

School fees for 2019 of \$241.00 per student are **due on the 23/02/2019**. Thank you to the parents who have already made payment or arrangement for payment of school fees, and to those who have returned their school card applications. School fees can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. If you wish to apply for school card, please complete a school card application form available from the front office and return it ASAP. **Eligibility income levels for school card have increased.** Please contact me for if you require more information. Raelee Altus – Business Manager

NEW Community Room

Thank you to all the parents old and new who attended our Meet and Greet morning last Friday. It was fantastic to see the turn out and many new families commented on how welcoming our community is. The Meet and Greet was held in our newly set up Community Room.

This room will:

- Be open Thursdays from 2.30pm - 3.10pm for parents to meet, chat and have a cup of coffee/tea.
- Have parenting resources
- Have information about community events and programs
- Hold parent workshops
- House our Grow Free cart



We have a feedback post box in the room. This is for anyone to put feedback or suggestions they may have to improve our school.

This term we will be hosting a series of different online parenting seminars. Our first seminar will be called ***Getting Children To Listen by Jodie Benveniste***. This online session will be shown on February 26 and will be held in our parent room. Morning tea will be provided.

We will be starting the seminar at 9am. We hope to see you there. Look out for other topics in the future.

Please make sure to look at our 'What's On' board. There are some fantastic events coming up within our community as well as some great regular programs in our local community centres. This board will be updated regularly to keep you up to date with events.

We are yet to name our Community Room and are looking to our community for ideas. If you have a great name please forward it to Sheila in the front office. We look forward to hearing the names you come up with .





Assembly Awards

Room	Name	Reason
Kindy	Josh	Starting to communicate in English
Kindy	Aisha	Being resilient and separating from Mum
1	Marli	Being a good listener
1	Kai	Being a good leader
2	Tahlia	Always remembering the golden rule and including all students in our learning
2	Logan	Demonstrating awesome listening skills and asking inquisitive questions
6	Indianna	Always willing to help out other students without being asked
6	Zac	Making strong choices in class and helping out when needed
7	Jacob	Settling in quickly, using stamina
7	Donte	Coming into 2019 with a fantastic attitude towards your learning
8	Luke	For a good start to 2019 and starting in a new class with confidence
8	Carlos	Coming back to school in 2019 with a positive attitude towards learning
11	Lily	Settling well into school and class
11	Celinka	Settling well into school and class
11	Sky	Settling well into school and class
11	Anthony	Going up reading levels



Our furniture looks great!

Thank you!



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- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more area
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy for social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour



Initial selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 7 students in 2019 are eligible to sit the test for a place in the IGNITE program for 2020.

IGNITE TEST
SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019
9 AM - 1 PM
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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