



# Newsletter

23 FEBRUARY 2024



## From the Principal

Welcome families to the 2024 school year! It is always a lovely feeling to return to our beautiful little school and see all the kids settling back into their learning routines in their new classes. We are looking forward to another positive and productive school year!

I would like to welcome our staff back for another school year. A special and warm welcome to Mrs Kimberley Austin as our main Year 5/6 teacher. 😊

Welcome to our new Reception families – 6 in all this year who are brand new to our school. These delightful little humans have settled in well to 'big school', though there are a few sleepy faces wandering around. Attending school is a significant shift in their educational journey and takes a little time to adjust – that said, they have taken to 'big school' like fish to water and we are excited to share their learning journey for the next 7 years!

A very warm welcome also to Ava Thompson who has joined our Year 5/6 class. Welcome back to Hunter Pech who is in our Year 4/5 class. We look forward to getting to know you all and your families.

Time is already flying – with week 4 already over! As usual, lots of things happening in Term 1. Please see the calendar of term events for more information. Some things to look forward to in Term 1 are swimming in week 6, school sports day – Week 7, Friday March 15, S.A.P.S.A.S.A District Athletics day – Thursday March 21 and our school fete – Saturday March 30.

## IMPORTANT DATES 2024

**Tuesday 27 - Wednesday 28 February**  
Year 6 Halogen Leaders Conference

**Monday 4 March - Friday 8 March**  
Swimming Week-Kingston Community School  
Nude Food Week

**Monday 11 March**  
Public Holiday-Adelaide Cup

**Wednesday 13 March - Monday 25 March**  
NAPLAN testing

**Thursday 14 March**  
High Jump/800m/400m Championships  
8/9&10/11&12 year olds

**Friday 15 March**  
Sports Day

**Monday 18 March**  
Governing Council Meeting @ 5:15pm

**Thursday 21 March**  
SAPSASA District Athletics Day

**Wednesday 27 March**  
Parent/Teacher Discussions 3:30-7pm

**Friday 29 March**  
Public Holiday-Good Friday

**Saturday 30 March**  
Robe P.S. Easter Fete

**Monday 1 April**  
Public Holiday-Easter Monday

**Friday 12 April**  
Last day term 1  
Assembly 2pm  
Early Dismissal 2:15pm



# Out and About



**Year 1/2 participating in 'Challenge time', a learning time each morning that supports independence and choice and sets the children up for a positive day of learning.**



**Students have been introduced to an online typing program to support them in developing efficient key board skills. Kids practice after Spelling Mastery for about 10/15 minutes a day. We are hoping this will support them in their composition of texts.**



**Story time is an important part of every classroom, but especially in our Reception class.**



**Our Year 2/3 working to solve problems about odd and even numbers.**



**Our year 5/6 working in pairs or small groups to solve a mystery! These activities require team work, sharing ideas, active listening to each other and decision making - all attributes and actions that support a collaborative learning space.**



## Parent/Teacher Learning Discussions

Our formal Learning Discussions will occur in week 9, on Wednesday March 27, from 3:30–7:00pm. However, individual teachers will reach out about other times during this week that they will be available to meet if required. These sessions will focus on teachers sharing how children have settled into their new classrooms, strengths and possible areas for development. It is also an opportunity for parents/carers to share any information that will contribute to the overall well-being of their children.

## Staff Roles for 2024

- Penny Day is teaching our Reception children.
- Jane Hayes is teaching our Year 1/2 class, as well as being our Curriculum Coordinator.
- Luke Wise is teaching our Year 2/3 class.
- Kylie Johns is teaching our Year 4/5 class.
- Kimberley Austin is teaching our Year 5/6 class 4 days and Anne Grayson teaching 1 day.
- Tom Wachtel is working 4 days this year (M, T, Th, F) as our NIT teacher and our sports coordinator, with a focus on PE & Health, Literacy and HASS.
- Tom will also be relieving Jane so she can fulfil her Curriculum Coordinator role. In this role, Jane is responsible for: General administration, Cystic Fibrosis support, student services and staff professional learning with Bright Path.
- Nat Boulden will be releasing teachers for NIT on Thursday and Friday by taking their classes for science and is also our Well-Being Coordinator and Autism Inclusion Teacher for 2024.
- Cassie Bermingham – Finance Manager – Supervisor of Student Support Officers (SSO's)
- Jodi Keane – School Administration/Student Intervention
- Georgie Sneath, Stacey Wirth, Mardi Brooks, Lisa Maczkowiack & Lashay Semple – our very valued SSO's

