

Dear Families,

As we arrive at the end of Term 3, it is certainly a time to reflect on our achievements and think about the term that was.

The words *busy* and *grateful* come to mind ... as we continue to work together to best support all our students, families and each other. It's fabulous to see families support across the school and attend recent school events, such as assemblies, Sports day, and support with excursions and camps.

Thank you to the preschool families who have already responded to the Preschool Parent Survey. The survey closes Friday 6 October. <https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/bXMW2NpykORcHrMI0mAMtg2>

### GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Governing Council Chair, Ben Taylor and Deputy Chair, Tori Phoenix for their support and contributions to the school community and the Governing Council. We congratulate Governing Council members, Scott Minion as the new Chairperson, and Debra Baum as the new Deputy chair.

### STAFFING

There are minimal staff changes for Term 4. Year 5 teacher, Themis Zacharia will be taking leave for Term 4. We wish her all the best. We welcome back one of our regular relief teachers, Mrs. Margaret Travers who will be taking the year 5 class for the remainder of the year.

### STUDENT TALK ABOUT CHILDREN'S WEEK 2023 - By Max Smith, year 3 student representative

Children's Week is a national annual festival to be celebrated from Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> with the theme: Children and young people have the right to have fun, whether by playing sports or watching films. In Week 2 Term 4 our school Student Council have decided to run a yoga class, participate in a whole school art activity, fundraise money for Bandana Day and run a really fun lunchtime disco. The SRC will be in charge of organising and running all the activities during the week. Please look out for information in Term 4!

### FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 19 of our year 5 and 6 students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.



The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, and custodian of an iconic South Australian tradition, engages our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

The theme for the 2023 Festival of Music, "World of Tomorrow". It was a spectacular event that our students and staff enjoyed being a part of. We were very proud of our students, and acknowledge the support of the The Arts Specialist Teacher, Taylah Silvestri.

### 2024 CLASSES – an opportunity to provide information

We will soon start working on the process for making 2024 classes. To help us accurately construct classes, please inform us as a school if you will not be returning to Allenby Gardens Primary School in 2024 (excluding year 6 students) by completing the survey link that has been sent via Seesaw this week.

When placing students in classes, the school will consider a range of information in order to form educationally and socially balanced classes. Staff will use their knowledge of students and the needs of the child/ren to place them into the best possible learning environment.

Early term 4, students are provided the opportunity to name up to four students they feel they work well with.

These may be students who are not in their current classrooms.

Students will be placed with a minimum of one student from the four 'friends' they identified.

Parents also have an opportunity to write a short letter to the principal, about your child's educational needs for next year. This is not a time to request a particular teacher but is a chance to inform us of any relevant information

regarding your child's learning situation or placement. Please email the school at [dl.0473.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0473.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or write a letter addressed to Vicky Bitzios and mark it 'Private and confidential'. Please also include your child's first and last name and their current area number at the top of the page. Information must provide to the school by week 2, next term, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, for consideration.

Please do not 'chat' with the teacher to provide this information – a written letter or email is the only way we can accept information to consider. Information received after Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October is not able to be accepted, as the process will have moved onto the next stage by then.

#### 2024 MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES (School fees)

The proposed 2024 Materials and Services Charges is \$350 for the full school year (same as 2023).

Under the current legislation, we are obliged to inform the parent community of our proposed school charges for 2024. The charges have been proposed by the Governing Council.

Beginning of week 1, your child will receive a hard copy of the proposed Materials and Charges for 2024, including a covering letter. Should you have any queries regarding the school fees, we invite you to attend the Governing Council meeting, held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 5:30pm in the Intervention space to clarify questions you may have in relation to the fees structure.

Alternatively, you may wish to express your views to the Chairperson, Scott Minion via email to [scott.minion90@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:scott.minion90@schools.sa.edu.au) or write a letter, addressed to the Chairperson which can be dropped off at the front office. The letters or emails will be tabled at the following governing council meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 5:30pm, unless the query is related to seeking further information, in which case you can call the Business Manager, Belinda Twynstra on 8346 1541.

#### REFERENDUM BBQ – SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Allenby Gardens Primary School is a polling station for the Referendum Voting day held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023. As a school fundraiser for 2023, we will be offering a sausage sizzle, bacon and eggs and drinks. Volunteers supporting on the day are governing council members, the fundraising committee and leadership. We thank you in advance for supporting our school.

#### YARD MAINTENANCE

##### Sandpit works

After a long anticipated wait, the sandpit will be topped up, with new sand. The loose log steppers will be concreted into place. Some logs and rocks will be relocated to the Bush Tucker Garden.

##### Basketball rings

An order has been placed to replace all the basketball rings. We hope to have all or most of the equipment supplied and installed during the school holidays. This includes:

- 2 reception basketball rings which will be located against area 9, Foundation block
- 2 junior primary basketball rings near the cricket pitch
- 2 basketball rings on the courts for primary year students.

#### PETITION FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON GRANGE ROAD

The petition for the installation of a pedestrian crossing across Grange Road has been presented to Parliament. We have received 650 signatures as part of the petition.

The pedestrian crossing will provide safe access to and from the school for students, families and the wider community. A huge thank you to the entire school community for supporting this proposal.

#### FAMILY FUN MATHS ACTIVITIES

The Development and Research in Early Maths Education website has a range of great maths activities you can engage with your child/ren over the school holidays.

<https://familymath.stanford.edu/math-snacks/>

We wish vacation care a successful two weeks over the break, and all our families a wonderful holiday.

Vicky Bitzios, PRINCIPAL