

Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed some family time during the term break. We have had a really successful start to the year with students settling well into their new classes. I would really like to take this opportunity to publicly welcome all of the new students, families and staff that have joined our school community this year.

Acquaintance night

We would like to invite parents and caregivers to attend our 2026 Acquaintance Night on Wednesday 11th of February.

Acquaintance Night is a time for your child's teacher to provide you with information about your child's class, how it operates and the curriculum that will be taught. Teachers will be able to answer questions of a general nature; however, if you need to discuss specific aspects of your child and their learning, please request a time to meet with your child's teacher. There will be 3 sessions to allow parents to attend multiple classes.

These sessions will be delivered by your child's teacher in partnership with the other teachers who teach in their team, please meet in their classroom spaces.

To keep numbers reasonable THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR ADULTS ONLY.

5.30 session

- Reception classes A1 and A2 – Danni, Kylie
- Reception/Year class T18 – Cindy and Sarah R
- Year 1/2 classes T15 and T16 – Viv, Philomena, Deanne

6.00 session

- Year 2/3 classes Rooms A3 and A4 – Hannah, Mal
- Year 3/4 classes Room 8 and T17 – Sarah, Janis and Meg

6.30 session

- Year 4/5 classes Rooms 6 and 7 – Kavita, Sarah R, Sam M and Vicki
- Year 5/6 classes STU 10, 11 and 12 – Anna, Katherine and Joanne

Governing Council AGM

Governing Council is a wonderful way to become involved in the school. If you are interested in school governance and/or joining committees such as Grounds, OSHC and Finance, please consider joining our Governing Council. We meet twice a term after hours to discuss the school, our improvement priorities and financial reports. The Governing Council is a great way to contribute and help us to build our parent support networks and community events. Each year our council has a mixed membership of new councilors and existing councilors, all parents are invited to nominate, tenure is 2 years.

Our Governing Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 6:30pm in the library. At the AGM a summary of the 2025 school year will be presented and the nominations/elections for council members for 2026 will occur. When a new council is nominated and elected, we will fill the executive positions at a short meeting after the AGM. Positions available on council include

Chairperson

Deputy Chairperson

Secretary

Finance Representative

OSHC Representative

We look forward to welcoming new parents on to Governing Council and interested parents to the AGM.

Governing Council nomination forms can be collected from and returned to the front office from Tuesday 3rd February.

Russell Barwell - Principal

Term 1, 2026		27th January – 10th April
February:	11 th	Acquaintance Night
	12 th	Studio 11 LIV Golf excursion
	18 th	Governing Council AGM
March	3 rd	SAPSASA Swimming
	6 th	Pupil Free Day (TBC)
	9 th	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
	11 th	NAPLAN commences



Family Information

It is very important that your family information is kept up to date for communication purposes and in case of an emergency.

If you have moved houses, changed phone numbers or email addresses, or have different emergency contacts, please email:

dl.0570.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Payments

The office is now unable to offer change for any payments. Payment for all items needs to be made through the QKR app, or via EFTPOS at the office,

Uniforms

It is an expectation that all students are wearing school uniform. Uniforms are available to purchase from UMS, Nelson Road, Para Vista. Alternatively, you can order on line at www.umspl.com.au, with the option to deliver the items to school. Items are delivered once per week. Orders placed for delivery to school are received each Tuesday, and can then be collected from Wednesday morning during office hours from the front office. If you wish us to give the order to your child, please advise us via email. If you have any old uniforms in good condition that you wish to donate, please bring them to the front office.

Hats

Students are required to wear a hat when playing outside. Children who do not have a hat must be under the shelter shed at playtimes and when lessons are held outside. We encourage our students to be sun-smart, and we ask parents to assist us by making sure that your child's school hat is always in their schoolbag. Please make sure their name is written on the hat in case it gets lost.



Hats can be purchased from the front office throughout the week, before and after school. Bucket hats cost \$7, and wide brim hats are \$10 each.

School Hours

School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.15pm.

Students who arrive at school after 9.10am will need to collect a late slip from the front office.

Students need to be picked up between 3.15pm and 3:30pm as teachers often have meetings and are unavailable to supervise students past this time. Students will be directed to wait in the office if they are still at school past 3:30pm. Students who are consistently picked up late will be directed to use our OSHC service.