This year we have 82 students attending Robe Primary School. 12 new reception students have joined our school – 6 are from first time families – that is no older siblings currently attend our school.

Mid-Year intake – we welcome another 11 Reception children in July, 2024

## Site Improvement Plan

SIP priorities will stay focused on reading comprehension & vocabulary as our major goal, with writing our 2nd target. This continued focus is about going deep and narrow to ensure that growth and change is sustainable. We will maintain a focus on 'stretching' all kids so that each and every one reaches their full potential as readers and writers.

We will also maintain and strengthen our focus and use of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria (LISC) to make the learning destination visible and formative assessment to regularly 'check in' to see how children are travelling with their learning. This continues to play an integral role in day-to-day teaching and learning. Our 2024 Professional Learning overview will reflect these priorities.

Our professional learning focus each Tuesday afternoon and the subsequent Pupil Free Days will continue to deepen teachers understanding and inform more intentional teaching in both reading and writing through the use of LISC and goal setting.

This is our fourth year of Initialit – a systematic program that ensures the consistent and intentional teaching of early literacy behaviours – such as phonemic awareness, rhyme, syllabification, onset & rime and phonics. Children have been grouped depending on their individual needs. These groups meet for 45 minutes a day and are run by Jane Hayes, Penny Day and Stacey Wirth.

We will continue with Spelling Mastery for our Year 3 –6 students (and a few Year 2 students who have exceeded Initialit content). Children have also been grouped depending on their individual needs and each group meets for 30 minutes – 10:15 – 10:45 am – and then participate in an online typing program from 10:45 – 11am. These are run by Kylie Johns, Luke Wise, Kimberley Austin, myself (Wednesdays) as well as Mardi Brooks and Lashay Semple. This ensures that each group of children receives targeted spelling instruction and content.



# Professional Learning & Pupil Free Days (PFD)

This year we will continue developing our expertise in Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and formative assessment within reading and writing. We have secured the services of Shane Crawford, a consultant that has been working with our SECAV partnership and comes highly recommended. Shane will work closely with myself and educators to fine tune and move our professional learning forward.

The following PFD and/or school closure days have been approved by Governing Council. The last 3 dates also align with Kingston Community School to support families with children attending both sites:

- PFD Term 2, week 3 – Friday May 17
- PFD Term 3, week 3 – Friday August 9
- School Closure Day Term 3, week 7 – Friday September 6 to coincide with the Adelaide Show.
- PFD Term 3, week 8 – Monday September 9
- PFD Term 4, week 6 – Monday November 18

## Quality Start Program

Our 'Quality Start Program' for this year is about zoning in on a single strength of character – kindness. Our theme is 'Choose kind – each and every time. If nothing nice to say, saying nothing is fine!'

Teachers have also been developing children's understanding about a growth mindset through their individual strengths and being kind with words and actions, and how to identify and use these ideas for their own personal wellbeing, as well as contributing to a safe, kind and happy learning environment. Children have been participating in various activities to strengthen their understanding of kindness – including team building sessions, reflecting on being kind and completing a kindness diary daily, as well as meditation and mindfulness activities. Thank you to Miss Boulden for her time and dedication in planning this unit – sharing ideas, activities and resources with the staff to ensure that we have a shared commitment to a quality start to 2024!

The program ran in week 1 and 2 and culminated in open classrooms and a sausage sizzle. Thanks Chris and Mardi for your help in preparation and organisation on the day, much appreciated! 😊

A huge thank you to Tegan Allwright who provided all our kids with some very active fitness sessions during our 'Quality Start' program.



