

# John Hartley School Newsletter



John Hartley  
School

Week 6, Term 1, 2024

Dear families

The term is continuing with many exciting opportunities for our students. Our year 6 students will participate in the Aquatics Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Sammy D Foundation will also be visiting our students this term. Our students have always found this to be a very important learning experience.



## NAPLAN 2024

A reminder: The Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments will begin on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March for our year 3 and 5 students. Assessments will continue during week 7, 8 and 9 of this term.

Please note: In special circumstances a parent/caregiver may withdraw his/her child from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. This can be for philosophical or religious reasons.

## Pupil Free Day: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Staff will be focussing on the Department for Education Strategy which was introduced late in 2023. This will include unpacking our data and future direction for positive learning at John Hartley school.

## InitialLit

Our reception students are participating in a program called InitialLit. InitialLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program which provides all students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. It addresses the 5 key components necessary for effective instruction in reading: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

"The students have had fun learning about rhyming words and syllables. We have been exploring different ways of counting syllables and blending them into words. During our initialLit lessons the children are able to explore these concepts using hands on manipulatives and full body movements." From our Reception Teachers.

## Student Leadership Team

Please welcome our  
2024 Student  
Leadership Team!  
Stay tuned for amazing  
projects and  
development around  
the school.



Jackson Strawbridge  
Bentley Williams  
Ashton Lockwood  
Zahra Attaie  
Ayla Schubert  
Kattie Puckeridge

## Important Dates Term 1

### Week 4- 11

Year 4 Bike Education-  
Thursdays

### Week 6

Year 6. Aquatics  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

### Week 7

Public Holiday  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

### Week 7

Pupil Free Day:  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

### Governing Counsel

Week 3 Thursday  
4:30pm

### Uniform Shop

Every Tuesday  
8:30am-9:30am



Term 1 requires  
students to wear a  
hat during outside  
learning and play.

We are respectful

We are responsible

We are resilient

199 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains SA 5114  
Phone: 82091800 Fax: 82091850  
dl.1901\_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Principal: Mr. Aaron McPherson  
Deputy Principal: Ms. Dinah Huddy

# What's been happening in the Children's Centre?

On Thursday we were welcomed by Drew and Liesel, two amazing people from "Walking together with Kaurna- Cultural Experiences for Children". They brought with them a plethora of Kaurna resources, songs, games and artefacts for us to engage with and deepen our knowledge about the Kaurna people, their land culture and heritage.



We were introduced to different animals like 'Pirlta' (possum), 'Nantu' (kangaroo), 'Kardlaparti' (bee) and we even got to feel the texture of their skin.



Drew also showed us some interesting artefacts like the 'Wadna' (boomerang) and the 'Murlapaka' (shield), that we were able to closely inspect, and observe the intricate carvings on them. Liesel then took us outside and finished the session with a fun game.

The children showed a keen interest in this incursion and even posed many questions to Drew and Liesel. We hope that, through this, our kindy children gain greater awareness and understanding about the Kaurna land, the land on which we learn and play.





# NUNGA NEWS



On Monday of week 5 the Aboriginal Education staff and Our senior classes, Mr Watson, Miss Stevens and Mr Harris' classes started a role play activity around the History of Aboriginal people in South Australia from 1800.

This activity was designed by DfE for educational purposes around empathy and understanding the plight of the Aboriginal people and their history in SA.

During the first session the students were split into 6 groups representing 6 of the impacted Aboriginal groups from SA.

They were then handed a piece of paper representative of their "land" and another piece representing themselves and family members. During the session students had their "land" taken, also some students were removed and separated from their group being placed on another "country" and separated from their own "Countrymen/Women, Language, cultural practices and family demonstrating just some of the ways Aboriginal people were heavily impacted by colonisation

We are around half way through our sessions, with already some quite impactful and powerful knowledge being shared to help the students gain an understanding around the History of Aboriginal people in SA.



We would also like to acknowledge Caleb Pridham and Absitie Smith who both have been selected by our Aboriginal Education team and invited to carry out an Acknowledgment of Country at the John Mcviety Centre for the Department For Education School Services team from The Elizabeth South Office. This is a great opportunity for our students and we are very proud of their efforts in preparing for the day.



