

**Diary Dates:**

**April**

**Monday 26**

- Public Holiday

**Tuesday 27**

- Term 2 starts

**Wednesday 28**

- Year 6 & 7 photos
- Catch up photo day

**May**

**Monday 3**

- Environment Committee 4pm

**Thursday 6**

- Finance Advisory 7.45am
- SAPSASA Cross Country
- Mother's Day Stall

**Friday 7**

- Dress code meeting 8am
- Mother's Day Stall

**Monday 10**

- NAPLAN this week
- Parent Innovation comm. 6pm

**Tuesday 11**

- Sports committee 5pm
- OSHC committee 6pm

**Thursday 13**

- Canteen committee 2.30pm

**Sunday 16**

- Working Bee

**Monday 17**

- NAPLAN this week
- Governing Council exec 6.30pm
- Governing Council 7pm

**SMS Absence Number**

**0476 857 224**

**SA Term Dates for 2021**

Term 2 27 Apr to 2 Jul  
 Term 3 19 Jul to 24 Sep  
 Term 4 11 Oct to 10 Dec

**Bravery, Care, Challenge, Trust**

**Traffic Monitors**

**Week 1**

Morning: Harrison & Finn  
 Afternoon: Matt & Olivier

**Week 2**

Morning: Ebony & Olivia S  
 Afternoon: Miles & Alex

Dear Families,

**Sports Day**

What a terrific Sports Day we had recently at Bowker Street Oval! Despite a little rain and as George said to me, "a gloomy day", the sun shone in the afternoon and we had a fabulous day of participation from all our children. A huge shout out to Michelle, Robert, Dan and Amy for their leadership and organisation, Lisa and her helpers who ran the canteen, all staff who helped with set up and pack up and our Parents and Community committee and volunteers, who ran the BBQ on the day. Thank you also to all the parents who respected our Covid restrictions of Spectator Zones and for their support of the children throughout the day.

**Three way interviews**

Thank you to all families who have made the time to be involved in three way interviews over the last couple of weeks. We were thrilled to have parents on site for these interviews and we appreciated the opportunity to meet face to face and for children to be able to share their learning and goals. This is a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to make connections and to ensure an ongoing partnership in children's learning.

**Staffing Update**

A very warm welcome to our new Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) Mary Spence who started at our school this week. Mary has 3 school aged children of her own and has had previous experience as a PCW at Hallett Cove South Primary School. We are thrilled to have Mary with us, working in collaboration to support the wellbeing of our children. Welcome Mary!

**JP COLA**

From the start of term 2, parents are permitted to be under the JP (LA1) COLA at drop off and pick up; however please **do not** enter classrooms. We also request that whilst under the COLA, adults maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times and minimise their time gathering in this space.

**Save the date**

A reminder that the Environment Committee have planned a Working Bee for Sunday 16 May to plant trees and ground covers purchased through the Greening Australia Grant we received. We are hoping many families will come and give us a hand - more details early next term.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support of your children and our school throughout this term. It has been action packed with a wide range of high quality learning activities for children across all our classes, intervention programs, excursions, camps, SAPSASA events, fundraisers and Mathematics professional learning for staff to name but a few! I am grateful every day for the opportunity to lead our school and to work alongside such a highly committed and professional staff team who strive every day to support each child to be the best they can be.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday.

Kind regards  
 Leanne

**Reminder – Term 2 starts  
 Tuesday 27 April**



## Literacy

### Childrens Book Council of Australia

In 2015, the CBCA celebrated 70 years of promoting and supporting the best of Australian literature for young people. Please click on the link below to see which books have been shortlisted for the CBCA book awards 2021.



<https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>

There is more information about the The CBCA Book of the Year Awards that will be announced at noon AEST on Friday 20 August 2021 on the link below.

<https://www.cbca.org.au/>



### Bookweek

This year we will be celebrating bookweek from 21-27 August.

The theme this year is:

*Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds.*

More information will be coming out soon.

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Tracey Bennett  
Senior Leader - Literacy



### Library News

They seek them here. They seek them there. Librarians seek them everywhere. What are they? You guessed it. OVERDUE library books. We currently have 590

overdue books. The upcoming holidays are the perfect time to have a bit of a fossick to locate them.



Here are the latest students to complete the Reading Challenge.

