



## From the Principal Thursday 9 June 2022

### KEY DATES & REMINDERS

#### TERM 2

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Mon 13 Jun (W7)**

**Finance Committee Meeting - 6.00pm Mon 20 Jun (W8)**

**Governing Council Meeting - 7.00pm Mon 27 Jun (W9)**

**NAIDOC Week Whole-School Assembly - 9.30am Wed 6 JUL (W10) - East Oval: smoking ceremony & dance**

**Last day T1 - 2.10pm dismissal Fri 8 Jul (W10)**

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE - QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 23 JULY @SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB\*\***

#### TERM 3

**First day T3 - Mon 25 Jul (W1)**

**Yr4/5 Arbury Park - Mon 25 - Wed 27 July (W1) - Rooms 08CJ, 09NP & Yr5s in 07BM**

**Phonics Screening Check (PSC) - 8 Aug to 2 Sep (W3-6)**

**Sports Day - Fri 23 Sep (W9)**

**Colour Run - Fri 30 Sep (W10)**

**Last day T3 - 2.10pm dismissal Fri 30 Sep (W10)**

### Building works update

Students have been watching the early works with great interest. The impact of these site works on school operations have so far been minimal and we remain super excited about what lies ahead! In the past week, an old diesel tank has been removed from the front of the school, and trenching and cabling works in preparation for the installation of our new electrical switchboard have continued. The electrical changeover will occur during the July school holiday period.



Telstra will also finalise installation of our new phone system on Tuesday 14 June. As a result, some disruption to our school phone lines and services may occur for a brief period between 12 noon and 2pm on this day. An upgrade of our security system will hopefully be completed this Friday 10 June.

### Welcome Kate Pitman (Pastoral Care Worker)

Kate Pitman has officially commenced as our new Pastoral Care Worker. Her days of work are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Kate will spend plenty of time between now and the end of term getting to know students, staff and families. Please make her feel welcome if you see her around... Also keep an eye out for a special profile piece on Kate coming soon, as well as information regarding some exciting initiatives Kate is working on to help support the health and wellbeing of our students.

## Camp Fundraising

In preparation for our Quiz Night on Saturday 23 July at Somerton Bowling Club, the Fundraising Committee is calling for donations for raffles and prizes. Please drop all donations into our front office by Wednesday 6 July – see guide below for suggested donation items by class:

Rooms 6 & 7 – ‘Gourmet delights’ and ‘foodie treats’ (non-perishable please)

Rooms 8 & 9 – Gardening and outdoors

Rooms 10 & 11 – Cooking, tea and coffee lovers

Rooms 12, 13 & 14 – Pampering and relation

Rooms 15, 16, 17 & 18 – Family fun, games & sports

All donations and funds raised will help reduce the cost of our 2022 camps to families.

## Student Ambassadors in Governing Council

A roster is being established for our Student Ambassadors to link into Governing Council meetings across the remainder of 2022. Information will be sent to the parents/caregivers of Ambassadors outlining this initiative, and a Zoom link emailed to parents/caregivers on the day of their child’s allocated meeting.

## Grounds/Environment Action: Green Adelaide Grassroots Grant Application

Our Grounds and Environment Ambassadors and selected ATSI student representatives are working with key school staff and project officers from Marion Council to plan for a redevelopment of our nature garden area on the East Oval. A Green Grant application is being prepared as part of this work, in an effort to secure outside funding to support the project. Plans will likely include new/additional fencing, signage/QR codes identifying significant native plants, and a cultural node/meeting place for student and community use. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from this group in the coming weeks.

## NAIDOC Week Assembly - 9.30am Wednesday 6 July (W10)

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. On Wednesday 6 July, we will be holding a NAIDOC Week Assembly on our East Oval. Our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) Mick Kilsby is putting together an amazing program for the morning, including a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony to be led by Kaurna Elder Uncle Tamaru, and a multi-sensory cultural performance by Dave Booth. Parents/caregivers and family members are warmly invited to join us for this whole-school event - please enter/exit through the WUCS gates off Morphett Road.