# The Reception Team

In numeracy, we have been learning about 2D shapes: squares, circles, triangles and rectangles. We have had lots of fun exploring shapes through tracing, making, drawing and sorting.



## SCIENCE WITH MRS. BATRA 2024

This term in Science, we have been learning about the 5 senses. Students have enjoyed the hands-on learning and have been engaged in the demonstration tasks. Activities like enjoying meals, listening to music, and feeling soft fabrics are designed to help these young learners discover and understand the world around them, making their early learning experiences vibrant and fulfilling.







WE ARE



RESPECTFUL

Week 6 focus: We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

An idea for home

- Students will develop an understanding that when we keep our hands, feet to ourselves, we are being respectful, and everyone feels safe in the school.
- Have a chat to your child/ren about having safe hands and feet. Brainstorm other ways of releasing energy/feelings which can lead to impulsively touching others in an unsafe way e.g, using our words, squishing a stress ball, wall push ups, writing in a journal.

WE ARE



RESPONSIBLE

Week 7 focus: We move safely between spaces.

An idea for home

- Students will develop an understanding that when we move safely between spaces, we keep ourselves and others safe and reduce the risk of accidents.
- Have a chat with your child/ren about moving safely in the home setting to ensure they are set up for success. Eg. Walking in the house and not running, looking where they are going, playing games in open or outdoor areas.
- Share our school message: When everyone moves safely in the school our school is a safe and happy place.

## Attendance Data

Week 4 attendance- Class Data

Class	% explained attendance	Class	% explained attendance	Room	% explained attendance	Class	% explained attendance
V.1	71.4%	SPOJ	77.5%	9.2	85.7%	11.1	79.1%
V.2	93.3%	SPOF	78.3%	9.3	80.9%	11.2	79.2%
V.3	88.4%	r	83.8%	9.4	79%	11.3	83.1%
V.4	80.9%	8.2	84.7%	10.1	92.3%	11.4	83.1%
V.5	86%	8.3	85%	10.2	81.6%	11.DV	80%
V.6	85%	8.4	81.3%	10.3	91.7%	School attendance:	
V.7	84.5%	8.DV	86.7%	10.4	86.7%	83.8%	
V.8	80%	9.1	86.7%	10.DV	90%		

Week 5 attendance- Class Data

Class	% explained attendance	Class	% explained attendance	Room	% explained attendance	Class	% explained attendance
V.1	78.2	SPOJ	92	9.2	80	11.1	84.5
V.2	93.3	SPOF	70	9.3	82.7	11.2	71.7
V.3	83.2	r	85	9.4	81	11.3	88.5
V.4	87.8	8.2	88.2	10.1	87.7	11.4	92.3
V.5	80	8.3	81.3	10.2	92.8	11.DV	73.6
V.6	86	8.4	75	10.3	91.7	School attendance:	
V.7	86.7	8.DV	90.7	10.4	87.5	84.4%	
V.8	76.7	9.1	85.7	10.DV	87.5		

# This Week In Grade 6

The year 6s have taken their leadership skills and role modelling in their stride, mentoring some year 3 classes with the use of student laptops. Year 3s are new to 1:1 devices and the year 6s have buddied up to teach some fundamental ICT components. So far, the year 6s have taught the year 3s how to access Google, Xtramaths, Teams, Prodigy, PowerPoint, Word and Britannica. It has been a productive and nurturing environment and great to see their leadership skills on display.





**FREE**  
FOR CHILDREN  
WITH SENSORY  
ACCESS NEEDS

**CARCLEW**



Image: Young Pom Pom artists Photo: Daniel Marks

**BOOK  
NOW!**



## RELAXED HOUR

Pom Pom Relaxed Hour program is run within a welcoming art space exclusively for neurodivergent children, and for children with sensory access needs, along with their families.

**Create, play and be inspired through hands-on creative workshops!**

The program is designed to reduce anxiety and sensory stress by providing a quieter and less stimulating environment to our regular Pom Pom workshops.

