

To all of our wonderful school community,

What a great term 1 we have had! We have certainly 'hit the ground running' in 2025, with many highlights including:

- Lots of sporting opportunities initiated including volleyball, athletics, cross country, mountain biking and cricket programs, including 'Lunch and Crunch' at Heathfield High School and hosting knock out games.
- A highly successful and enjoyable Sports Day- well done to Thorpe (blue team) for winning the Crackett Shield.
- Steve has welcomed 30 students into his Choir for this year and they have already begun rehearsing for our Festival of Music participation. Steve also won a Music Strategy Grant for our school, allowing us to purchase around \$3000 worth of ensemble instruments for our whole school.
- Lots of school tours have been happening for future enrolments and planning has begun for our mid-year reception enrolments. We have also welcomed two families who have joined our community during this term.
- Our Student Parliament has been initiated with our Prime Minister, Maddie, and Deputy Prime Minister, Jordon, leading our student voice well across the school. Classroom representatives have met a few times and instigated initiatives such as lunch time clubs and an environmental committee.
- A wonderful and supportive Governing Council formed with Fundraising, OSHC and Grounds and Environment committees set up.
- A fantastic Year 6 aquatic camp at Port Hughes and a year 3 camp at Monarto Zoo. Camps are always fantastic fun and a great learning opportunity.
- Great student run assemblies, including our recent junior primary one where Louis Dodd participated in the Greatest Shave and raised over \$2000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.
- Successful pupil free day focused on allowing our whole staff to undertake Restorative Practice training. Restorative Practice recognises that the ability to manage relationships is central to lifelong learning and success.
- NAPLAN testing for our year 3 and year 5 cohort took place. Our results will be shared when we receive them later next term.

About a week ago, our school has been offered two brand new footy goals for our oval. In partnership with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL), the Department for Education have been working to support the implementation of the Schools Goal Post Program, which seeks to offer new fit for purpose AFL goal posts for selected schools. We have gratefully accepted this offer and we are hoping they will be installed shortly. Thank you to the fundraising committee for supporting some of their proceeds to go towards installation. Footy goals have been on the school's 'upgrade agenda' for a considerable time, so it is nice to be able to take this opportunity to install a set.

We have two of our senior students, Sid and Bonnie, representing our school and laying a wreath at the Stirling ANZAC Day service on Friday 25th April. Please feel free to join them from 6am on the Stirling Library lawn.

A note from our Fundraising Committee

Hello Aldgate Families. Get ready to cast your votes on the 3rd May and enjoy some delicious treats! The Election Day Plant and Bake Sale is here, and we need your support to make it a blooming success! This year, we're reaching for new heights. Here's how you can contribute:

- Donate your favourite baked goods, or plant for the sale
- Volunteer 30 minutes of your time on Election Day (nominate the times you are available and we will put together a roster):
<https://forms.gle/eh188kczXfLEGnmU8>

All proceeds will go towards enhancing our school environment. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please remember that our term finishes at 2.15pm on Friday and our last day of term will be a casual clothes day. Ms Wood and Kim's class will host a short end of term assembly at 1.45pm.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 28th April.

Warm regards,

Hazel Robertson

Principal

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