Jasmine Z. 1-6	Jamie Z. 1-3	Sid J. 2-7
Charli S. 1-7	Mia B. 4-3	Kate R. 1-7
Edmond L. 4-3	Elsie W. 4-3	Arlo W. 1-8
Matthew T. 2-7	Eloise D. 1-7 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Oliver C. 1-3
Sebastian B. 1-1	Alyssa D. 4-4	Jaxe M. 1-1
Taylah B. 2-11	Harrison Z. 1-4	

Happy holiday reading,  
Tracey, Anne and Caroline

## Information Technology

### Unwanted contact on online games

Socialising online can be a great way for children to build friendships, but it can also put them at risk.

Unwanted contact is any type of online communication that your child finds unpleasant or upsetting, or that leads them into a situation where they may be unsafe. This can happen even if they initially welcomed the contact. It can come from strangers, online 'friends' your child has not met face-to-face, or from someone they actually know.

### How to deal with unwanted contact

If someone is contacting your child and this contact is unwanted or makes them feel uncomfortable, here are some things you can do to help.

- Make their accounts private
- Delete contacts they don't really know
- Report and block
- Delete requests from strangers
- Stay involved in your child's digital world
- Build an open trusting relationship
- Help your child to protect their privacy
- Teach your child to be alert to signs of inappropriate contact

For further information on how to keep your child safe with online games and social media use the following links:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

Georgii Staben  
Technology Coach

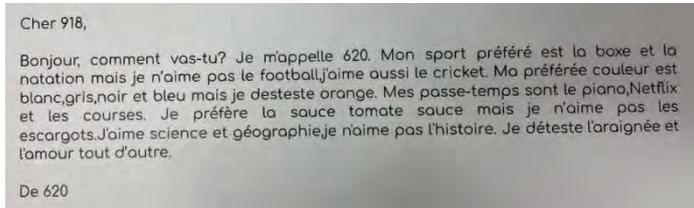


## French Update

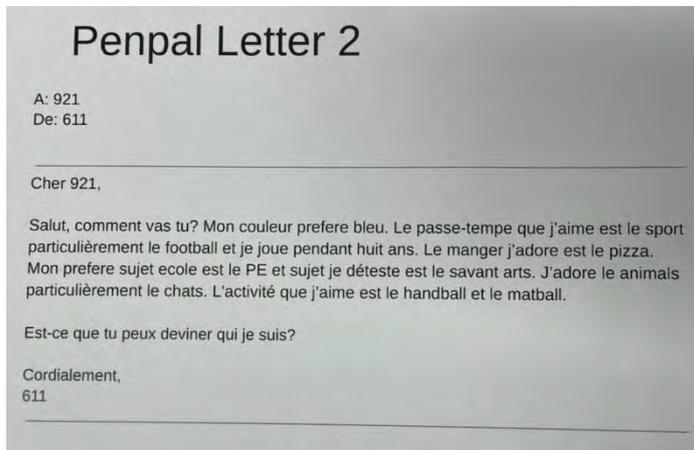
Bonjour!

This term the year 7s have been writing anonymous pen pal letters between each class.

So far, they have written two letters. The first has introduced themselves with personal information including their age, gender, appearance, and something about their family, but with a number instead of their own name.



In their second letter students have been using positive and negative sentence structures to talk about things they like and don't like, including hobbies, animals, and food.



Early next term they will have the opportunity to guess who their pen pal is, by writing a short explanation text in French sharing the reasons behind their guess.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the French website for links, vocabulary, and more information about the French learning in each cohort.

<https://paringaparkpsfrench.weebly.com>

*Bonnes vacances et a bientot!*  
*Bronte Ellison & Mathieu Denis*



## Festival of Music

Congratulations to Indi H and Ebony W who have been selected for the Festival of Music troupe, and to Susanna L who will be in the Festival orchestra. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish them good

luck as they rehearse over the next two terms ready for the performances which will be held at the end of term 2.

*Steph Hammond*  
*Performing Arts Teacher*

## Mathematics

### Salute

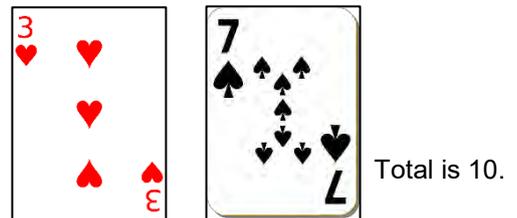
This is a card game we learnt at the QuickSmart mathematics training for our school's SSOs. The game is called 'Salute'.

You need: three people and a deck of cards (picture cards removed).

Shuffle the cards and place them face down in the middle of a table. Two people pick up one card each (without looking at the number) and place them on their foreheads. The third person adds the two cards together and calls out the total.

