

# Nicolson

## AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 7

15/6/2023

Term 2: 2023

1/5/23 – 7/7/23

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Before we know it the middle of the year will be here and there are still many things to do before the end of term. Tomorrow we have two teams competing in the Whyalla Soccer Carnival and they will be accompanied by Mrs Scharber and Mr Rotherham. Our Semester 1 reports will go home in Week 9 and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10, please ensure that you book a time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. We will also do daily activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week in Week 10 no doubt your children will tell you about these and we will keep you posted on our school Facebook page.

### Staff Learning

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for supporting our staff to take part in a day of learning last Friday. Our learning was part of a four day series – The Berry Street Education Model. We will undertake the other days later in the year. The model is designed to provide us with trauma-informed positive education strategies that are easy to implement in the classroom. It will empower us to equip all students to succeed and will give us a better understanding of the impacts of trauma on child development and their ability to learn. Your children may have mentioned Circle Routines which are nurturing classroom practices that support student engagement, build wellbeing and create positive classroom communities. Our classes are starting their day with these routines to create a sense of safety and belonging and to evoke positive emotions to prime students for open, flexible and engaged thinking. A Circle Routine will include many of the following aspects – a greeting, a focus on one of our school values, expectations for positive behaviour for the day, announcements, a positive primer – a game or activity to make everyone feel good, and a wrap up with what went well. Different classes are putting their own stamp on how this is done but the aim is for the practice to be consistent and embedded across our school.

### SAPSASA Swimming



Recently two of our students, Elise Acton and Hannah Clark, went to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre as part of the Whyalla SAPSASA swimming team. The girls were selected to compete in both individual races and team relays. These events were all held in the Olympic sized, 50 metre pool!

The Whyalla team consisted of 9 swimmers from across our primary schools. They did an amazing job and came in at 5<sup>th</sup> position overall, out of the 10 districts in Division Two. All students did Whyalla proud, by being supportive and encouraging of one another and displaying fantastic school values.



The two girls have recollected their experiences below.

#### Elise Acton

I really enjoyed SAPSASA it was a very fun experience. I swam 50m breaststroke, which I came 2nd in and won a silver medal! When I went up to get my medal an Olympic swimmer shook my hand upsettingly, I forgot his name. Then straight after that, I had a relay with Hannah and two other girls from the Northern team. I really enjoyed being at SAPSASA and being so supported by my friends and family, I am just upset that it was my last one! 😞.

#### Hannah Clark

I enjoyed participating in SAPSASA swimming. My first event was 50m backstroke. I was nervous as I was the first one off the blocks, and I just missed out on 3rd place. Second up I had 50m freestyle. I started out great but I hit my arm on the lane rope! It really hurt but I still managed to finish my race and placed 6th overall, from 3 heats. It was a really great experience and I'm proud of myself for giving it a go!

### Collection of siblings

On Tuesday afternoon we have many older brothers and sisters from the Secondary College here at our school to collect their younger siblings. When most arrive our students are still involved in learning tasks. We simply ask that they wait politely on the outdoor seating provided around the school and don't engage with their siblings until they are dismissed from their class. We thank you for your support with this.

Pam Peters

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### Diary Dates

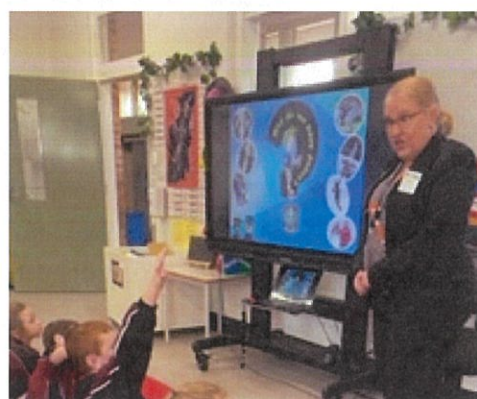
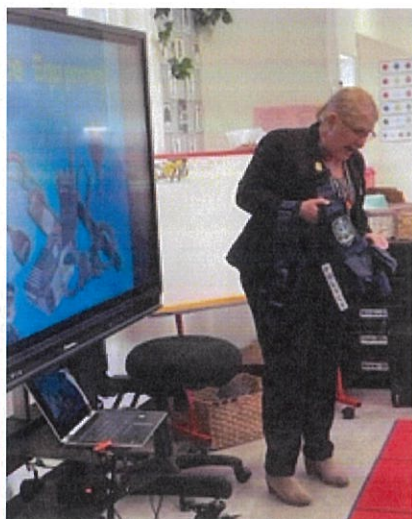
Soccer Carnival	16/6
Boys Basketball Carnival	23/6
Last day of Term 2	7/7
Early Dismissal 2.10pm	7/7



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## Wellbeing News

### Police Visit



Today the Year 3 and 4 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Police Officer Keren. She spoke to the students about the roles Police Officers play in keeping our community safe. The students were very excited to see some of the teachers dress up and wear some police hats and vests.

## Attendance Matters

- \* Make sure your child is at school every day
- \* Make sure your child arrives 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 90%

## Arriving Late/Leaving Early

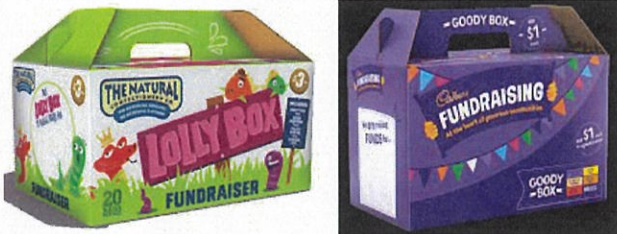
We are finding that a number of children are not signing in at the Administration Office when they arrive late.

