

Nicolson

AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 1

1/2/2024

Term 1: 2024

29/1/24 – 13/12/24

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2024 school year and a special warm welcome to all of our new Reception students and those students who have chosen Nicolson to be their school and joined us from other schools. I trust that everybody had a safe and happy holiday and is sufficiently rested to take on the challenges that 2024 will bring. I have to say that I have had the best week so far catching up with so many of our amazing students, old and new, and hearing all about their holiday adventures.

Staff Changes We have some staff changes to announce this year and we are very grateful to all that have chosen to join our amazing team at Nicolson. The new faces you will see are:

Mr Jai Swiderski who is teaching Year 4 in Room 22.

Miss Erin Dales who is teaching Year 3 in Room 24.

Mrs Susan Burgess who is teaching HASS and Science to our Year 1 cohort and to Room 15

Miss Jody Rosewarne who is teaching HASS and Science to our Year 2 and Year 3 cohort

Mrs Kylie Murphy who is teaching Health and PE to our Reception to Year 2 cohort

We wish them all the best for the year and know they will be made to feel very welcome by all members of our school community during their time at Nicolson.

Student Attendance It is a continuing priority for us to address issues of attendance amongst our students. If students miss the basic skills early in their schooling they often experience difficulties later. Six days absence per term from Junior Primary to the end of Year 6 equals one year of schooling missed. Half an hour late each day equals five days absence per term.

Under the Education Act of South Australia, **parents and/or caregivers are held responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care. All children aged between 6 and 16 years of age must be enrolled, attend and fully participate in the education program of a school.** To assist us to keep accurate records:

- * If your child is away, please phone or text the school to let us know, as the reason for all absences must be recorded by the school.
- * If your child is late arriving to school please sign in through the Administration Office so the arrival time is recorded.
- * Wherever possible, try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school hours.

School Student Broadband Initiative Please see the attached letter from Rowan Ramsey MP that explains how to apply for a government initiative that could mean that some families will have access to a free NBN service for 12 months to two years. Please read the letter carefully and complete the application if you believe you are eligible for this.

School Assemblies This year our school assemblies will be fortnightly, beginning Week 2 (next Friday) and we welcome parents to join us for these events. Classroom teachers will inform you through their communication app when they are showcasing some of the learning that they have been doing. We will continue to present class awards to acknowledge our students who are demonstrating our school values and we will endeavour to notify you via text message the night before if your child is receiving an award.

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

Telephone 08 8645 8685 Office Hours 8.00am to 4.00pm

Principal: Pam Peters

Deputy Principal: Sally Rowe

Senior Leader:

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

11/3	Public Holiday (Adel Cup Day)
13/3 – 25/3	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
29/3	Public Holiday (Good Friday)
1/4	Public Holiday (Easter Monday)
3/4	School Photo Day
12/4	Last Day of Term



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Department for Education

2024 Teaching Staff

Pam Peters	Principal	
Sally Rowe	Deputy Principal	
Lisa Phillips	Wellbeing Leader	
Cindy Francis	Reception	Unit 1
Sarah Filkin	Reception	Unit 2
Jacob Castle	JP Special Options	Room1
Courtney Scholz	Year 1	Room 4
Zoe Geihlich	Year 1	Room 6
Ollie Miller	Year 2	Room 2
Jaimee Walden	Year 2	Room 3
Sarah Alomes	Prim Special Options	Room 15
Erin Dales	Year 3	Room 24
Lesley Dutch	Year 3	Room 25
Jai Swiderski	Year 4	Room 22
Ange Harvey	Year 4	Room 23
Ali Wills	Room 16	Year 5
Rebecca Scharber	Room 17	Room 17
Jayden Forrester	Year 6	Room 18
Jemma Brooks	Year 6	Room 20
Justin Smitheram	AET	Room 21
Kylie Murphy	HPE (R - 2)	Gym
Sam Dunne	HASS/Science (R/SO)	Room 11
Susan Burgess	HASS/Science (1/SO)	Room 12
Jody Rosewarne	HASS/Science (2/3)	JP STEM
Bryan Rotherham	Science/Tech(4 - 6)	Room 26

2024

Administration and Support Staff

Business Manager	Phil Datson
Secretary	Catherine Worby
Administration	Penne Redjepi
Admin Assistant	Sharon Buhlmann
Finance	Penny Evans
IT Administrator	Ricki Cook
Speech SSO	Sandi Burk
ACEO	Peta Sutton
Librarian	Treann Clarke
Classroom Support	Jayne Acton
	Cheryll Burke
	Emily Byfieldt
	Mardi Hage
	Bec Nitschke
	Mel Jackson
	Wenda Johnston
	Janolla Jones
	Jenna-May Jackson
	Jodie Meyer
	Sheree Murray
	Vino Ravichandran
	Mel Poshkens
	David Robinson
	Caroline Rigg
	Carissa Schroeder
	Storm Collins
	Emily Marsland
	Clair Stringer
Shooting Stars	Tia Head
SSO Trainees	Emma Cox
	Amaya Middleton

Wellbeing Leader News

Welcome to 2024! I am very excited to be your Wellbeing Leader this year.



