

13 February 2025

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FOR YOUR DIARY....

FEBRUARY

Fri 14 SBAS Swimming Carnival
Mon 17 – Wed 19 Year 7 Aquatics Camp TBC
Fri 21 Interschool Swimming, Wudinna
Fri 28 SBAS Sports Day

MARCH

Mon 3 SAPSASA Swimming Trials, Minnipa
Fri 7 WCIAC, @ Karcultaby Area School - TBC
Mon 10 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY
Wed 12 – Mon 24 NAPLAN testing period
Tues 25 WASSAC, @ Whyalla
Mon 31 Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4.30-7.30pm

APRIL

Tue 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews, 3.30-6.30pm
Mon 7 SAPSASA Swimming, Adelaide
Wed 9 SSSSA Athletics, Adelaide
Fri 11 Last Day of Term 1, early finish 2.05pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



We have had a strong start to the year, and I have been impressed with how our young people, staff and families have embraced the new opportunities being provided to build connections with each other and contribute to a positive school culture.

A key foundation for school culture, is engaging families and community in mutual partnerships that promote the well-being of young people, families, and the community. In the first few weeks we have been pleased to see families on school grounds, in classes and contacting their children's teachers to share their ideas, and what they know works best for their children. Through ongoing engagement, together we will be able to navigate the challenging times and difficult moments that our young people experience. Our priority is your children and by working in collaborations, we can help them be the best they can be.

Governing Council

Nominations are now open for the four Governing Council positions; the nomination form is further in the newsletter. Previous Governing Councillors can be nominated at the completion of their tenure. The Governing Council Annual General meeting will be held

on Monday 3 March commencing at 6:00pm at the school and we encourage parents to consider engaging in school life as part of the Governing Council team.

Congratulations!

On Wednesday 5 February, we officially recognised Ava Brace as the 2024 DUX of the School. We were delighted to have Ava's proud family in attendance for this special occasion.



CONGRATULATIONS AVA BRACE
SCHOOL DUX 2025
ATAR 98.35

Twin Boys!

The school community wish to congratulate Ashleigh and Troy Sims on the birth of their twin boys on 21 January. Our school community was thrilled to hear of the arrival of Oliver William and Franklin George.

Swimming Carnival & Early Years Splash Day

This week we had the running of the Early Years Splash Day events during the early parts of Monday and Tuesday before the heat set in. It was great to see so many smiling faces, as they put their aquatic abilities to the test. Special thanks to the staff that supported the event and to the families that were able to watch the action.

The annual Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, and this is shaping up to be an evenly contested competition. The team spirit is on high, and we look forward to seeing all of the Wattle, Banksia and Waratah team members contribute to their teams success. The event will commence from 9:00am with seating provided for families and access to the canteen throughout the day.

Wellbeing Centre

Our continued focus on student wellbeing has allowed us to rethink how to best utilise an area previously known as 'The Hub'. The purpose of this room is to allow children to access a space where they can be supported by staff in a proactive and responsive manner. Thank you to Phatcoat Painting, Toni Foster, Scott and Addison France for donating their time and materials to repaint the room and make it look welcoming and inclusive for all.

Grape Harvest

The 2025 grape harvest has recently finished with thanks to our students in Year 8 and staff who were asked to help with the picking in week 1, picking a smaller quantity than previous years but a very good quality of grapes that were sent to the Wait Institute in Adelaide for production.


Our chief vigneron, Mr Ian Picken has overseen the school viticulture program since the first vines were planted in 2003. This vintage is his last crush. Words cannot express the deep gratitude that the school community has for Ian in leading this program. His time and effort has been truly remarkable and the successes the school has received through the production of award winning wine is a credit to his dedication, passion and commitment over a long period of time. Thank you, Ian.

*Regards,
Tim O'Reilly
Principal*

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOOL CARD

You can apply and access the forms online at sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard. See below income eligibility limits based on gross family income for 2023/2024. If you would like a paper copy please see the front office staff.

