

Nicolson

AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 7

16 March 2023

Term 1: 2023
30/1/23– 14/4/23

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Hard to believe we are halfway through March and so much still to achieve in Term 1. Our numbers are remaining strong here at Nicolson and we are soon to enter into talks with HR around our 2024 staffing. To support us with this so early in the year could you please let the school know if you have three or four year old children at home. Please encourage neighbouring families to do so as well if their child is eligible to begin school at the start or mid-way through 2024. Importantly please note that next year we will see the reinstatement of mid-year school intakes.

From 2024 there will be a mid-year intake into primary school.

From 2024, if your child turns 5 years between 1 May and 31 October, they can start school in either:

term 3 of the same year

or term 1 the following year.

Students enrolled through a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of reception

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/enrol-school-or-preschool/school-enrolment/starting-school>

NAPLAN Online

Our NAPLAN testing has begun this week for our students in Year 3 and Year 5. This testing provides us with information about what our students know at this point in time. It also allows us to examine trends in our school so that we can make adjustments to our practice if needed. If your child has been absent for any of the tests we will endeavour to provide them with the chance to do a catch up test so that they don't miss out on the opportunity.

Our school timetable for NAPLAN testing will be as follows:

	Week 7	Week 7	Week 8	Week 8
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
Morning Session	Year 3 Writing Year 5 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 3 Conventions of Language	Year 3 Numeracy
Middle Session		Year 5 Reading	Year 5 Conventions of Language	Year 5 Numeracy

Catch up session will be held from Tuesday – Friday, Week 8.

Three Way Conversations

Thanks to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to come and meet with the teachers to discuss their child's achievements and set goals for them to work towards. We hope the conversations were helpful and gave you a clear picture of where your child is at and what they are working towards. Developing strong partnerships with families certainly enhances your child's education and lets them know that you are interested in their progress. If you missed the opportunity please contact your child's teacher for an appointment.

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

Telephone 08 8645 8685 Office Hours 8.00am to 4.00pm

Principal: Mrs Pam Peters

Deputy Principal: Christel Koch

Senior Leader: Sally Rowe

Student Wellbeing Leader: Lisa Phillips

Business Manager: Phillip Datson

Secretary: Catherine Worby

Admin Assistant: Penne Redjepi

Diary Dates

7/4/23

Public Holiday – Good Friday

10/4/23

Public Holiday – Easter Monday

14/4/23

Last day of Term 1

14/4/23

Early finish 2.10pm – last day of Term 1

1/5/23

First day of Term 2



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Wellbeing News

Wellbeing: What's it all about?

What are some of the factors that make up wellbeing?

- Being involved in supportive relationships
- Feeling that your life has meaning and purpose
- Feeling connected to others in your community
- Feeling a sense of control of your emotions
- Engaging in activities that are important to you

Wellbeing and your child

As a parent you want your child to be safe and happy throughout their time at school, and beyond. Here are some ways you can lay the foundations for your child's wellbeing and, at the same time, support the school to build on and enhance these vital skills.

- Build strong, healthy and trusting family relationships.
- Make time for open communication to build close family ties.
- Get involved in your child's education to show you value learning.

Research tells us that young people who feel safe, connected and secure, and have loving and trusting relationships, are more likely to be active participants in their learning and to achieve better physical, emotional, social and educational outcomes.

Wellbeing is linked to improved learning outcomes. When children experience learning success, their wellbeing is further enhanced – so wellbeing and learning go hand in hand!

Your role as a parent

As a parent your role is fundamental to the health, safety and wellbeing of your child. While there are different parenting styles, some features of parenting are associated with higher levels of children's wellbeing and success at school.

- Showing warmth to your child via expressions of affection, love and support
- Setting limits and boundaries to encourage your child's self-control
- Encouraging your children to share and talk about their worries
- Sharing your own concerns and worries with your children in a sensitive way

Websites

Parents and schools work together to promote the wellbeing of children and young people. Learn more from these websites.

- [Child protection, health and safety services](#) (Raising Children Network)
- [Sleep for children's health and wellbeing](#) (Murdoch Children's Research Institute)
- [The move to high school - An opportunity to improve health and wellbeing](#) (Murdoch Children's Research Institute)

Attendance Matters

- * Make sure you are at school every day
- * Make sure you arrive on time, between 8:30 and 8:55am
 - * Keep your contact details up to date
- * Provide a reason to the school if your child is absent, late or leaving early
- * Provide a medical certificate if your child is ill for 3 or more days in a row
 - * Aim to keep your child's attendance above 80%

School Card Applications:



If you are eligible for school card, please collect a form from the Administration Office or you can apply on line by visiting:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

School card must be applied for at the beginning of each school year.

Any question, please contact Phillip Datson.

School Fees Payment through OKR app:

Did you know that you can now pay your child's school fees through the QKR app, the same app that you order your child's lunch!



Once you log onto the QKR app you will see a heading called '**Nicolson Avenue Primary School Payments**' you can choose to pay your school invoices through QKR such as M & S fees. Payment can be made in full or part payment.

