

There has been lots of excitement around the place lately, as some big events on the school calendar have been held or are almost upon us.

National Reconciliation Week was celebrated with a variety of activities taking place across the school, including weaving and painting workshops run by Murra Dreaming for some of our year 3-6 students, our junior primary and preschool were involved in the "Sea of Hearts Movement", a special assembly with Harley Halls and his digeridoo, wear it yellow day to raise funds for the Children's Ground organisation, as well as in class lessons focussed on the theme of reconciliation. With over 100 indigenous students across our school and preschool, it is a great chance for us to raise the cultural awareness of our first nations people, and to celebrate together.

We had our annual **Disco/Movie Day** a couple of weeks ago, with the headline act being our very own "Disco Diva" (SSO Lynda Hitchman) energising our JP students at the disco. Thank you to the Fundraising committee, lead by Alicia Romeo, for your planning and organisation to manage the running of this successful day, which raised over \$1300.



Over the last few weeks, we have had our new **mid-year reception** students coming for some school visits as they get ready to join us in Term 3. Thank you to our Reception Team, led by Kate Howell, and our preschool team, led by Paula Mulholland for organising such a successful transition program for our newest students. We look forward to getting to know them and their families from next term onwards.

Coming up over the next couple of weeks, we have our Year 5 and 6 students heading to Arbury Park Education Centre for a 2-Night camp, and half of our classes will be involved in swimming week in the last week of term. These events are always such a highlight for the students and the staff who are involved.

School reports will go out to families on the last Thursday of this term and will give you an indication of how your child is travelling with their learning in the first half of the year. We have also had some families of year 3 & 5 students asking about NAPLAN results. We have received the results electronically this week, which usually means that the paper copies will be delivered to our school in the next week or so, to go out to families.

Upcoming Pupil Free Day – 5th August

Our next Pupil Free Day will be on Monday 5th August next term, where our staff will be spending a whole day together focussing on Inclusion. **There is no pupil free day on the first Monday back.**

Mid-Year Intake Transition Visits

At the start of Term 3, Elizabeth North Primary School will welcome 20 new reception students as part of our mid-year intake. Government primary schools have 2 major enrolment intakes, one for children at the beginning of the year (intake 1) and one for children to start school in term 3 (mid-year intake). This is the first year that South Australian government schools have had a mid-year intake in many years.

Mid-year reception students will be joining existing reception classes and will have six terms of reception; beginning of Term 3 2024 until the end of Term 4 2025. To support these children with their school journey, we had four transition visits. These transition visits provided the students with an orientation to the school environment and an opportunity to become familiar with school routines, our staff and their peers. Visit 1 and 2 saw mid-year receptions visit with their teacher, SSO staff and peers in the classroom setting. Visit 3 and 4 provided the opportunity for children to attend 2 specialist lessons (P.E, The Arts or Science), a recess play time and finished with time in their classrooms.

The school and preschool have worked really closely together to carefully plan and implement a detailed transition plan. Our focus has been on providing mid-year intake receptions with the best possible chance of a successful and seamless introduction to their primary school journey. We are looking forward to our new reception students and their families joining our school community in Term 3 2024.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Soon we will begin to collect some information about the number of students that we provide adjustments to under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Disability Standards of Education 2005. This data collection process occurs every year across all schools in Australia. The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD involves the collection of;

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as their peers
- the level of adjustment provided to students
- student's category of disability if known

If your child is identified for inclusion in the collection, the required information will be included in this year's data collection. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

JAM Band visit

At the beginning of this term, we had a visit from the Just Add Music (JAM) Band. This was their 3rd visit to ENPS and each time they bring a new show with different songs, dances and costumes.

Students from reception to year 6 heard songs from different artists and genres and also got to see a huge range of instruments being played live.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024

This year the National Simultaneous book for 2024 was *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. The library hosted all the year 2 classes and watched a live stream of the author reading to over 2 million students. Beautiful birds were created by students from Room 8 and 9.

“When we read together it helps language development, learning and literacy, all while building community. It’s also a lot of fun.”



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Pastoral Care News

Environmental Committee – The Environmental Committee have been busy gluing mosaics and painting on a birdbath for the garden.



Puzzle club – Year 4 students have been enjoying puzzle club.





Term 2 Calendar

DATES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 29/4 - 3/5	Pupil Free Day				1:30pm Jam band
DENTAL CLINIC					
Week 2 6/5-10/5					9:00am Cross Country 9:30am Rugby 3/4 Mother's Day Stall Parent Morning Tea Wellbeing Hub 9am to 10am
Week 3 13/5 - 17/5	3.45pm Governing Council				
Week 4 20/5 - 24/5		2:10pm Assembly	Rugby Year 5/6		
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK					
Week 5 27/5 - 31/5			11:30am to 1pm New Reception Transition Visit		Winter Carnival (Argana Park)
Week 6 3/6 - 7/6			11:30am to 1pm New Reception Transition Visit 11:30am New Reception Parent Information Session		
Week 7 10/6 - 14/6	Public Holiday	2:10 Assembly	9am to 12pm New Reception Transition Visit		
Week 8 17/6 - 21/6	3.45pm Governing Council		9am to 12pm New Reception Transition visit		
YEAR 5/6 CAMP					
Week 9 24/6 - 28/6					
SWIMMING					
Week 10 1/7 - 5/7	Classes going swimming Room 10,11,12,29, 13,14,15,16 1 and 3 23,24,27,28 All Week				2:00pm Early dismissal