



# CRAIGMORE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learners today, leaders tomorrow

## NEWSLETTER

Term 1, 2025 WEEK 3 Issue 1

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### DIARY DATES

#### PUPIL FREE DAY

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

#### JUNIOR PRIMARY SPORTING SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

WEDNESDAY

26TH FEBRUARY

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MONDAY 10TH MARCH

#### NAPLAN

12TH MARCH—21ST  
MARCH

#### HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

#### LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL  
EARLY DISMISSAL 2PM



Welcome to the 2025 school year!

Governing Council

What a fabulous start to the year we have had. It has been wonderful to see all of our new students quickly settle into the school routines and students have been such wonderful role models in the yard and in the class.

Communication

All classes have access to Seesaw which is a direct messaging tool to your child's teacher/s but is also a space where teachers upload photos and student learning for families to be able to see at home. Please make sure you have connected via the QR code sent home. Leadership also use Seesaw to send home notes for individual classes or whole school news

Pupil Free Day

Our first Pupil Free Day is on the 21st February. As part of our school improvement plan we are looking at pedagogical practices that enhance students' dispositions and capabilities, which is a key focus for the Strategy for Education.

OSHC will be available on the day. Book online or by ringing 0459 988 357.

We are always seeking new members to join our Governing Council. It is a good way to stay informed and have a say in what happens within the school community. If you are interested in joining us please let us know as we are in the process of setting the date for the AGM. If you are interested but unsure of what it involves, please pop in and have a chat. We meet twice a term at a time that suits the members.

Inclement Weather

We have certainly had a warm start to the year. All of our classrooms are air conditioned and on days of inclement weather, students are supervised indoors.

The canteen remains open for students to enjoy ice blocks and we have a number of water fountains that provide cold water throughout the school.

Please ensure your child/ren have refillable water bottles with them each day.

Regards, *Bec Jamieson*

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional owners of the land. We pay respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge the Country as the **Tarndanyangga ("Red Kangaroo place")** and share this land respectfully in the spirit of reconciliation.

We acknowledge those who come before us and we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

# IMPORTANT FINANCE NEWS

## Material & Service Fees 2025



Final approval of the School Material and Service Charges was approved at the Governing Council Meeting 13th November 2024.

The M&S Fees for 2025 will be \$300.00 which is an increase of \$13.00. The M&S Fees also incorporate the Foundation to Year 5's swimming fees. The Year 6 component assists with the Camp subsidy.

The State Government has announced that they will be providing the M&S rebate again in 2025. This has increased to \$200.00 per student (n/a to school card eligible). The out of pocket cost for families will be \$100.00 per child.

Please Note: If your child/ren do not attend the swimming or camp the component of M&S will still be used to support these activities.

Invoices were emailed on 10th February 2025. If you did not receive an email, please contact the office for a hard copy.

**School Card applications must be applied for every year and submitted ONLINE.**

The 2025 School Card Application will be available from late January.

No paper applications will be accepted by the Department except for Change of Circumstances, Hardship or Reassessment.

To assist you with your online application a staff member will be available at the front office from the 30th January 2025. This support will continue throughout Term 1.

Please ensure you bring your Centrelink details (CRN numbers) with you.

We understand some parents do not have access to technology or have limited understanding of departmental procedures.

Please do not hesitate to use our access and support to ensure your School Card application is lodged and processed in a timely manner.

We would prefer that School Card applications be lodged before the end of Term 1 2025.

# PRINCIPAL AWARDS

- Sebastian M - Great organisation and resilience
- Ari S—Overcoming obstacles in a positive way
- Brody S—Sharing great information with his class
- Sanannah T—A positive start to the year

# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Well done to the following students who continue to display our school values.

## RESPECT

- Alexia N- Consistently showing active listening
- Asghar H—Speaking respectfully to everyone
- Hailey OM- Being kind and helpful to everyone
- Koah E—Being kind to everyone
- Nadia- Being respectful during lessons
- Ashlyn- Showing respect towards her peers
- Oliver W—Respecting classroom property
- Levi P—Always speaking to others politely
- Lillian B—Following instructions, being kind and speaking politely
- Kaia G—Always being polite, listening and waiting her turn
- Callum P—Speaking nicely to others
- Amelia B—Looking after school property
- Elissa J—Always showing respect to peers and adults
- Polina S—Always communicating politely
- Xavier G- Awesome work demonstrating respectful behaviour in the class
- Becky P—Setting an example of kind
- Marie V—Always showing respect inside & outside the classroom to her peers and teachers
- Liam C—Always showing respect for others inside & outside the classroom
- William W—Displaying tremendous respect to all
- Madyson H—Treating everyone with kindness
- Savannah T—Respecting her teacher
- Violet G- Respecting her teacher
- Liam C—Looking after property in P.E.
- Hunter W—Caring for self and others
- Mia C- Caring for self and others
- Haley M—Helping other students
- Jose V—Always being respectful
- Madison K—Always being respectful
- Esther B—Always helping and showing respect to others in the library
- McKenzie J—Always helping and showing respect to others in the library
- Alivia W—Always showing respect in Auslan
- Luka SJ—Always showing respect in Auslan