If your child arrives late for school please remind them to sign in at the Administration Office to avoid an absence being recorded on their school record.

If your child is marked as an unexplained absence you will receive a text message asking for a reason. Please respond to the message that you receive so that their records can be updated.

Any student that needs to leave school before the end of the day will need to be signed out at the Administration Office.

## Cadbury Fundraising Drive



Our chocolate/lolly fundraising drive has started off well.

Thank you to all the families that have already sold their boxes and returned the money to Administration.

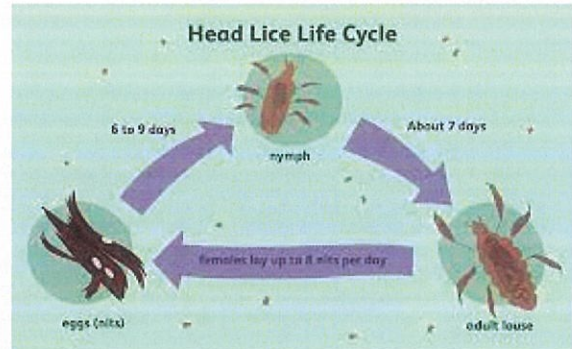
If you have received a box to sell and are not able to sell them, please return the box to the Administration office. We have families that would like to purchase more chocolates if they are available.

We are happy to accept cash or credit card for payment of the chocolates/lollies.

All money is due back by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please return unsold items to Administration as soon as possible.

Happy selling and eating 😊😊

## Head Lice



We seem to be having an issue with head lice in some of our classes.

This is frustrating for families and also staff at school.

Help us break the cycle by checking your child's head on a regular basis. It only takes 1 egg or louse to keep the cycle going.

If head lice are found please treat your child's head before they return to school.

Unfortunately with head lice 1 treatment is usually not enough to deal with these little pests. We ask that you check and treat every other day for at least the next 7 days.

Rather than using expensive chemicals, we suggest that inexpensive white conditioner is used by soaking the entire head of hair and waiting for at least 30 minutes, this usually stuns the head lice and the conditioner helps with the combing process making it an easier time for both child and parent to remove head lice and eggs.

Remember to repeat the process again over the next few days.

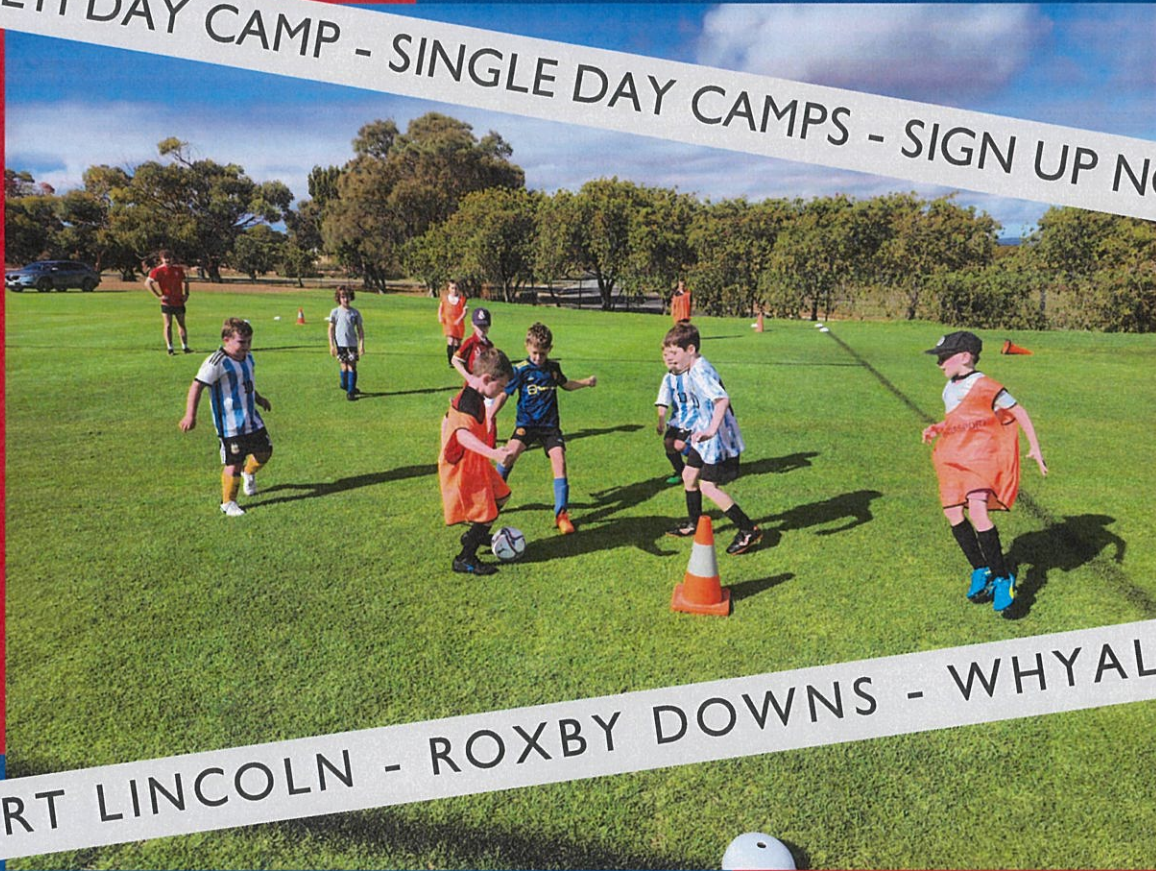
We thank you all for helping to stop the spread of head lice.





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