

# THE WEEKLY

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## From the Principal

It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as the children have commenced at SPW in 2017. With 88 Foundation students beginning their formal schooling and 21 new students from Year 1 to 6, plus 153 children in our Early Learning Centre, 2017 promises to be a fantastic year.

On the very first day back, it was grand to engage in conversations with many of the children and their families as they entered the school grounds, and also catching up with parents over a coffee from our Coffee Van. Children gathered together at Tuesday's Assembly and the excitement in the Chapel was palpable. Thursday saw the induction of School and House Captains, followed by a Communion Service; a fantastic way to start the new school year.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Jessie Hansen and Harry Higgins

### HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

Eyre:	Captains:	Zoe Sibbons, Edward Winter
	Deputies:	Abby Frankenfeld, Ben Newman
Flinders:	Captains:	Airlie Rouvray, Teagan Garvey
	Deputies:	Charlotte Coombs, James Sando
Light:	Captains:	Lily Twyford, Noah Gazzard
	Deputies:	Maggie Fahey, Tyren Wong
Sturt:	Captains:	Kate Mesecke, William Clifford
	Deputies:	Ashlee Munt, Ayden Pribanic

### TERM DATE CHANGES FOR 2017

Term 1	Tuesday 31 January—Thursday 13 April (14 April=Good Friday)
Term 2	Tuesday 2 May—Friday 30 June
Term 3	Tuesday 25 July—Friday 29 October (2 October=Labour Day)
Term 4	Monday 16 October—Wednesday 13 December

School Council have approved a change in dates for Term 4 this year. Please note there will be no pupil free day at the beginning of this term, rather it will be at the end, with Term 4 finishing on Wednesday 13 December at 12.30pm. The actual number of days in the 2017 school calendar has not decreased, just altered to allow for 2 days of staff preparation at the end of the school year.

### GRADUATION & PRIZEGIVING CHANGES—ADVANCE NOTICE

The whole school Assembly on Tuesday 12 December 2017 will be a combined Middle and Upper Primary Prizegiving event, including the announcement and presentation of School and House Captains. Wednesday (13 December) evening will be a Year 7 Graduation Service celebrating the Year 7 students' milestones and honouring key moments in their lives. More information will be provided in coming weeks.



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### **AFTER SCHOOL WEEKLY TIMETABLE (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS, EXTRA- AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)**

All families by now would have received notification of the after school weekly timetable (instrumental music lessons, extra- and co-curricular activities). During 2016 staff participated in an exhaustive review of SPW's very busy and crowded curriculum. The changes undertaken this year are to assist children have a school / life balance.

It is encouraging to see so many children who have taken up the opportunity to enrol for the many and varied activities on offer at SPW outside of the core curriculum. The 'down time' at recess and lunch we believe will be of great benefit to the children.

### **DIARY USAGE**

As from 2017 diaries have only been provided to Years 3 to 7 as a form of two-way communication between the family and home. The aim of the diary is to provide children with the opportunity to develop organisational skills and by Year 7 independently use the diary in readiness for secondary school. Foundation to Year 2 communication will be provided via Skoolbag.

### **SPORTS UNIFORM ROLL OUT**

Due to a problem in the production process, there has been a delay in students receiving their new SPW sports tops. We will keep you updated of the latest developments via our Skoolbag App, under News.

### **STAFFING**

2017 sees some staff changes and new faces in our Administration and Resource teams. We therefore welcome:

- \* Leanne Phillips, Executive Assistant to the HR Manager
- \* Sam Wheatley, Executive Assistant to the Business Manager
- \* Catherine Mayo, Executive Assistant to the Head of Early Learning
- \* Amanda Ashley, Admin Assistant to Head of the Arts
- \* Jane Fahey, Admin Assistant to PE and Sport
- \* Lindy Francis, Communications & Digital Media Officer
- \* Nick Callander, IT Technical Assistant

We welcome back teachers Eleanor Blight (Year 3) and Skye Baldacchino (Japanese) from maternity leave, and Nicki Pitt from Long Service Leave who is working part-time in Learning Support and Year 4.

- \* Victoria Warner joins the Year 3 team
- \* To release our Learning and Teaching leaders each Wednesday, David Kennedy works in tandem with Kirsten Guppy, whilst Nicki Pitt works in tandem with Cathy Kowalick

In the Early Learning Centre, we greet

- \* Lia van der Pennen, ELC Room Leader Torrens
- \* Felicity McEwin, ELC Room Leader Colley
- \* Ally Campaniello, ELC Special Co-educator Torrens and Moseley
- \* Ty Simmonds, ELC Co-educator Moseley

**Christopher Prance**

### **Chaplain's Chat**

Warm congratulations to the School and House Captains who were inducted in Chapel this week, and the Year 7s who read and acted as servers so confidently and competently.

In next week's Chapel Service we will have our annual Procession of Symbols. These represent the qualities of a PYP learner and represent our learning at SPW. There will also be an opportunity for the staff to renew their commitment to the important education task they perform. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Mother Julia**

## Fee Statements

School fee statements are sent to all families/caregivers on a termly basis. If you have elected to pay by monthly direct debit through SchoolEasyPay no further action is required and payments will be deducted automatically on the due date.

**Finance Office**

## Arts

Welcome to 2017. I am looking forward to another fantastic year in the Arts at SPW.

The following activities will commence **in Week 3 (week beginning 13 February)**.