Number of dependent children	Combined gross family income limit for the 2023-24 financial year	Gross weekly school card income limit
1	\$74,189	\$1,426
2	\$75,514	\$1,452
3	\$76,839	\$1,478
4	\$78,164	\$1,504
5	\$79,489	\$1,530
Each additional dependent child	\$1,325	\$26



APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD

All types of School Card applications **are now online.**


You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



BUSHFIRE SEASON

PREPARE FOR A BUSHFIRE

Families should follow these steps to prepare for the fire danger season:

- read the [bushfires and your child's school or preschool brochure \(PDF 4 MB\)](#)
- talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
read all bushfire information given to you by your child's school or preschool
- make sure your emergency contact details are up-to-date and available to your school or preschool before the start of the fire danger season

Streaky Bay Area School is in a 'low risk' bushfire area. This means on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger ratings, our site will **remain open. School buses will not operate within the Fire Ban District.** Our phone number is 08 86261202, if this number is engaged during an emergency, contact; the Department for Education Emergency Information Hotline on 1800 000 279 for current and up-to-date information on bushfire emergencies. While we have an emergency and bushfire response plan for our site it is important that we are all prepared for a bushfire emergency.

BUS PARENTS

A reminder School buses will be cancelled when catastrophic bushfire weather is forecast.

If during a school day, catastrophic bushfire conditions are declared, then bus services will be cancelled in the afternoon and students will need to be either picked up from school or have alternative care arrangements made for them. These are the same arrangements that are in place for all schools with bus services. We request that bus parents please monitor the ABC weather forecast on days of high bushfire risk, particularly early in the morning of the bus run commencing in case of a late catastrophic weather declaration, or utilise the CFS website for current forecasts and information www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

2025 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT PLANS

If you would like to take up the option of a payment plan, please ensure you come in and see the front office staff prior to the end of Term 1, Friday 11 April to complete your installment schedule. We encourage families to utilise this option to alleviate the financial burden. If you think you may be eligible for school card please see above for the application process.

NO HAT NO PLAY

A reminder to parents that Term 1 is a 'No hat No play' policy, where all students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat or legionnaire style hat whilst outside. Students without an appropriate hat will be required to sit in hard shade areas at break times. Parents & Friends have hats for sale at \$12ea available at the front office.



STUDENT ABSENCES

It would be appreciated if parent/guardians could notify the school by either phone or email to reduce the calls being made each day regarding student absences (**this also gives the school a reason and does not leave the student with an unexplained absence**).

KISS AND DROP ZONE

Morning Drop Off - A reminder to families that the zone between the front gate and staff car park is a designated 'Kiss and Drop' zone. Vehicles are not to be left unattended or parked in this zone from 8am-9am.



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Department for Education

Vacancy - Vacation Care Director

A written application is invited from all eligible persons, for the position of:

VACATION CARE DIRECTOR: Level 6.1 Streaky Bay Area School

Commencement date: ASAP/once all requirements are met. Ready for a Term 1 Holiday Recreation Program 14/4/25 – 25/4/25) and ongoing for all school holiday programs if the applicant meets requirements.

Applications should address the person specification and include the names of two referees. Job and Person Specifications are available from Annie Picken at Streaky Bay Area School.

A copy of the application marked 'Confidential' can be sent to:

Mr Tim O'Reilly
Streaky Bay Area School
109 Wells Street
STREAKY BAY SA 5680
Ph: 86261202

Breakfast Club
Available Monday to Friday
from 8:30 am to 8:45 am
for students who didn't get a
chance to have breakfast.

A huge thank you to Nick & Toni Redding at Streaky Bay Foodland for their ongoing support of the Breakfast Club.

