

# ELIZABETH SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Class structures for 2018 will be 8 x mainstream classes and 2 x regional special classes. In 2018 the leadership team will be comprised of two parts: The Executive Team and the Senior Leader Team. The Executive Team will be comprised of: Principal (Steve Clarke), Deputy Principal (Danielle Green), Sarah Soroush (Student Wellbeing Leader) and the Senior Leader Team will be comprised of: Student Support Co-ordinator (TBA) and a Digital Technologies Co-ordinator (TBA). This redefinition of the leadership team structure will strengthen opportunities for both building teacher capacity and increasing student learning outcomes.

## REPORTS AND CLASSES

Reports will be given out **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. You will be informed of your child's room number and class teacher for 2018. On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, students will visit their new class after assembly until eating time of first break.

## THE YEAR THAT WAS...

2017 has been a productive year of learning with many highlights and achievements. We have provided students with a strong focus on play and inquiry based learning with the opening of our Nature Play space in term 3. Miss Holloway was instrumental in the development of the Nature Play space and utilised the camp fire to facilitate a whole school bush tucker experience. We explored how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) can be integrated across the curriculum. Staff professional development opportunities included: Peter Sullivan, Tierney Kennedy and Lisa Burman to name a few. We started a 3 ½ year residency program with Musica Viva which provides our students with fantastic opportunities to engage in music. Choir has gone from strength to strength in 2017. Our students were privileged to be a part of a 900 strong choir at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre – the first of its kind for many years. We commissioned artist Seb Humphrey to paint a number of murals which has brightened up different areas of the school.



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## LEADERSHIP

**Principal**  
Steve Clarke  
**Deputy Principal**  
Danielle Green  
**Student Wellbeing Leader**  
Michael McVeity  
**Student Support Co-ordinator**  
Marcus Nash

## DIARY DATES

**EARLY DISMISSAL  
END OF  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
2:10pm**

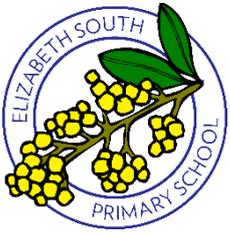
**2018  
SCHOOL YEAR  
COMMENCES**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
8:50am**

## BIRTHDAYS



Jaidyn	Sean
Alex M	Cameran
Emma N	Noah H
Tiana	Shaniqua
Declan	Corey J
Annika	Matthew
Matilda K	Darryl
Athena	Makella
Gladis	James H
Alif	Zoe
Star	Noah V
Lilly	Vanessa
Mackenzie	Riley W



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## FAREWELLS

We would like to farewell the following staff. We would like to thank them for the amazing contributions they've made to the Elizabeth South Primary School community and wish them the very best.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Michael McVeity for his tireless commitment to student wellbeing at Elizabeth South Primary School since 2008. Michael has supported students, staff, parents and families in this community for the past 10 years. He has been a strong advocate for student voice through SRC and youth leadership development. He was instrumental in supporting the state wide creation and implementation of child protection practices. He will be sorely missed. I wish him all the very best in his retirement.



**Sarah Rose**  
*maternity leave*



**Michael McVeity**



**Matthew Stott**



**Marty Jackson**



**Matt Gardiner**



**Monika Gupta**

## Acknowledging Governing Council Member Input in 2017

Thank you for being such a positive and productive group throughout 2017. We really appreciate your commitment to meeting twice a term and supporting our improvement agenda. Your input into school-wide decision making and events is highly valued and appreciated. We acknowledge that many of the above-mentioned 2017 highlights would not have been possible without your input and ongoing support. We encourage all of you to consider becoming a member of the Elizabeth South Primary School Governing Council in 2018.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support this year and to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

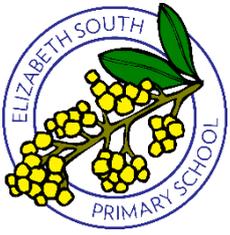


*Happy Holidays from the staff at ESPS*



## FACILITIES/HOLIDAY WORK

Fencing work has started for the two special classes. This space will give the special classes a secure outdoor space for learning, and provides an alternative play space for those students who require extra support during recess and lunch play. The carpark gates will be automated in the holidays. This will ensure that the carpark is only accessible for staff members, who will have a fob to scan upon entry. There will be an intercom from the gate to the front office for non-staff members such as delivery drivers. The D-Block of classrooms and the Junior Primary Common area will be painted in the holidays to rejuvenate these areas ready for 2018. A number of learning spaces will have fresh carpet laid before the 2018 school year begins.



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## D1 NEWS

We have been learning about, how to write poetry. We had poet and children's author Mike Lucas visit the school and run a poetry workshop with the primary classes. There were lots of laughs and we all enjoyed writing a poem together. In Maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions. In Science we consolidated our learning of the Solar System when we visited the Planetarium with D2.

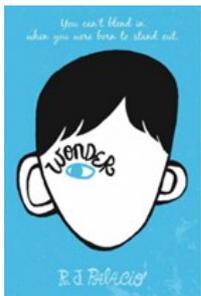


## D8 NEWS

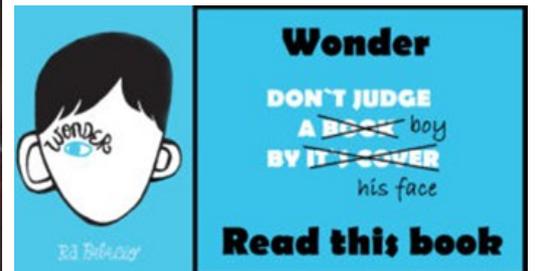
On Thursday 30th of November, we attended Reading Cinemas in Elizabeth to watch 'Wonder'. As a class we read the book 'Wonder' over Terms 2 and 3. The book tells the story of a young boy that doesn't look like everyone else and is starting middle school after being home schooled for his schooling life. The book teaches us about empathy and understanding in a world where these attributes are often not shown.

We give the movie a 10/10 and recommend that everyone sees the movie.

Remember when you have a choice – **Always Choose Kind**



*"Courage Kindness friendship character. These are the qualities that define us as human beings, and propel us, on occasion, to greatness"*



## MUSIC EDUCATION RECEIVES A FUNDING BOOST

More than \$5.12 million over the next 4 years will be invested into improving the delivery of music education in public schools.

A new music strategy is set to be developed to support your child to pursue careers in music-related fields within the state.

The strategy will be developed in partnership with instrumental music and classroom teachers, the University of Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium of Music, the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and various state music bodies.

The initiative is part of the state government's new [Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future.](#)

# Our Year 7's



Congratulations to our graduating Year 7 class of 2017! You're a fantastic group of people, we're proud of all of you. Good luck in whatever it is you choose to do, you'll be amazing!

