



# THORNDON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Learning today for the future"

- ◆ *Respect*
- ◆ *Creativity*
- ◆ *Excellence*
- ◆ *Resilience*

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## From the Leadership Team - Dora and Lindy

Welcome everyone to an exciting, engaging and productive school year! Together with our staff, students and parents we aim to deliver world class education to our diverse learners and promote holistic learning to enhance each individual's sense of belonging, safety and wellbeing.

Our Professional Learning Communities will collectively implement our Site Improvement Plan goals in:  
Literacy - If each student has a clear understanding of phonics their reading and writing will improve as evidenced by increased outcomes in phonics and higher achievement in reading and writing

Numeracy—If each student develops their Mathematical language and Big Ideas in Number, then their problem-solving skills will improve as evidenced by increased outcomes in Mathematics.

We encourage authentic student influence through discussions, co-constructing success criteria, student leadership opportunities, self and peer assessment, teacher feedback to inform SMART goals and reflective questions:

- What am I learning?
- Why am I learning it?
- How do I know I have learnt it?

Thankyou for your ongoing support at home and at school and we look forward to showcasing and celebrating our powerful learners' achievements across all learning areas.

### TERM 1 PUPIL FREE DAYS:

**Friday 21 February and Friday 6 March**

OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) available—Please book ASAP as these spaces fill up quickly.

**Athelstone Bakery is going online! Please see the flyer for more details .**

### Baby Congratulations to Kate and Charlie Anstey!

Henry Peter Charles Anstey was born on 8/1/2020 at 2.41am weighing in at 7lb 6 oz



Diary Dates		
Tues	11/2	Parent /Teacher Acquaintance Night Session 1 R-7 classes 5.30-6.30pm Repeat of Session1 in classes 6.35-7.05pm <b>AGM 7.15—8.00pm in Gallery</b> Thiele Building Specialist teachers by appointment
Fri	7/2	9.00am Assembly Yr 6/7 Miss Genna - Host introduce new Receptions School Dental visit

Governing Council Sub-committee meetings		
Tues	18/2	7.00pm Governing Council Meeting

Term Dates for 2020	
<b>Term 1</b>	28 January—9 April
<b>Term 2</b>	27 April— 3 July
<b>Term 3</b>	20 July—25 September
<b>Term 4</b>	10 October—11 December

Canteen Roster				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/2 Closed	5/2 Anna Sam	06/2	07/2 Beck R Daniela R	08/2 Narelle Yr 7s
10/2 Kim Year 7s	11/2 Rumbi Year 7s	12/2 Stella Year 7s	13/2 Nicole Beck	14/2 Maria Narelle
17/2 Kim Andi	18/2 Rumbi Year 7s	19/2 Tania O Year 7s	20/2 Stella Year 7s	21/2 Pupil Free Day

Crossing Monitors		
Week 1	Neypier	Lachlan
Week 2	Lisa	Zoe
Week 3	Jack P	William



## Welcome to our new staff members

Hi, my name is Archna Gairola, or Mrs G for short. I taught in Northern and Eastern Adelaide schools for the past 8 years across the curriculum from Reception to Year 7. I specialise in English and HASS. My passion is learning and teaching new things everyday. My interests include listening to music, reading and spending time with my family. I am excited to be teaching in Thorndon Park Primary School. Thank you very much for making me feel welcome and I look forward to working in the community and meeting families in the days to come.



My name is Athanasia Mitsioulis and I'm very excited to join the Thorndon Park Primary School community this year. I look forward to collaboratively planning and teaching with the Early and Middle Primary Years team. During my 10 years of teaching I have taught Reception to year 3. I am married and I love being a mother to my beautiful girls, Christiana (7) and Sophia (5). I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I like reading, spending time at the beach and going out for dinner. I truly look forward to meeting and working with you all.



Hello! My name is Laura Vicario. I have a Masters of Teaching in Primary years and I have been fortunate to get to know many of the students as a relief teacher last year. I look forward to getting to know more members of the TPPS community as the year progresses. When not working, I enjoy spending time with loved ones, reading, gardening, and early morning beach walks.



Hi my name is Mary Paronis, and I will be working in the Front office on Thursdays and Fridays, providing admin support. I previously worked in the SA Public Sector for over 20 years in Finance and Human Resources. I am a mum to four boys ranging in ages from 8 to 15 and this includes a set of twins. I love cooking, gardening, reading and walking on the beach. I love to travel and our family recently returned from a holiday to England, France and Greece. I look forward to meeting your children and their families throughout the year.



My Name is Lucy Lee and I am lucky enough to be in Room 15 as a 5/6 teacher. I am so excited to join the Thorndon Park School community in 2020 and support our students in becoming powerful learners.



This is my ninth year of teaching in the Middle and Upper Primary years at Ridgehaven and Elizabeth Park Primary Schools. I love teaching and learning and look forward to a successful year ahead.