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TERM DATES 2025

**Term 1 28th January –11th April**

**Term 2 28th April—4th July**

**Term 3 21st July—26th September**

**Term 4 13th October—12th December**

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Medication will not be accepted by staff without a Medication Authority. The instructions must match those on the pharmacy label of the container. Students with medical needs must provide the school with an appropriate Care Plan (ie Asthma Care Plan) Medication Authority. The Medication must be in the box it was dispensed with the pharmacy label affixed.

Webster Packs are recommended.

There are no exceptions.

Care Plans and Medication Authorities are valid for 12 months only. It is the parents responsibility to provide the above to the school. DfE forms are available from the front office and the schools website. Blank DfE approved plans can be downloaded from our website so you will be prepared for your visit. Please ensure the doctor issues a Health Plan and a Medication Authority to be compliant.

MEDICATION CANNOT BE GIVEN NOR KEPT IN THE CLASSROOM, STUDENTS POCKETS OR BAGS.

Please Note: we are unable to crush or dissolve any medications given to your children. Please start encouraging them to swallow the tablets at home to make it more comfortable for them at school.





# Welcome New Reception! Room 4 Ms Espindola

Kyrie



Aaron



Derek



Harlow



Mia



Pyper



Brooke



Azaleah



Harper



Hailey



Remi



Koah



Caleb



## This term we are learning....

- \*How to pack and unpack our bags by ourselves
  - \*Handwriting
  - \*Using scissors
  - \*Core exercises
  - \*Colouring in
  - \*Following school and class routines.
  - \*The first 6 phonics sounds: s a t i p n
  - \*To keep trying and do our best
  - \*Using glue
  - \*Playground climbing
  - \*Working in a team
- We are doing great!**

# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## Mr. Stubbin's Monstars

We have been practicing our counting. Using unifix blocks and Duplo we created number stairs to help up count in correct sequence. We have also started to learn how to write numerals. We have been learning that it is okay not get it the first time, the more we practice, the better we get.

Andrea: I like counting!



MR STUBBINS MONSTARS



Jacobza: I am good at writing



# YEAR 6 AQUATICS

## Year 6 Aquatics Adventure at West Lakes

On the 6th of February, the Year 6 students had an unforgettable day out at West Lakes for their Aquatics excursion. It was a thrilling and action-packed day, offering a chance to dive into new experiences on the water.

The day started bright and early as the students set off with high energy, ready to try their hand at sailing, kayaking, surfing, and snorkelling. Each activity was a new challenge and an exciting opportunity for the students to step outside their comfort zones. Whether it was the thrill of balancing on a surfboard, paddling through the lake in a kayak, or exploring the underwater world while snorkelling, the students were fully immersed in the fun!

The highlight of the day was definitely the variety of activities—everyone had the chance to experience something new. Some students found themselves with sore muscles and tired eyes by the end of the day, and a few even took quick naps on the bus ride back to school!

Overall, it was a fantastic, enriching experience that allowed the Year 6 students to build confidence, teamwork, and discover new hobbies. The trip to West Lakes was a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation, and the memories made will surely last for years to come.

We can't wait for next year's Aquatics adventure!



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

If you want your child to be successful at school

attendance really does matter!

Please be aware that it is the parent's responsibility to advise the school of the reason why their child/children are not at school.

It is departmental requirement that all student absences are explained.

Did you know your child's best learning is in the morning at the start of the school day?

Some interesting information below when just a little bit late doesn't seem like much BUT ...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

Just missing 10 minutes per	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly one year
Half hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 3 years

### School Bell Times

- 8:35 Teacher on duty in the yard
- 8:50 School day begins
- 8.55 Students Late
- 11:25 Eat lunch inside
- 11:35 Lunch play
- 12:05 Lunch finishes
- 1:45 Recess play
- 2:05 Eat recess inside
- 3:00 Home time





# Important Reminders



## Hats



**Term 1 Hats are to be worn  
During recess and lunch play times.**

Please make sure your child has a hat  
EACH day otherwise they will be required  
to stay in a sun safe  
area designated by Leadership.