## Little Leaders

It is with pride and great pleasure that we announce this year's Little Leader members who participated in our Little Leader application process, which entailed:

- Written application to apply for the desired position, outlining why you would be the best person for the role. All written applications were due Monday Week 4.
- Prepare campaign, which involved presenting a speech to the whole school on Monday Week 4.
- Applicants were interviewed by Principal, Governing Chair and classroom teacher during week 4.
- Announcement of positions took place at a special assembly on Wednesday of week 4.



# 2024 Little Leaders!

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS

**Brock Gibson & Saskia Andersen-Warren**

**Secretary - Olivia Ashenden    Treasurer - Aleyah Pelkonen**

## SPORTS CAPTAINS

<b><u>GUICHEN</u></b>	<b><u>LACEPEDE</u></b>
<b>Captain - Jimmy Collins</b>	<b>Captain - Nate Allen</b>
<b>Vice-Captain - Livia Jess</b>	<b>Vice-Captain - Kirby Carruthers</b>

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

**Year 1/2 - Halle Obst/Van Morgan**

**Year 2/3 - Brock Wyllie/Emerson Kokiousis**

**Year 4/5 - Jett Edwards/Ryder Maczkowiack**

**Year 5/6 - Edie Bates/Emanuel Brooks**

Congratulations to each and every one. We look forward to a great year for our Little Leaders and can't wait to hear about what you have planned!

## Sports Day

Organisation and preparation is happening as we speak. The big day is Friday March 15 – week 7. We look forward to another great day. Information was sent home yesterday via Audiri. Thank you in advance to Tom, Chris and Jodi for their hard work in making this event run as smoothly as possible – appreciated.

## Fete Preparations

Our annual Easter Fete preparations are well on the way and is being held on Saturday March 30th from 10am – 4pm. Any and all volunteer support is sincerely appreciated.

## School Fees

Our 2024 fee structure, as approved by Governing Council, is \$287 per student, the \$100 government rebate will be automatically applied, this is the last year it is being offered. This covers all their anticipated textbooks and pens/pencils, photocopying and other stationery/I.C.T. requirements for the year. All families/carers should have received a detailed invoice regarding the payment of this year's school fees. Fees are due by the end of term 1. The fees support our school in providing your children with the tools to be active and engaged in their learning. Your diligence and support in this matter is sincerely appreciated – thank you.

## 2024 School Card

If you require financial assistance, you may be eligible for this scheme. Please refer to the link on our Facebook page. Applications preferably can be submitted online but if you would like support to fill out the forms, please come in and see our Finance Officer. Deadlines required by State Government must be met in a timely matter. We are more than happy to assist you with this process.

## Volunteers and Signing In

Parents/carers and volunteers who are visiting our school for any 'extended' length of time are required to sign in electronically and wear one of our visitors badges (both of these items are positioned at our front office counter). The requirement is part of our Child Protection Policy, as well as knowing who is on site in case of an emergency. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

## Late Roll Arrivals & Early Departures

If a child is late to school and the teacher has marked the roll book, the child MUST check in with the front office and see Jodi or Cassie to receive a late slip and take it back to their class teacher.

If children need to leave school early due to being unwell, a medical appointment or for family reasons etc., it is of great importance and the parent/carers responsibility to come into the front office and sign your child in/out. Thank you.

## Late Pick Ups

If you will be late in picking up your child please contact the office directly rather than the class teacher. This will ensure the information is received and shared at the appropriate time. Text messages on teacher's phones are often read AFTER the day has ended.

## Communication

Our newsletter distribution is Friday and will continue to be distributed via email and available on our school website. Events and key dates for your diaries can be found on the Term 1 planner. Changes to dates will be notified as early as we can. Class Dojo will continue to be used for most class-based communication. For more information on how to stay informed and get in touch through the school year, please refer to the information guide below:

- **Robe Primary School website** – general school information and current policies
- **Audiri App** – information/reminders will be sent through this application
- **Class Dojo** – Individual and class student learning is viewed through this application for most classes
- **School newsletters** – weeks 4, 7 & 10 in Term 1 and weeks 4 & 8 in T2, T3 & T4 via email and available to view on school website
- **Edsmart** – families receive information/forms via email
- **The school front office** – Email: [dl.0384.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0384.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
  - Phone: 87 682 168
  - Mobile: 0408 846 884

If you have questions or concerns related to your child:

- The class teacher is your first port of call for questions or concerns about your child's progress in learning, learning needs, homework or wellbeing.
- If the matter remains unresolved your concerns will be referred to Anne Grayson.



REMINDER



**HATS ARE MANDATORY IN TERM 1**  
**NO HAT NO PLAY**

(HATS AVAILABLE FOR \$8 FROM FRONT OFFICE)

### Parents/Carers

Students are required to arrive at school from 8:30am.... a reminder as we have had a lot of early arrivals lately. Thank you for your cooperation!

Staff Car Park - Just a reminder to parents to try and avoid parking in the staff car park in the mornings and instead use the 'kiss n drop' or Union Street.

Thank you 😊



Thank you again to our wonderful P&F for purchasing our new outdoor furniture! It looks fabulous and the kids love it!

A huge thank you again to our parent volunteers for the considerable amount of time they gave to assemble it! Sincerely appreciated.



## SAAS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION NIGHT + CPR EDUCATION




Free sausage sizzle + meet your local Robe volunteers, learn CPR and ask any questions about becoming a volunteer.

When: **Tuesday 5 March 5:30PM**

Where: **Robe Ambulance station**  
**O'Halloran St, Robe**



# ROBE PRIMARY SCHOOL Term 1 Planner, 2024

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	29 January	30 January	31 February	1 February	2 February	3 February	4 February
2	5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February Quality Start Sausage Sizzle 12:45-1:45pm (parents welcome)	9 February	10 February	11 February
3	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February	17 February	18 February
4	19 February Governing Council AGM/ meeting 5:15pm	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February 	24 February	25 February
5	26 February	27 February Year 6 Leaders Camp Adelaide NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST	28 February	29 February	1 March	2 March	3 March
6	4 March SWIMMING NUDE FOOD WEEK	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March
7	11 March P.H. ADELAIDE CUP	12 March	13 March NAPLAN testing starts	14 March 400/800m & High Jump Championship	15 March SPORTS DAY 	16 March	17 March
8	18 March Governing Council Meeting 5:15pm	19 March	20 March	21 March SAPSASA District Athletics Day	22 March	23 March	24 March
9	25 March NAPLAN testing ends	26 March	27 March Parent/Teacher Discussions	28 March	29 March P.H. GOOD FRIDAY	30 March R.P.S. FETE	31 March EASTER SUNDAY
10	1 April P.H. EASTER MONDAY	2 April	3 April	4 April	5 April 	6 April	7 April
11	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April Last day of Term 1 Assembly 2pm Early Dismissal 2:15pm	13 April	14 April



## FAMILY FUN DAY

All activities and food free!

**Saturday 24 February | 10am – 1pm**  
33 North Terrace, Mt Gambier



Donuts



Face Painting



Obstacle Course & Family Games



Coffee Van



Children's Entertainer  
Sean W Smith



Sausage Sizzle

Plus so much more!

# TRAINING TIMES



**COME DOWN AND JOIN US  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
LEARN NEW SKILLS.  
PARK TCE MILLICENT**

**Miniroo's-Tue 5.30pm until April 9**

**U12D-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14**

**U12-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14**

**U13-Wed 5pm starting Feb 21**  
-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4

**U14-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14**

**U16-Wed 5pm starting Feb 21**  
-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4

**U17-Mon 5pm starting Feb 12**  
-Wed 5pm start date TBA  
(Nathan will be setting this date later after consulting with the u17 parents/players)

**Res Men-Fri 6pm starting Feb 2**  
-Wed 6pm starting Feb 7

**Sen Men-Fri 6pm starting Feb 2**  
-Wed 6pm starting Feb 7

**Sen Women-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4**  
-Wed 5pm starting Mar 6



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