Hello, I'm Joshua Fraser, the new Technologies teacher. Having recently completed my teaching degree, I am only new to the world of teaching but have a strong background in technology. For the past few years I have been working as a Graphic Designer at the Sporting Car Club of SA. I undertake a number of roles at the club including their monthly magazine, website, social media, posters, forms and any other design or marketing tasks. Outside of school and graphic design, I have interests in both classic and modern-day supercars, wildlife and sports like cycling, football and cricket. I am very excited to get into my teaching career and look forward to learning a range of technologies with you all!



## Check (WWCC) and RAN training

Your help and support is valued in the Canteen, classroom programs, excursions, Library, coaching sports, working with students and staff in kitchen and garden activities and a range of school initiatives. Our children really appreciate your input and enjoy having you participate in school activities.

Please see front office staff to obtain or renew **WWCC** and details of the required training.

## Notices and communication

We provide opportunities for effective communication between school and home in various ways—communication folders, diaries, Seesaw app and newsletters. Please ensure the information is read and replies completed and returned to the school office by the required date. School newsletters and notices will be available via the School website to parents unless you request a hard copy from the Front Office.

Visit our school's Facebook page for more information or contact leadership and staff with any queries or feedback. We appreciate your support to ensure our school community's safety online by adhering to the Department for Education's social media guidelines to ensure responsible cyber-safety strategies.

## **LOOKING FOR CANTEEN PARENT VOLUNTEERS!**

Help! We urgently need parent volunteers who have completed the volunteer application process to help in our Canteen at lunch time from 12.30—1.30pm. Unfortunately we are struggling to find volunteers so the Canteen will be closed if no one is able to assist. Our students really want to have a canteen at our site so please contact the Front Office staff if you can help.

## School Student Banking Program

Student Banking day is on *Wednesdays*. Please bring your Commonwealth Bank book to the school office for processing before 9am on Wednesdays. Our School Banking program is a fun way for your child to develop the knowledge and confidence to handle their money and to join in a Rewards Program with interesting activities throughout the year. Register your child online: [www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html](http://www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking.html)

## **Acquaintance Night Tuesday 11th February 2020**

Parents and carers are invited to attend this year's Acquaintance Night. Teachers will offer 2 repeated presentations for parents of students in R-7 classes at the following times for increased flexibility as some parents may need to visit more than one classroom.

5.30pm BBQ—gold coin donation; Coffee/Drinks Van  
6.00pm - 6.30pm First session  
6.35pm - 7.05 pm Repeated session  
7.15pm - 8:00pm Annual General Meeting in Thiele Building—Gallery Area

Please book in an appointment time to meet with Specialist teachers to discuss anything related to your child's learning in the specialist areas.

Following class presentations and outlines of expectations, the Term 1 Overview and Parent Questionnaires will be distributed. So parents are able to better concentrate on teacher information, students and younger siblings do not need to attend.

You are encouraged to:

- Ask questions to support your understanding of current teaching and learning practices
- Negotiate effective communication with your child's teacher/s and network with parents
- Discover how best to support your child's learning throughout the year at home and at school
- Build a positive relationship with staff and volunteer a time and an activity at school

## **Governing Council Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm in Thiele Building Gallery area**

Governing Council is a great way to get to know other parents and staff, and to have a say in the future direction of your children's schooling. We will:

- *Share with our community our 2019 Annual Report, learning achievements and school progress of site learning priorities over the year.*
- *Acknowledge the collaborative work of the Governing Council and school personnel.*
- *Elect a new Governing Council.*

We have some vacancies at this stage so please nominate to join the GC, one of the committees or working parties.

Governing Council Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term from 7.00pm. Please contact Dora to discuss any queries.

We are keen to recruit parents for the following committees and these are the times for meetings:

- Finance—Tuesdays Week 7 and Canteen—Week 6
  - OSHC—Tuesday Week 6 at 5.45pm
- Nomination forms are available from the Front Office**

**Working Parties** convene as the need arises:

- Assets and Landscaping
- After/School Sports
- Community Engagement / Fundraising

## **Parent Volunteers—Working with Children**

## **Thorndon Park Primary School Staff**

### **2020 Leadership team**

Principal - Dora Iuliano  
Deputy Principal - Lindy Kelvin  
Coordinator Wellbeing - Samantha Ly  
Coordinator Inclusion and Intervention - Anella DiBiase

### **Classroom teachers**

#### **Early Years team**

Reception - Cassandra Giannone  
Reception/Yr 1 - Carlo Costanzo  
Yr 1 - Archana Gairola  
Yr 1 /2 - Ev Williams  
Yr 2 - Sarah McLoughlin and Athanasia Mitsioulis  
Yr 2/3 Joanna Caon and Athanasia Mitsioulis

#### **Primary Years team**

Yr 3 - Pas Hirst  
Yr 3/4 - Ali Parletta  
Yr 4 - Kelsea Simpson and Laura Vicario  
Yr 4/5 - Samantha Ly and Anella DiBiase  
Yr 5/6 - Lucy Lee  
Yr 6/7 - Genna Russo  
Yr 6/7 - Denni Walter

