

14th February 2022. Term 1, Week 3

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Dates to Remember

Governing Council Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 15th February
5:00pm

Governing Council Meeting AGM

Tuesday 22nd March
5:00pm

Aquatics Week

4th – 8th April

Welcome to week 3 and hasn't it been wonderful to experience some warm weather.

Today we welcome back to school for the first time this year, our Year 2-6 students who have been participating in Remote Learning at home. We are delighted to have you back and could we please offer a HUGE thank you to your families for assisting in our Remote Learning program.

COVID19 School Restrictions

We are minimising visitors to our site so could I please remind families to please drop off and pick up students at the gate.

Cleaner

We have a new cleaner who began last week. Thank you to our staff and students for keeping our school clean during the transition period.

Site Improvement Plan (SIP)

As a school we are continually monitoring student outcomes and reviewing and refining our practices to ensure we deliver quality teaching and learning programs that reflect the most up to date research and evidence based strategies.

As part of our improvement cycle, our staff spent considerable time analysing our data and reflected on our classroom strategies to design actions to implement with the aim to bring about specific improvement.

Our 2022 SIP focuses are Reading and Writing

With both Reading and Writing, each student will be allocated individual goals in line with the literacy progressions. These goals will be communicated with students and families and regularly monitored and reviewed during reading and writing conferences. This will provide our students with accurate feedback on their progress and refine strategies for individual improvement.

Further actions our teachers will implement are explicit teaching of the Big 6 of Reading and explicit teaching of language conventions and genre structures in writing.

Throughout the year we will continue to upskill and monitor delivery of explicit teaching and provide feedback and refinements to ensure we continue to strive for a World Class Education System.

Local Education Team (LET) Visit

Today we welcome Mrs Rowena Fox (Education Director), Mrs Robyn Kenny (Principals Consultant) and Ms Tash Rason (Curriculum Leader) to our school. They will be visiting classrooms to familiarise themselves with teacher and classroom structures and hold discussions with myself about our improvement cycle.

Communication with Staff

At Elliston Area School we pride ourselves on quality communication with families about student learning. We are always available to discuss the education of your children. Please ensure you contact the school to arrange a time to meet.

On our website we have a clear guide to raising a concern or complaint at our school. If the need arises, please ensure you familiarise yourself with the steps in the process to ensure all issues are dealt with in accordance with our policy.

Aquatics Week

We have rescheduled Aquatics Week for Week 10 (4th to the 8th of April 2022). We anticipate our annual Beach Day will take place on the 8th of April.

Governing Council

We have a zoom Governing Council Meeting Scheduled for the 15th of February (Tomorrow) at 5.00pm. This will be in preparation for our AGM on the 22nd of March 2022. Zoom details will be emailed to participants today.

As mentioned, in 2022 we are looking for new Governing Council members to join our team. If you would like to join the Governing Council or would like to nominate someone to have an impact on how our school operates, please don't hesitate to contact me with your intention or nominations. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Please have a wonderful week 3.

Kind regards,
Chad Fleming,
Principal

School News

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Unfortunately you will not receive notifications however you are able to access all the relevant information if checked regularly.

DON'T MISS OUT ON VITAL SCHOOL INFORMATION!



February Birthdays

17th Kruze Pickett
19th Kimberly Dolphin
20th Lachlan Wandel
24th Grant Wright

Student ID Cards 2022

Year 7 -12 Student ID Card 2022 order form was put up on School Stream last week. If you would like to order an ID card for you child/children please return the form by 21st February 2022. Thank you

School Card Application

School Card Applications are available online or a hard copy is available from the front office. Please contact Julie Custance for more information..

Schools Newsletter

2022 Newsletter subscriptions are:
\$25.00 - Hardcopy delivered to Shop / Post Office
Free - Email
Please see the front office to renew your subscription.

School Information

Electronic Communication

Just a friendly reminder to all families that important school business, sporting event details, excursion information, classroom learning etc. is being emailed and sent out via School Stream regularly. To keep up to date, please ensure you are checking our two communication platforms frequently.



Uniforms

The new stock of Uniforms has arrived. If you need new polo shirts or hoodies please purchase from the front office. A reminder that in Term 1 students are expected to wear **broad brimmed hats** during outdoor activities such as PE and at play times. Hats are available for purchase from the front office

School News

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM

Professor Nicola Spurrier,
Chief Public Health Officer



Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased that all children aged 5 to 11 years can now be vaccinated against COVID-19 in South Australia.

