

# Nicolson

## AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 11

11/4/2024

Term 1: 2024

29/1/24 – 13/12/24

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

The holidays are almost here and when we stop to reflect on the term we have had, we realise how busy we have been. Pleasingly lots of students have made positive gains with their learning and are achieving the goals that were set for Term 1. This has been brought about through challenging tasks set by teachers, support being provided as our students work through these and determination and persistence shown by our students to achieve their best. We all know that new learning is not always easy, but the feeling you get when you achieve something that at first, seemed out of reach, is always worth it and the look of pride on students' faces when they are sharing these experiences with staff around the school is just amazing.

Please try and keep the learning going for your children over the holidays, through sharing experiences such as cooking, gardening and reading, and listen and talk with them about anything and everything that makes them curious or captures their attention. Sometimes we all learn something new by investigating something with a child.



### Mem Fox visit

Today our school was treated with a visit from Mem Fox who is an ambassador for the Premier's Reading Challenge. During her visit she read some of her books, answered questions and shared stories about her life and how she goes about writing children's books. Most of us grew up on a diet of Mem Fox's books and our children have been enjoying her stories all week in the lead up to her visit. The reason we were so lucky to receive this visit was because we are considered a high performing school with the challenge and they like to reward us with something special. The challenge is on again this year and it would be great if you could

encourage your children to read twelve or more books to earn themselves a medal and to help our school stay in the high performing ranks.



**Captain Australia** On Tuesday morning we were privileged to have Captain Australia come and talk to our children about his story and the reason for his latest quest – walking around Australia to raise money for the Kid's Cancer Project. This is the second quest he has undertaken since having cancer himself. The money we raise tomorrow from our Casual Clothes Day will be donated to the cause Captain Australia is supporting.

**Happy Holidays** As you know tomorrow is the last day of Term 1 and school will finish at 2:10pm. All of the staff wish everyone an enjoyable and restful break and hope that Term 2 sees everyone back at school, fit and healthy, ready for the next steps in their learning.



*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

12 April

Last Day of Term

12 April

Early Dismissal

29 April

Term 2 Starts

7 June

Student Free Day

10 June

Public Holiday (King's Birthday)



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# Wellbeing News

## Need support?

### MENTAL HEALTH & SUPPORT SERVICES



**1800 55 1800 | [kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)**

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



**1800 650 890 (9am - 1pm AEST) | [headspace.org.au](http://headspace.org.au)**

Online and telephone support and counselling for young people aged 12 - 25 and their families



**1300 22 4636 | [beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au)**

24/7 mental health support service



**13 11 14 | [lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)**

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

**1800RESPECT**

**1800 737 732 | [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)**

Support if you, or someone you know, is experiencing sexual assault or domestic and family violence



If you are in an emergency, or at immediate risk of harm to yourself or others, please contact emergency services on 000.

## Mother's Day Information

Next term we will be running our Mother's Day Stall. Mother's Day this year will be on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Students will attend the stall during class time on the Thursday and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of May to make purchases.

Lots of lovely gifts at very reasonable prices will be available for purchase.

Please note that the stall is not open for parents to attend.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Early next Term, the Book Fair returns to Nicolson Avenue Primary School. Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their library time and write a 'wish list' to take home. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Book Fair Opening Times in the Library/AV Room

#### Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 9.00am 3.10pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 9.00am 3.10pm - 3.30pm

#### Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 9.00am 3.10pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 9.00am 3.10pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am - 9.00am <b>ONLY</b>

## Holiday Security

We would like to ask families who live near the school to keep an eye out during the holidays for any issues that may look suspicious.

If you see any behaviour that doesn't seem right please contact Police on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Help keep our school safe and vandalism free.

Many thanks and have a safe and happy school holiday break! 😊

## Casual Clothes Day

Tomorrow on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having a casual clothes day for end of term.

Our theme will be Pyjama Day! Come dressed in your pyjamas for the day on Friday, remember to wear weather appropriate clothes and shoes for the day.