**HOUSE TEAM
T-SHIRTS FOR SALE**
AT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
8:15AM - 9:15AM
**\$25 EACH
CASH ONLY**



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

School Bus Driver required

An expression of interest for the position of:

STREAKY BAY AREA SCHOOL BUS DRIVER 2025:

For further information regarding conditions of employment & pay rate please contact:

Mr Tim O'Reilly
Streaky Bay Area School
109 Wells Street
STREAKY BAY SA 5680
Ph: 86261202
Email: tim.oreilly419@schools.sa.edu.au

CANTEEN CORNER

Friday - Sushi & Poke bowl day

Sushi Rolls

Cucumber, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00
Add Tuna	\$0.50
Teriyaki Chicken, cucumber, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Add avocado	\$0.50
Add soy sauce	\$0.20
Please specify if you do not want lettuce or cucumber	

Teriyaki Chicken Poke Bowls

Sml \$7.00	Lge \$9.00
Teriyaki chicken, rice, lettuce, cucumber, edamame, pickles & mayo	
Please specify if you do not want edamame beans or pickles.	

Thursday is our regular menu plus some homemade options.

Don't forget we have lots of snacks in the canteen ranging from 20c +.

Thank you,
Naomi

www.facebook.com/streakybayschoolcanteen

Swimming Carnival – Tomorrow!

Our Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow at the school pool, kicking off after the official opening at 9:00 AM. The carnival will run as a normal school day, with the first bell at 8:45 am and dismissal at 3:05 pm. Students are to go to their home group for the morning class roll, then as a class group make their way to the pool. Parents and caregivers are asked to contact the school if their child/ren are unable to attend the swimming carnival.

Participation is key — the more students involved, the more points their house team can earn!

As a reminder, our Sports Day Hot Weather Policy states that if the 7:00 PM ABC News forecast for Ceduna predicts 36°C or higher on the evening before the event, it will be postponed. However, with the current forecast at 26°C, we do not anticipate any changes.

Parents, caregivers, and community members are warmly invited to attend. A limited number of chairs will be available, so we encourage families to bring their own as a backup.

Full canteen facilities will be available throughout the day as well as the 'School Café' selling espresso coffees from the new Tech Studies shed.

We look forward to a fantastic day of swimming, colour and school spirit!

What Students Need to Bring:

- Shirt or rashie
- Goggles
- Broad-brimmed hat
- Sunscreen



MEET OUR STUDENT WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICER



Toni Foster

Toni has been part of the Streaky Bay Area School community for the past 10 years. In 2024, she stepped into the role of **Student Wellbeing Support Officer**.

She works closely with our Wellbeing Leader, Mischa Karp & staff supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of students and families across the school. With a Certificate IV in Youth Work, along with her creativity, friendly nature, and easy going approach, Toni is always here to help in any way she can.

Please don't hesitate to reach out anytime – she loves a chat!



Work Days - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Email - toni.foster914@schools.su.edu.au

Call - 86261 202

STREAKY BAY AREA SCHOOL

2025 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I _____ (full name) of _____ (address)
nominate

_____ (full name) of _____ (address)

I _____ (full name) of _____ (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors. I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person. I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Streaky Bay Area School Governing/School Council will cease.

Signed _____ Date: _____

SPORTS DAY

Streaky Bay Area School's Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 28 February. This event involves all students from Reception to Year 12 and will be held at the school. The official opening will be at 9:00am followed by the first events. The school day will finish at 3:05pm.

In the lead-up to the day, students in the 11-year-old age group and above, have the opportunity to participate in Pre-sports Day events, with points being awarded to both the overall House Team Championship results, as well as individual medal results. Please see below for the dates of these events:

Week 3	Thursday 13 th Feb Lesson 1 and 2	Javelin– 13-year-old age group and above Discus - 11-year-old age group and above
Week 4	Monday 17 th Feb Lesson 1, 2 and Extended Learning	1500m – 11-year-old age group and above
	Tuesday 18 th Feb Lesson 1 and 2	Javelin catch up – 13year-old age group and above Discuss catch up - 11-year-old age group and above
Week 5	Monday 24 th Feb Lesson 1 and 2	800m – 11-year-old age group and above
	Thursday 27 th Feb	Catch-up event for students who were absent

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

I am thrilled to share exciting news about our senior school students who have made a fantastic start to the year. Our house captains have been working diligently to build up their house teams in preparation for the swimming carnival tomorrow. Their leadership and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring, and we are proud of the excellent job they are doing. We wish all our senior school students the very best for tomorrow's swimming carnival. I am confident that they will demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship and make us proud. Good luck to everyone from the senior school participating.