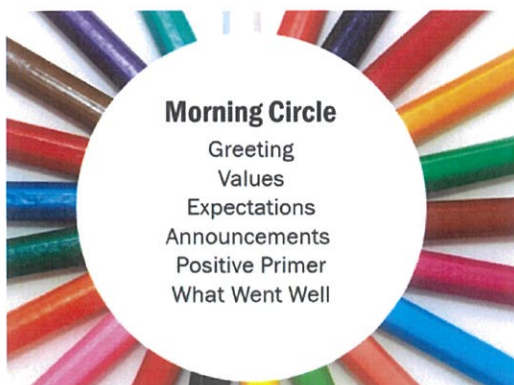
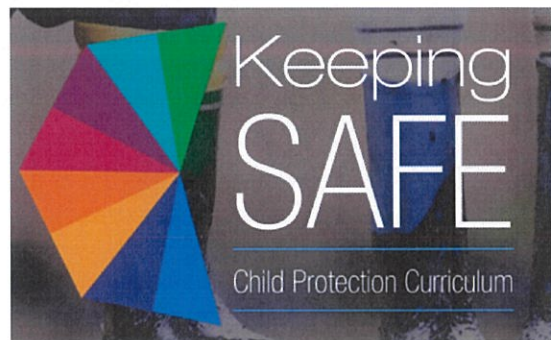
So what does a Wellbeing Leader do?

- Offer advice and referral to support services (Wellbeing Leaders do Not offer therapeutic or counselling services themselves)
- encourage and monitor attendance
- support positive learning and behaviour at school
- build and encourage positive relationships with the whole school community
- promote student voice and student leadership
- promote a whole school approach to student wellbeing
- manage Breakfast Club (open daily from 8:30)
- organise and support a variety of school events



Food Bank are the wonderful supports of our Breakfast Club. They also provide us with food vouchers. Feel free to contact me any time regarding this matter.

The child Protection Curriculum will be taught across all classrooms this year. Please see the attachment for further information.



The first 5 minutes of class are critical for setting the tone for the rest of the learning. All classes are taking on this approach this year. Getting to school on time and maintaining high attendance is strongly encouraged.



Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Dear Families

I am writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/children will be learning throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the use of the Curriculum.

The KS:CPC is a Department for Education responsibility under the *South Australia Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* and the *Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy* to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum.

Although parent permission is not required under the *Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020*, we encourage you to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is a child safety and respectful relationships curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection experts, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals.

The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the age and year level of students, starting from age 3 and progressing to age 17+.

The KS:CPC is predicated on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity. The two KS:CPC Themes are:

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.
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The two KS:CPC Themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the students. The Focus Areas are:

- Focus Area 1: The right to be safe (feelings, concepts of safe and unsafe, warning signs)
- Focus Area 2: Relationships (trust, networks, rights, responsibilities, fair/unfair and power)
- Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse (body parts, privacy, strategies, types of abuse)
- Focus Area 4: Protective strategies (persistence, problem solving, strategies)

The activities are structured in a sequential nature and at an age and developmentally appropriate level covering a range of topics.

More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: http://kscpc.2.vu/DE_ParentsCarers. Please contact me if you have any questions about the curriculum.

Yours Sincerely,
Lisa Phillips
Wellbeing Leader

NICOLSON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL- ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER 2024



Student support and family advocacy

The ACEO is on site to help support a positive relationship between families and the school. I am here to support all forms of communication between home and school regarding all Aboriginal learners educational, social and emotional needs. Please contact the ACEO if you feel you would like some support in having conversations with teachers about your child.

I will take time to get to know all Aboriginal learners at my site and I will enter classrooms in order to offer your child a culturally safe person to speak to on staff. My main objective of my role is to advocate for all Aboriginal learners at Nicolson Avenue Primary School and support their families.

School Card/ Native Title Funding through school

The ACEO can work with the Business Manager (Phillip Datson) to support families around school card applications to reduce school fees and native title paperwork to receive funding for school uniforms etc.

2024 Transition/ Attendance

Transition from pre-school to school is a big change, not only for students but for families. Please reach out if you need help setting up any communication platforms that are used by your child's teacher or if you require help with setting up the QKR canteen app.