Gold coin donation will be raised for Captain Australia.

## End of Term 1 Date and Dismissal Time of 2.10pm

School will finish at 2.10pm this Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> April for 2 weeks.

Students will be back on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> April for a great start to Term 2.



**Dismissal time for students will be 2.10pm this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**



# PlayConnect+



## Join our school holidays session!

**Whyalla – HOPE Community Hub**

**157 Nicholson Ave, Whyalla**

**Tuesday 16th April 2024**

**9.30am - 11.30am**

**Call Fiona to RSVP: 0412 652 794**

Children aged 5-8 years, their siblings and their families are invited to attend a PlayConnect+ school holiday session.

PlayConnect+ groups are open to all children with disability and/or developmental delay, aged 0-8 years, their families, carers and siblings. No diagnosis is required.

All sessions will be facilitated by qualified professionals.

[www.playgroupsa.com.au](http://www.playgroupsa.com.au)

PlayConnect+ is Funded by the Australian Government  
Department of Social Services  
and in partnership with Autism Queensland.





FOOTBALL  
SOUTH  
AUSTRALIA

# WHYALLA SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS



**SATURDAY, 20TH APRIL**  
**SWANDEL PARK**  
**AGES 5-9, 10-16**  
**9:30AM - 1:00PM**  
**\$50.00**







# Let's learn together

Join a Learning Club and learn together in a safe and supportive learning environment, outside of school hours.

WHERE: STEM Room

WHEN: 3.10 to 4.10 Mondays

To join your local Learning Club, please contact:

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Alicia Keilty

CONTACT: 0427 291 419

## Learning Clubs

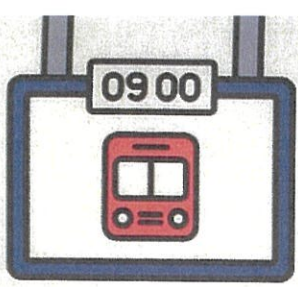


**The Smith  
Family**

Learn today, change tomorrow.

You can also pop into the school office if you have any questions or for a registration form!





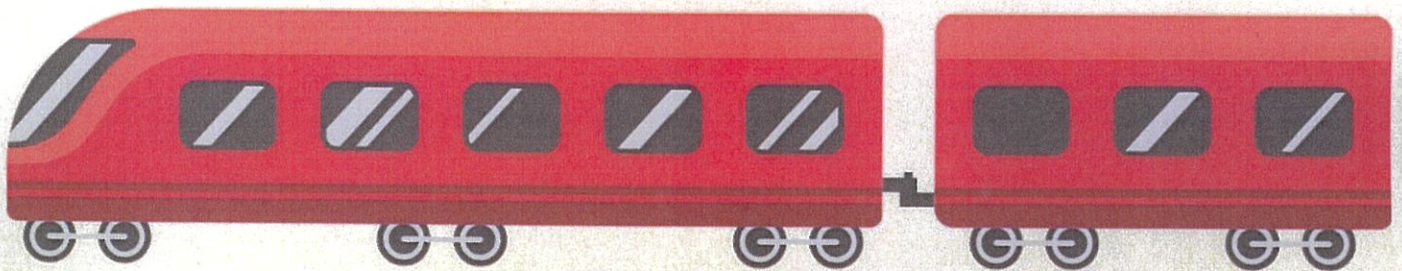
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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

CHOO-CHOO! ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FAMILY ACTIVITY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? **LOOK NO FURTHER!**

COME VISIT US AND TAKE THE RAIL TRAIL CHALLENGE.



WHYALLA VISITOR CENTRE & MARITIME MUSEUM, LINCOLN HIGHWAY



Free kids entry in Family Groups

Opening hours: daily 10am - 4pm

Ship Tours: daily 10.30am, 11.30am, 1:30pm

Access to the HMAS Whyalla only by guided tour

For more information call 1800 088 589

