



URAILDA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: 7 February 2020

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Dates To Remember

Gov Council AGM 7pm	Mon Feb 10
PAFC visit 2-3pm	Tues Feb 11
Acquaintance Night	Wed Feb 12
Pupil Free Day	Mon Mar 2
Sports Day	Thurs April 2



A swimming start

We've had an absolutely fantastic start to the year, and Reception to year 5 students have excelled at swimming this week. The staff at the Burnside Pool commented that our students were 'a delight!' Of course we know this already, but it's always nice to hear it from others. 😊



Acquaintance Night

We welcome all of our families to come along to Acquaintance Night on Wednesday February 12 from 5:30-6:30pm. The students will be our tour guides, showing you their classrooms, introducing you to the staff and telling you about their learning.

Following the Acquaintance Night the Parents and Friends are kindly hosting a community

Shared School Picnic with free sausage sizzle to welcome everyone back.

The P & F will provide sausages in bread and ask families to bring along a plate of your choice to share, any plates and cutlery they need and maybe a picnic rug. Please remember not to bring items containing nuts since we have a number of students with nut allergies at school.

The P & F will also have some second hand uniforms for sale for \$5 (sales will be cash only). If families have any uniform items they would like to donate to the sale, please bring them to the office prior to Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing all of you next Wednesday evening!

Governing Council AGM

The first Governing Council meeting of the year and AGM will take place on Monday February 10 in the staff room at 7pm. There are still places available on the Governing Council for this year so if you are interested in contributing to decisions about how the school is run, please come along and join us, or let Margie know of your interest.

Pupil Free Day

Advance notice of our Pupil Free Day on Monday 2 March for staff professional learning.

Communication

In case of emergencies when we need to contact all parents and caregivers urgently, we use a messaging system which pushes out a brief text message to your mobile phones. Earlier this week you should have received a test text message. The message read: *This is a test message from Uraidla Primary. Please do not reply.* If you did NOT receive this message, please contact the front office to inform us or to update your contact details.

In case of bushfire or other emergencies, we will use this service to communicate with families, for example changes to school pick up times or school closures. Note that our school is not scheduled to close on catastrophic days at this stage.

For non-urgent communication, we rely on the **Skoolbag** app. From time to time this app is updated, and no longer works properly on older versions. Please make sure you have the latest update. Please come to the front office if you need help getting started.

Parent Links & Helpers

We value our parent helpers. Each class has a **parent link** who helps as liaison with other parents. If you're willing to take on this role please see your child's teacher.

Pedestrian safety at school

In 2019 we worked with the Way2GO team (a collaboration between the Department for Education and The Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure) and Adelaide Hills Council towards greater pedestrian safety for our students. Some parents and students may remember being surveyed about travel to and from school.

We received the following interesting information from Way2Go as a result of this consultation:

- approximately 85% of children at Uraidla Primary are driven to school
- 45% of children live within 2km of school
- 20 kids live within 1km and don't have to cross Greenhill Road
- 20 kids live in the Summertown area within a 1.5km range

Way2GO reviewed the operation of the town oval as a collection area for our students, and found that children were moving safely to and from cars, and drivers were obeying speed limits. There will be Way2Go educational signs to be installed at 3 school pedestrian exits.

We decided together that for some children riding bikes to and from school, a better understanding of road rules and safety is needed. We have applied for Bike Ed and are pleased to be offering this for our older students this year.

Crossing Greenhill Road sits with DPTI but the school children numbers don't meet the levels required for a crossing. It's more suited to a general crossing type if there is broader community demand to cross here. This is something we are discussing with Imagine Uraidla, to see whether it is something others in the community would be interested in pursuing with us.

Council have advised they will renew the School Zone signage on Kidney Street. Kidney Street footpath is planned for an upgrade to asphalt from Swamp Road to Greenhill Road next financial year. The trail on Greenhill Road (it's not classed as a footpath) from Piccadilly Road to Swamp Road is undergoing an audit this financial year with consideration for an upgrade in future budgets.