I have just been informed that the highly successful state-wide Rural Youth Ambassador program will operate once again in South Australia this year. This program is now recognised as an exceptional rural youth ambassadorial and leadership initiative, not only in South Australia but also nationally and internationally, with past members being invited to participate within a range of activities representing rural young people. These include discussions on what information rural and remote students have about after-school opportunities, discussing how to support student well-being and mental health with education sectors and sharing how rural learning affects young people with the state. The South Australian program is designed to work over nine to twelve months. Within this period there are face-to-face forums in Adelaide, each of 2 to 4 days in duration, normally comprising a total of 10 - 12 days. The closing date for nominations is Friday, 3rd March. If your child is interested in this opportunity encourage them to seek me out at school.

A special mention goes to Kyle Feltus, who has achieved a remarkable milestone. Kyle has been selected to present his piece at Parliament House in Adelaide tomorrow. This is a prestigious opportunity, as only 30 students have been chosen to represent the youth of South Australia at Parliament House. Participants will have the chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship, which is an incredible opportunity for Kyle. We wish Kyle the best of luck in tomorrow.

Kind regards,
Karen Box
Senior School Coordinator

Exciting Start to the Middle School Year!

The new school year has kicked off with a bang for our Middle School students! Our dedicated teachers have been working tirelessly to create an environment where strong connections with students are at the heart of everything we do.

One of the highlights was the Amazing Race event in Week 1. Our Year 7-9 students were divided into house teams to participate in a Middle School Amazing Race. The afternoon was brimming with fun, joy, and camaraderie. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic event!

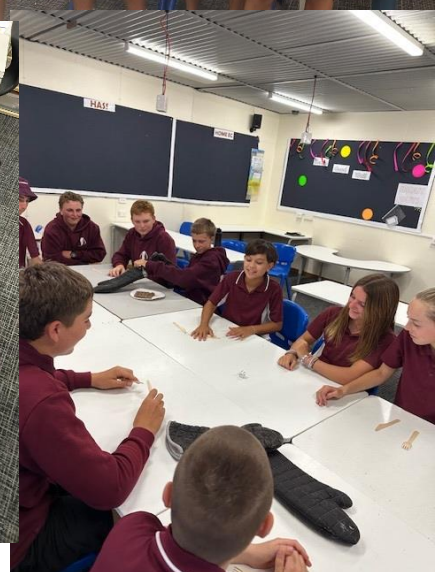
Our Year 8/9 class has also been spending quality time together once a week, engaging in team challenges and sports activities. These sessions are designed to strengthen bonds and foster a sense of community among our students.

Our Year 7 class has been focusing on fostering a growth mindset and finding gratitude in their daily activities. This approach is helping them build resilience and a positive outlook.

Additionally, we have initiated connections with our older and younger buddies. We are excited to see these relationships flourish throughout the year, enhancing the sense of belonging and support within our school community.

As we begin to focus more on learning and curriculum, we are committed to fostering greater connections with our community. Our aim is to create learning environments that prioritise wellbeing and engagement, ensuring our Middle School students become effective learners.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with excitement, learning, and connection!



*Warm regards,
Madi Nicholson
Middle School Coordinator*



Splash Day 2025



Grape Harvest 2025

The grape harvest of 2025 came upon us very quickly, which is not surprising considering the hot dry conditions we have been experiencing. Tests mid-January suggested they were very ready to pick so a small adult team got together to pick the red grapes, the week prior to school starting. This was at least 3 weeks earlier than normal. On Wednesday of week 1, the experienced Year 8 class were seconded to harvest the Riesling grapes. What a great bunch of students! They were a pleasure to work with. They started picking at 7.30 and by 9.30 had all the crop removed from the 8 rows.