**To find out more contact** 08 8267 5111 or [carclew@carclew.org.au](mailto:carclew@carclew.org.au)

**WHO:** Children up to 12 years with sensory needs (children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or carer)

**WHEN:** 10–11am, every Saturday during school term and every weekday during April, July, October school holidays (closed public holidays)

**WHERE:** Davoren Park Shopping Centre, 45 Peachey Road, Davoren Park

Children without sensory access needs are requested to wait until the 11am Pom Pom session begins.

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[carclew.com.au](http://carclew.com.au)



# GAWLER & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

# JOIN GDNA WINTER NETBALL

COMMENCING APRIL 2024

NetSetGO, Juniors, & Seniors

Saturday's

Due to the court redevelopment games will be played at Riverbanks College B-12 Angle Vale

Club, team, & individual registrations welcome



For more information:  
E: [secretary@gawlernetball.com.au](mailto:secretary@gawlernetball.com.au)  
P: 0438 801557



## Mum's Mending

0409 443 287

0457 309 349

[mumsmending@gmail.com](mailto:mumsmending@gmail.com)

sewing • alterations • more

Do you have a **pair of pants** that are **too long** or just **don't fit** quite right?

Do you have an item of clothing with a **broken zip** or **missing button**?

Are your children's **school uniforms** needing a **patch** or a **little extra reinforcement** somewhere?

Contact us for a **free** quote on:

- mending
- sewing
- alterations
- hemming
- cloth nappy repairs
- laundry
- more



@mums.mending

## Being a dad

...the important role of male caregivers

Being a dad is a **FREE** workshop that looks at the special role dads play in a child's life to support their well-being and development. It is for any male caregiver providing care for a child.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 🔗 The importance of being a dad
- 🔗 Building a positive relationship
- 🔗 Guiding and setting limits
- 🔗 Co-parenting effectively
- 🔗 Taking care of yourself
- 🔗 Keeping children safe

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

**Light refreshments and crèche provided**  
Bookings essential

Presenter:  
Phil Messent



**Northern Adelaide Senior College**  
Woodford road, Elizabeth

**When: Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> March**

**Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm**

**To book: Contact Bec Beslagic on 7285 1600**

Everyone is welcome,  
bookings essential.  
Please arrive 10 minutes  
early to register.



## HIPPY ELIZABETH is OPEN for 2024 ENROLMENTS



The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a fun and free program for families that supports children's learning in the two years before school.

If your child is 3 before 1st May 2024 and you live in an Elizabeth suburb, get in touch today to find out more!

Contact : Anna Jerram, HIPPY Elizabeth Coordinator  
Phone : 0481 171 741 or email [hippylizbeth@anglicaresa.com.au](mailto:hippylizbeth@anglicaresa.com.au)



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The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Social Services. The Brotherhood of St Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia.





## Natter & Network

A welcoming place for people of all ages based in the Playford area to come together. We offer a variety of free activities based on the needs and interests of the community including wellbeing, health, crafts, guest speakers, workshops and strengthening family relationships.

Children under 5 are welcome. (\* Baby Book Club – Under 12 months \*)

Ask about our other  
FREE Programs!

### Tuesdays

(During School Terms)

9.30am to 11.30am

### Community Catch Up & Workshops

The Platform,  
73 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth

Contact Staff to find out what we have coming up next.

For more information or  
to book contact

Melissa: 0409 755 973

Leonie: 0407 977 351

Email: kidsclub@anglicaresa.com.au

### Mondays

(During School Terms)

9.30am to 11.00am

### Walking Group

Various locations in the Playford area. Contact Staff to find out the location of our next session.

### Wednesdays

(During School Terms)

12.30pm to 1.30pm

### Baby Book Club

John Hartley Children's Centre  
199 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains  
Park off Davoren Rd, Building 5 behind sandpit.

A place for social interactions & to meet new people. Various activities, contact Staff to find out more.

**\*\* Children under 12 months \*\***

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# Kids Club



A FREE program for children (5 to 12yrs) living in the Playford area.

We offer a safe and nurturing environment where children can engage in fun and educational activities. Children have a place to feel safe, make new friends, have fun, and are provided with a healthy snack.

