

IMPORTANT **DATES**

9 June

Knockout Netball

13 June

**Queens Birthday
Public Holiday**

14 June—17 June

R-5 Swimming

22 June

Governing Council

22 June

Knockout Soccer

29 June

4/5/6 Growth and
Development

30 June

Knockout boys
football

1 July

School Photos

5 July

4/5/6 Growth and
Development

6 July

4/5/6 Growth and
Development

9 September

School Closure Day

12 September

Pupil Free Day

Hello everyone,

Lost property

With winter now being here we are anticipating more jumpers in lost property. We will have a fabric pen in the front office if you don't have a permanent pen at home for you to write your child's name on their jumper. It makes it so much easier to return lost jumpers to students. We really appreciate your help with this.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Treasure Boxes appeal for Ukrainian refugees, as led by Petra Dunaiski and Stacey Wood's class. We have had so many donations, and some of them have been remarkably generous. We are really grateful for the empathy that the community has shown. The donations will make a very real difference to the lives of those families who have fled the war for refuge in Adelaide.

Mid year intake

Today, we have received notice that the mid year intake for reception students will resume in 2024 in schools, and next year in kindergarten. This means for 2023, children who turn 4 years of age:

- Before 1 May continue to start preschool at the beginning of the year.
- From 1 May to 31 October start preschool, day 1, term 3 of the year.
- After 31 October start preschool at the beginning of the following year

Students who start school at the beginning of the year will continue to progress through 4 terms of Reception. Students who start school through a mid-year intake will complete 6 terms of Reception. For example:

- Children starting school at the beginning of 2024 - undertake Reception term 1 to 4, 2024. Beginning year 1, 2025.
- Children starting school in term 3, 2024 - undertake Reception term 3 & 4, 2024 and Reception term 1-4, 2025. These students begin year 1 in 2026.

More information will be available regarding this change in due course.

Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is regularly reviewed and refined. We are now working from version 9.0. For instance, in the newest version there is an increased emphasis on phonics, essential mathematical facts, Australian history in a global context and First Nations histories and cultures. There is a 21% decrease in what are called content descriptors, that is, what students are expected to be taught and learned. This decrease is intended to declutter the curriculum, and to increase rigour and depth. Here is a link to the online portal:

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

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