Safety reminder

Please remember that we ask all traffic at drop off and pick up times to enter from Swamp Rd and travel in an anti-clockwise direction around the oval. Please be aware of the speed limit of 10kph and do not 'double park'. If using Kidney Street please enter from the Swamp Rd end and exit via Days Road. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

Margie

Music lessons

Once again this year we have private music tuition in piano, guitar and drums available at school, in addition to the instrumental lessons provided by the Department for Education. Parents pay a weekly fee for individual tuition. If you are interested please contact the tutors individually:

- Piano ~ Rachel 0407 996 613
- Drums ~ Cara 0429 387 299
- Guitar ~ Guy 0402 255 859

School Fees- instalments

Thank you to all the families that have paid or started paying off their school fees.

Families who wish to pay their school fees in instalments are asked to formalise the arrangements with Sara in the school office to ensure regular payments.

A suggested schedule is detailed below:

1st Instalment \$135 – prior to Friday 6th March 2020 (term 1 week 6)

2nd Instalment \$100 – prior to Friday 10th April 2020 (term 1 week 11)

3rd Instalment \$100 - prior to Friday 15th May 2020 (term 2 week 3)

Payments may also be made by direct deposit. Details are: BSB 105-079 A/C No. 309037640

If you think you may be eligible for school card please go to sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school we would appreciate a phone call as soon as possible on the day, a message on Seesaw or the Skoolbag app, or if this is not possible a note in their diary when they return to school. If you know in advance please put a note in their diary or send an email to their teacher. For any absences for family holidays of 2 days or more you must request an exemption signed by Margie. See Di for this form.

If your child arrives after the bell has gone or needs to leave early then they must visit the Front Office for a late pass or to be signed out.

Newsletter Folders

A reminder that newsletter folders need to be returned to the Front Office on the Monday morning after newsletter week. This makes it

much easier to manage the newsletter and any notes that need to go home and hopefully stops notes getting lost at the bottom of schoolbags!

Novel Coronavirus info

Public health officials have updated advice regarding Novel Coronavirus. We have been asked to alert you to this advice and share with you the national information hotline 1800020080.

The updated advice from SA Health is effective from Saturday 1 February 2020:

- Children or staff who travelled to mainland China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving mainland China if they left mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.
- Children or staff who have been in close contact with a confirmed case must isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after last contact.
- Children or staff who have returned from Hubei Province, China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.
- Staff and students in these circumstances must not attend schools, preschools or early childhood centres and should not engage with other students
- Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hygiene. Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly, after using the toilet and before eating
- avoid contact with others by keeping children home if they are unwell
- cover a cough or sneeze.

Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and sore throat. People with these symptoms who have travelled to China or have had close contact with a confirmed case should see a doctor or attend a hospital and call ahead so they can prepare.

We will keep you updated if new information becomes available.

Round the Classes

Reception: The first 2 weeks in the Reception class have been fabulous. We have read *No David* and *David goes to school* and that has helped us with our team building tasks.

Swimming has also been great. Everyone has been in the water learning new skills and having fun.

Year 1/2: We have had a great time at swimming and have been enjoying getting to know each other.

Year 2/3: We have had a fantastic start to our school year. We have spent some time learning some new class routines. Our swimming lessons have been great.

Year 4/5: WOW! The end of week two already, time is flying. This week we've had swimming lessons. Students have been learning the many different ways to float as well as retrieving objects on the bottom of the pool. Students have also been learning how to enter the water safely through many different types of jumps. They have also done fully clothed rescues and laps of the pool.



In class we have been getting familiar with the 4/5 routines, with Maths Mentals and English Skills. Students are also enjoying the daily Dojo points, where they work towards 4 skills each day. These can be anything from having your drink bottle and a fruit snack on your desk, to helping others, being organised, showing grit, working collaboration and using creativity skills.

I have enjoyed getting to know the new year 4s this week as well as reconnecting with the year 5s.

Year 6/7: We have had a positive start to the year with an energised and enthusiastic group of students. We have started working on number in maths (place value, rounding and square and triangular numbers). In English we will be starting to unpack persuasive writing in all its different forms.