Other payment options are still available for school fees, this includes credit card or cash payments. Instalments can also be set up for payment of school fees. If you wish to pay by direct deposit, please see information below:

Direct Deposit details are:

BSB: 065-519
Account No: 10015501
Reference: Quote Family Billing ID and Invoice number

Remittance: phillip.datson172@schools.sa.edu.au

OKR Canteen 2023:

Do you use the QKR app to order your child's lunch through our canteen?

If so, please remember to set up your child's profile into their new class for 2023.



This year, the cut off time to order will be 8.30am, this will give the canteen time to receive the orders and start preparing them for your child.

Remember to check the date of order if you are ordering close to 8.30am, otherwise your order may be placed on the next available date.

To set up online orders or pay school fees visit the QKR app to register and check out more tips:

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2

We have been informed that the brochures for the Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 will arrive late, however families can still order online.

Closing date for Orders will be on Wednesday 29th March.

As soon as the brochures arrive we will send them home with the students.

BIKES

PALYA

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26-28th of April

Wednesday - Friday
10-4 pm

Community Youth Plaza
9 COLEBROOK Street,
Whyalla Stuart
South Australia 5608

JOIN US
FOR A BBQ
ON FRIDAY
AT 12 PM!!!

**Bike fixing - Games - Lunch
Snacks - Group rides**

Skateboarding Workshops

FREE



25 & 26 March
11-3.00

- // Prizes
- // Food
- // Fun

*Risk it Skate Park
Civic Park Whyalla*

Learn to assemble skateboards
Learn to ride.
Meet friends.
Have fun!

Program delivered by
Build Up Skateboarding

Ages 12- 25, all levels welcome!
Call for more info: 0447 570 401





Plaza Youth Centre's Programs / Activities

Jan-June 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ROOTS: Bush Food Program 11am-1pm @ gabby Manau Aboriginal children's ser- vices (Nunga nights)</p> <p>Tutoring 4pm-5pm @ PYC ages 12-25</p>	<p>RAGE (Anger Management program) - 4:30pm-5:30pm</p> <p>Boxing 6pm-7pm @ Sout sages 10-25</p>	<p>Girls' Group ages 8-17</p> <p>Bike Maintenance</p>	<p>ROOTS; Bush Food — morning tea 9:30am-12:30pm@gabby Manau Aboriginal children's services (Nunga nights)</p> <p>Victim Awareness Program 4pm -5:30pm @ PYC ages 10-21</p>	<p>WSPS: Activities/programs 1:30pm-3pm</p> <p>Leadership Group 4pm-5pm Ag- es 12-25 @PYC</p> <p>Drop In Ages 8-17 5pm-8pm</p>	<p>MAD Bus 5pm-8pm (f/N)</p>
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For More Information Contact PYC Staff On [8645 3999](tel:86453999) or [Drop In Plaza Youth Centre at 9-11 Colebrook St W/S](tel:86453999)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES / YOUTH WEEK / CAMPS 2023 (FREE)

- Bike Program: 27-29th April 2023 at PYC, ages 8 -17 years - lunch provided



- Make-up & Self-Esteem workshops: "Girls ONLY" - Dates TBC
limited spaces - 10am-3pm at PYC, ages 12-25 years, two workshops, one for Aboriginal/ATSI & one for Non Aboriginal/CALD,

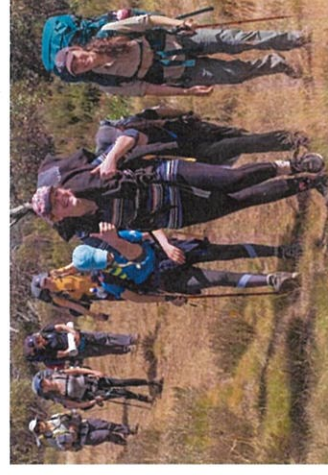


young people's photos (faces) must be provided to PYC staff for cosmetic purposes prior, HEADSPACE will talk about Sexual Health.



YOUTH WEEK

- Skateboard workshops: 25/26th March, ages 8-17yrs at Civic Park, 10am-3pm, lunch provided.



CAMPS - LIMITED SPACES (10 youth per camp)

- Cultural camp, 26/9/2023
- TOL Camp: 17th-19th March, Adelaide, ages 13-17yrs.

April 2023 School holidays

Plaza Youth Centre (PYC) has invited a Beautician from Adelaide to Whyalla to run the Make-Up & Self Esteem Workshops. The Beautician will run two workshops, a workshop for Aboriginal youth and a workshop for Non-Aboriginal & CALD youth aged between 12-17 years. Parents will need to register their daughters by phoning 86 45 3999 and send through a photo of the young person's face (close-up) for cosmetic purposes.

DATES: 20TH April – 21St April 23.

AGES: 12-17 YEARS.

**VENUE: 9-11 Colebrook Street,
Whyalla Stuart SA.**

TIME: 10am-3pm.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED