

## R-7 SCHOOL inspire+contribute+achieve

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

**Science Week** Last week our school celebrated Science Week. It started off with a 'CRASH' when an alien space craft landed on the courts. A highly skilled team of scientists and security personnel protected the crash site and moved everything into the Primary Stem Room. On Wednesday the primary classes were treated to a wonderful STEM EXPO at Edward John Eyre High School, where students were able to participate in activities related to future STEM careers. Thursday and Friday classes were able to walk through an interactive museum filled with projects created by our Primary students. Each model had a QR code attached which took the students to a digital website that provided information about the project joining digital technologies and science. A big thank you to all of the specialist teachers and others who made the week possible.



**Book Week** Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. This year's theme is 'Reading is my secret power'. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together.



- Reading to children sets them up to succeed
- Reading develops language skills
- Reading enhances a child's concentration
- Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge
- Reading a range of books teaches children about different topics
- Reading develops a child's imagination and creativity
- Reading books with children helps to develop empathy
- Reading together helps to create a bond
- Books are a form of entertainment

At our school this week our students have engaged in many activities to explore and celebrate books including a 'Book Give Away', teachers reading stories to other classes, a 'House Team Read' and a parade, today, where students and teachers were able to dress up as their favourite story book character. We will culminate the week tomorrow with a 'Buddy Day' where classes will work together on some reading activities.

**Parent Opinion Survey** Shortly we will be sending you our Annual Parent Opinion Survey. This survey provides you with the opportunity to tell us what you are thinking about how things are going within the school and areas that you think we can improve on. Please take the time to complete this as your views are important to us and will assist us with our improvement journey.

*Pam Peters*

**RESPECT**

**TEAMWORK**

**INTEGRITY**

**RESILIENCE**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

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### Diary Dates

Book Week	19/8 – 23/8/19
Soccer	23/8/19
Hockey	30/8/19
Whyalla Wide School Closure Day	6/9/19
Hot Shot Tennis Yr.: 3 & 4	23/9/19
Sports Day	20/9/19



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## QKR – Canteen Ordering Online

We welcome Hincks Avenue Primary School to our QKR system. They are now placing orders through our app to have lunches prepared by our canteen on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Please remember that the cut off time for ordering on the day is 8.45am.

No orders can be processed after this cut off time. You can still order and pay by cash if you miss the cut off time to order online.

We ask that you check the order date when you place an order online, as we have had a couple of instances when orders have been placed after the cut off time and the order goes to the next available date.

To register or for more tips you can 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 for at the counter, with cash only.

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

## Father's Day Stall

It's that time of the year when we celebrate all the amazing things that our dad's and grandad's do for us every day.



We will be running our very popular Father's Day Stall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August:

JP Stem Room  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Break 1 – 11.25am – 11.50am  
After school – 3.20pm – 3.45pm  
on both days

Great presents for low prices.

## Nicolson Ave Primary Website

We are excited to announce that we have our new improved Website up and running.

A big thank you to the Education Web Solutions team for all their hard work.

Log on to <https://nicolsonr7.sa.edu.au/> to view Nicolson Avenue Primary School website.

## National Science Week

National Science Week 2019  
Southern Cross Outreach Observatory  
Project  
Public Outreach Astronomy

Free event  
Whyalla Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Jubilee Show Grounds  
1.30 – 4.30 Viewing Sun  
4.30 – 6.30 Break  
6.30 – 9.30 Night Sky

Please dress appropriately  
For further information contact Dr Hussain  
0478 144 483

## Late arrivals & early dismissals

All late arrivals at school must be signed in at the Administration Office to keep our records up to date.

If your child needs to leave early from school please ensure that you sign them out at the Administration Office.

We thank you for your assistance in keeping our records accurate and your children safe and accounted for 😊