Thanks to Joc and Suzie who are working in my class this week so I can go and see my son play in the Under 20 national basketball tournament in Canberra.

Indonesian: We have started our new topic 'Pakaian' (clothing). We are doing lots of activities to practise the new words and have started writing short descriptive sentences using colours.

Science: This term's focus in Science is Biology - the study of living things. So far the classes have had an introduction to what Biology is, what jobs there are in Biology and what Biologists actually do. The students have been learning about what is living and non-living, what humans need to survive and compared it to what humans want.

PE/Health: This term's focus in PE is cooperation, skills, teamwork and following instructions. We have been participating in many different group games. Starting from week 5, the students will be starting to practise Sports Day activities and athletic skills.

As the students do a lot of running and for safety reasons, it would be great to see students wearing suitable footwear (sneakers/running shoes) for PE. Below are the students' days for PE:

Tuesdays- 2/3 class, 4/5 and 6/7
Thursdays- Receptions and 1/2 class

Gardening: Gardening with the children will begin in week 3. Our 'Harvest Table' has moved to a new location further up the passageway. If you have any excess fruit or veg feel free to add to the table. There are paper bags for picking your own rocket, a suggested price list and a container for donations with proceeds going back into our school.

OSHC News

Howdy y'all! Welcome to 2020, we are very excited for this fresh new year and hope you all are too. 😊

Starting this term we have a few new exciting things coming to OSHC. First of all we are introducing **Direct Debit** for families regarding paying off your OSHC accounts. It's a new process for us, designed to streamline making payments on regular accounts; it will be a smoother process for everyone! We encourage OSHC families to visit us during OSHC hours for a Direct Debit agreement form (or to answer any questions), or you can also grab them from Sara outside of OSHC hours. 😊

There is going to be a new **late bookings fee** of \$5 per child being introduced starting week 3 this term, which is a small disincentive for super last minute OSHC bookings & to assist with keeping correct staffing ratios; for more information please see OSHC staff.

Also! Our **Lost Property box** at OSHC is overflowing with clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles and even shoes; a lot of it is from the summer Vacation Care period, though there was still plenty left from last term. If you could please take a trip past OSHC and have a quick flick through the box and grab anything that belongs to your families; that would be very helpful to us!

Looking forward to seeing you all around the place, let's make 2020 a memorable year for all!
-OSHC team

School Lunches



School Lunch On-line Ordering

Hot Lunches! Cool Snacks!
Order and pay on your phone or tablet!
Anywhere, anytime!



- Download the free QKR app & sign on
- Search Uraidla Primary School
- Register your children and enter a student profile
- Add a payment card
- Browse and order from the menu
- Done!

For all enquiries, please contact Maria directly at
mariaskitchen@bigpond.com
or phone 0403 163 576

We remind families that school lunches can be ordered for **Thursdays** by Maria's Kitchen through the Qkr app. **Please note the cut-off time for orders is 4pm Wednesdays.**

Uraidla Community Bushfire Appeal Picnic 23 February

- Opportunity to provide donations to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal
 - Uraidla Concert Band live music
 - Bushfire safety information
 - A relaxed, child friendly event
 - Bring a picnic rug/ seating and byo drinks and food.
- Under the trees near the Uraidla Show Hall. A chance to gather with the local community, chat with others about bushfire preparedness and build connections for a resilient community!**



GET YOUR RACQUET ON!



OPEN COURT SESSIONS

STAY TUNED FOR A FUN NEW FORMAT OF SOCIAL TENNIS LAUNCHING IN YOUR LOCAL CLUB THIS SUMMER. NO SKILL, NO MATES, NO RACQUET REQUIRED.

Uraidla Tennis Club
Sundays 4pm-6pm commencing 2nd of February 2020
Uraidla Courts, 1208 Swamp Rd Uraidla
Fiona Pfeiffer (fionap75@gmail.com / 0403 015700)
Everyone welcome for some fun with different balls & games
\$5 per head (incl sausage in bread), limited canteen & music. BYO

<https://play.tennis.com.au/uraidlatennisclub>