

WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Welcome back to the start of the 2024 school year. I am extremely excited to be entering my third year as Principal of Whyalla Stuart Primary School. Congratulations to Toni Polain, Year 5/6 Teacher and Georgia Clapp, Year 2/3/4 Teacher, who have been made permanent teachers at Whyalla Stuart Primary School. We welcome back Stacey Scott who taught at Whyalla Secondary College for two years. She will be teaching Science this year. We are also fortunate to have Anu Saji as the Reception/Year 1 Teacher, Jeanette Cowan as the Year 1/2/3 Teacher and AET and Sarah Kenny as the Technology Teacher.

We have been very fortunate to also retain most of our SSO's from last year including Audrey Cusselli, Judy Agett, Lyn Pedler, Michelle Robinson, Crystal Stevens, Rhonda Crichton and Kaitlin Willingham. Ashley Thornton is our ACEO, with Michelle Warren returning part time in Term 2. I would also like to welcome our new Business Manager, Helen Redford.

Our students have settled in well to their classes and I have seen some amazing learning experiences taking place. In the first two weeks of school all students participate in a program called "Success At Stuart". The purpose of this program is to establish positive and productive learning environments across the school and prepare the foundations for a successful year.

We have had a number of students bringing toys and things from home in to school. This is against school rules and often causes conflict in the yard and is upsetting if items become lost. Please make sure your child does not bring things from home to school.

Assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm on even weeks, beginning in Week 2. Parents and Families are welcome to attend. The Leadership Team will be hosting the first assembly and then each class will take it in turns to host beginning with Ms Polain's class. Each class will be showing some work they have done over the last two weeks at next week's assembly.

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Dates To Remember

Tuesday 13th February
Anniversary of National Apology

Wednesday 14th February
Library Lovers Day

Friday 23rd February
Community Breakfast



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Community Information

Please see some information below about some wonderful programs the Whyalla Public Library is offering this term.



School Bus

Our school bus has been such a hit with improving school attendance that we now have four bus groups running each day.

A new consent form was sent home earlier this week for parents to complete for 2024.

With the large number of students requiring transport it is important they are ready by 7:45am each day. We no longer have the time or capacity to wait for students if they are not ready when the bus comes.

Thank you to those parents who are contacting the school to let us know if their child is going to be away, as it does make it easier for the bus driver.

If students are continuing to miss the bus and do not advise the school, they may be removed from this service.

School Card

School Card applications are now open!

Now is a great time to see if you're eligible to receive financial assistance for school fees.

School Card is available in government schools to families with children aged 4 years and over who attend a school full time.

To qualify, your family's gross income in the 2022/23 financial year must be below the threshold, based on the number of dependent children you have in your family.

Information on the eligibility criteria, income limits and the application process is available on

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

School Card Applications can be completed online or you can come in to school and ask for a form.



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
- 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.

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