

Nicolson

R-7 SCHOOL inspire+contribute+achieve

Week 1

30 January 2020

Term 1:

29 Jan – 12 Apr

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2020 school year and a special warm welcome to all of our new Reception students and those students who have chosen Nicolson to be their school and joined us from other schools. I trust that everybody had a safe and happy holiday and is sufficiently rested to take on the challenges that 2020 will bring. I have to say that I have had the best week so far catching up with so many of our amazing students, old and new, and hearing all about their holiday adventures.

Staff Changes We have several staff changes to announce this year and we are very grateful that they have been willing to relocate to Whyalla to take up their positions. The new faces you will see are:

Mr Dan Hammond who is teaching Year 7 in room 18.

Mr Jayden Forrester who is teaching Year 6/7 in Room 20.

Miss Alison Wills who is teaching Reception – Year 2 Science and HASS in Room 12.

Mr Chris Bath who is teaching Year 3/4 Science and Technology in Room 11.

We also welcome back Mrs Susan Burgess who is teaching Special options Year 3 – 7 in Room 15.

We wish them all the best for the year and know they will be made to feel very welcome by all members of our school community during their time at Nicolson.

Student Attendance It is a continuing priority for us to address issues of attendance amongst our students. If students miss the basic skills early in their schooling they often experience difficulties later. Six days absence per term from Junior Primary to the end of Year 7 equals one year of schooling missed. Half an hour late each day equals five days absence per term.

Under the Education Act of South Australia, **parents and/or caregivers are held responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care.** All children aged between 6 and 16 years of age must be enrolled, attend and fully participate in the education program of a school. To assist us to keep accurate records:

* If your child is away, please phone or text the school to let us know, as the reason for all absences must be recorded by the school.

Phone – 86 45 8685

Mobile – 0437 146 299

* If your child is late arriving to school please sign in through the Administration Office so the arrival time is recorded.

* Wherever possible, try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school hours.

Specialist Teachers for 2020

	Curriculum Area	Year Levels
Miss Alison Wills	Science, Technology and HASS	R – 2
Ms Sam Dunne	Science and Technology	R- 2 and 3 - 7 Special Options classes
Mr Chris Bath	Science and Technology	Year 3 - 4
Miss Michelle Harvey	Science and Technology	Year 5 - 7
Mr Patrick McArthur	Physical Education	R - 7

School Assemblies This year we will again be holding our school assemblies fortnightly beginning Week 2 (next Friday). Two classes will still be showcasing some of the learning that they have been doing. We will continue to present class awards to acknowledge our students who are demonstrating our school values and learner dispositions and we will endeavour to notify you via text message the night before if your child is receiving an award. We have included the Term 1 roster on the back page of this newsletter and class teachers will notify you when your child will be involved in a presentation.

Pam Peters

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

Telephone 08 8645 8685

Office Hours 8.00am to 4.00pm

Principal: Pam Peters

Deputy Principal: Ben Harris-Jones

Senior Leader: Sally Rowe

Finance: Phillip Datson

Secretary: Catherine Worby

Admin Assistant: Margaret Dawson

Student Wellbeing Leader: Cynthia Spangenberg

Diary Dates

Term 1 2020 28 Jan – 9 April

Student Free Day Friday 7 Feb

School Photo Days 4 & 5 Mar

Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday 9 Mar

JP Swimming for Rec – Year 2 16 Mar – 27 Mar

End of Term 1 (Thursday) 9 April



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Child Development

School Fees

Invoices for the 2020 school year have been sent home with your child, so please check your child's school bag for your invoice.

Charges for 2020 school fees are \$244.00 per child.

We accept cash, cheque and credit/debit cards for payments. We also offer Direct Deposit into our bank account as a way to pay your fees.

Please see information below for Direct Debit payments:

Name of Account: **Nicolson Avenue Primary**

School Council Inc.

BSB: **065 – 519**

Account: **1001 5501**

Quote: **Invoice number**

Remittance email:

phillip.datson172@schools.sa.edu.au

Instalment plans through Direct Debit are also available, if you wish to use this service please make an appointment with Phillip Datson to set this up.

School Card 2020

School Card Application Forms are available at the Administration Office.

You can now apply online for school card just visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard and follow the prompts.

School card applications must be completed at the start of every school year.

School Hats

School hats are compulsory at Nicolson Avenue Primary School and we ask that you check with your child to ensure that they have one. We thank those of you who have already organised a hat for your child to wear.

Our 'No Hat, No Play' policy will be enforced as a matter of health and safety for all our students.

Please remember that your child is required to wear school uniform colours and a school hat at all times.

School Times: 9.00am – 3.10pm

A quick reminder we have no one on duty before 8:30am when students are able to enter the school yard.

For safety please ensure your child arrives at school after 8.30am.

Students are to be in class for a 9.00am start.

Students are to be collected at 3.10pm each day.

Student Absences

If your child is or will be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school on 86 45 8685 or 0437 146 299 to advise absent dates and reason.

Canteen Opening Days

Don't forget that the canteen is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Lunch Orders and over the counter purchases are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Order lunches online with the QKR app - visit to register or for more tips you can visit: <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

Assembly Roster Term 1

Week 2	Room 17 & Room 2
Week 4	Room 16 & Room 3
Week 6	Room 21 & Room 4
Week 8	Room 22 & Unit 1
Week 10	Room 20 & Room 15
Week 11	ANZAC Assembly