Communication

If you have any concerns about your child's learning, your first point of call is their teacher. Please speak to them to discuss any issues. Should you need to speak to any of our leadership team, including the Principal, appointments must be made through the front office.

Early Arrival and Dismissal

Staff are not on duty until 8.30am to supervise children, and for safety reasons we do not allow students in the yard before this time. Children arriving at school prior to 8.30am need to be booked into OSHC. Should you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, please visit the office for an early dismissal form before taking your child from class.

Exemptions

If your child is going to be away from school for an extended period (e.g. travelling overseas) please notify the front office. DfE require an application requesting an exemption. Forms are available from the front office.

Unexplained Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the office after 8.00am and advise Anne. Teachers do not check messages in the mornings. Any absences not recorded through the office will be marked as unexplained, and parents will receive an SMS from the school.

Hot Weather

Inside play at recess and lunch-time occurs when the temperature outside reaches 36 degrees.

Mobile Phones

Children who bring mobile phones and smart watches to school must turn them off when entering school grounds. Phones and watches need to be given to their teachers for safe keeping at the start of each day. Should you wish to contact your child during the day, please phone the office on 8344 4604.

Newsletter

Newsletters are an important means of communication between the school and families.

They are published 3 times per term and uploaded to our website.

Parents will receive a notification via SEESAW when a new newsletter is online.

Our school website is www.prospectnorth.sa.edu.au

We also have a Facebook page that you can follow to keep up to date with news.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available through SUBWAY to be delivered to school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The instructions on how to set up the QKR app to order and pay for lunches is included in this newsletter.

The menu is in the app, available in 2 sizes (4 inch and 6 inch) for students. The school is not handling money or orders, these all go directly to SUBWAY.

All orders need to be entered into the QKR app by 8pm the night before.

Please ensure your child's class teacher is correct on your order

School Fees

Invoices for school fees will be sent home soon. Governing Council has set the fees this year at \$330 per child. All students receive a \$200 Government rebate on school fees.

If you wish to pay by instalment payments, please speak to the Business Manager, or email dl.0570.finance@schools.sa.edu.au.

School Card Applications

Applications for school card are now processed online. Please follow the steps below if you wish to apply for school card subsidy.

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.

Step 1: visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Step 2: Select the type of school card you would like to apply for.

Step 3: complete all mandatory fields

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

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

If you are having trouble please come in to get help from the office staff.

School Safety

Children who need to cross Regency Road to get to school must use the school crossing. We ask parents to cross at the lights with your child and set a good example.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please make sure they wear a helmet.

Bikes are **not** to be ridden in the school yard, and children must walk them through the school.

Students are required to have a lock for their bike or scooter. Skateboards or shoes with wheels are not permitted in school grounds.

We also ask that you do not park in or walk through the staff car park. Please make sure your child enters the school grounds through the correct gateways.

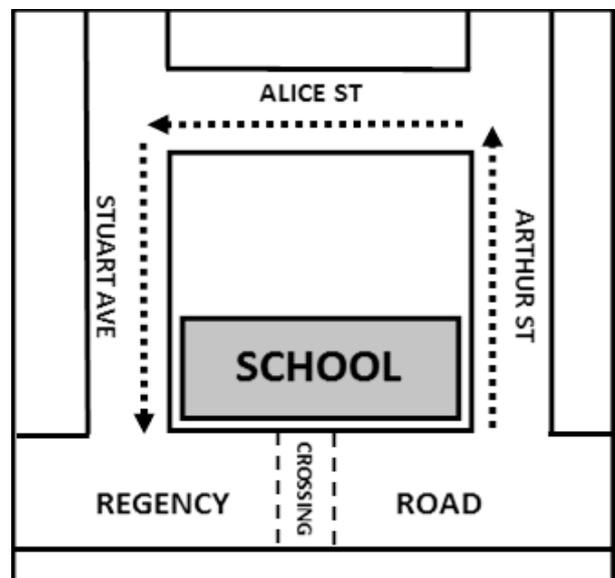
Parking

Please make sure that you follow the parking signs around the school. Council has allocated an area on Stuart Road for disabled parking, so please be aware of this restriction.

