



Light Pass Primary School

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Term 1

Week 2

11th February 2022

Quote: *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* – Nelson Mandela

Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school year! While this has been a different start to the school year than anticipated when we finished school at the end of last year, everyone has accommodated the changes admirably- well done! Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their children's learning at home, and to our teachers who adapted their learning programs to remote learning. I also think our JP class have enjoyed being at school. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday☺

Welcome

Welcome our new students and their families to Reception: Korban Auricht, Jayden Doecke, Stephen Sonntag, George Payne and Gwyneth O'Callaghan. Welcome also goes to Scarlett O'Callaghan in Year 5 ☺



Renovations

During the holidays we had the office area and the Library recarpeted. It looks very smart! We also had the western wall of the UP reclad, like the Playgroup room and the JP room last year.



Diary Dates

Monday 14th March
(Week 7)
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday

Monday 4th April-
Friday 8th April
(Week 10)
Parent/Teacher
interviews

Thursday 14th April
(Week 11)
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal
2.15pm

Friday 15th April
Good Friday



 We acknowledge that this land that we play, learn and work on is Peramangk and Ngadjuri land and we acknowledge that the Peramangk and Ngadjuri people have social, spiritual and historical connections to this land. Their connections are as strong today as they have always been.

Hats and Drink Bottles



A reminder that Term 1, 3 and 4 are our hat wearing terms. Students need to wear their school hat so that they can play during recess, lunch and PE. Some students are wearing caps which are not part of the school uniform and do not offer the protection required at school. Our school hat has a brim all the way around which is what is needed for being protected and SunSmart (think: ears!). Our school hats are available from the front office for \$4.60.

Drink bottles are also a necessity. Our drink fountains are currently closed for drinking from, but students are able to fill their drink bottles up from them. Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school EACH day.



COVID 19 Update

As we are all back at school next week, please read the information below carefully about Classroom Contact to assist you.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they MUST notify the school and isolate for 10 days.

Student Classroom Contact Definition and Requirements

STUDENTS ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

- They shared a classroom or interacted with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, ancillary staff or student)
Parents will be informed there has been a positive case of COVID-19 by the school.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- If the student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible
- students (aside from positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending school if they **don't** have symptoms
- student attendance at OSHC should be avoided where possible for 7 days
- students should avoid attending school related extra-curricular activities for 7 days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc)

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

- If a student tests positive to COVID-19, all people who live in that household must quarantine for 7 days (or 14 days if the household cannot separate)

CLASSROOM CONTACT ADVICE:

The Chief Public Health Officer advises it's good practice for classroom contacts to do the following for 14 days to minimise risk to others, when outside of the school:

- Avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- Wearing a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- Avoiding contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- Avoiding non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots of people, inside, in close contact)
- Avoid sharing spaces and maintain physical distance

General COVID practices at Light Pass PS

- We are still practising social distancing to the best of our ability in a school setting; we encourage parents to drop their children off at the school gate or at the classroom door and do not enter the classroom or alcoves. Please maintain physical distancing (1.5m) while on school site and minimise your time on school site.
- After school, if you collect your child from the front gate, could you please practise social distancing and not gather around the gate, or, alternatively, remain by your cars until your child is dismissed. The teacher on duty will continue to assist students crossing the road.
- If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they have symptoms of a cold or have a fever, keep them at home until they are better plus get them tested for COVID-19. If you are unwell, please do not enter the site.
- If you do need to make contact with staff at any time, we certainly encourage you do so. Phone calls or ClassDojo messages are preferred.
- Face masks are:
 - required for all adults (including visitors)
 - strongly recommended for students in years 3 to 6. We have masks available in classrooms for students to use should you wish them to.
- QR Code on arrival, or sign in at the front desk if you don't have a smartphone.

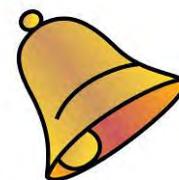
We are continuing to have extra cleaning, practising good hand hygiene, providing natural ventilation and learning outside (where appropriate) and encouraging students to sneeze and cough into their elbows or a tissue.

We thank you for your understanding and support in keeping us all healthy.

Bell times

Just a reminder of bell times as we start back at school:

8.50	School commences
11.00	Recess
1.40	Lunch
3.15	School ends



PLEASE NOTE: School finishes early at 2.40pm on Mondays.

Staff are on duty from 8.30am. Students should not enter the school grounds until 8.30am/bus arrivals.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead working with all our students and their families.

