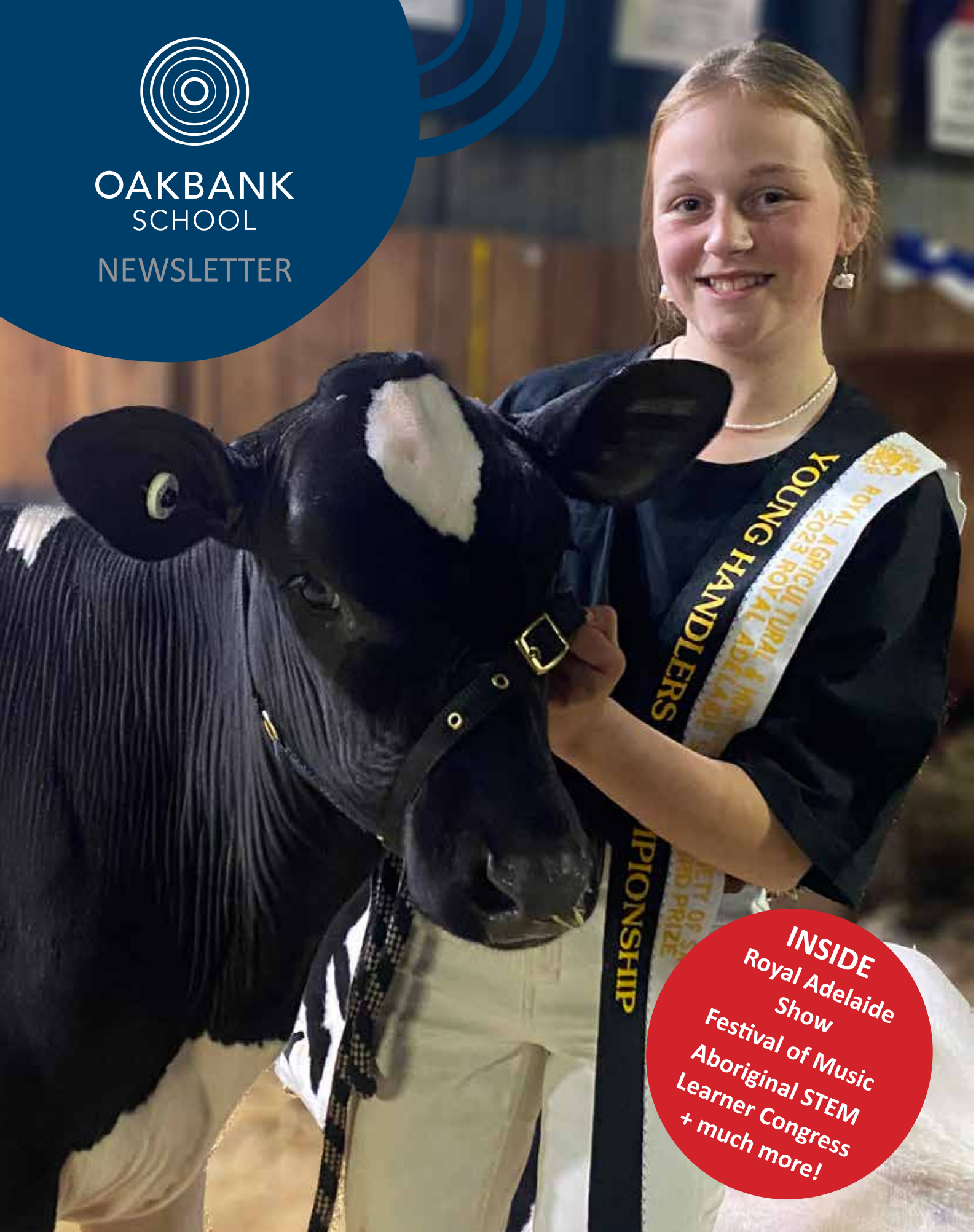




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Royal Adelaide  
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TERM **3** WEEK **10**

SEP 2023



# OAKBANK SCHOOL



## Upcoming Events

### September

<b>W10</b>	<b>FRI 19</b>	<b>End of Term Assembly Reception – Year 12 (Lesson 1)</b> 2:20pm Dismissal
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<b>W04</b>	<b>MON 06</b>	<b>Family Games Night</b> 5.30-7.30pm
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### October

#### Term 4

<b>W01</b>	<b>MON 16</b>	Term begins
<b>W02</b>	<b>MON 23</b>	School Photos
	<b>THU 26</b>	Last day of lessons for Yr 12s
<b>W03</b>	<b>MON 30</b>	Oakbank Hotel Meal Fundraiser

SACE Exam Schedule	
<b>MON 06</b>	<b>General Mathematics</b> 130 minutes Monday 6 November 1.30pm
<b>WED 08</b>	<b>Essential Mathematics</b> 130 minutes Wed 8 November 1.30pm
<b>FRI 10</b>	<b>Biology</b> 130 minutes Friday 10 November 9am

### November

<b>WED 01</b>	<b>Materials &amp; Services Meeting</b> 6.00pm
	<b>Governing Council Meeting</b> 6.30pm

<b>W06</b>	<b>FRI 24</b>	<b>Presentation Night</b> 6.30pm Oakbank School Hall More details soon!
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## From the Principal



Dear Oakbank Families,

Well, what a term 3 we are having! My staff have been extremely busy providing our students with the best opportunities for authentic and deep learning. Those of you following our Facebook page will have seen the congratulations coming thick and fast recently!

