

Nicolson

AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 9

14/12/2023

Term 4: 2023

16/10/23 – 15/12/23

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for the wonderful support you provide to our school and your children in all aspects of their education. I would also like to acknowledge the staff for their dedication and commitment to your children and their continual strive to improve their practice to positively impact learning outcomes for our students. Please have a safe and enjoyable festive season and holidays and we will see you on Monday January 29th 2024.

End of Year Performance

Last Friday we held our end of year celebration. It was great to have our school community back to be a part of this and they were treated to an amazing show that included a variety of acts that allowed our students to perform to their strengths. During the celebration we saw many new dance moves, some amazing story telling and best of all the spirit of collaboration between classes. Thanks to Lisa Phillips and her team of helpers for all of the hard work that they put in to get this event off the ground. Thanks also to all the students and staff who put in all the hard work to organise these items.

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday night the Year 6 Graduation was held at Roopena Football Club. The night was an opportunity for us as a school community to celebrate our Year 6s – their achievements, their perseverance and their successes.



A special congratulations must go to the recipients of our Governing Council 2023 Achiever of the Year awards:
Emmett Garlett and Emma Dawson

The staff found it very difficult to choose who would receive these awards as once again there were many students who were worthy.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, they have been amazing students who have modelled our school values and displayed commitment to their learning. The night was filled with fun, laughter, dancing and emotion as these students prepare to move onto the next stage of their schooling. We are very proud to

be sending students of this calibre off to High School next year.

Thanks must go to the team of people who organised the event. Some special mentions include the Year 6 teachers for setting up the event, Sharon Buhlmann for organising the ordering and ticketing, Margaret Dawson for helping with the setup, Mardi Hage for putting together the slideshow of the children, focussing on their years of schooling and Rebecca Scharber for the photography on the night. Thank you to the parents, family members and staff who attended to share this time with our 2023 graduates.

Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Sally Rowe who will be our Deputy Principal for Semester 1 whilst Christel Koch is on Maternity Leave. I have every confidence that Sally will continue to support our school community in this new role.

Sadly we have a couple of teaching staff that will be moving on from Nicolson. Nicole Higgins is moving to Rororo Area School to take up a position there as her husband has secured employment in that region. I would like to thank Nicole for her contributions to Nicolson this year and for the work she has done with the children she has taught. Nicole will be missed by staff and students and we wish her well in her new school. Paul Brown is also finishing up at the end of term and we thank him for the effort he has put in with Room 15 and also for covering so many of our TRT days this year. I'm sure we will see Paul again in 2024 in some capacity. Jodie Murphy is taking study leave for 2024, we wish her all the best as a student and hope to see her back in 2025. Cailin and Gail are SSOs who have worked across our site this year and are taking up new positions for next year, we wish them well in their new roles.

At this stage we have two new teachers coming to join our staff next year – Erin Dales who will have a Year 3 class in Room 24 and Jai Swiderski who will have a Year 4 class in Room 22. We are still awaiting some new staff for 2024.

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

Telephone 08 8645 8685 Office Hours 8.00am to 4.00pm

Principal: Pam Peters

Deputy Principal: Christel Koch

Senior Leader: Sally Rowe

Student Wellbeing Leader: Lisa Phillips

Business Manager: Phillip Datson – Finance: Penny Evans

Secretary: Catherine Worby

Administration: Penne Redjepi & Sharon Buhlmann

ICT Manager: Ricki Cook

Diary Dates

15/12

Last Day of Term

15/12

2.10pm Early Dismissal

29th January is the first day of school for 2024



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Wellbeing News – Lisa Phillips

Have a safe and wonderful school holidays!
I cannot wait to see you all in 2024
ready for some wonderful learning.



This year our friends at Food Bank have done a wonderful job supplying us with the delicious food we serve at breakfast club each day.

A massive thank you goes out to the many students and parents who have happily helped serve breakfast throughout the year. We are so grateful for your contribution.

I still have plenty of Food Bank vouchers to hand out so please feel free to contact me before the end of year if you would like one.

We also have a few breakfast packages for students to take home. If you would like one of these please do not hesitate to contact me before Friday.

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(9am to 1am daily)

For webchat, visit:
headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au



Library Books

Please check that all school Library Books have been returned to the library.

Overdue notices have been issued to all students with overdue books.

Thank you

Mrs Clarke
Library



Last day of School for 2024

Tomorrow, Friday the 15th December will be the last day of school for 2024. Students will finish at 2.10pm.

**2.10pm Dismissal
Time**

**Friday 15th
December**

Wishing all our families a very safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing our students back on Monday the 29th January 2024.

Casual Clothes for Last Day

This Friday will be a casual clothes day. Christmas theme! Please remember to follow the sun smart policy.



All money raised will be donated to the RSPCA along with the items that have been gratefully dropped into our Administration Office.

School Card Application

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Please note that school card **MUST** be applied for at the beginning of **EVERY** school year.

If you are approved for school card it is only approved for that year.

There will be a 2024 School Card Form available from Administration at the beginning of next year.



Pastoral Care News

We have learned a lot of lessons this year and it has been a blast!

On this final fortnight, I brought my umbrella to class and shared with the students about getting caught in the monsoon rains in Bangladesh without an umbrella! I was soaked to the bone!



The lessons they have been learning this year from me, their teachers and the staff (and at home!) are like umbrellas to protect our students from the storms of life.

If they practice what they have been taught, they will benefit and "stay dry!"



FOOTBALL
SOUTH
AUSTRALIA

WHYALLA HOLIDAY CAMPS

WHYALLA
AND
SURROUNDING
AREAS

12TH
JANUARY

SINGLE DAY
9:30AM-1.00PM
1:00PM - 4:30PM
GOALKEEPING
1:00PM - 4:30PM

HELD AT

SWANDEL PARK

(WHYALLA WANDERERS)



SINGLE DAY



GOALKEEPING

FOR MORE INFORMATION: LUKE.MARINKOVICH@FOOTBALLSA.COM.AU

11 December 2023

Dear Business Owner/ Operator,

**Re: Road Closure- Wednesday 20 December
Christmas on the Avenue
GFG Christmas Pageant**

**Reference: UPDATED information about the road closure for the Christmas on the Avenue GFG
Christmas Pageant – Wednesday 20 December 2023**

I hereby wish to advise that GFG Alliance and Whyalla City Council will be holding the GFG Christmas Pageant on Wednesday 20 December 2023 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm, with a total road closure in place between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:30pm on Wednesday 20 December 2023.

Floats involved in the pageant will proceed along Nicolson Avenue with the following streets closed from 5.00pm – 7.30pm:

- Nicolson Avenue (Norrie Avenue to Westland's Shopping Centre Turn-in off McDouall Stuart Avenue Roundabout)
- Ekblom Street (Nicolson Avenue to Westland's Service Station Entrance)
- Stead Street (Nicolson Avenue to Loveday Street)
- Ryan Avenue (Nicolson Avenue to Loveday Street)
- Hincks Avenue (Nicolson Avenue to Loveday Street)
- Searle Street (Nicolson Avenue to Grundel Street)
- Racecourse Road (Nicolson Avenue to Cartledge Avenue)
- Russell Street (Nicolson Avenue to Flavel Street)

This may temporarily affect your property.

A plan of the area has been attached for your reference. If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please feel free to contact Ryan Sutherland, Events Coordinator on (08) 8640 3444 or e-mail council@whyalla.sa.gov.au.

Kind regards,



Ryan Sutherland
Events Coordinator, City Growth
Attached