#### **Specialist Teachers**

Performing Arts - Daniela Fontanarosa  
Languages (Italian) - Daniela Fontanarosa  
PE and Health - Adam Antrobus  
Technologies - Joshua Fraser

#### **Reading and EALD Intervention Support**

Jacqui Edwards, Lindy Kelvin

#### **School Service Officers**

Robina Coventry - Finance Officer  
Julie Powell - Administration  
Mary Paronis - Administration  
Sogna Delfino - Administration/Classroom  
Denise Fitzpatrick - Library/Classroom  
Freddie Ashby-Weiss Classroom  
Lidia Merullo - Classroom  
Michelle Page - Classroom  
Bianca Milanese - Classroom  
Paola Merullo-Bianco - Classroom  
Michael O'Connor - Classroom  
Vanessa Lucchesi - Classroom  
Tahlia Zollo - Classroom  
Devon Ankers - Classroom

#### **Groundsperson/Maintenance**

Graeme Winders

#### **IT Technicians**

Nick Webb  
Anthony Puopolo

**OSHC—Director Stef Cinaglia**

## Attendance tips

School lessons start at 8.50am daily and the roll is recorded by teachers before 9.00am. Students who arrive later than 8.50am are required to collect a late card from the Front Office.

Visitors and parent volunteers are required to sign in electronically at the Front Office and to wear their name tags for safety and accountability at our site.

## Materials and Services Fees

All students will bring home an invoice for the 2020 Materials and Services Fee this week. Refer to the School information sheet to determine whether you are eligible for school card assistance. Fill out an online application form or seek support from the Front Office staff if you think you qualify. Payments by instalment are also available.

Fees can be paid via QKR, direct debit, credit card or by logging on to our website and choosing pay school account. Please see Robina or Julie with any queries.

## School Card Application

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools.

Check your eligibility at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

## QKR by Mastercard - add the app! School Payments Application

The QKR is a free app that enables mobile payment for school-based accounts like OSHC, school and excursion payments. After registering your email address, you will need to select our school and follow the prompts.

The Office will receive a generated report detailing your payments. Should you have any questions regarding the use of the QKR app, please contact the office staff.

## Electronic Front Gate

Gates to Staff Parking will be closed by 8.30am. Only staff members and those with a disabled permit should be parking in this area. Please contact the Front Office if required.

Parents picking up and dropping off children are asked to use the parking at the front of the school and across the road.

## Schnitzel Fundraiser at the Paradise Hotel— Tuesday, February 25 2020 from 5.30pm

**\$5 from each schnitzel goes to the school plus KIDS EAT FREE!**

## Novel Coronavirus update

### How can we help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. Encourage all children and staff to:

wash their hands often with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet;

avoid contact with others by keeping children home if they are unwell; and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

## School Uniform Policies

School hats are to be worn in terms 1 and 4 and when the UV rating is 3 or higher. The policy applies from 8:30am until 3.30pm where any outdoor activity occurs. The school gold legionnaire style hats are the only hats to be worn. Students not wearing these hats will sit outside in the shade during recess or lunch break. Hats must also be worn for outdoor sporting events, excursions and practices and can be purchased from the front office.



Our school colours are gold and green. Plain tops in these colours can be worn, as well as the striped polo available from JS Express. Pants, shorts, skirts and shorts must be green or black in colour. Green and white checked uniform dresses are also acceptable. If you have any questions, please refer to our Uniform Policy.

## Parents' guide to helping children with reading and writing at home

Reading and writing regularly sets the foundation for their reading success.

At Thorndon Park Primary School, we encourage the love of reading through students' active participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge, Literacy Pro, borrowing fiction readers, non-fiction texts and reading levelled appropriate readers with guided reading experiences.

Students are encouraged to read daily, both out loud or silently and to respond to questions about the story or text to demonstrate their understanding. Hook your child into reading through their passions and interests.

As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and help build your child's confidence to read to an audience, share stories with friends and family, increase vocabulary, comprehension and descriptive writing and decode story problems in numeracy and literacy.



## Special Interest

### Programs Parent Information Evening



**Thursday 20 February 2020**

**7pm at the Senior Campus—505 The Parade, Magill**

**Norwood Morialta** invites families to attend and learn more about our special interest programs which include:

- Accelerated STEM Program—Students complete middle schooling two years with a focus on inquiry and integrated STEM
- Italian Immersion Program—Students undertake an integrated program in Italian and Humanities
- Rowing Program—Students study rowing as a physical education subject

### OPEN NIGHT

**Wednesday 11 March 2020**

**5.30pm—7.30pm at the Middle Campus Morialta Road West, Rostrevor**

Prospective parents are invited to tour the Middle Campus to learn more about the programs offered at NMHS.