Parents and Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to stay and participate with their children to help strengthen their relationships.

Ask about our other  
FREE Programs!

### Mondays 3pm to 4.30pm

The Precinct  
112 Coventry Road  
Smithfield Plains

### Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3.15pm to 5pm

The Platform  
73 Elizabeth Way  
Elizabeth

(During School Term)

- Arts & crafts
- Hands on activities
- Afternoon snack
- Fun games

We also offer a school holiday program.

For more information or to book contact

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Leonie: 0407 977 351

Email:

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## Natter & Network

### Term 1, 2024 Program


FREE program for people in the Playford area.

Children under 5 are welcome to attend.

**Community Group**  
Tuesday - 9.30am to 11.30am  
The Platform - 73 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth  
Tea & coffee provided.

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	
Week 1	Board Games and Card Games
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 2	Macrame
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 3	Embroidery Cards
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 4	Plaster Painting
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 5	Decorate a Plant Pot
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 6	Cleaning Hacks

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**  
Melissa: 0409 755 973  
Leonie: 0407 977 351  
Email: kidsclub@anglicaresa.com.au

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 7	Card Making
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 8	Easter Bath Bombs
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 9	Easter Crafts
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Week 10	Body Scrubs
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	
Week 11	Sewing Animal Key Rings
 Coffee & Chat	

**\*\*The program may be changed at staff's discretion\*\***

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### Term 1, 2024 Program

FREE program for children under 12 months and their cares living in the Playford area.

Wednesday - 12.30pm to 1.30pm  
John Hartley Children's Centre  
199 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Melissa: 0409 755 973

Leonie: 0407 977 351

Email: kidsclub@anglicaresa.com.au

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	
Week 1	Make Your Own Book Bag
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 2	Make Your Own Book Bag
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 3	Book 1: That's Not My Turtle
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Week 4	Tiny Tim Song & Bubbles <b>**Session will be held at The Platform 73 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth**</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	
Week 5	Book 2: Around The Farm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 6	Animal Activities

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 7	Book 3: Teddy Bears
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 8	Make Your Own Teddy
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Week 9	Easter Crafts
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	
Week 10	Book 5: That's Not My Puppy
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	
Week 11	Sensory Activities
	

**\*\*The program may be changed at staff's discretion\*\***

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# TERM 1 2024

All programs will operate during Term 1 dates  
29th January to 12th April  
unless otherwise stated.

## MONDAY

**Chatty Cafe @ The Precinct**  
Also new people over a cuppa  
(over 18s only) - 12.30pm - 1.30pm  
Monday 31st Feb - 31st March  
The Precinct - Make Space

**Up & Go Boot Camp with Sue**  
9:15am - 10:15am  
Group fitness session for  
18+ yrs focused on wellbeing,  
socialising and being active  
Fees apply  
No booking required  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Sensory Play**  
10am - 11am  
MARCH 18, 25 & APRIL 8  
Join Muddi, The Messy Play  
Co for sensory play sessions  
For ages 6mths - 5yrs  
Fees apply  
Book via Eventbrite  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**KIDS YOGA**  
MONDAYS TERM 1  
9:45am - 10:15am  
Weekly games  
Fees apply  
Book via Eventbrite  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Womens Social Netball**  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
For ages 16+ yrs  
Weekly games  
Fees apply  
Book via Eventbrite  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

## TUESDAY

**Maggie Moo Playgroup**  
9:30am - 10:30am  
An interactive music &  
movement session to support  
child development while  
having fun!  
For ages 6mths - 5yrs  
Book via Eventbrite  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Fit & Fab with Di**  
9:30am - 10:30am  
TUESDAY & THURSDAYS  
Low impact group fitness  
session to improve strength, core and  
balance  
Fees apply  
No booking required  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Yara Nunga Basketball**  
3:30pm - 5pm  
Hanging out with youth mentors,  
having a game & shoot hoops.  
Fees apply  
yara.nunga@connections.com.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Summer Reading Box**  
FREE  
Tuesday 12th Feb  
Community  
Book via Eventbrite

**FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS**  
at John McVeity Centre  
MONDAY  
5:30pm | 45 mins  
X-FIT TRAINING  
FREE

## WEDNESDAY

**BITE & BANTER**  
10:30am - 11:30am  
Storytime in the garden!  
Reading & nature based play  
& crafts  
For ages 2-5yrs  
Book via Playford Library  
Eventbrite  
THE PRECINCT

**Do you live in the Playford area?**  
are you keen to learn basic car  
maintenance?  
Topics covered:  
Under the hood  
Spare wheels  
Tires  
Washing  
Waxing  
Up in parking lot

**Just Kicks Taekwondo**  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS  
5:15 - 5:55pm (4-7yrs)  
6:05 - 7:05pm (8-14yrs)  
7:15 - 8:15pm (15+yrs)  
Fees apply  
jeanicki.steff@nrm.com.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**FLEXI FITNESS**  
Wednesdays  
6:45pm | 45 minutes  
Fees apply  
No booking required  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS**  
at John McVeity Centre  
TUESDAY  
5:30pm | 45 mins  
ACTIVE BOXING  
FREE

## THURSDAY

**Tree Tots**  
10:30am - 11:30am  
Storytime in the garden!  
Reading & nature based play  
& crafts  
For ages 2-5yrs  
Book via Playford Library  
Eventbrite  
THE PRECINCT

**Immunisation Clinic**  
3pm - 7pm  
Bookings via My4app  
Bookings via My4app  
Playford Health Centre  
Fees apply  
Book via Eventbrite  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Community Garden Catch Up**  
9:30am - 11:30am  
Do you like working with your  
hands & don't mind getting  
dirty? Come join us for a  
community garden catch up  
All community welcome  
Contact Neil on 8256 0272  
THE PRECINCT

**Queenstown Gymnastics**  
6 - 7:15pm  
Beginner Tumbling  
Fees apply  
jeanicki.steff@nrm.com.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS**  
at John McVeity Centre  
THURSDAY  
5:30pm | 45 mins  
CORE YOGA  
FREE

## FRIDAY

**Up & Go Boxcercise with Sue**  
9:15am - 10:15am  
Go! Boxcercise!  
18+ yrs focused on wellbeing,  
socialising and being active  
Fees apply  
No booking required  
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**Play Gym**  
9:30am - 10:30am  
For ages 6 months - 5yrs &  
their parent/guardian  
A play session to explore fine  
& gross motor skills  
Fees apply  
No booking required  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**Queenstown Trampoline Gymnastics**  
5pm - 9pm  
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
Weekly training sessions  
Fees apply  
jeanicki.steff@nrm.com.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
5 - 7:30pm | Friday 22nd March  
FREE  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS**  
at John McVeity Centre  
FRIDAY  
5:30pm | 45 mins  
ACTIVE BOXING  
FREE

## SATURDAY

**Queenstown Trampoline Gymnastics**  
9am - 1pm  
Weekly training sessions  
Fees apply  
jeanicki.steff@nrm.com.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**CASUAL COURT ACCESS**  
\$5.00  
CHECK JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE FACEBOOK  
FOR WEATHER AVAILABILITY  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

## SUNDAY

**Faith Alive Dream Centre Church**  
1:30pm - 4pm  
Pentecostal church service  
Contact 0831 622 297 or  
faithalive@dreamchurch.org.au  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**  
FOR PLAY GYM  
IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT JANE OR BOB FOR INFORMATION  
OR SPEAK TO A TEAM MEMBER AT THE FRONT COUNTERTOP  
JOHN MCVEITY CENTRE

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with the  
most recent Playford Wellbeing Hub information!  
f John McVeity Centre f The Precinct

All programs requiring bookings via Eventbrite  
will open for registrations 2-3 weeks  
before sessions start.  
Follow our Eventbrite page to be notified of new events!  
playfordwellbeinghub.eventbrite.com.au

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**eventbrite**

The Playford Wellbeing Hub offers a range of programs and services to  
support community physical, social and mental health and wellbeing.  
For more information contact JMC on 8480 0100  
or email [jmc@playford.sa.gov.au](mailto:jmc@playford.sa.gov.au)