The City of Prospect Traffic Inspectors have been requested to have a prominent presence before and after school hours to closely monitor traffic and parking. Prospect Council **do enforce** parking limits, and fine people who park illegally.

Parents who see unsafe practices by motorists around the school streets are encouraged to report their registration number to the Prospect Council.

Please make sure that if you are dropping your child off, that you do so on the school side of the road. It is unsafe for children to be running across Stuart Road and Arthur Street, which can be very busy before and after school. Please follow the school loop at busy times so the streets do not become gridlocked.



Scholastic Book Club

We run the Scholastic Book club twice per term. Your child will be given a catalogue, from which you can purchase items.

To take advantage of any special offers, order directly online using the Scholastic LOOP system.

Please note the final date for each issue, and make sure your orders are in by the due date.

The school receives 15% of sales back, which enables us to purchase more valuable items for the school.

Staff 2026

Staff Member	Location	Year level	Building
Danni Porcaro	Room A1	Reception	Angwin Unit
Kylie Pollard	Room A2	Reception	Angwin Unit
Meg Connelly	Room T17	Year 3/4	Transportable
Cindy Walker	Room T18	Year R/1	Transportable
Viv Lutze/Philomena Scrafton (0.2)	Room T15	Year 1/2	Transportable
Deanne Lindsay / Philomena Scrafton (0.4)	Room T16	Year 1/2	Transportable
Hannah Smith	Room A3	Year 2/3	Angwin Unit
Mal Cameron	Room A4	Year 2/3	Angwin Unit
Kavita Verma	Room R6	Year 4/5	Regency Downstairs
Sam Mitric M-W / Vicki Sandstad (0.4) Th/F	Room R7	Year 4/5	Regency Downstairs
Sarah Pressler/Janis James W	Room R8	Year 3/4	Regency Downstairs
Juana Estrella Munoz W-F	Room STU 9	Spanish	Regency Upstairs
Anna Weinert	Room STU 10	Year 5/6	Regency Upstairs
Katherine Rideout	Room STU 11	Year 5/6	Regency Upstairs
Joanne Waugh	Room STU 12	Year 5/6	Regency Upstairs
Sarah Robertson 0.8 M-Th	tbc	Release HAT Lead / EALD	Regency upstairs office
Specialist Staff			
Steph Wright	Art – (0.6 Mon-Wed)		Art Room
Karyn Hadaj	Science/Sustainability (M-Th)		Science Room
Juana Estrella Munoz	Spanish (WThF)		Studio 9
Sam Bowman	Physical Education (MTWF)		Gym
Sarah Pressler	Autism Inclusion Teacher / Lead (0.2) Wed		
Cindy Walker	Lead Literacy 0.1 (fortnightly Wed)		
Kavita Verma	HAT Mathematics 0.1 (fortnightly Wed)		
Bridget Haskett/Brooke Edwards	Intervention/ EALD/ AET (MT / Wed-Fri)		Intervention
Natalie Worthington-Eyre	Nurture		Nurture room
Sarah Goodwin	Specialist Auslan 0.4 (ThF)		Room 5 / Art
Leaders			
Russell Barwell	Principal		
Judy Beal	Deputy Principal		
Tracey Constable	Wellbeing Leader		
Wendy Behrendt	Inclusive Education Coordinator		
Administration Staff			
Vinu Kaleekal Oommen Varghese	Business Manager		
Anne Matheson	Admin & Enrolment Officer		
TBA	Admin & Curriculum Support Officer		
Learning Support Team			
Zena Kauschke	Library and Classroom Support		
Durkhani Wahabzada (Admin)	BSSO – Dari (Farsi), Persian, Pashto, Hazaragi – Urdu (Partial)		
Lynda Livori	Classroom Support		
Josh Habel	Classroom Support		
Sam Vickery	Classroom Support		
Shahin Pirzada	Classroom Support		
Naomi Hunter	Classroom Support		
Owen Cavanagh	Classroom Support		
Callia Charnstrom	Classroom Support		
Sammy Leverenz	PNTV		
Petiola Wilson	ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)		
OSHC Director:	Jill Grundy		
Groundsman:	Mark Joseph (Ferry on leave)		
ICT Technician:	Iresh Wijerathne		
Cleaning:	David Hill Cleaning		

