



South School News

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Term 4 Week 11 - 14/12/2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As 2021 comes to a close, we look back on a year that has been truly remarkable by any standards and we have much to be grateful for.

For me, 2021 strongly highlighted the positive way that staff and families pulled together to support our students; particularly during our period of remote learning. So to our amazing school community. I say thank you. Thank you for your support, understanding and patience, as together we have navigated such a challenging time.

Of all the terms this year, Term 4 proved to be the most challenging for staff. With the easing of restrictions, we were determined to ensure our students did not miss out on anything and that they would all have some positive memories to take away from 2021. With careful planning the staff were able to ensure our students were afforded a variety of extra-curricular activities. Bush Poetry, Debating, Parliament, Book Week, Book Fair, South School snippets, incursions, excursions, School photographs, Intensive Swimming Program, Game Challenger, Fishing4friends, Golfing with the Stars, Yr 6 Graduation and finally Presentation Day were all held.

I am proud to look back over the year and acknowledge the significant dedication of our educational team, who despite many obstacles, adapted and continued to deliver quality learning programs.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and may you enjoy a safe and relaxing break.

Ho Ho Ho for the Holidays!

On the last day of Term 4, students are invited to dress up in their best Christmas outfits, to celebrate the holidays, and all their hard work over the year. Students do not need a gold coin donation; this is purely for fun!

WHEN: Thursday 16th December

WHAT: Dress up in your best Christmas outfits

Bell Ringing

Reminder that the ringing of the 'Arthur Lewis Bell' will be held at **2.40pm** on Thursday 16th December. We ask, even with the lifting of restrictions, that those attending are mindful of social distancing as parents stand outside the gate, in front of the bell, in prime photo taking position.

Farewell

On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank Mr Kuz and Kara Weir for all they have contributed whilst at South. We have enjoyed having you as part of our team and wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is a culmination and celebration of a year's learning for all of our students. I would like to thank Miss Liefing, Miss Sutton, Mrs Park and Mrs Keane for their support, organisation and for sharing this event with our families via our *South School Happenings* page. Whilst not all students were able to receive awards and due

to COVID, some awards for particular areas were not presented, all our students deserve to be congratulated on their efforts.

Yr 6 Graduation Dinner

What a wonderful evening our Yr 6 students had last Tuesday, when they came together for the last time to formally celebrate their time at South. There was such a wonderful atmosphere as students shared memories, enjoyed the photobooth and had their bears and footballs signed.

The highlight of the evening, though were many, were the videos and photographs of their time at South.

A big thank you to Miss Kerry and Mrs Champness for their organisation.

To the outgoing class of 2021 and to our families leaving us this year, I hope that you remember your time here at South with pride and affection. Thank you for all that you have contributed; South School is richer for having shared this learning journey with you.



Dates for 2022

- Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February are Staff Development Days.
 - Tuesday 8th February Yrs 1-6 commence.
 - Thursday 10th February Kindergarten commence school.
- * Kinder students are involved in Best Start Interviews on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February.*

Commendation Letters

As part of the school's award system, up to six students from each class will receive congratulatory commendation letters in the post in the coming weeks. The letters are an acknowledgement by all staff, of the students who, this semester, have consistently:

- a) Displayed exceptional work habits
- b) Produced work to the best of their ability
- c) Exhibited excellent manners and possess a positive attitude towards learning.

Congratulations to these students.

NB Students are only eligible to receive a commendation letter biennially.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home tomorrow.

Liz Dudley
Principal



Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Jackson, Lachlan and Cooper Gunn and Finn Lindsay-Field who joined our South school family this term. We know that you will enjoy your time here with us.

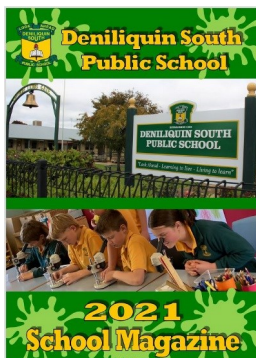


School Magazine

Thanks to the generosity of our School P&C Committee, all families will receive a free copy of the school magazine for 2021.

Thank you to Mrs Keane, Mrs Park and Shae Fitzpatrick for all their hard work in putting together this year's edition of the magazine which looks incredible.

Copies of the school magazine will go home today.



P & C News

Monster P&C Raffle

Huge thanks to our families for their generous support of this fund raiser, the school raised \$1020. The completed hampers looked incredible. Thank you to Sun Rice Deniliquin for their donation of an additional hamper.



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★ Gold & Silver Awards ★



Dates for your Diary - Term 4

Dec 15th	Reports Go Home
Dec 16th	Christmas Dress Up Day 2.40pm Arthur Lewis Bell Ringing Students Last day
Dec 17th	Staff Development Day Teachers/Staff Last Day

2022 Term Dates

	Teachers Return	Students Return	Last day of Term
Term 1	Friday 4th/Monday 7th February 2022	Tuesday 8th February 2022 Yr 1-6 Thursday 10th February 2022 Kinder	Friday 8th April 2022
Term 2	Tuesday 26th April 2022	Wednesday 27th April 2022	Friday 1st July 2022
Term 3	Monday 18th July 2022	Tuesday 19th July 2022	Friday 23rd September 2022
Term 4	Monday 10th October 2022	Monday 10th October 2022	Monday 19th December 2022

★ Platinum - Semester 2 ★



Year 2 Intensive Swimming



Congratulations to our year 2 students, who received their certificates today acknowledging their achievements in the water. Huge thanks to Mr Morris, Christine Henson and Cheryl McMillan for their wonderful tuition. I'd like to acknowledge Murray Irrigation for their generous donation to the Intensive Learn to Swim Program which helps greatly to help offset the cost of these lessons.



★ Mini-Lit Awards ★

Congratulations to Nate, Spinks, Cameron, Ashton and Oaklee on the completion of the Mini-Lit Program.



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Limit one per/child at Recess Break. bring your \$2 to the canteen - No Need to Order



The Library News Week 11, Term 4.....

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have been presented to all students. Congratulations to all 153 students participating in this great event! So proud of you all



I wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas
and a Safe New Year!

Mrs Julie Selleck
Library Teacher
2021



Stage 1 Excursion
Deniliquin Stadium