### Minister's visit to Oakbank

**Mr Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, visited us at Oakbank on 22 August. This was a very positive school visit, of only a few which he undertook at schools, whilst in the hills for Country Cabinet.**

He was very impressed by the work he saw in the primary area, including that focussed on literacy and intensive small group work with our expert SSOs. He was also brought back to his own roots growing up on a farm in country Victoria as we explored the Ag program, including the ifarm. He has agreed to help us out with several thousands of dollars of additional funds to help get the Apple and Pear donated root stock into the ground to expand our orchard.

His adviser also noted that we have obviously not had any significant capital works for a long time at Oakbank School. It is good to be on the radar with this.

Our school received a nice bit of positive promotion via his Twitter account shared via our Facebook page.



Blair Boyer MP  
@BBoyerMP



Blown away by the learning environment at Oakbank School.

Such a fantastic curriculum including a very strong agriculture program.

This school is doing incredible things - I can see why enrolments are growing!





## Royal Adelaide Show

**With the arrival three years ago of Melanie Welsh, our Agriculture Science teacher, our agricultural program has been revived and renewed to provide our students with real connections to local industry.**

This year she headed up the team of 27 students who spent 10 days at the Royal Adelaide Show, showcasing our school's work. They came back with a haul of accolades and many ribbons. The students' professional attitude and impeccable behaviour was a credit to them and highlighted to the public what wonderful students we have here. I personally witnessed the students' skills and interaction with the public on the first Sunday at the Steer judging and was nothing short of impressed.

Our show team could not have achieved what they did without the additional support of Darren Welsh our grounds person and Scott Muster, our Agriculture support worker. Darren and Scott are also parents of our Ag students and put in many more hours of volunteer time supporting the smooth running of the show team. I also thank the many other parents and family members who spent time at the show supporting their students to have an unforgettable experience.

You will enjoy many photos of the show in this edition of the newsletter and we look forward to our Ag Show team continuing to develop their skills and knowledge in Showing our livestock.





## Festival of Music Choir and Tournament of the Minds

**The dedication and commitment of our teachers in the Arts came to fruition this term with Kat Thompson, Nikki Kearton and Rachel Sant working with many students to allow them to participate with skill and confidence in the Tournament of the Minds and the Festival of Music Choir.**

I again thank my staff for the additional work they put in outside of their required teaching time to allow our students to have these opportunities. These are the experiences that they will remember for life. I still remember, many, many years later, performing as a primary student, with the Festival of Music Choir, with Brighton Primary School with Mr White as my choir teacher!



## Staffing

**It is with pleasure that I can announce that due to our increasing enrolments I have been able to offer Kat Thompson and Tori Kaesler permanent employment at Oakbank School.**

Both have worked with the school for a number of years on temporary contracts and it was very pleasing to be able to offer two of our brilliant teachers ongoing employment. I know our students will certainly benefit from their ongoing work in our classrooms and with many extra-curricular activities.

It is also with pleasure that I am able to announce that **Jasmin Ferraro** has won a temporary **Wellbeing Leader** role. This new role will be in term 4, with **Georgia Noble**, (who previously worked at Oakbank during 2022) sharing the Year 2/3 class with Jasmin.

Please pass on your congratulations if you see them.



## School Improvement



Families with students in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 will have received NAPLAN results for their child. This year’s testing represents a new beginning for data analysis for NAPLAN. As the national testing body has changed the test parameters this test can not be compared to data from previous years.

Our intense and narrow focus on reading improvement across the school has seen our results in NAPLAN Reading gain some pleasing traction. Recent analysis of our site compared to other sites in the Hills shows that our students are achieving above average in this region.

We can see from our 2023 results that our focus on reading is having an impact in many year levels. Our year 5 data is outstanding and in addition our Year 3 and Year 7 at Oakbank are on average achieving significantly higher than our other local students in literacy. Our Year 9 cohort is still below where we would like them to be however, interestingly this aligns with our state wide data on NAPLAN results at Year 9. Many factors could be at play with this cohort including the lingering effects of a disrupted start to high school due to COVID.

Percentage of students who achieved in the highest 2 bands across each year level in NAPLAN Reading:

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Oakbank School	67%	81%	69%	43%
All Hills Schools Heysen	58%	68%	59%	50%

It is important to remember that whilst NAPLAN can provide some trend data for groups it is not as helpful to be read on its own for individuals. For individual students it is always important to triangulate this with other data sets to gain a truer perspective of each student’s achievement. Our teachers do this with a range of data sets and assessments as well as with in class observations. Please have a chat to your child’s teacher/s if you would like to know more about where their reading levels are currently at and how they are being supported in classes.

