

# Honesty Responsibility Friendliness

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## STANSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
29/11 Fri	Pupil Free Day
2/12 Mon	Governing Council EOY Dinner 6pm
4/12 Wed	Elanora Visit
11/12 Wed	Presentation Night and Sleep Over
11/12 Dec	Active Education Incursion
12/12 Thurs	Inter church Tuck Day
13/13 Fri	1.45pm Sharks Assembly and 2pm dismissal Casual Day

### ATTACHMENTS

Gratitude Event  
Active Education and Sleep Over Consent forms.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Friday on our student free day our staff will participate in our '**Annual Review Day**' which looks at evaluating our successes with regard to student learning, growth and identifying next steps within our improvement cycle as a school.

All schools undertake review days, albeit, they all look a little different.

One of the key areas identified for 2019 was the continuation of our Maths and Numeracy learning as well as Literacy and Reading Comprehension. We look forward to tracking our improvements during 2019 and planning next steps for 2020.

#### **2020 Class Structures:**

Our classes will continue to be the R-2 Seahorses and 3-7 Sharks splits.

#### **Staffing update:**

Congratulations to Mrs Champion who has accepted a position at Minlaton District School for 2020 and will be leaving us. We will miss her and her amazing talents and wish her well for the future. She has been at Stansbury Primary School for 6 years in various roles and we thank her for her support and guidance over the years. We are lucky to be able to keep our connection with Mrs Champion as our students move on to the Minlaton District School. It's not farewell but see you soon!

We were hoping to be able to name Kirsty's replacement today but are still waiting for confirmation from Human Resources. As soon as we have confirmation we will share the news with families via a letter home.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

We confirmed in Term 3 that Brooke Tilbrook will be the classroom teacher for the R-2 classroom replacing Kelly Smith. We wish Kelly all the best for her move to Adelaide. Brooke has indicated she will work 4 days per week. In 2020 I will be doing the fifth day in the R-2 Seahorse class.

Our SSO team Janette Clarke, Di Nankivell, Stephanie Stubberfield and Karen Shearer (Play Centre Coordinator) will all be joining us again in 2020.

Jackie Way, who has been our IT Support person, is leaving us to concentrate on her work at Yorketown Area School. We thank her for her endless patience and expertise. She has been a lifesaver on more than one occasion!

### **An Interesting Program:**

ABC's Four Corners Story "Digi Kids" aired last week and it is a must see for those interested in how the digital age is affecting the way we teach reading and writing in our schools and at home.

The ABC documentary shows different approaches to literacy throughout Australia, and also the alarming statistics regarding the drop in students' literacy levels in upper primary and high school.

South Australia is leading the way with adoption of the phonics check, and our Literacy Guarantee unit, but there is still much to do to address the needs of all of our students to ensure they are ready to access the jobs of the future. Is technology affecting the acquisition of Literacy?

- If your school places a ban on phones during school hours, strategies need to be put in place for students who use their phone as an assistive technology; to take pictures of notes on a board, record instructions or use office lens to turn a page into writing that can be read by a text-to-speech program?
- Parents, how are you feeling about the idea of no phone in the school. Would you request or encourage your child to leave the phone at home?
- Do you know what technologies your school provides or allows students to use?
- Are you explicitly teaching students how to use their technology as a tool to achieve lesson outcomes? For example MS Word and Grammarly are useful applications, but it is important you teach your students how and when to use them to support their written work.

Are you yourself a prisoner to your phone? It may be preventing you from having engaging conversations both at home or in the workplace - something to think about.

If you are a parent, use this information to start a conversation with your child's school to support their learning! SPELD Australia's website has some interesting and useful programs and information for parents.

Follow this link to access the program online:  
<https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/digi-kids/11693706>  
or access via catch-up TV through ABC iview

Kind regards  
Anne-Marie Shaw



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Stansbury Primary received a special invitation to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception at the Adelaide Zoo. We received this invitation due to our high level of student participation in the challenge over the many years it has been offered.

Two of our students attended. Thank you to Kerri Ormsby for taking Connor and Skye to represent our school.

They enjoyed their day. Some of their highlights were meeting a number of authors and illustrators, meeting the South Australian Premier, watching the performance representing a book, eating great food and a one off experience of being in a room where you could view a Hippopotamus through a window.

They also received a bag of books to add to our library



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



GET YOUR GIRL  
**SQUAD**  
TOGETHER

Girls ONLY School Holiday Clinic  
21st and 22nd January  
1 Day \$50 | 2 Days \$90



# Curramulka Light Up

Saturday 7th December  
@ Curramulka Oval

Street parade commencing at 6.30 pm

Photos with Santa  
Markets

Live Music

Face Painting

Glow Products

Giant Inflatable Slide

Childrens Entertainment

Food, Drinks, Bar facilities

Town Light Display  
from 8.45 pm

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