

The Rapid

Rapid Bay Primary School Newsletter
TERM 3

We acknowledge that we meet today on Kurna Country. We would like to thank the Traditional Custodians of this land and recognise their continued connection to Country. We thank Elders past, present and emerging for sharing this land for us to learn on. We thank the Traditional Custodians for caring and looking after this land for thousands of generations. We will contribute to caring for this land for many years to come and recognise that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

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Important Dates

TERM 3 - 24/7 - 29/9

Book Week Parade - Read, Grow, Inspire
Monday 21st August

Mylor Adventure Camp
Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August

Father's Day Shop
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th August

Dental Van Visit
Friday 1st September

Student Free Day
Thursday 7th September

School Closure
Friday 8th September

R U OK? Day
Thursday 14th September

School Photos
Friday 15th September

End of Term
Friday 29th September

Dear Rapid Bay families

Welcome to Term 3! We've got an absolute blast lined up for you with loads of cool things happening. Get ready for our upcoming Ultimate Frisbee sporting schools sessions, a super fun BusSafe Workshop, awesome Book Week Parade, an epic School Camp, and striking those perfect poses for Student Photos! And that's just the tip of the iceberg - plenty of excitement awaits! Let's make this term one for the books!

Firstly, it is with a heavy heart that we have said goodbye to Annie Nancarrow. Annie has been an invaluable member of our staff for the past few years, and we extend our best wishes to her as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. We sincerely appreciate all her hard work and dedication during her time here at Rapid Bay.

We've got some news to share about Rachel Graves! For the first half of this term, she'll be away from our school as she embarks on her final teaching placement for her degree. We couldn't be prouder of her, and we wish her a ton of learning and joy as she takes this important step towards a fulfilling career. Don't worry, though, because Rachel will be re-joining us at Rapid Bay in the second half of the term. We can't wait to have her back with us! Go, Rachel!

We want to extend our warmest wishes for a fantastic term ahead. We're eagerly looking forward to sharing the exciting and enriching adventures of our wonderful students at Rapid Bay Primary School with all of you. Let's make this term a memorable one filled with growth, learning, and joy! Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Here's to an amazing Term 3!

Warmest Wishes,
Jen McArdle

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Playground

We cannot contain our enthusiasm as we share the wonderful news –the construction of our brand-new school playground has been successfully completed! Witnessing the kids happily exploring the playground on Monday was an absolute delight. We're eagerly anticipating the imaginative games and activities they'll come up with to make the most of this fantastic addition.

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Jebby, Addy, and Sage for being voted as the Aussie of the Month winners by their peers at the end of last term. They exemplify our school values and are truly deserving of this recognition. They join Willow and Seth as winners so far this year.



Staff Spotlight Shane McArdle

What is one of your hidden talents?
Dad jokes

What sporting teams do you go for?
The Bombers and Adelaide 36ers

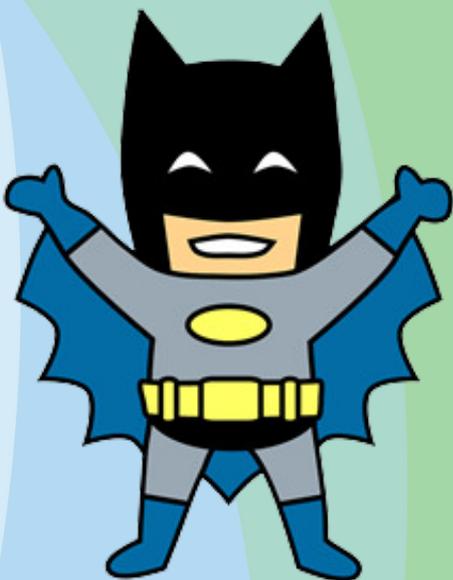
If you were a superhero, who would you be and why?
Batman, because I would like to drive the batmobile – a slight upgrade on the Corolla

Favourite Tv Series/Movie?
Ted Lasso

Favourite Quote
If you have the choice between being right and being kind, choose being kind.
– Dr. Wayne W. Dyer.

Were you born in the olden days?
Yes!

Advice for Rapid Bay students –
Maximise your opportunities and appreciate both what you possess and the privilege of attending such an extraordinary place.



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The Tree Troop Rapid Bay Primary Years 2-7 Garden Group

The Tree Troop is thrilled to announce that our school is the recipient of a 2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant of \$1 000.

The name of our project is Creating a Bee & Butterfly Haven. Our aim is to continue the enthusiasm by extending the Bee and Butterfly project (created using 2022 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant) to encompass the whole school and into the community. The students will be involved in identifying current successful plants and others to attract more local insects. Then they will plan and plant many insect friendly sites.