The commitment made by all Oakbank teaching staff to focus on embedding evidence-based reading strategies into every subject area this year is bearing fruit and I look forward to continue this pro-active work with staff into 2024.



## Yr 10-12 Progress reports

**Students in Year 10-12 will receive progress reports at the end of term 3. These will let you know if your child is on track to pass at this point in time. You will be notified via email when these are able to be downloaded from Daymap Connect**

**Daymap Connect for Parents** is our main form of communication to and from the school and I continue to ask all families to ensure you have your parent/carer access working. Without this you will not be able to have a full picture of your child's education at Oakbank School. Our friendly and

patient IT staff can help you with this access. Please even bring your phone or laptop to the site to get help in person if needed. Each parent can have their own login and students have their own login. Please do not rely on your child's login only as this will not give you the same access as a parent/carer.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and fulfilling break time whilst your children are on school holidays. The lovely spring weather is a great opportunity to head outside and enjoy the natural environment we are spoilt with in this part of the world!

Warm regards  
**Lee Knight**  
 Principal



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**Year 10,  
11 & 12  
Progress  
Reports  
available end  
of term 3**

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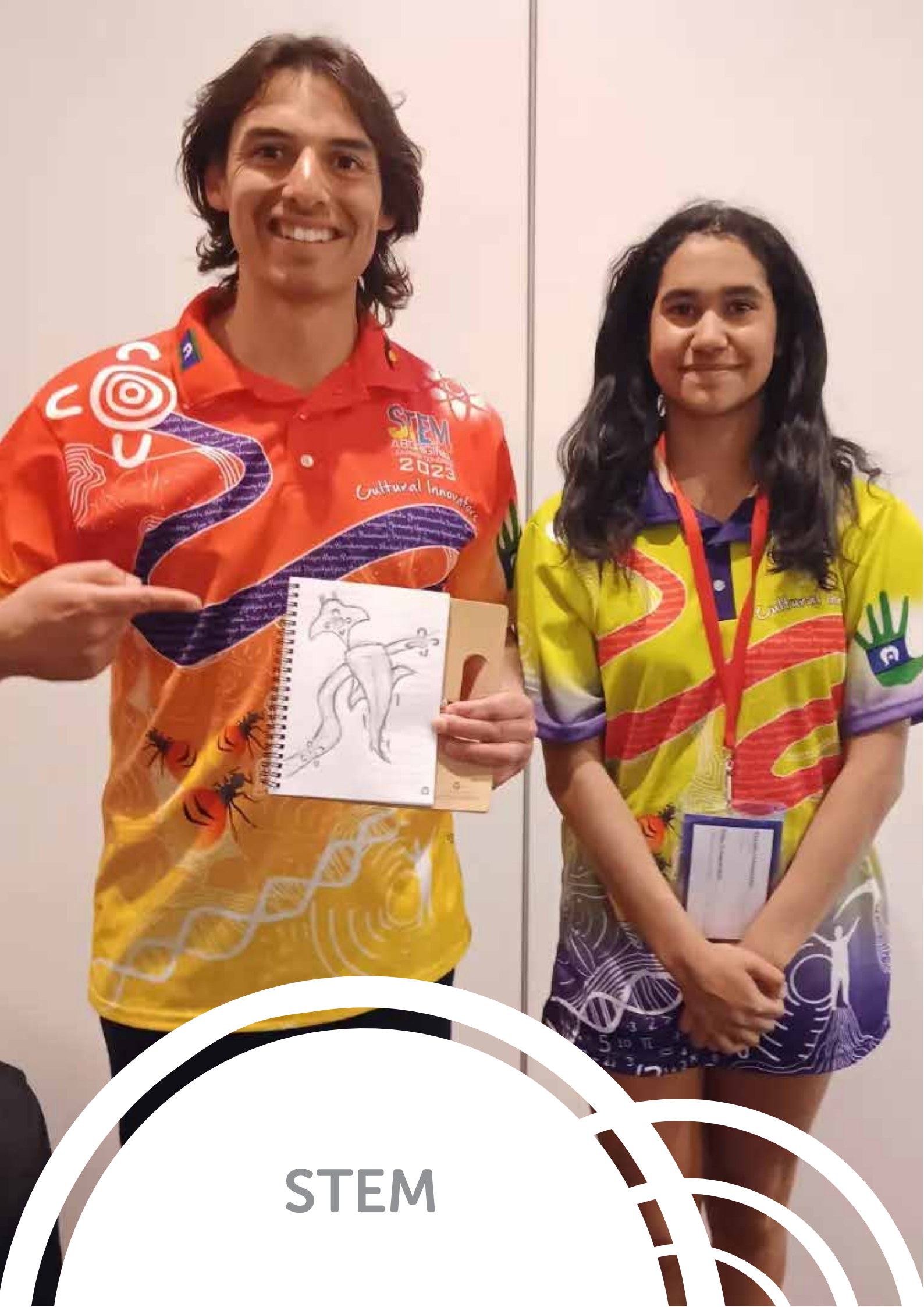
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STEM





# STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress



**On 10 and 11 August, Patricia, Jadzia and Anna went to the STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This was designed to inspire future STEM innovators and connect to their Aboriginal Culture. It was attended by over 750 Aboriginal students from 180 schools.**

On Thursday, we listened to a key note speaker, **Daniel Riley**, from the Australian Dance Theatre and then ventured to the Adelaide Zoo. We were given a map and had to find information about animals. We listened to a Keynote Speaker, **Mikeala Jade** from Indigital. Mikeala is a digital technologist and launched Indigital which is the first Indigenous edu-tech company. She is developing software for schools and the community to connect Aboriginal Elders to their community through digital technology. Our last session was gaining information from an Indigenous astrophysicist by asking questions.

On Friday, **Natan Noel** spoke as the key note speaker. He is a marine biologist and the Environment Protection Agency. Natan was inspiring to listen to. He spoke about how he struggled to concentrate in school and didn't focus on science or maths in his SACE years, even though he always wanted to be a marine biologist. He still completed his SACE, but afterwards found other pathways to help him pursue his dream. He volunteered at different organisations, won scholarships and ended up at Flinders University. His message about persistence and achieving your goal was amazing.

Our first workshop was run by **Berri Regional Secondary College**. They taught us about **Jimmy James**, an Aboriginal tracker, who helped find a lost girl in the Adelaide Hills in 1966, 2 nights after she had been abducted. We got to look at some tracks and had to problem-solve which tracks we thought they were as well as creating our own tracks in kinetic sand.

At the end of the congress, we got to listen to **Corey Tutt**, founder of Deadly Science - a not-for-profit organisation that provides STEM resources to remote schools in Australia and connects young Indigenous people with STEM professionals. Corey was another inspiring speaker, who spoke about barriers he has had to overcome. When growing up, Corey fell in love with STEM but found the inspiration and encouragement was not there for Aboriginal people to pursue careers in STEM.

Patricia, Jadzia and Anna represented Oakbank respectfully and enjoyed the experience of the congress. It was a great opportunity for them and hopefully this Congress is offered in the future.

**Jasmin Ferraro | Teacher**



# Tournament of the Minds



On Sunday 10 September, three teams from Oakbank School participated in Tournament of Minds - an International educational program challenging the world to develop problem solving skills.



**Primary School Team**

For the six weeks leading up to tournament day, students from primary and middle school worked to create a presentation that solved a challenge in the Language Literature category or The Arts category. On Tournament Day, they were presented with a spontaneous challenge they had to solve as a team, before presenting their long-term challenge. While we didn't win, students showed excellent resilience to challenges faced, problem solving, teamwork and creativity. We are all very proud of their efforts and what they achieved through completing this process.

**Nikki Kearton & Kat Thompson**  
Supervising Teachers



**Middle School Team 1**



**Middle School Team 2**



## Festival of Music Choir

**On Thursday 14 September, twenty of our students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre in the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.**

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon and custodian of an iconic South Australian tradition, engages our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

Students represented Oakbank School with pride. It was a spectacular event

that our students and staff enjoyed being a part of. They have worked hard since the beginning of the year to learn the songs and choreography and were amazing on the night of the performance. Congratulations to all involved.

**Rachel Sant | Choir**





# Agriculture & Events



# Royal Adelaide Show



The Royal Adelaide Show begins for our students in February with the selection of show sheep and cattle. From this time, the selected agricultural teams and students participating in the school's agriculture curriculum take the sheep and cattle through the process of feeding, training, cleaning, and coat and wool preparation to finally add the finishing touches to proudly exhibit our teams at the Show.



The learning along the way is fuelled by determination and it all comes together with a test to each and every student's resilience. To stand next to these students as they overcome challenges and succeed in so many ways in an honour.

On many levels Oakbank School had a very successful year, though our greatest achievement I feel is how well our students embraced a culture of being responsible, respectful and engaging in the community – living our school values.

We were also successful with our livestock and individual handlers. Every exhibit entered in the show placed in their respected classes.





## Beef Cattle Team

Our **Speckle Park Steer, Toronto** came from our local breeder at Balhannah- **Ewyn Park**. Toronto was placed **1st** in his **export steer class** and received an accolade of positive comments from the judge. Our much loved **Murray Grey** from Tungkillo stud, **Bottlesford Murray Grey Stud, Teddy** was also loved by the judge and even though Teddy unfortunately did not make market specifications to be eligible for a place in his class, he was awarded **best presented and prepared Murray Grey Steer** at the completion of judging. **Theodore** a Limousin from **Jonathon Spence, Spence's Show Steers**, placed **4th** in his **heavy domestic class** and was very unlucky to miss out on champion carcass finding his way into the export class for carcass by 7kg!