**Friday 21st February 2025**

**If you require OSHC please contact 0459 988 357  
Bookings are essential**

**YMCA  
OSHC**  
[www.sa.ymca.org.au/oshc-centres](http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/oshc-centres)



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The schools phone number is 8255 0533. If you ring outside school hours, please leave a message so we can ring back at our earliest convenience. Alternatively the school has a mobile 0447 062 849.



We are pleased to provide a Facebook page for our community to enable everyone to be kept up-to-date and informed about what is happening . On our page we will share special events, news and information, exciting learning, together with reminders about important dates and updates.

TERM 1 PLANNER						
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On the back of every Newsletter we have a term calendar which is updated as events arise. This Newsletter has been printed so you can put it on your fridge and/or a central place.



The school also uses the Qkr app to order lunches, pay fees and any excursions that incur a cost.

AERIAL

FITNESS

DANCE



PHOENIX STUDIO  
ADELAIDE

# KIDS CLASSES

**MONDAY :** LITTLE LYRA/HAMMOCK 4:30PM  
POLENASTICS 4:30PM

**TUESDAY:** HAMMOCK 3:30PM  
SILKS 4:30PM  
LYRA 5:30PM

**WEDNESDAY:** HAMMOCK 4:30PM  
SILKS 5:30PM

**THURSDAY:** LYRA 4:30PM  
HAMMOCK 5:30PM

**FRIDAY:** FLOORWORK 4:45PM  
SILKS 5:30PM

## FIRST CLASS FREE



[WWW.PHOENIXSTUDIOADELAIDE.COM.AU](http://WWW.PHOENIXSTUDIOADELAIDE.COM.AU)

[ADMIN@PHOENIXSTUDIOADELAIDE.COM.AU](mailto:ADMIN@PHOENIXSTUDIOADELAIDE.COM.AU)





## 6 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers, we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 6 helpful tips for safety in school zones.

- 1 Consider alternative transport modes to reduce the number of vehicles in school zones.
- 2 Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
- 3 Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
- 4 Talk about traffic safety with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and to cross the road.
- 5 Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look, listen and think' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
- 6 Park a few streets away and walk your child to school to reduce congestion and improve safety. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

For further information please contact City of Playford

8256 0333  
playford@playford.sa.gov.au

[playford.sa.gov.au](http://playford.sa.gov.au)

[playford.sa.gov.au/stayconnected](http://playford.sa.gov.au/stayconnected)



# Parking safely around schools



## Parking safely around schools

We all know parking and traffic around school can be frustrating but going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules.

## Common Parking Restrictions



### No Parking Signs

You may use this area for drop off and pick up only, for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not queue or wait here. The driver must remain with the vehicle.

### Kiss and Drop Zones

are generally near the school gates and are designated by 'No Parking' signs.

### Here are some key reminders when entering a Kiss and Drop Zone:

Follow the rules of 'No Parking' signs

Be mindful of others who are also dropping off their children

Keep an eye out for children crossing the road when exiting the Kiss and Drop Zone

Be mindful that queuing for the Kiss and Drop zone may result in other breaches to the road rules

If your child is unable to enter/exit the vehicle and enter the school independently, consider parking and walking your child in



### No Stopping Signs/ Yellow Lines

Both No Stopping Signs and Yellow Lines mean the same thing. There might be one or the other or both. Drivers must not stop on a length of road to which this restriction applies, even if you are stopping for a short period to pick up a child. Stopping here may cause a traffic hazard as well as congestion. You cannot stop near a school crossing, always follow the signs and yellow lines.



### Bus Zone Signs

You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to public buses. If there are no signs, you are not allowed to stop within 20 metres of the approach to a bus stop or within 10 metres of the departure side.

### Double Parking

Drivers must not stop next to a vehicle already stopped or parked at the kerb at any time.

This practice is illegal and creates dangerous situations for traffic flow and for pedestrians crossing a road.



Example of cars double parked in a school zone.



# TERM 1 PLANNER

Week 1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1
Week 2	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2 YEAR 6 AQUATICS	7/2 ASSEMBLY
Week 3	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2	14/2 VALENTINES DAY
Week 4	17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2 PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 5	24/2	25/2	26/2 JP SPORTING SCHOOLS ATHLETICS	27/2	28/2
Week 6	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3 ASSEMBLY
Week 7	10/3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY ADELAIDE CUP	11/3	12/3 NAPLAN	13/3 NAPLAN	14/3 NAPLAN
Week 8	17/3 NAPLAN	18/3 NAPLAN	19/3 NAPLAN	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN HARMONY DAY
Week 9	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 ASSEMBLY
Week 10	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4
Week 11	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2PM