- \* Monday Show Choir (Year 3 -7) – 8am to 8.40am in the Music Centre
- \* Tuesday SPW Band – 8am to 8.40am in the Music Centre
- \* Wednesday Junior Glee (Foundation to Year 2) – 8am to 8.30am in the Music Centre. Parents are welcome to attend Junior Glee.

The biggest change for 2017 is our earlier start of 8.00am. Please be on time so we can make the best use of our rehearsal time.

Chapel Choir has commenced and is on Thursday at 8.00am in the Chapel. We will be holding auditions next week on Tuesday at lunch time. Please meet Mr Mesecke and I in the Music Room at 12.50pm. If any instrumentalists are interested in being part of Chapel Band please see me.

Instrumental lessons will commence in Week 2. If you have not heard from me by Monday please contact me by email [mdelaine@spw.sa.edu.au](mailto:mdelaine@spw.sa.edu.au)

**Mark DeLaine**  
**Head of the Arts**

## iPad Restrictions Years 5-7

To assist with setting up of iPads for use at school, the technical team have requested Restrictions on the iPad be turned off just for the day of set-up (day to be notified via diary).

Once the iPad is ready for use at school the Restrictions can be enabled again. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter and if you have any questions please contact the school.

**Geoff Bilney**  
**Head of Future Schooling**

## PE & Sport

Welcome to the new school year. The PE department is looking forward to an exciting year of physical activity for the children of SPW. The latest information regarding PE and Sport will be on the Skoolbag App and in this newsletter so keep your eyes peeled.

Here are our 'Sport Shorts' for this week:

- \* This year the PE department consists of Alastair Dow (teacher), Angela Doan (teacher) and Jane Fahey (Sports Administrator).
- \* After school sports begin in Week 2 as detailed on Skoolbag and games begin in Week 3.
- \* Several team managers are still required for volleyball, basketball and cricket; please contact [sport@spw.sa.edu.au](mailto:sport@spw.sa.edu.au) if you can assist. Help make your child's sporting experience a memorable one.
- \* SPW have entered 2017 SAPSASA knockout cricket and tennis teams. If your child would like to trial for these teams have them see Mr Dow.
- \* SAPSASA South West District swimming trials are on Friday, 24 February. Club/strong

swimmers who were born in 2004/2005/2006/2007 are eligible. Please see me if you are interested to fill in an entry form to be considered for the SPW team.

- \* Run Club and Beach Run begin in Week 2. Children in Years 3 to 7 can attend. Parent helpers are welcome.

Stay calm and keep active.

**Alastair Dow**  
**Head of PE & Sport**

## 2017 Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Access the Uniform Shop Opening Hours on the [SPW website](#) and Skoolbag.



## PFA News

Happy New Year everyone and we hope you have all had a seamless start to the 2017 school year.

### **PFA SPORTS BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The after school BBQ will commence in Week 3 and will now be on a Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4.00pm

### **CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

2017 is set to be another exciting year for the PFA. We hope you had the chance to have a coffee on us today at the Coffee Van, and a chat to us about how you can be involved in this vibrant and worthwhile community.

In addition to needing a PFA rep for each class, we are also seeking volunteers who would like to be involved in committees to run some of the events we are holding this year. Any time you can give directly benefits your children. If you didn't get a chance to put your details on one of the forms this morning and are interested in helping out or would like more information, please email [pfa@spw.sa.edu.au](mailto:pfa@spw.sa.edu.au)

Visit the PFA page on the [SPW website](#) to view the 2017 events and meeting dates.



# The Week Ahead



2017 Term 1 Week 2

Monday 6 to Friday 10 February

Contact Us

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Canteen	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED
School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Uniform Shop Hours</b> ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Uniform Shop Hours</b> ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm</li> <li>* <b>Class &amp; Individual Photos (F, Yr 6, Yr 7)</b></li> <li>* <b>Family Photos (F, Yr 6, Yr 7)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Uniform Shop Hours</b> ◇ 8.00am-9.30am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Uniform Shop Hours</b> ◇ 8.00am - 9.00am ◇ 1.30pm - 4.00pm</li> <li>* <b>Chapel Service— 8.40am</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Uniform Shop Hours</b> ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm</li> </ul>
Extra & Co Curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Show Choir (3-7)</b> - 8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) <i>From Week 3</i></li> <li>* <b>Middle Primary Sport—</b>3.20-4.20pm <i>Meet your coach and manager (summer)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>SPW Band—</b>8.00-8.40am (Music Centre) <i>From Week 3</i></li> <li>* <b>Junior Primary Sport—</b>3.20-4.20pm <i>Meet your coach and manager (summer)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Junior Glee (F-2)</b> - 8.00-8.30am (Music Centre) <i>From Week 3</i></li> <li>* <b>Run Club</b> (8.15-8.45am)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Chapel Choir</b> - 8.00-8.30am (Chapel)</li> <li>* <b>Upper Primary Sport—</b>3.20-4.20pm <i>Meet your coach and manager (summer)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Junior Glee (F-2)</b> - 8.00-8.30am (Music Centre) <i>From Week 3</i></li> <li>* <b>Beach Run</b> (8.15-8.45am)</li> <li>* <b>Student Leadership—</b>2.30-3.10pm</li> </ul>
PFA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PFA Sports BBQ-Sausage Sizzle</b> after school, 3.15-4.00pm <i>From Week 3</i></li> </ul>			

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