

# WHYALLA STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL R-6



## Whyalla Stuart Primary School

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## Dates To Remember

Friday 14th February  
Library Lovers Day

Friday 21st February  
Family Breakfast & Open Morning  
8:30am-9:30am  
Governing Council AGM  
9:30am-10:15am

Monday 24th February - Friday  
28th February  
Swimming lessons

Tuesday 25th February  
NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Welcome back to the start of the 2025 school year. I am extremely excited to be entering my second tenure of three years as Principal of Whyalla Stuart Primary School. We have been extremely lucky to maintain our core group of staff for this year. We welcome Cara McIherney as our Reception/Year 1 Teacher. Aunty Jeanette Cowan is our Year 1/2/3 and AET Teacher, Georgia Clapp is our Year 3/4 Teacher, Toni Polain is our Year 5/6 Teacher, Stacey Scott is our Science and Literacy Teacher and Sarah Kenny is teaching Health & PE, Literacy and Choir.

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, Jenny Poutama, Rhonda Crichton, Kaitlin Willingham, Lilly Henwood and Kelly James. We welcome back Kylie Sheedy from Maternity and Parenting Leave and welcome Bree Puddy as SSO's. Ashley Thornton and Michelle Warren are our ACEO'S, with Michelle working Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Ashley Monday to Friday. Helen Redford is continuing in the role of Business Manager.

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 from home 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. Students also need to be reminded not to wear Crocs 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.

*Jenny MacDonald*



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## Community Information

*SEEKING INTEREST*

**RAVENS NETBALL CLUB  
WHYALLA, 2025**

Ravens Netball Club are seeking out new players for both our junior and senior teams in 2025 and beyond. We have a strong focus toward our community and bringing people together to play a sport we love and share.

Bring your friends out to one of our training nights, every Wednesday 6pm at the Whyalla netball courts.



If you are interested, please contact  
Trudy on 0417 265 513  
Alternatively, you can find us on  
Facebook: Ravens Netball Club Whyalla  
Instagram: ravens\_netball\_club



## New Students

We have had a number of new enrolments since the beginning of the year and would like to welcome Alexis, Layla, Lachlan, Nehemiah, Kaysen, Jeremiah, Savannah, Charlotte, Darrell, Wesley and Oliver.

We hope you love our school as much as we do!

## 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 independent full time students studying year 10, 11 or 12 adult re-entry students undertaking subjects to complete their SACE.

To qualify, your family's gross income in the 2023/24 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](http://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.

## The Smith Family

The Smith Family provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school. Each program is designed to help children to reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.

Please see the attached flyer for information about the Let's Count Program.

