

Dear parents and caregivers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome out to all of you as we begin our 2024 academic year. We are excited to open our doors and welcome everyone back, especially our new families that are joining us. We have now finalised our teaching team:

Rec / Year 1	Bec Hoffmann
Rec / Year 1	Jade Somerville
Year 1/2	Linda Cottle
Year 1/2	Lisa Hyatt
Year 3/4	Petra Dunaiski and Stacey Wood (Tues and Thurs)
Year 3/4	Jarrad Wyatt and Ethan Cale (Wed)
Year 4/5	Scott Huff
Year 5/6	Sam Richards
Year 5/6	Lisa Marsden and Felicity Godson (Mon)
PE/Health	Cam Griggs
The Arts	Steve Gallagher
Science /Autism	Nic Strevens
Inclusion teacher	

Over the holiday period, staff have been working behind the scenes and we would like to say thank you to:

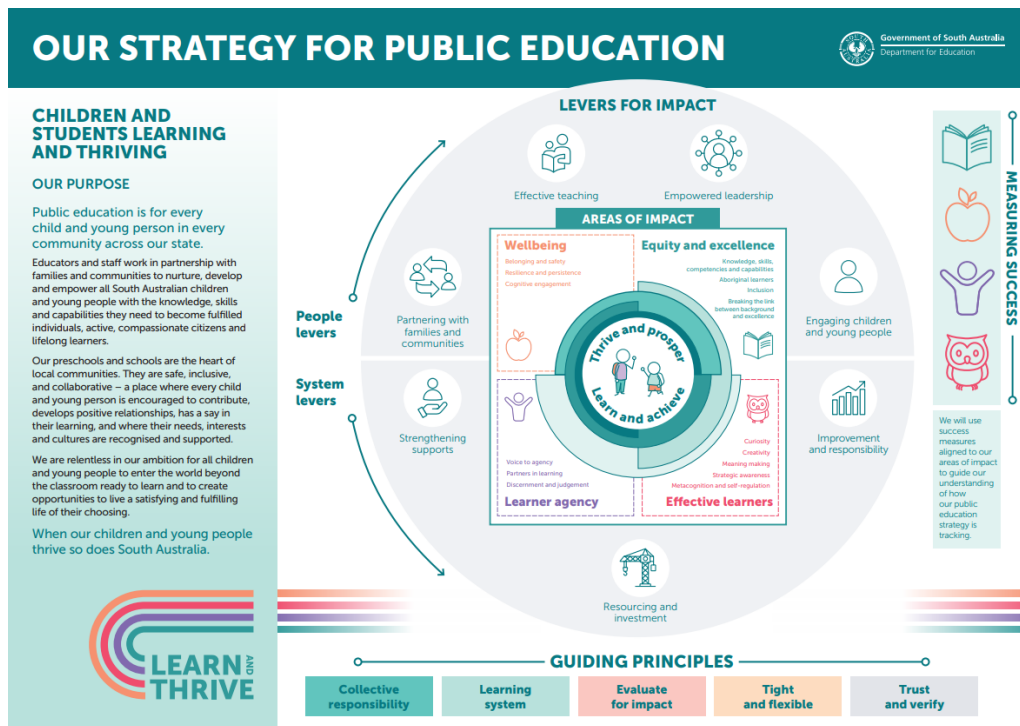
- Jess and our OSHC staff for running a successful Vacation Care program.
- Fiona and Brianna for liaising with contractors and keeping our front office going smoothly.
- Jake Mantel and the team at Adelaide Hills Slashing for maintaining our environment in lieu of our grounds person, Lily, being away on leave.
- Teachers and SSO staff for the organisation and ongoing preparation for 2024.

Thank you to those that took the time to complete the feedback survey at the end of last year. In summary, our community spirit, teaching team, extracurricular activities and beautiful environment were listed as the main strengths of Aldgate Primary. Developing our environmental program and communication were identified as possible growth points. We always welcome feedback and conversation so please reach out if you would like a chat.

On Monday 22nd January, our whole staff attended a training and development day alongside our colleagues at Lobethal Primary School. This day was dedicated to upskilling on the use of our new Playberry Laser Literacy program which we are instigating across all of our classes. More information will follow soon about this exciting new program. On Tuesday 23rd January, our staff spent the day together at school, unpacking our new learning, preparing learning environments and looking at the Department for Education's new vision and strategy.



The Department's new vision and strategy states that *our world is constantly changing and the future we're educating our children and young people for will be vastly different from today. Public education needs to continually adapt too. We intend to stay ahead of these changing demands and support children and young people to learn and thrive as they prepare for their futures beyond the classroom. We need to be clear about what we're trying to provide for our students so we can measure whether we're achieving it.* For more information regarding the Department's new vision and strategy, please visit this link: [Our strategy for public education in South Australia](#). A visual snapshot of the strategy can be seen below.



The transition back to school can be full of mixed emotions! Please remember that our door is always open and we are here to support you and your child in any way we can. We will be in touch soon but look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 29th January at 8.55am.

Warm regards,

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