



# The Rapid

Rapid Bay Primary School Newsletter  
TERM 4

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.

## Week 01- Term 4 - Issue 345 - October 24th 2023

Dear Rapid Bay families

Welcome back to Term 4 and the exciting opportunities awaiting us.

We eagerly welcome our newest members, the 2024 reception students, embarking on their educational journey with us. Our five-week transition program is designed to lay the groundwork for a seamless school entry, setting the stage for their success.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we plan to have three classes: JP, MP, and UP, with the final student and staff placements to be confirmed by year-end.

There is a multitude of exciting events and opportunities awaiting us this term. We encourage all students, parents, and staff to engage in these activities, making the most of their time at Rapid Bay School.

We look forward to celebrating achievements, nurturing growth, and ending the year with memorable experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make Term 4 an incredible journey together.

Warmest Wishes,  
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## Important Dates

TERM 4 - 16/10 - 15/12

Dress up Halloween Day  
Tuesday 31st October

School Photos  
Wednesday 8th November

Hotshots Tennis  
Thursday 9th November

Whole School Excursion to Yankalilla Library  
Thursday 16th November

Carols at the Cape  
Friday 1st December

Graduation  
Wednesday 6th December

Student Free Day  
Friday 8th December

Christmas Shop  
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December

End of Year Concert  
Wednesday 13th December

## Empowering the Upper Primary Girls

On the last day of the term, our Upper Primary girls had a fantastic opportunity to venture into the city. They participated in an invigorating yoga session led by the amazing Dawn Marsh, followed by a delightful lunch in the city and a train journey back to Seaford. It was a day dedicated to well-being, mindfulness, and a glimpse of city life. The students enjoyed the yoga session, and plans are underway for a follow-up session with an open invitation to parents and staff to join in.



## Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Hannah and Max, for being voted as the Aussie of the Month winners by their peers at the end of last term. Aussie of the Month winners exemplify our school values and Hannah and Max are truly deserving of this recognition.



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## PAT (Progress Assessment Test)

In term 3, our students successfully completed their PAT Reading and Mathematics testing. The data is now in the hands of our devoted teachers, who are carefully analysing it to better shape their future teaching strategies. We're delighted to report some outstanding results and notable growth across our classes, showcasing the dedication of both our students and educators.

## Library System Upgrade

Zoe, with countless hours of dedication, has been instrumental in transferring our library borrowing system to an innovative platform that is nearly ready to launch. We are confident that this new system will offer a more user-friendly and enriched library experience. A big thank you to Zoe and our staff for refreshing the library resources. This system will grant access to audio books, non-fiction materials through Britannica online, and many other valuable resources, made possible by the generous donation from "Cut it at the Cape."



## Life Education Visit

We recently had the privilege of hosting the Life Ed van at our school in Week 1. This valuable experience allowed our students to explore significant life topics, including healthy relationships, personal safety, making informed choices, and enhancing social skills. Beyond textbooks, it was an enriching educational experience.

## School Photos

After recheduling the date set in Term 3 due to the wind and rain, Get your smiles ready because School Photos are now this Term! On Wednesday 8th of November, 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,



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## Staff Spotlight Zoe Cavanagh-King

If you could trade places with any animal for a day, which animal would you choose and why?

Absolutely a cat. Preferably one owned by me, which would be difficult, but I see how those guys live and they look happy!

If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be, and what would your superhero name be?

Telekinesis. (moving stuff with your thoughts). I would be called MindLift.

If your life was a book, what would the title be, and who would be the main characters?

“This is how you do it” It would be an instruction manual, full of guides and spreadsheets and the main character would be Clippy.

If you had to eat one type of food for the rest of your life, what would it be, and why?

Pizza. No other explanation needed.

Do you have a favourite quote or a piece of advice that you'd like to share with us, as students of Rapid Bay?

Remember to use your manners,. Manners are free, easy to use and people will remember you.



## Halloween Dress-Up Day

Tuesday, October 31st: Get ready to unleash your creativity and dress up in your best spooky costume. There will be a prize for the most creative outfit, and classroom teachers are planning spooky activities for the day.

## Hot Shots Tennis Carnival

Eight of our students have been selected for the Hot Shots Participation Carnival at Victor Harbor. This fun-filled day offers the opportunity to work as a team and learn new tennis skills, with the guidance of our school captain, Willow Russo. Letters will be sent home shortly.



# CLASS OF 2023

### Graduation

This year, we are proud to celebrate the graduation of four of our students. Families, alongside our dedicated staff, will gather on the 6th of December at the Cape Jervis Community Club to commemorate their achievements and time at Rapid Bay. The students are excited and are finalizing their invitations to share with their families.

### Student Free Day

Friday, December 8th: Our staff will dedicate this day to deep learning pedagogies, data analysis, and planning for the 2024 school year.

### Christmas Shop

In Week 9, students will have the chance to pick out special gifts for their families. Look out for the upcoming flyer.



### End of Year Concert

Wednesday, December 13th: Save the date for our annual end-of-year concert. Classes have already started rehearsing, and it promises to be a spectacular showcase. Each class is gearing up to perform plays, dances, and heart-warming Christmas carols.



### Carols at the Cape


Friday, December 1st, 2023:

Mark your calendars for an event you won't want to miss – Carols at the Cape, taking place on Friday, December 1st, 2023. Our goal this year is to engage as many Rapid Bay students and families as possible, from our Transition students to our Year 7s, in this delightful celebration. We invite you to join us for what promises to be a fantastic night.

Last year marked the inaugural edition of this event, and it was nothing short of extraordinary. Set against a picturesque backdrop, it was a night filled with music, joy, and a strong sense of community. We are thrilled to be a part of this enchanting experience once again.

As the date approaches, stay tuned for more details and updates. Carols at the Cape is an opportunity for our Rapid Bay families to come together, celebrate the spirit of the season, and create lasting memories. We can't wait to see you there for another unforgettable evening.


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## 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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