

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Staff and student illness

Here at Nicolson, we like many other facilities in South Australia, have been hit with some of the many viruses travelling around at present. We have had some confirmed cases of Influenza A in both staff and students as well as many other ailments. As much as we want to improve our attendance we do not expect students or staff to attend if they are unwell and certainly not if they would be likely to infect others. If you suspect that your child has the flu or is displaying those symptoms please consult a doctor for treatment before returning them to school. We appreciate your support with this as away to curtail the spread for now.

NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has been underway this week. The first day saw some problems with connectivity to the platform but our students displayed resilience and all managed to complete the test. Since then all has functioned as expected and our students have participated in the assigned tests. As this way of testing is new to our students it will be interesting to see how their results compare to previous NAPLAN results. If you have any feedback that your child has shared with you about the process please feel free to contact us.

As many students have been absent this week due to illness we will be conducting 'Catch Up' tests later next week. Students will be informed once we have organised the timetables.

10 minutes of reading a day

There was an interesting article in our Book Club brochure that went home recently that I thought was worth reprinting for those who may have missed it.

'While it may seem like a big statement to make, numerous studies have consistently shown that 10 minutes exposure to reading materials each day is all that it takes to positively shape your child's future. And this doesn't just include educational texts – any reading materials – be it picture books, comic books, novels, recipes, the television guide or the back of food packets all count toward your child making their daily reading goal.

Reading these materials for 10 minutes a day exposes your child to more than 600,000 words in one year – interestingly that's more than double the word exposure of a child who reads for only five minutes or less each day. The benefits of this word exposure is immense – research shows us that reading improves a child's performance in general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling.

But this goal of reading 10 minutes a day isn't only to improve your child's academic success, the effects of this achievement are far more long term than you may have anticipated. Frequent reading also improves a child's empathy and emotional intelligence, allowing them to better understand people and the world around them, which is especially important in today's connected world.'

Perhaps we could all try and make this a goal for our children to provide them with a strong foundation onto which they can build future learning.

Cultural and Environmental excursion

Last week students from Room 20 participated in a cultural and environmental excursion to Cowleds Landing (8 Mile Creek). The day included learning about the mangroves eco-system, learning about marine animals by looking at their skeletons, collecting natural materials to form art work and bush walking to discover how to preserve the environment.



Students were treated to a campfire experience that included yarning, damper and kangaroo cooking. We would like to thank Barbara Murphy and Dr Shelley Paull from the South Australian Department of Environment and Water who funded the excursion and made the day interactive and interesting for all of the students.

Pam Peters



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Diary Dates

NAPLAN Online	14 – 24 May
Book Fair Sale	21 – 24 th May
Dream Big	22 – 31 st May
Reconciliation Week	27- 31 st May
Netball Carnival	31 st May
Boys Basketball Carnival	14 th June
Girls Basketball Carnival	28 th June
Bike Ed Year 5	24 June – 5 th July

Assembly Roster Term 2

Week 4	Room 23 & Unit 1 & 2
Week 6	Room 24 & Unit 3
Week 8	Room 21 & Room 15
Week 10	Room 16 & Room 7

Spaghetti Bol Combo

Week 4 – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Lunch Order Only

Don't forget you can place the order online and pay through QKR.



Next Wednesday, Thursday & Friday you can place a special lunch order for a 'Spag Bol combo'



Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread and a Fruit Box for \$4.50



Order online or fill in your order for the combo in the class lunch order bags.

This special is only available as a lunch order for Week 4 dates: 22/5/19, 23/5/19 & 24/5/19.

Book Fair – 'Catch the reading wave'

This week our students have had the opportunity to visit the library to check out the books in the Book Fair and write out their wish lists.

Next week from Tuesday to Friday they will be able to purchase items from the Fair.

Visit our Library during the days and times listed below to purchase items:

Tues: 8.30am – 8.55am & 3.20pm – 3.50pm

Wed: 8.30am – 8.55am & 3.20pm – 3.50pm

Thur: 8.30am – 8.55am & 3.20pm – 3.50pm

Fri: 8.30am – 8.55am (not open after school)

QKR - CANTEEN NEWS

Our new system of ordering and paying online for lunch orders has started well. Thanks to everyone that has jumped on board and sent their orders through.

Want a lunch order but have no cash! No problem!

Order and pay online!! Through "QKR"

You can also visit:

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

This new system will apply to lunch order items. All 'over the counter items' will still be paid at the counter with cash only.

Here is another fact sheet that may be of use.

Remember the canteen is only open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How do I add or delete payment cards?

A. To delete or edit your payment cards from the 'Settings':

1. Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen.
2. Tap 'Manage Payment Cards' and tap on the relevant card.
3. Tap 'Edit Card', make the required changes and tap 'Update'; or Tap 'Delete Card', and tap Delete to confirm the deletion.

To add a new card from the Settings: Tap 'Add a new card', enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.

To add a new card from the Submit Payment screen:

1. Tap 'Add Card' at the top right of the screen.
2. Enter the card details and tap 'Add Card' to save.