I am here to support all parents in overcoming social barriers to get Aboriginal children to school. Attendance is a major focus of my role because children need to be at school to give them the best opportunity possible to strive and learn.

If your child is sick or you have any family reasons as to why your child will not be at school, please contact myself or the Administration Office.

If your child misses	that equals	or	From Kindy-Yr12 that adds up to	Which is the equivalent of attending until:
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4

ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)



Hello parents, caregivers and community members. My name is Peta Sutton and I will be the Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) in 2024 at Nicolson Avenue Primary School.

This is the 7th year I have spent in this role at NAPS.

I am a Pitjantjatjara-Yankunytjatjara woman and a busy mum of 5 children. My children are involved in community sports like footy, netball, basketball, karate and hockey, so you more than likely see me out and about on most weekends.

I am also studying a Bachelor of Psychological Science and Sociology through UniSA and I am in my 3rd Year.

My other passions include going to the beach with my family, metal detecting and travelling.

CONTACT

MONDAY- FRIDAY
86458685
9AM-3.30PM

School Fees

Invoices for the 2024 M&S School fees have been emailed or posted if no email account is linked to your account.

When you receive your invoice you will be able to pay using cash or credit card at the Administration Office.

Payments for M&S Fees can also be made via the QKR App.

Instalments can also be set up for payment of school fees.

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

2024 School Card Application

Do you hold a concession card? You may be eligible to apply for school card to assist you with payment of this year's school fees.

You can apply online using the link below or call into our Administration Office to complete a 2024 School Card Form.

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

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

2024 QKR Canteen Update

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 in their new class for 2024.

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 and confirm that the order has gone through.

To set up online orders visit the QKR app to register and check out more tips:
<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

New Canteen Opening Hours

Due to lack of trade in Break 2 the Governing Council has decided that the Canteen will only be open for over the counter sales in first break. So if children have spending money they will need to use it in the first break. Teachers have been reminding them about this during this week.

Reminder that the canteen is open first break only on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Contacts & Emergency Details

Let's start 2024 with your child's information and contact details correct.

Have you changed any of your contact details such as phone number, address or emergency contact information?

If you have moved, please pop into the Administration Office with your new address details in the form of a licence or bill with your name and the address clearly labelled so that our system can be updated.

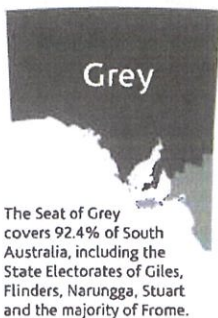
We need current up to date phone numbers for all of our families in the event of emergencies.

Please also think about who you may have as emergency contacts and change, add or update numbers of these people.

We use email, text messaging and remind app to keep in touch with our families, so it is important that this information is current and updated at all times.

Circumstances and situations change so please ensure that you update all details so that in the event of an emergency we are able to be in touch with you or your contacts.

Thanks for keeping your information accurate.



ROWAN RAMSEY MP

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Federal Member for Grey



Dear Principal and staff,

Re: School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Family finances are stretched, and sadly some students simply don't have access to a NBN service at their home. We know that access to a reliable internet service is crucial to everyday learning and further education opportunities. Without internet access, a young person's access to education can be severely compromised.

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, up to 30,000 eligible families without home internet can apply to access a free National Broadband Network (NBN) service. A family can nominate to receive a free service up to 31 December 2024. This free service will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families. Families can directly contact the National Referral Centre to have their eligibility assessed or be referred by a participating nominating organisation.

To be eligible, a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school.
- Have no active broadband service over the NBN network.
- Live in a premise where they can access a standard NBN service.
- Not have had an active NBN service during the previous 14 days.

To check eligibility, follow these simple steps.

- Contact the National Referral Centre, operated by Anglicare Victoria, on [1800 954 610](tel:1800954610) (Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm AEDT), www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet.
- The National Referral Centre team will help assess eligibility for the SSBI, by checking applicants' details including applicants residential address and current financial situation.
- If eligible, a voucher will be issued to be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI retail service provider of choice and providing follow-up support.
- If you believe you have a student/s who may benefit from this initiative, you will find additional information at www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI.

Wishing your students, staff, and community a happy and successful year of learning in 2024.

