



# Saltia Times

Stirling North Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

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## A note from the Principal - Adam Wilson

Welcome to the start of the school year. We had 353 students walk through our gates today and they were met by an energetic bunch of teachers and SSOs.

I trust that your holiday break has been relaxing and memorable, with valuable time spent with your children. I had the pleasure of not going away during the Christmas break. There is something about country life that really appeals to me. The space, the friendly people and the minimal traffic. I was lucky enough to enjoy the parent lifestyle of Vacswim, the excitement of Father Christmas visiting and I was able to tend to my lawn (which I recognise is weird but ...it's a passion!).

### Monday Early Dismissal Time

You may notice in 'The Transcontinental' this week that there has been a proposal put forward by other schools within our partnership to finish early on a Monday afternoon. This has been done to mirror what we and Port Augusta Secondary School currently do. It will also allow us to have staff professional learning occurring across schools. This process is still happening but I would like to reassure you that Stirling North Primary School completed the required process several years ago and we will continue to finish at 2:25pm on Mondays. In fact, in 2014, when I first arrived at the school I felt it was important to re-poll the families and we had over 60% of respondents happy with the current format. This has been supported by our Governing Council and I'm sure that the introduction of an OSHC service in 2016 has supported families.

### Open Night and AGM

Monday the 12th of February will be our school Open Night and Annual General Meeting. It will be held in the Gym at 6pm before we break off into classes for parents to visit their child's teacher if they want to. The AGM will occur in the Staff Room at 7pm. If you are interested in being part of Governing Council please email a nomination to adam.wilson36@schools.sa.edu.au. We welcome any new parents.

### Cherish the 'School Routine'

The other day we needed to purchase lunchboxes for the kids in preparation for the new year and it was at this moment that I realised... my kids won't be at primary school forever. The lunchbox ritual, the uniform stock take, sitting down with the calendar to work out pick-ups and drop-offs and coordinating after school activities will not occur forever. And although I detest some of those things, they will only be around for a limited time. Primary schooling is a time to cherish being with your children and being involved in their education. The school routine can be tiresome but the memories will last. I hope that the 2019 school year is as enjoyable for you as it is for your children.

## PARENT OPEN NIGHT

11th February 6:00pm in the Gym followed by a visit to your child's classroom.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held in the Staff Room at 7:00pm following the Open Night.

## Office News

### Uniform prices are:

- Hats \$12 each
- Polo shirts 6-16 \$25
- Polo shirts Sm - 2XL \$27
- Hoodies 6-14 \$43
- Hoodies S-2XL \$45
- Dresses 6 & 8 \$56
- Dresses size 10 \$58

### We have 4 new staff joining our school. We welcome

- Mrs Jodie Bailey (Year 5 class)
- Mrs Kelli Harvey (Year 2/3)
- Miss Jenni Wall (JP Science, Art and Health & PE)
- Miss Claire Falconer (Reception SSO)

### Upcoming dates:

- 13th February—DMC 3:20
- 14th-15th February—Year 6/7 Aquatics
- 19th February—Port Power Visit
- 21st February—Grounds 3:30
- 12th March—Student Free Day

A Term 1 Calendar will go home with the newsletter next Tuesday