

# WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



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## Dates To Remember

Friday 7th June  
Donut Day

Monday 10th June  
King's Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 26th June  
Governing Council Meeting

Friday 28th June  
Hockey Carnival

Friday 5th July  
Student Free Day

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Last week we commemorated Sorry Day on Monday and students participated in Reconciliation Week activities in their classrooms. Thank you to Ashley who coordinated the activities and has created a lovely display in the Front Office.

Last night I received the very good news from Mrs Cowan that we have received a grant from the Suicide Prevention Committee of \$5000 to paint our Yarning Circle. I would like to thank Mrs Cowan for her work in applying for this grant and Helen for helping her. This will be a great opportunity for students to showcase their artistic skills and for our students to work collaboratively on a special project.

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Donut Day. The students in B4 have created their own side show games with prizes for students to participate in. Students earn tickets for the games by doing their work, following instructions and behaving respectfully towards others. The B4 students presented their games at the last assembly and the younger students were very excited about getting to play them.

This means that the B3 Assembly will be at 1:45pm and students who have earned tickets will play the games until 3pm. Each child will then receive a donut before going home. Thank you to Mrs Cowan and her amazing connections at INATT who donated the money for the donuts.

Teachers are extremely busy at the moment, not only teaching the students, but working on Term 2 Reports which will be available for collection at Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 10 of this term and Week 1 of Term 3. Reports are a very valuable snapshot of your child's learning. It also highlights areas for improvement in the second half of the year.

At present we are seeing a number of student's learning largely impacted by their attendance at school. It is very important they attend school each day unless they are sick, in which case we much prefer they stay at home and stop the spread of nasty germs. Can you please ring the school or send a message to the school mobile if your child is sick and unable to attend school.

*Jenny MacDonald*



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## Health Information

Included in the School Newsletter is some information about Scabies. We have had a number of cases reported to us recently and it is contagious.

If you notice any of the symptoms listed, please make sure you see a doctor, as students are not allowed to return to school for 24 hours after they have begun treatment.

## Smith Family Learning for Life Program

Our Learning for Life program provides emotional, practical and financial support to help disadvantaged children and young people with their education. Our support starts in the early years of learning development and continues through primary and high school. Our programs help build skills, knowledge, motivation, self-belief and a network of positive relationships with parents, peers and significant others. This support increases a young person's likelihood of remaining engaged with school, completing Year 12 and developing realistic and informed study and career pathways for life beyond the school gate.

If you are interested in applying for this program, please come in and speak to myself or Mrs Cusselli.



**The Smith Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.

## School Bus

This term our school bus is very full, completing four bus runs every morning and afternoon.

Please ring the school or message the school mobile if your child is not catching the bus to school or home.

The school mobile number is 0437 030 702.

We have also had to place bans on a few students recently who were not doing the right thing on the bus, or treating the drivers with disrespect. It is very important that children behave appropriately on the bus to protect the safety of all students.

This also includes following teacher instructions whilst waiting for the bus after school each day.

This is a free service that we offer our families and we need to make sure we respect everyone involved.



## Student Free Day

The last day of this term, Friday 5th July, is a Student Free Day.

All staff will be participating in Training and Development from the Primary Maths Association.



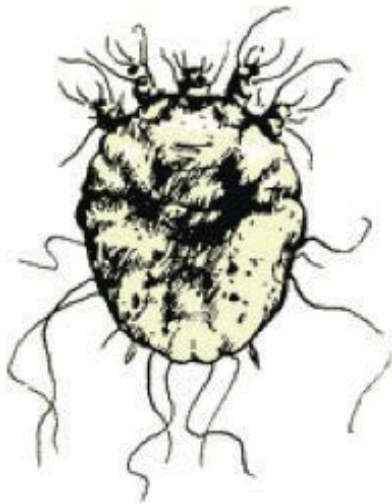
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# Scabies



Scabies is an infestation of the skin caused by the scabies mite *Sarcoptes scabiei* (see image). The mite is very tiny, 0.2 mm to 0.4 mm long, and cannot easily be seen without magnification. It occurs worldwide and in all races and social classes. Scabies is not an indication of poor hygiene.



## How scabies is spread

Scabies is usually transmitted by direct skin-to-skin contact, or rarely, by underwear or bed clothes that have been freshly contaminated by an infested person. The mites can survive for only a few days off the human or animal body.

## Signs and symptoms

Scabies and other mites usually infest the skin especially where there are creases, such as:

- > between the fingers (see images)
- > on the front of the wrists
- > in the folds of the elbows, armpits and buttocks
- > genitals.



Image 2 and 3 courtesy Public Health Image Library (PHIL), Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-USA)

When mites have been transmitted from animals (such as dogs) to people, the mites are commonly found on areas of skin having contact with the animal, including forearms, chest and neck. However, mites from animals cannot breed on humans, so do not cause ongoing infestation. Scabies mites cause intense itching, especially at night. Thread-like 'tunnels', about 10 mm long, may be visible as grey lines in the skin, but they are often difficult to detect. Scabies infection may appear on the genitals as small itchy lumps.

## Diagnosis

Scabies and other mites that cause skin disease are diagnosed by examining skin scrapings with a microscope.



## Incubation period

*(time between becoming infected and developing symptoms)*

Itching begins 2 to 6 weeks after infestation in individuals not previously exposed to scabies and within 1 to 5 days in individuals previously exposed.

## Infectious period

*(time during which an infested person can transmit the infestation to others)*

Until the mites and eggs are destroyed by treatment. People can be infectious even before the itching begins.

## Treatment

Skin disease caused by mites can easily be confused with other skin diseases. Treatment should not be undertaken until the diagnosis has been confirmed by a doctor, following examination of skin scrapings for mites. This is particularly important for babies, pregnant women or people who already have other forms of skin disease. Babies under 12 months of age need special treatment. Treatment involves application of insecticidal cream, lotion or solution as prescribed by a doctor.

## Prevention

> Exclude people with scabies from childcare, preschool, school and work until one day after treatment commences.

- > All close (skin-to-skin) contacts and other people in the same household should be treated at the same time, even if no itching or other symptoms are present. By the time scabies is diagnosed in one person, many other people may have been infested. If everyone is not treated at the same time, treatment is likely to be unsuccessful.
- > Underwear, clothing, towels, bed linen and personal effects such as slippers, bed jackets, dressing gowns and knee rugs used by the affected person in the 72 hours prior to treatment should be laundered using a hot wash cycle (hotter than 50°C) or hot tumble dried to kill the mites. If items are unable to be laundered or hot tumble dried, place them in a sealed plastic bag and leave them for 72 hours before airing and reusing.
- > Mattresses and upholstered furniture can be vacuumed or gently ironed.

## Useful links

SA Health website [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au)

- > Exclusion periods from childcare, preschool, school and work
- > Scabies management in care facilities

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