

# Nicolson

## AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week 7

13/6/2024

Term 2: 2024

29/4/24 – 5/7/24

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. Our Semester 1 reports will go home on Friday Week 9 and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10. Notes inviting you to book a time for these important discussions will go home Monday Week 9, please ensure that you watch out for these and that you book a time to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

### 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 had varying focuses throughout the day including looking at the new Education Department Strategy for Public Education in South Australia. To put you in the picture the strategy has been developed to cater for a world that is constantly changing and to prepare our children for a future that will be vastly different from today. Our Department has embraced the need to continually adapt to keep up with the changing demands to support our children to learn and thrive beyond the classroom. The strategy has four interrelated areas of impact -: Wellbeing, Equity and Excellence, Learner Agency and Effective Learners. Our work presently is focused on Learner Agency and we spent some time digging deeper into this area as this is also a focus for our School Improvement Plan. We looked at what we already do well and what we can tweak to make a child's experience here at Nicolson even better. It was pleasing to note many links to our Berry Street training from last year and Brightpath, as these are things that we are already working with at our school.

We also explored the new SA Curriculum. Our Department has adapted the Australian Curriculum to suit South Australia and they will be phasing this in in all schools over the next two years.

The SA Curriculum:

- emphasises understanding over recall of information
- outlines dispositions in each learning area that are crucial for effective learning
- includes the general capabilities in each learning areas
- includes Learning Standards that focus on what learners can be, do and understand, demonstrating that dispositions, capabilities and knowledge are valued

The SA Curriculum is presently in prototype and we as teachers can suggest changes to make it work better for our context.

Jane McLean also did a presentation about English as an Additional Language or Dialect which was very informative and certainly raised awareness for many of us about our Aboriginal learners and built our understanding of how best to support these learners.

### Punctuality at School

We have noticed that many of our students have been arriving late each morning and this is having an impact on their learning as they have missed the setup for the day and the recap of what was learnt the day before. If this is your family try to make some tweaks to your routine so that your children are given the best opportunity to access their learning. None of us enjoy the cold starts to the day but it is part of life and we just have to get on with it.

*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: Bryan Rotherham

Student Wellbeing Leader: Lisa Phillips

Business Managers: Phillip Datson & Penny Evans

Secretary: Catherine Worby

Administration: Penne Redjepi

ICT Manager: Ricki Cook

### Diary Dates

28 June

1 July – 5 July

1 July – 5 July

5 July

5 July

Mid-Year Reports will be sent home

Parent/Teacher Interviews

NAIDOC Week

Last day of Term 2

Early Dismissal Time of 2.10pm



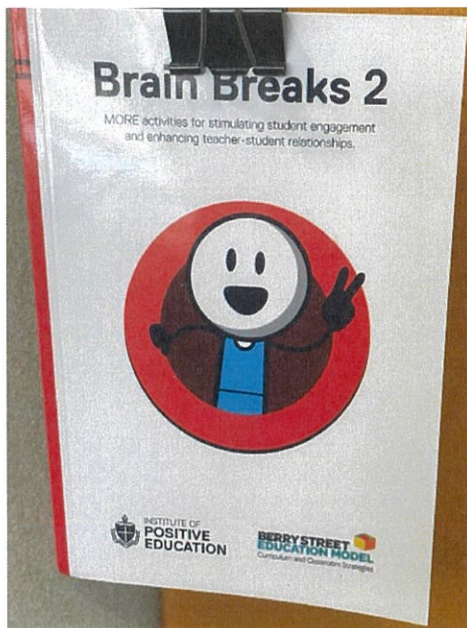
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# Wellbeing News

## Berry Street Brain Breaks

We support students' stamina and engagement for their learning with brain breaks – regular short activities, regulating movements and opportunities to share positive emotions. These short and fun activities take place at regular intervals each and every day.



Scan the barcode to watch 'The boy who can jump rope faster than anyone in the world'!!!!



*Please remember that Food Bank vouchers are available. Simply contact Lisa Phillips.*



## School Fees

Have you paid your school fees (M&S Fees) this year as yet?

You will be able to pay school fees using cash or credit card at the Administration Office.



Payments for school 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](mailto:phillip.datson172@schools.sa.edu.au)

## School Card Application

Do you hold a concession card?



Did you apply for School Card last year?

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](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

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

## Smoking/Vaping on School Grounds

Important reminder that Nicolson Avenue Primary School is a smoke free zone.



We thank you for butting out your cigarettes and popping your vapes away before entering our school grounds.

## Notifying Absences

If your child will be away from school for any reasons, can you please notify the school with details and length of absence.

We will update your child's records to reflect the reason for being absent from school, this way their school records will show there are no unexplained reasons for being absent.

There are a few ways to advise us of any absences; you can call us on 86 45 8685, you can respond to our SMS message or send in a note with your child.

We thank you for keeping us informed.

## Have you changed your email address?

One of the ways that we communicate with our school community is through email.

It is important that we have your correct email address on our system.

If you have made any changes, please give us a call and update your email address.

## Choreographic Workshop

Join us for this FREE choreographic workshop for ages 12 – 25 at D'faces of Youth Arts

The session will be held at D'faces of Youth Arts, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 5:30 – 7:30pm.

More information is featured on the flyer attached, and registration can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/ChoreographicWorkshopWhyalla>