



MURRAY BRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL

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AN ANXIOUS CHILD IS NOT A LEARNING CHILD

Murray Bridge Special School Newsletter



Special Welcomes!

A special welcome is extended to our new learners and their families. We are privileged to welcome into our community the very wonderful and precious Leland Dibben, Frankie Summers, and Dallas Summers. Leland has joined the group in LA1, Frankie in LA5 and Dallas in LA4.

Charlotte Wynne our Learning Facilitator in LA3 has taken leave as she awaits the birth of her second child. As we wish Charlotte the very best, we welcome Imesha Ekanayake who has capably stepped into the role!

School Times

Please be reminded school does not start for our learners until 8:30am. We ask they do not arrive before this time as staff are engaged in other meetings and preparation.



Parking Around Schools

Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic.

Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

Non-contact infrared thermometers

Information for parents and guardians

All Department for Education preschools and schools have a non-contact infrared thermometer to help keep children and young people, staff and visitors safe.

The thermometers have been purchased through SA Health.

Taking temperature is used as part of the assessment when a child or young person appears unwell, with signs of a fever.

Preschools and schools don't do universal testing of every child and young person attending. The Department for Health advises there is no benefit in universal testing.

What are non-contact infrared thermometers?

Non-contact infrared thermometers use infrared energy to detect thermal radiation coming from a person.

They are a quick and easy way to check temperature without the device touching the child or young person.

The thermometer is held 10 to 15 centimetres away from the centre of the forehead to check temperature.

When and where will the thermometer be used?

The thermometers will only be used to take your child or young person's temperature when they appear unwell and show signs of a fever.

Your preschool or school will have a designated area where temperatures will be taken. This will usually be the first aid or sick room.

Who will take my child or young person's temperature?

A designated first aid officer will use the non-contact infrared thermometer to take your child or young person's temperature. This person is skilled in using the device.

What happens if my child or young person has a temperature?

Children and young people that are unwell should not be at preschool or school. You will be contacted if your child or young person becomes unwell at preschool or school.

Staff will notify you if they have taken your child or young person's temperature, and what the reading was. If the temperature is over 38°C you must collect them immediately and take them to a doctor.

Your child or young person can return to preschool or school when they are well.

Further information

Contact your school or preschool for further information.



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IMPORTANT REMINDER - Attendance - All Day Every day!!!!

We strive for all learners to attend all day, every day. Our learners need to attend school regularly in order to engage fully in the curriculum and gain maximum benefit from schooling. Regular attendance enables our learners to access all areas of the curriculum provided, enabling them to reach their full potential.

Did you know missing one day of school a week adds up to almost three years by the time your child finishes school. Every day matters!

We also acknowledge learning will only occur when certain physiological and psychological needs are met. Our learners may have fragile unpredictable health concerns or require frequent ongoing medical assessments or appointments. **It is important our learners attend only in appropriate circumstances.** For example if a learner is unwell or significantly stressed; is recovering from a recent illness; has had recent surgery or hospitalization, or requires a standard of health or psychological care outside of the duty of care abilities of teaching or school support staff, then it is not in the learners best interests to attend, and if they come to school you will be contacted to take them home where they can receive the care and attention that cannot occur in a school setting.

Bearing in mind our learner's complex health and care needs, our goal is to eliminate any 'unexplained' absences for our learners. An unexplained absence is 'a learner who is absent without explanation by parent/guardian or school or other authority (e.g. Department for Child Protection)'

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school please contact us directly as soon as is practically possible so we can provide any support you may need.

If your child is continuously absent without explanation after 3 days you will be contacted by the school to see if we can assist in any way.

As adults let's work together for your child to attain maximum attendance for maximum outcomes!!



School Fees

If you are eligible for School Card, please **complete an application on line** as soon as possible. The online application is available at **[www.sa.gov.au/ education/schoolcard](http://www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)**

If you need any assistance applying online, just contact Donna at school and she is very happy to help you complete the application. Donna has done this with other families and it only takes approximately 10 minutes.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1 Visit **sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard**

STEP 2 Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3 Complete all mandatory fields.

Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4 Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5 Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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Keeping kids well

Protect your children and those around them



**Get them
VACCINATED**



KEEP THEM
home with cold
or flu symptoms



TEACH THEM
to wash their
hands and cover
coughs with a
tissue or arm



If your child has a health condition like asthma, speak to their GP about how their condition can be affected and develop an action plan. Make sure you seek medical attention if you are worried about your child's health.

Keep well, keep connected

For tips on keeping yourself and your family well, visit
sahealth.sa.gov.au/keepingwell



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Murray Bridge North School OSHC

Before School, After School and
Vacation Care Programs.

Catering for your needs on your local school site

Open daily 630am and close 6.30pm

This service will operate a 6am start if there is a demand. Please contact the service or school to register your interest.

Quality care, competitive prices, fun activities, friends to be made, games, arts, crafts, good food and special events all in a home like environment.

Contact OSHC 08 85310179 or 0417825455

Vehicle Users

****Please remember the area under the veranda directly in front of the school is a No Parking Zone.** This space is for drop off and pick up only. Parking is available on the street or in the two areas used for car parking directly opposite the school. The space underneath the veranda at the front of the school must be kept clear for use by first responders and emergency vehicles such as ambulances arriving to care for and keep safe our precious children.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice as there have been reports of them being a problem at this time of year. **When treating child's hair please be aware to wash all bedding and items such as cushions a child may rest their head on, as head lice can live in bedding and on other items for up to 12 hours.** If your child has head lice please treat them before sending them back to school.

"When little people are overwhelmed by BIG emotions it's our job to share our calm, NOT to join their chaos" L.R Knosk Child Development Researcher U.S.A

Enjoy Every Precious Moment Together!



Warmest Regards Always,
Vicki Smith
Principal
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