Significant hot weather at flowering time meant that fruit set was limited, and the yield for both the red and white grapes was well below our best. Only 130kg of reds were picked and about 300kg of whites. The fruit quality, however, was very good as the hot conditions meant that the vines were relatively free from the fungal disease that has been significant over the last few harvests and has caused significant wastage. Thanks to Mr Mosey, Mr Roberts, Gary and Belinda Black and Tamara Schmucker who assisted with supervision on the day.

Ian Picken (Wetlands/Vines)



WELL-BEING WAGON



Due to popular demand, the Wellbeing Wagon will return this year, bigger and better than ever. Chloe is incorporating the Wellbeing Wagon into her community studies project, driven by her passion to ensure everyone feels a sense of belonging and experiences an improvement in their wellbeing. Toni is supporting Chloe, and they are both very excited to spend lunchtimes with you!



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Wellbeing Wagon is a mobile resource filled with games, drawing materials, and activities designed to bring students together during lunch breaks. It was created to provide a positive space that fosters social interaction, creativity, connection, and inclusive, supportive play in a fun and engaging environment. Toni and I were very fortunate to receive Lego and board game donations from Naomi Rogers in 2024.

We would also like to thank Parents & Friends for donating towards the wagon and providing the funds needed to get the project off the ground. Toni and myself couldn't have done it without your unwavering support.





SARDI Farmer Meetings

The South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) is hosting farmer meetings across the upper Eyre Peninsula.

SARDI Farmer Meetings provide an excellent opportunity for a seasonal review of current research. Speakers will include Amanda Cook, Elijah Luo, Dr Buddhi Chaudhary and Cathy Paterson.

Topics

Andy Bates; Bates Agricultural Consulting and Barry Mudge; Barry Mudge Consulting will deliver a Farm Business Resilience session on farm business and risk.

- Stripper stubble systems and soil moisture
- Lentils and weed management
- Brome grass management
- Optimising barley biomass
- Barley grass management
- Derisking the seeding program

Dates and locations

- Minnipa Sports Club – 2:00 pm, 24 February 2025
- Wirrulla Hotel – 9:00 am, 25 February 2025
- Port Kenny Golf Club – 2:00 pm, 26 February 2025
- Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Function Room – 2:00 pm, 27 February 2025
- Rudall Sports Club – 2:00 pm, 3 March 2025
- Lock Sports Club – 9:00 am, 4 March 2025
- Cowell Institute Supper Room – 2:00 pm, 5 March 2025
- Kimba Gateway Hotel – 9:00 am, 6 March 2025

The Minnipa and Wirrulla meetings will be followed by a workshop delivered by Jacky Desbiolles, UniSA and Belinda Cay; AgCommunicators: *Are hybrid disc seeders an opportunity for higher residue systems?*

SARDI Farmer Meetings 2025 are supported by funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and Government of South Australia.

More information

Nicole Baty
Phone: 08 8680 6233 / Email: Nicole.Baty@sa.gov.au



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



Government of South Australia
Department of Primary
Industries and Regions



**WEST COAST HAWKS
NETBALL CLUB**

PRE SEASON MEETING

MONDAY 17TH FEB 7PM @ THE COMPLEX

All Players, Parents & Supports Encouraged to Attend



Save up to \$200



on sport, active recreation
and music fees

Providing 2 x \$100 vouchers per child, per calendar year

Covering the costs for sport, active recreation and music fees

Available to children living in South Australia in Reception to Year 9

Easing cost of living pressures
for families

For more information and how to use a voucher or find a provider go to www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

Children can benefit greatly from outside school activities. It helps build self-esteem and confidence, increases social skills, reduces stress and depression and make new friends and connections within the district. These vouchers are a great way to ease the financial expense of families.

Local providers:

Instep Dance

West Coast Hawks Netball

West Coast Hawks Football

Wirrulla Netball

Wirrulla Football