**Grace Jolly** was placed **3rd** in the **State Beef Young Handlers' Championship**.

Congratulations to students **Annalise** and **Kieran** for demonstrating your work ethic and skills leading up to the show and being asked to work for **Ewyn Park** for the duration of the show.

## Dairy Cattle Team

What a turn out of cattle! The classes were huge and judging was a long drawn out process. Congratulations to our team who presented our girls to a very high standard coming away with a **4th, 5th and 6th** in their classes. **Ali Muster**, a **3rd** out of 58 entrants for **State Dairy Young Handlers' Championship**. **Hannah** wasn't far behind with a **5th place** and receiving the **Nutrient Livestock Encouragement Award**.





## Merino Team

After some hard work, determination and challenges our Merino Team's resilience was rewarded with Oakbank's first placing in the **Royal Adelaide Show Merino Competition** - a **5th place** for team with the **highest wool value!**

A judge's comment regarding the presentation and professional attitude of three of our handlers was well deserved. Congratulations **Taylor, Tayisha** and **Kate**.

Four of our students went on to participate in the **State Merino Young Judges**. This was another opportunity to learn, grow and connect with our Agricultural community.

## Goat Team

Our Year 7 Team really stepped up in their first year of participating in an Ag team with their two goats. Much loved and very well presented both our goats placed **3rd** in their respected classes. A massive thank you to **Sam Macpherson** for taking on the lead role of coordinating the team. Sam was also very valued in his contribution to supporting our junior poultry team.



## Junior Poultry Team

For a first this year we participated in the School Egg Laying Competition. The opportunity for our junior primary students to participate has been well received and much enjoyed by students as they cared, scrubbed and manicured their hens. We were the only school to participate with primary students this year- look out next year though as we know what we are doing now!



## A massive thank you to...

**Scott Muster** and **Darren Welsh** for your loyal unwavering support of our Ag program.

**David Jolly** quietly backing up the team

**Virginia Sames Hall** and **Peter Hall** for your amazing generous donation of our very own clipping chute for our heifers, along with your valued support of the team

**Bottlesford Murray Grey Stud, Ewyn Park, Spence's Show Steers, Jervois Holsteins** and **Lucernbrae Merinos** from entrusting our students with exceptional quality livestock.

**Rebecca Reid** for all her administration help behind the scenes.

**Kristen Bence** and **Adam Walters Photography** for capturing memories.

And, well, **everyone else** who keeps us ticking along, staff, parents and community. There are so many of you that all play your role in making our team the success that it is - THANK YOU!

**Mel Welsh** | Ag Teacher





# Murray Bridge Show



**Following on from the Royal Adelaide Show, Oakbank School had a very successful Murray Bridge Show over the last weekend of September!**

In the **Dairy section Hannah** came in **1st** place in the **intermediate handler** whilst **Grace** placed **1st** in the **Senior Handler**.

**Hannah** then went on to win **Champion Handler** and **Grace Reserve Champion**, class sponsored by Mulgundawa Dairy .

Our Sheep team was also successful with a first place for Merino with the best wool sponsored by Daish Irrigation & Fodder and our students placing in their handler classes.

Thanks to our parents and staff who have supported the students this weekend and in preparation.

**Lee Knight**



# The Arts





## 4/5 'The Twits!' excursion



**On Friday 15 September, the 4/5 class went on excursion to the Adelaide Central Markets and the Dunston Playhouse to see a live performance of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'.**

Students had an excellent time solving some challenges and scavenger hunts through the central markets, along with having some spending money to buy special treats from various stalls. For many students, this was their first opportunity to experience live theatre. They enjoyed the wacky and exciting performance of 'The Twits' and spent much of the performance laughing at all the outrageous stunts. They had some great reflections about the similarities and differences between the book and play. They were excellent representatives of the school. A big thank you to Chris Atkinson and Krysten Mirra for volunteering their time to support the excursion.

**Nikki Kearton | 4/5 Teacher**



# Sports





# Primary Lightning Sports Carnival

**On Tuesday 12 September, Oakbank students in Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the annual Lightning Sports Carnival at St Francis College. This used to be held at Uraidla for many years but has recently changed location.**

Oakbank students were placed into 5 teams and participated in Basketball, Netball, AFL and Soccer. Each team played 5 games against teams from other Primary schools in the Hills. We couldn't have written a better script for the weather as the day was just divine, nice blue sky, not too hot and no wind.

The focus of this carnival is on participation and fun. No scores or ladders are kept as the students are encouraged to get involved in physical activity and enjoy themselves with their friends and other students. The students from Oakbank definitely achieved this.

A big thankyou should go to the Secondary student helpers (Hamish, Patric, Hannah, Sam, Amber, Charlie, Cohen, Leroy and Logan) who took on a team and helped them with motivation, encouragement and organisation on the day. They really did do a great day and

it was appreciated by the Primary students as well as staff and parents who attended. All in all, it was an incredibly pleasing experience for Oakbank School students.