At this term's first Wednesday meeting, the Tree Troopers made a start by planting the Adelaide Brighton Cement plaque garden bed (at the end of the ATCO) with *Brachyscome multifida* Cut-Leafed Daisies and Lavender plants.

Jo Cramond



What is 5CY?

5CY is our local emergency food pantry and services the communities of the Yankalilla District Council. They provide food assistance to families, and individuals, who are experiencing hardship. The pantry is stocked by food donations from people throughout our community. The various service clubs and the Community Op Shop also make monetary donations which are then used to 'fill the gaps'.

A very special group of local volunteers, from the combined Christian churches of Yankalilla and district, run 5CY very efficiently. I have never had a slow response from them, when I'm seeking help for someone, and that is vital when people are going without food due to financial pressures.

As a school community we will be supporting 5CY, towards the end of this term, with a four week 'Bring a Can a Week' project to help build up the pantry as it meets the needs of those who are struggling to make ends meet. A list will be circulated, of items required, and the items can be brought to school and added to our donation tub.

If you, or someone you know, needs food assistance please contact me and I will refer you.

Gina Hunt
Pastoral Care Worker

Sporting Schools – Ultimate Frisbee

We are thrilled to announce that this term, students will be engaging in the exciting Ultimate Frisbee Sporting Schools series by Stay Active. The sessions will kick off on Friday of Week 1 and continue until Friday of Week 6. These activities will play a key role in the development, implementation, and coordination of an Ultimate Frisbee program, fully integrated into our school curriculum. All activities are aligned with the learning outcomes and standards from the Australian Health and Physical Education Curriculum, ensuring a fun and educational experience for all participants. Let's gear up for some high-flying, frisbee-fueled fun!



Book Week Parade

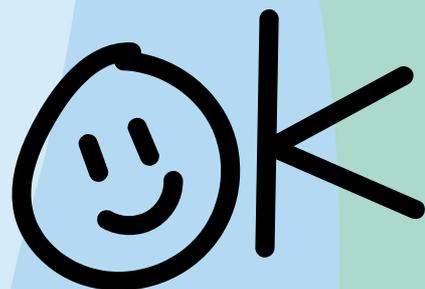
Mark your calendars for the upcoming Book Week Parade on Monday 21st August – Week 5, just before our camp adventure! This year's theme, "Read, Grow, Inspire," promises to be truly exciting. We are eagerly looking forward to witnessing the creative and imaginative costume designs your child will bring to life for this special event. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the magic of books together!

BusSAfe Session

We are excited to introduce the BusSAfe session, a ground-breaking safety initiative for South Australia, aimed at educating children about their behaviour and its direct impact on their safety in and around buses. This interactive session covers school, excursion, and town buses, providing comprehensive safety awareness.

The session runs for approximately fifty minutes to an hour. The sessions include engaging elements such as videos, role play, and discussions within the classroom. Students will also have the opportunity to put their learning into practice during a bus inspection, where they will discover the safety and emergency features first-hand.

The program is specifically designed for children Primary School, its messages hold universal importance, making it a valuable refresher for students transitioning to high school. Let's empower our students with the knowledge and skills they need to travel safely on buses and create a safer environment for everyone.



R U OK?

R U OK? Day is on September 14th! This incredible public health promotion urges us all to strengthen connections and engage in conversations that can truly make a difference in someone's life during tough times. The simple act of asking "R U OK?" and genuinely listening with an open heart can provide crucial support and foster a sense of belonging.

On September 14th, we come together to emphasise that every day is an opportunity to ask, "Are you OK?" and initiate a meaningful conversation whenever we notice signs that someone, we care about may be struggling. Let's spread the message of care and compassion and make a positive impact on the well-being of those around us. Together, we can create a supportive and connected community.

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

Mylor Adventure Camp

I am pleased to announce that our whole school camp to Mylor is in Week 5 of this term, Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th August. Thanks to the generous donation from Ratch Australia, the cost per student will be heavily subsidised at \$100. Information and consent forms regarding the camp will be sent out by the end of the week.



Student Free Day and School Closure

Just a quick heads up, we have some important dates coming up. On Thursday, 7th September, there will be a student-free day dedicated to staff planning and training. As a result, there won't be any classes on that day.

Additionally, please take note that Friday, 8th September, will be a school closure due to the Adelaide Show. Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar so everyone can plan accordingly. Enjoy the time off and have a fantastic day at the Adelaide Show if you choose to go!