COVID-19 in young children is generally mild, however some children can become more severely ill. Symptoms include runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, feeling tired, sometimes diarrhoea or vomiting and loss of taste or smell.

Children with other health problems are at greater risk of getting severely ill with COVID-19. These health problems include congenital heart disease, chronic lung problems, being above a healthy weight, and neurological (brain, nerve and muscle) disorders including epilepsy. Children with conditions that impact the immune system (treatments for cancer, treatments for some forms of arthritis and other autoimmune disorders, and congenital problems with immune functioning for example) would also be expected to be more vulnerable.

Vaccination reduces the chances of children becoming infected and reduces the number and severity of symptoms if children do get infected. Children may also be less likely to pass on the infection if they are vaccinated.

While COVID-19 can be mild in children, the more children infected with COVID, the greater the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Even though schools across South Australia have made an enormous effort reduce the spread of COVID-19, we are expecting more cases in children as schools return because of the significant Omicron outbreak in our state at this time.

You can protect your child, your family and the community by having your child vaccinated against COVID-19 along with all other family members over the age of 5 years.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends children aged 5 to 11 years receive 2 doses of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. This is a smaller dose (about a third of the dose) to that given to adults and children older than 12 years.

If you haven't already done so, please book your child's first and second appointments at the following website: sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccine.

SA Health has lots of information to help answer questions, including fact sheets, videos, a children's book and a range of other resources. For more information, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccinechildren.

Please join me in being a fully vaccinated family.

Best wishes and stay safe



PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER
Chief Public Health Officer
Health Regulation and Protection

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Community News

Elliston Master Plan Meeting

Birdseye Studios has been commissioned by Council to develop a Master Plan for Elliston township and Ben and Grace from Birdseye Studios will be in Elliston on Tuesday 15 February to visit Elliston businesses and stakeholders for your input into the development and future vision of the town.

This will help identify key outcomes for the community including recreation facilities, tourism opportunities and overall town amenity.

Can you please let me know if you would like to meet with them on the afternoon of the 15th (no specific time) and if not at your premises, where would best work for you? If you are unable to meet with them, perhaps email me your thoughts?

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information or clarification.

Have a great day.

Cheers.

Jill Leonard

Executive Assistant

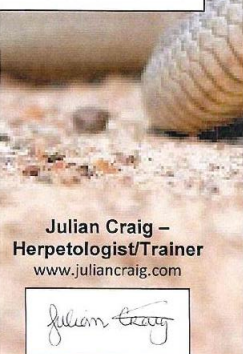
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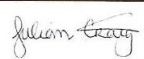
Q: Could you save your own life
or the life of a family member,
friend or co-worker who suffered
a venomous bite or sting?

Come dressed in
boots and long
pants and get the
experience of a
lifetime!

HOLD A PYTHON!!



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A: Latest Research says not.

"New research finds just one in five Aussies are familiar with emergency treatment for venomous bites and stings"

"Too many Australians are relying on luck and chance to deal with a first aid emergency instead of having a plan and real-time access to potentially life-saving resources. When it comes to emergency treatment, timing is critical. Knowing how to respond immediately can be the difference between survival and death," said Prof. Julian White, Head of Toxinology at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital.

What can you do to safeguard yourself, your family and friends?
Come to the FREE session that is being offered to you by the District Council of Elliston on Tuesday February 22nd 2022 from 5.30pm–7.30pm at the Elliston Community & Visitor Information Centre

Why?? Because you will learn things you don't know about Australia's most venomous creatures INCLUDING the latest, most up to date first aid techniques!

- **Get the latest safety information from the experts!**
 - **Learn exactly what to do if you or someone else gets bitten or stung!**
 - **Never succumb to the number one reason why people die from snakebite!**
- We guarantee it will be some of the best time you have ever invested in yours, your family's and friends safety!**

Decide to spend some of your valuable time learning what we have to teach you. It will positively affect generations of your family members and is suitable for all ages.

Spots are limited! Register today by contacting – Sam Agars-District Council of Elliston 8687 9177
Please comply with COVID-19 requirements at the event and please bring a mask