**Shane Wissell** | Carnival Manager.







# Oakbank 9/10 Boys Basketball

## A Season of Triumph, Heartbreak, and Unforgettable Moments

The 2023 year 9/10 basketball season was a rollercoaster for Oakbank boys team, led by Captains Tyson Fox and Seth Heffernan, coached by Ms. Thompson with Adam Foweraker's assistance. Their journey featured a thrilling win against fierce rivals Mount Barker High, followed by a crucial victory and a heartbreaking loss against Birdwood.

Facing Mount Barker High, Oakbank's Tyson Fox, Seth Heffernan, Jayden Barratt, Seth Chandler, Micah Mrazek, Harry Schulz, Bailey Potezny, and Leory Ashby displayed unmatched determination, clinching a thrilling three-point win.

Mount Barker High's narrow victory over Birdwood added pressure. Oakbank's hopes for the finals now depended on their showdown with Birdwood.

In a game of intense competitiveness, Oakbank faced Birdwood with everything on the line. Despite their best efforts, Birdwood emerged victorious by just three points, ending Oakbank's season.

This season epitomized Oakbank's resilience and passion, with unforgettable moments etched in the players' memories. The teammates displayed sportsmanship, teamwork, and a love for the game, laying the foundation for future successes.

**Kat Thompson** | Coach





Book Week





# Children's Book Week



Week 5 of this term was Children's Book Week - a time cherished and enjoyed by students, parents and staff each year where we explore and celebrate our love for reading, writing, creating and the imagination. Join us on a brief journey through some of our Book Week activities held throughout the school!



## Monday

### Primary School Cake Decorating Competition

We started Book Week with our annual cake decorating competition for primary students. Well done and congratulations to everyone who decorated a cake or cupcakes. There were so many incredible creations!

The two winning cakes were **'The Wizard of Oz'** by **April Trowse** and **'Toothless'** by **Jordan Ashby**.

### "When I Grow Up" Trail

The Book Week theme for 2023 was "Read, Grow, Inspire". Our primary students focused on the "Grow" aspect of this theme by participating in a "When I Grow Up Trail". Students worked in mixed year level groups to complete a trail around the school, learning about different careers and collecting associated items for their goodie bag.



## Tuesday

### Indigenous Story Telling

On Tuesday primary classes participated in Indigenous Story Telling activities. In buddy classes they sat around the bonfire and listened to an Indigenous story. Then they enjoyed some time outside together creating nature art works.



## Thursday

### Story Puzzle Hunt!

On Thursday Miss Kearton created a book themed team challenge to inspire our primary students. They worked in mixed year level groups again to complete a series of puzzles and riddles based on famous stories to find locations and clues around the school. This was a fun way to test the students' knowledge on different books and encourage team work.





# Friday

## Book Week Costume Parade

We ended Book Week with an amazing display of costumes from our primary students, many secondary students and lots of staff members. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved and participating in the Book Week Parade. We can't wait for next year!

**PICTURED TOP:**  
Students from our Secondary School joined in on the fun!

**PICTURED BOTTOM:**  
As did our staff!  
Great work everyone!





R1 CLASS



23 CLASS



45 CLASS



56 CLASS





# The Book Week Parade was fun!

Miss Cairns' R1 class share some examples of reflective writing about the **Book Week Parade** with us.

We all dressed I was dressed up as a unicorn princess. There was lots of people I did not like the yelling. But I liked the loud clapping. There were lots of dresses.

Yes it was funny and better was Harry Potter and we both had glasses. I saw that we are the best class ever!

I am Anna for the parade and all of the girls were dressed up.

Today we had a parade and I was Harry Potter and Hugo was Harry Potter. The parade was fun I loved seeing everyone's costumes.

Wiggly mood  
Ava bella  
This is a fairy called Ava. She has fairy gold wings. She has shiny white wiggly hair. She has a purple dress. She has green eyes. She has curly hair. She has a yellow skirt. She has a pink paper craft.

I dressed up as a fairy and I had a butterfly headband. I had a beautiful pastel skirt.

I was dressed up as a croaker.

Hudson  
I was dressed up as Harry Potter and Hudson was a creeper.

5  
I was dressed up as a girl and I had a flower headband. I had a beautiful pastel skirt.

# Maths

**“Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games.**

Award winning mathematician Sarah Flannery reported that her maths achievement and enthusiasm came not from school but from the puzzles she was given to solve at home.

**Puzzles and games – anything with a dice really – will help kids enjoy maths, and develop number sense, which is critically important”**



*Mathematics advice  
for parents from  
Professor Jo Boaler*



## 4/5 Maths

The 4/5 class is learning all about measurement in maths. We currently have a focus on measuring with formal and informal units. Students had to measure their partner with a range of informal units and make some comparisons using their data.



Students were then all given the same informal unit of measurement – a whiteboard marker – and had to measure 3 things in the room. They had to place their measurements on a whole class number line. This created some excellent conversations as students had recorded their measurements using fractions and decimals. Students had to consider which fractions were bigger or smaller and how the decimals fit into their number line. They also had to decide if the measurement of '1 and a little bit' was an accurate measurement. Some fun and engaging hands-on maths!