Father's Day Shop

We've got something special planned for Father's Day! On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th August, we'll be running a fabulous Father's Day Shop in the front office.

There will be a fantastic range of gifts to choose from, with prices ranging between \$1.50 and \$10. Rest assured, the chosen gifts will come home beautifully wrapped, ensuring they remain a delightful surprise.

If you'd like your child to pick something, don't forget to send a sturdy shopping bag along with them. We want to make sure the wrapped gift travels safely into your hands! A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

The best part is watching the kids experience a sense of independence as they make their own choices and understand how money works—all in a safe and supportive environment. The only challenge will be trying to keep them from spilling the beans about their gift choices! We can't wait to see the joy on your faces on Father's Day!



School Photos

Get your smiles ready because School Photos are this Term! On the 15th of September, our students will have their individual photos taken in the classic portrait style. As for the fantastic class photos, we plan to capture those outside, but that's weather permitting, of course. Keep an eye out for notes coming your way in the second half of this Term, providing all the details you need to know about this picture-perfect event!

End of Term

At the end of term please take note that the last day of school falls on the 29th of September. On this day, there will be an early dismissal, one hour earlier than the usual time. For those taking the bus, please be aware that the bus will depart from the school at 2:43 PM, which means all bus stops will be one hour ahead of their regular schedule.



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NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

We have received the results of this year's NAPLAN testing, which took place in Term 1. The earlier timing of the test has led to changes in the scoring and analysis process. Our staff members are currently sorting and analysing the information to gain valuable insights. This data will help us identify areas for improvement and tailor our future teaching strategies. Please note that NAPLAN is no longer using the terminology of SEA – Standard of Education Achievement and HB – Higher Band, band levels. Instead, we will be using the terms exceeding, strong, developing, and needs additional support. Individual student results will be sent home by the end of week 1.



FREE Parent Workshop – Mark Le Messurier

On September 20th, we are delighted to host the next workshop in our series by the renowned Mark Le Messurier. The workshop location will either be at Second Valley or Delamere, and we'll confirm the venue soon. The presentation is titled "Everyday Ideas to Build Healthy, Resilient Young People."

So what is Resilience?

Resilience, in the context of mental and emotional health, refers to an individual's ability to navigate changes and challenges while bouncing back during difficult times. Mark's work centres around empowering parents to become excellent resilience coaches for their children.

Resilience is highly valued as it equips individuals to face the inevitable challenges that life brings. While the interplay of genetics and environment in resilience is complex, there's plenty we can do to guide our children towards healthier and more resilient paths.

Come along and join us in exploring the realistic steps you can take to enhance your children's happiness, resilience, and mental well-being. You'll be amazed by the simple, easy-to-remember strategies that engage children in realistic and logical thinking, leading to transformative behavioural changes and the establishment of healthy, resilient lives.

Parent survey

You're invited to complete the 2023 annual parent survey, which is now open.

In the week beginning Monday 31 July you'll receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you didn't receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- What we're doing well
- Where we can improve
- What's important to you

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The survey closes midnight Sunday 27 August.

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Inclusion

At our school, we hold inclusion as a fundamental value, cherishing an environment of acceptance and respect for every student, irrespective of their background or beliefs. Embracing inclusion plays a pivotal role in creating an atmosphere of understanding and empowerment, making all students feel valued and acknowledged.

To cultivate a culture of inclusion, we actively develop activities and initiatives that promote acceptance and understanding among all students. This includes establishing student clubs and groups that celebrate diversity, conducting sessions that foster cultural understanding, and providing valuable resources to explore different cultures and backgrounds. We also encourage open discussions and debates on varying beliefs and backgrounds, fostering an atmosphere of open-mindedness and mutual respect.

Furthermore, in the classroom, our staff play a crucial role in nurturing inclusion. By creating a safe and respectful environment, they ensure that each student's uniqueness is celebrated. Taking the time to get to know students individually, encouraging open dialogues, and using inclusive language are essential practices.

Inclusion remains a pivotal value in our school, and we are committed to taking all necessary steps to ensure that every student feels valued and accepted. By implementing activities and initiatives that embrace understanding and acceptance and providing teachers with the resources to foster inclusivity, we aim to create an environment where all students thrive and feel respected. Together, we can build a community that celebrates diversity and embraces every individual's unique journey.



RAPID BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS



SHOW RESPECT

We respect ourselves, others and our environment.



BE KIND

Consider others, use kind words and actions.



CELEBRATE AND CONGRATULATE

We celebrate our own and others success.



TRY YOUR BEST

Be brave and take learning risks.



SHOW RESILIENCE

Be grateful and positive.

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