ROWAN RAMSEY MP
Federal Member for Grey

January 17th, 2024.
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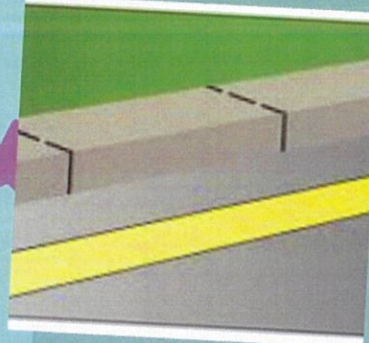
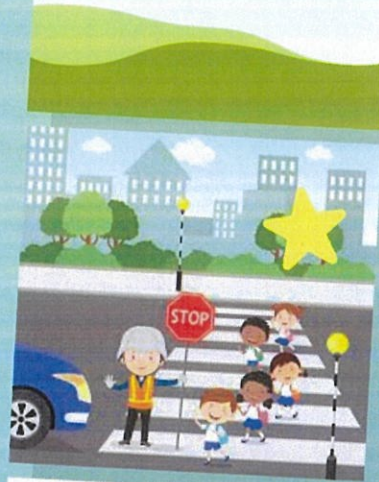
PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK

MOST ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN OUTSIDE SCHOOLS OCCUR WHEN A CHILD HAS THEIR SIGHT OBSCURED BY PARKED CARS

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

- Do not park on zig zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings.
- Do not park across driveways.
- Do not park on footpaths or verges.
- do not drop kids off in the centre of the road.
- do not park where there is a no stopping sign or continuous yellow line.
- adhere to the speed limit of 25kph while children are present.



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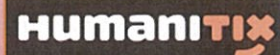


Lego Club at the Library

After School each Thursday
4pm- 5pm

Bookings through Humanitix essential

Phone the Whyalla Public Library on
8645 7891 for further information



STEM CLUB

Thursdays at 4pm

12 Years & Up
Learning 3d Design & Coding with Robots



Call the library on 86457891 for further information

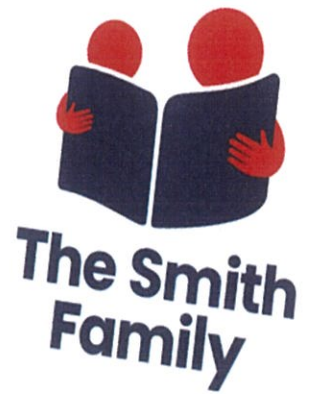
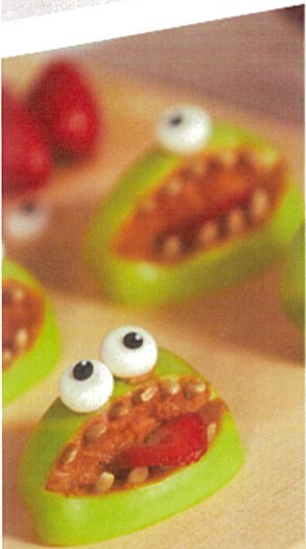


Learning Club

at the library

Wednesdays

3.30-4.30





Come & try Judo!

First 3 lessons are Free
Sports Voucher Approved

WHERE: Jubilee Park Showgrounds

WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays

WHO: Kids (5-12): 6pm - 7pm,

Teens & Adults: 7pm - 8:30pm



SCAN ME

email: Whyallajudoclub@gmail.com





FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS



School: **Nicolson Ave Primary**

Start Date: **Monday, 12th February**

Finish Date: **Monday, 1st April**

Time: **3:15 - 4:15** **Contact:**

luke.marinkovich@footballsaustralia.com.au



JOIN TODAY!

CONTACT US
(08) 8340 3088



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Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS



School: Nicolson Ave Primary
Start Date: Monday, 12th February
Finish Date: Monday, 1st April
Time: 3:15 - 4:15
Contact: luke.marinkovich@footballsa.com.au

What is Football in Schools?

Football in Schools works with the National MiniRoos program to deliver football in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. It consists of weekly sessions that build skills through progressive football exercises and games, with a focus on fundamental movement skills. All participants receive a participant pack and giveaways.



JOIN TODAY!

CONTACT US
(08) 8340 3088

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www.footballinschools.com.au/footballinschools

I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2024

Child's information

First name: Family name:

Child date of birth: / / Gender: Male Female Gender diverse

Is this the first time your child has joined this sport / dance organisation? Yes No

Has your child been identified as living with a disability? Yes No

Is your child from a culturally and linguistically diverse background? Yes No

Is your child from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? Yes No

Medicare information

Medicare number: Reference number:

OR Australian visa number:

Parent/Guardian information

First name: Family name:

Street address: Suburb:

Postcode: Contact number:

Email:

An email notification may be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the authorisation of the voucher used for your child

To be presented at an approved Sports Voucher provider. To find your nearest provider or for more information please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au. Not redeemable for cash, only a reduction to membership/registration fees. Redemption value not to exceed \$100.00. In presenting this voucher I give permission to the Sports Voucher provider to share my information with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR). The ORSR may share de-identified information with third parties (eg other agencies of government, research institutions, etc) to improve the administration, outcomes or effectiveness of the Program.