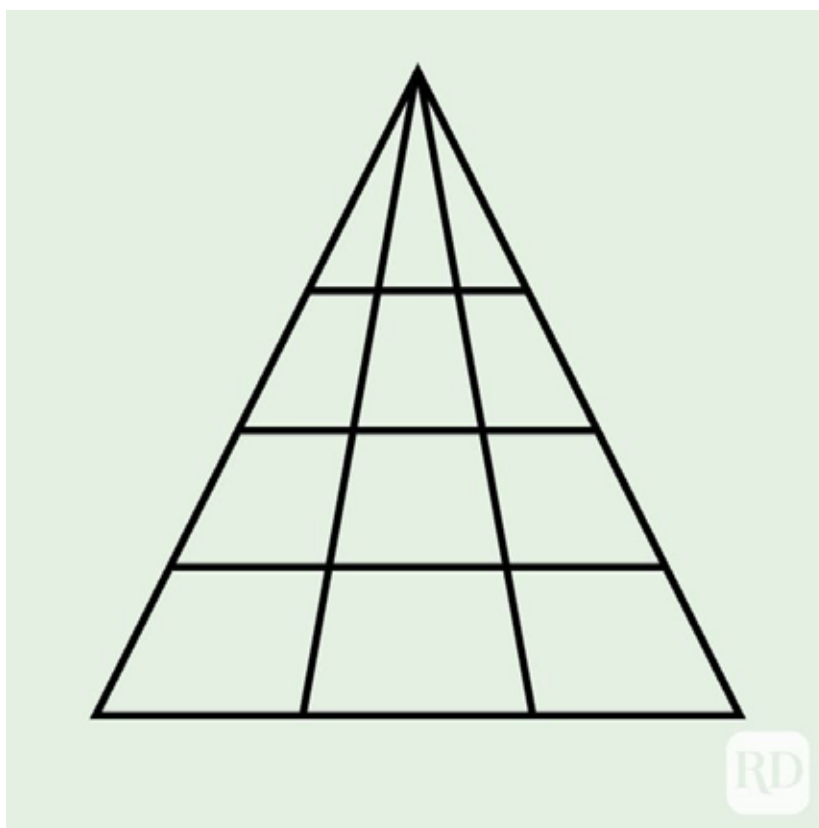
**Nikki Kearton** | 4/5 Teacher



# Maths 4 fun!

This issue's challenge...

How many triangles are in the shape below?



If you have good puzzles for the next newsletter, bring them to your maths teacher!





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# Primary transitions





## Early learning & Preschool visits

Oakbank is a unique and special community, where care and education can be provided for children from 6 weeks of age up to Year 12 in settings less than one kilometre apart. We feel fortunate to be able to work closely with both Mayfield Early Education Oakbank (formerly Genius Childcare Centre) and Oakbank Kindergarten to provide consistent care and seamless transitions for all children.



Each term we have staff and children from Mayfield Early Education Oakbank come to Oakbank School for three morning visits. One of their visits this term took place during Book Week. Our lovely Year 2/3 students took on the role of “big buddies” and assisted their younger buddy in creating a range of arts and crafts based on Dreaming Stories. It is wonderful to see our students take on a nurturing, leadership role. We are looking forward to more visits next term.

**Tracey Ward** | Primary School Leader

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know looking  
to enrol at  
**OAKBANK SCHOOL**  
for 2024?

Talk to us now to  
secure you place!



# Community Opportunities



## Preschool Enrolment 2024

## Oakbank Kindergarten



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Your child's eligible kindergarten year

- Term 1 intake - if your child turns 4 before the end of April
- Mid-year intake - if your child turns 4 before the end of October

Contact us today - 08 8388 4141  
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Email: [dl.4645.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.4645.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)  
Director: Irene O'Callaghan



We offer a dynamic program in partnership with families and the local community that fosters a sense of care for ourselves, others and the environment. Children lead the learning through their interests, skills, family support and relationships with educators.



## Community Fundraiser

## Monday 30 October

Oakbank School has kindly been chosen to be the recipient of the Oakbank Hotel Community Fundraiser for **Monday 30 October**

**oakbank hotel**

For each main meal purchased on the night **\$5** will be donated to Oakbank School!

So book a table, support a local business and our school while having a great meal!

*See you there!*



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

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**ST CLAIR RECREATION CENTRE**

## 9 - 10

**ST FRANCIS DE SALES COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE**

## 11 - 12

**PORT ADELAIDE BASKETBALL STADIUM**



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**Woodhouse  
Adventure Park**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**UNPLUGGED**



## Spring adventures at Woodhouse Adventure Park!

Whether the kids are doing the 'Drop & Go' UNPLUGGED program, you're visiting as a family for the day, or settling in for an overnight stay, you can expect memorable screen-free fun at Woodhouse in Piccadilly!