The two players look at each other's card and with their knowledge of addition they can work out what the number on their forehead should be.

For example the players pick up the cards 3 (player 1) and 7 (player 2) and place them on their forehead (no peeking). The third player calls out 10 (because that's the total of 3 plus 7).



Player 1 looks at the 7 on player 2's forehead and can ask themselves "7 plus what equals 10". Player 1 calls out 3.

Player two discovers 3 add what equals 10 and calls out 7.

There are no winners or losers in this game. We are just trying to be accurate and improve automatic recall of basic facts.

*Annette Stagg*  
*Mathematics Improvement Lead Team*

### Maths during the holidays

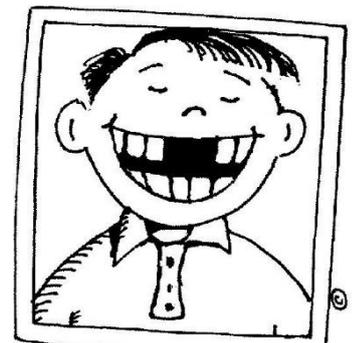
Remember to use any opportunity in the holidays to continue developing maths skills. Click on the link below for some great ideas from the Victorian Education website.

<http://numeracyguidedet.global2.vic.edu.au/numeracy-at-home/>

*Margy Holland*  
*Senior Leader Mathematics*

### School Photos

The year 6 & 7 children will have their photographs taken on Wednesday 28 April (week 1, term 2). Catch up photos and any sibling photos not taken earlier this term will also be taken on this day.



# Year 3 In the Spotlight

Last week LA 1-9, 10 and 11 went on a school camp to Arbury Park Outdoor School! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to create some lifelong memories being their first school camp.

There were plenty of highlights throughout our time there, such as team challenge activities, learning about freshwater life, how to read a map and navigate where things are, going for a night walk and for some it was just the food!

Here are some photos from our time away.





# SPORTS DAY 2021



**Congratulations  
Hove!**



# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



## Parent Update Week 10, Term 1 – 2021

### Preparing for year 7 in high school in 2022

We know many families of our year 6 and 7 students are busy exploring their local high school options for 2022. Next year will be unique, with a double cohort of students starting high school together as they enter years 7 and 8. The once-only move is necessary as we move year 7 to high school in public schools across the state.

Our primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families. Here are some of the key benefits to your child beginning high school in Year 7.

### Learning opportunities

All South Australian students learn the Australian Curriculum, which was designed for year 7s to be taught in high school, as it is interstate. High school settings provide more specialist facilities to enhance learning, such as science laboratories, performing arts spaces and kitchens. They also offer teachers who are subject-specific experts, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

### A nation-wide move

Moving our year 7 students into high school brings South Australia in line with other states. Queensland and Western Australia most recently made the move in 2015. It also aligns our public school system with the Catholic and independent school sectors, which also teach year 7 in high school. Taking a cohesive approach to the start of high school promotes equity and makes it easier to move between states and school sectors, should you need to do so.

### Year 7s are ready for high school

We know from the experiences of schools interstate and from our own pilot schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

This finding has been reinforced by the pilot program run through the Department for Education, involving three high schools, which welcomed their first cohort of year 7 students last year. We have been tracking the students' progress through interviews and surveys. The vast majority have enjoyed making new friends, trying new sports and activities and learning in a more mature environment.

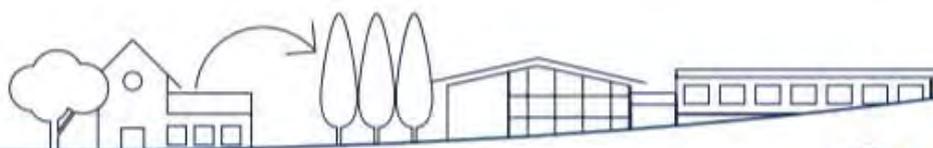
### We are ready for the move

Planning is well underway to ensure the move of year 7 to high school is well-managed and considered. We are drawing on our pilot program insights and what we have learnt from Queensland and Western Australia to ensure the move is as smooth as possible.

### Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS).

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).

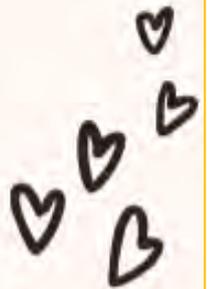


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# MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

**Thursday 6th &  
Friday 7th May  
Lunchtime  
In the Library**



**FUN GIFTS FOR EVERY MUM**  
Items available from \$1 to \$7