Kind regards,
Katherine ☺

Materials and Services Charges

Your M & S Charges invoice will be sent home with your child on Monday.

These are due by **Thursday 14th April**.

School Card applications can now be done online at
sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard.

Please come and talk to Katherine Shaw (Principal) if payment arrangements are necessary ☺

Safe Driving Practices



Here are a few important safety tips to keep in mind when driving/parking near the school:

- **Slow down to 25 km** and obey all traffic laws in school zones and the surrounding area.
- **Do not perform a U Turn directly out the front of the school or in the school zone area.** U Turns should be performed outside of the school zone area when children are present.
- **Do not double park** to let children out of the car.
- **Watch for children** walking or cycling (both on the side of the road and on the footpath).

Please also be mindful that on **Mondays** the bus picks the children up at **3.00pm**. Please do not park directly across from the school gate at this time.

Please remind any grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who may be picking up your child/ren 😊

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:
www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



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Want \$500 to help you with school costs?

saverplus

Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:

 laptops & tablets	 uniforms & shoes	 books & supplies
 sports fees & gear	 lessons & activities	 camps & excursion

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



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Term 1 Planner 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31 Jan	1 Feb	2	3	4
2 Newsletter	7	8	9	10	11
3	14	15	16	17	18
4	21	22	23	24	25
5 Newsletter	28	1 March Governing Council AGM 7.00pm	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11
7	14 ADELAIDE CUP	15	16	17	18
8 Newsletter	21	22	23	24	25
9	28	29	30	31	1 April
10	4 P/S/T Interviews	5	6	7	8
11 Newsletter	11	12	13	14 Early Close 2.15pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY

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Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Dear Families

I am writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/children will be learning throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the use of the Curriculum. The KS:CPC is a Department for Education responsibility under the *South Australia Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* and the *Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy* to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. Although parent permission is not required under the *Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020*, we encourage parents/carers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection experts, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals.

The KS:CPC is divided into 5 documents specific to the age and year level of students. There are an additional three documents for educators working with:

- Aboriginal children and young people
- culturally and linguistically diverse children and young people
- children and young people with disability and additional needs.

The KS:CPC is predicated on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity. The two KS:CPC Themes are:

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

The two KS:CPC Themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the students. The four KS:CPC Focus Areas are:

- Focus Area 1: The right to be safe
- Focus Area 2: Relationships
- Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse
- Focus Area 4: Protective strategies

This year, and in subsequent 'even' years, we will be covering

Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse

Focus Area 4: Protective strategies

- practising protective strategies, persistence.

The KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum and is often incorporated across other learning areas.

More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo> or the Department for Education website: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/keeping-safe-child-protection-curriculum/about-keeping-safe-child>. Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions about the curriculum.

Kind regards,
Katherine Shaw
Principal

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM

Professor Nicola Spurrier,
Chief Public Health Officer



Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased that all children aged 5 to 11 years can now be vaccinated against COVID-19 in South Australia.

COVID-19 in young children is generally mild, however some children can become more severely ill. Symptoms include runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, feeling tired, sometimes diarrhoea or vomiting and loss of taste or smell.

Children with other health problems are at greater risk of getting severely ill with COVID-19. These health problems include congenital heart disease, chronic lung problems, being above a healthy weight, and neurological (brain, nerve and muscle) disorders including epilepsy. Children with conditions that impact the immune system (treatments for cancer, treatments for some forms of arthritis and other autoimmune disorders, and congenital problems with immune functioning for example) would also be expected to be more vulnerable.

Vaccination reduces the chances of children becoming infected and reduces the number and severity of symptoms if children do get infected. Children may also be less likely to pass on the infection if they are vaccinated.

While COVID-19 can be mild in children, the more children infected with COVID, the greater the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Even though schools across South Australia have made an enormous effort reduce the spread of COVID-19, we are expecting more cases in children as schools return because of the significant Omicron outbreak in our state at this time.

You can protect your child, your family and the community by having your child vaccinated against COVID-19 along with all other family members over the age of 5 years.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) recommends children aged 5 to 11 years receive 2 doses of the paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. This is a smaller dose (about a third of the dose) to that given to adults and children older than 12 years.

If you haven't already done so, please book your child's first and second appointments at the following website: sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccine.

SA Health has lots of information to help answer questions, including fact sheets, videos, a children's book and a range of other resources. For more information, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidvaccinechildren.

Please join me in being a fully vaccinated family.

Best wishes and stay safe

PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER
Chief Public Health Officer
Health Regulation and Protection

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