UNPLUGGED features adventures designed to keep primary school kids active and entertained for the whole day... with a different theme daily, always including Challenge Hill obstacle course and Tube Slide (weather permitting). Just \$75 per day (Scout Members save 20%) from 9am to 5pm.

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## ONKAPARINGA VALLEY ARCHIVE

Originally the Balhannah Archive, it has now been expanded to become the Onkaparinga Valley Archive to record the history of the Valley from Verdun to Charleston.

The collection has grown considerably over the last few years and we now have an amazing collection of photographs and information.

With that in mind we welcome any donations or interested people to call in and browse.

Enquiries are always welcome, whether it be the history of an old house you've bought, possibly a family tree enquiry or just an interest in local history.

We are open on Monday mornings from 9.30 until 12.00 or by appointment.

We are currently holding viewings of a 1933's movie, filmed by H.N. Wicks called "Balhannah and its Rural Industries". It's a wonderful view of life in the district at that time.

**There will be two viewings – the first on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm and will include tea/coffee and scones.**

**Another on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm will include soup and savoury muffins. Cost for either event is \$5. Bookings required as numbers are limited. Please contact either of the numbers below.**

**Advance notice** – next year the Hall will be 100 years old and plans are under way for suitable celebrations.

There will be a launch of the great little book on the history of the hall and the people who worked so hard to make it all happen, which is well under way. As with any historic gathering there will be afternoon tea. We'd love to invite anyone with connections to early local families.

Please let us know details on the numbers below:

Di Percy 0437786612      Graham Pearson 0419807141

### BALHANNAH & ITS RURAL INDUSTRIES

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Screening Friday 29th September  
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## **Onkaparinga Tennis Club Inc**

**Johnston Memorial Park, Main Road  
Balhannah, South Australia**

***New Members Welcome!***

We offer:

**Seniors Doubles and Traditional;**

**Juniors**, including modified Green and Orange Ball competitions. Juniors are actively encouraged to play in our senior competitions.

**Hot Shots** coaching with qualified Coaches.

**Midweek Tennis.**

**Wednesday Night Social tennis.**

Junior Enquires through:                      Rose: 0406 102 373

Senior Coordinator:                      Ann Marie – 0434 870 539

Mid Week    Debbie – 0404 443 426

Night Coordinator:                      Katie - 0415 299 349

Club Secretary/Gen. Eng.:                      Katie – 0415 299 349

Email: [onkassecretary@gmail.com](mailto:onkassecretary@gmail.com)

*Affiliated with Tennis SA and Hills Tennis Association*





## Circle of Security™ Parenting



**8 week course starting Thursday 19th October,  
6pm - 8pm**



Gives parents & caregivers a road map of their child's needs to assist with understanding and supporting children of all ages, using the **Circle of Security™ Parenting DVD.**

Attendance at all 8 sessions is required.

**When** Thursdays 6pm-8pm Weeks 1-8 Term 4 2023

**Where** Woodside Preschool 12 Moffett St Woodside

**Course facilitator :**

Bec Waters—Registered Provider

**Cost per person:** \$ 180\* (\$22.50 per session)

Full course fee payable by 12th October to secure your spot. Min 8, Max of 12 participants.



**To register:** email your name and a copy of eft payment details to [playingforchangeot@gmail.com](mailto:playingforchangeot@gmail.com) **BSB:** 805050 **Acct No.** 102065662

**Acct name** Playing for Change with 'COSP Surname' as reference.



For more information about COS Parenting:  
[youtube.com/watch?v=F6DhnbGRAOo](https://youtube.com/watch?v=F6DhnbGRAOo)

*Please note: this is a **parent only** program. Please organise child care if you have children older than 12 months. Babes in arms are welcome.*

\* If needed, please email Sue at [playingforchange@internode.on.net](mailto:playingforchange@internode.on.net) to discuss financial hardship options.

# HORIZONS THERAPY CLINIC

## POSITIVE PONIES

### EQUINE THERAPY PROGRAM

#### OPEN DAY



**Wednesday 4th October 10am - 12pm**

**Join us to find out more  
information and meet  
our staff and horses**



We are excited to announce our new 8 week social skills program. Equine Therapy Group POSITIVE PONIES is an effective group activity for children with autism and other social difficulties, providing a unique opportunity to learn and practice social skills with others in a safe and secure environment. Group sessions are a great way to build friendships and practice social skills.

We provide groups that run during the school term, weekdays after school and on Saturdays.

Each session runs for 90 minutes. All sessions are fully supervised by a qualified therapist, therapy assistance and mentor.

**NDIS funded for all plan  
managed and self managed  
participants.**

For location details and to register your interest please contact:  
email: [emily@horizonstherapyclinic.com.au](mailto:emily@horizonstherapyclinic.com.au)

Phone: 0408 867 804



## Join the Lions and Play Cricket in 2023!

U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s age groups  
All ages (6+), genders and skill levels welcome  
Affordable fees and all equipment supplied

Contact for more info

U10s/12s: Jacinta- 0458 652 078

U14s/16s: Scott- 0403 436 004

General enquiries: Al- 0415 087 442



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