



2021 Term Four Week 4 B-12 Update

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From The Principal

Term 4 has meant many thanks for many people. For our senior students, it means their twelve years of education is coming to an end. For others, it is a short nine week term until the year ends and there is a significant amount of work to be undertaken. For me, Term 4 was being welcomed into the Avenues College community as your acting principal as Robyn McLean takes some extended leave.

I feel very privileged to be able to work with you beginning this term and acknowledge the warm welcome I have received from students, staff and parents over the past few weeks.

Term 4 is one of celebration and recognition of student and staff achievement. Last week the staff of our *Centre for Deaf Education* were recognised as one of three finalists in the 'Team teaching' category of the SA Public Education Awards. This is indeed a great achievement for these dedicated educators.

Recently I have attended some special moments for our students at the Nunga Graduation for our ATSI students across the Torrens school partnership, the CaFE-SACE students Graduation and next week there will be our own Avenues community's special moment to recognise the achievements of our Year 12's at their formal Graduation ceremony.

Year 12 is a challenging year and made even more difficult when you are subjected to the restrictions of a worldwide pandemic, facemasks and school closures. I would like to recognise the efforts of our senior class and all students who have put forward their best effort to learn and achieve in the face of these obstacles. I know I speak for all our students, staff and parents when I wish you all the very best for whatever path your journey takes you down as you move on from High School.

This week our school experienced the best attributes of our students. Avenues at Night demonstrated the creativity of our music and visual art students as they displayed their talents to the community in an amazing extravaganza. This was quickly followed by our first ever R – 12 Remembrance Day ceremony lead by our students and our Humanities staff. This was a special moment and all students acted with great reverence out of respect for the significance of the occasion.

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Avenues College acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we meet upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationships of Aboriginal peoples to country. We recognise the many language groups that continue their connection to land, waters and culture across Australia and we pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

From The Principal continued

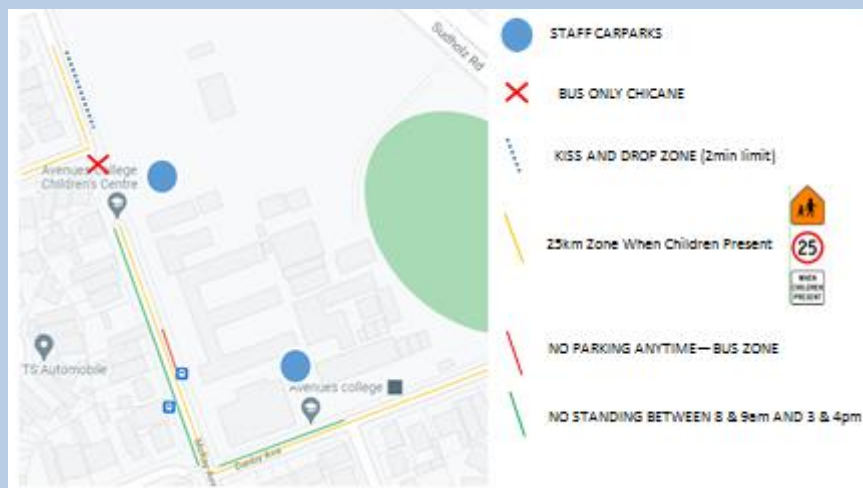
Over the following weeks our Yr 11 and 10 students will start some special programs. Yr 11's will start some Yr 12 subjects as part of our 'Head start' lessons. Our Yr 10's will commence their work experience sessions, which supports their PLP work and future career pathways. Middle school students will have an opportunity to undertake an inquiry based activity program across weeks 8 and 9. These students will have an opportunity to celebrate their success across the term and semester at our final assembly on the last day of the term. This will be a special moment to acknowledge the work of our deserving learners.

As a school, we are currently preparing for our double intake of Year 7 and 8 students in 2022. Our Head of Middle School is working with other Leaders to ensure a positive and successful induction into our school and community. There is a lot of work happening in the background where Learning Area Leaders and their teams are developing curriculum so that it supports high quality teaching and learning and academic growth for all students.

Next week Avenues College will host a COVID vaccination clinic for our students and family members of our students. It is important that you register on the *TryBooking* link (<https://www.trybooking.com/BVHOB>) in advance to access these. I know that there are a few in our community who do not support SA Health's decision, however, as a school and as a government school, we will always abide by SA Health directives. We will never issue a vaccination to a student without parent consent.

With this newsletter you will notice our Material and Services Charges for 2022 are outlined. This fee contributes towards the provision of our core learning programs to all students. We work to optimise our teaching resources and delivery and work to remain within the budget this generates. Value added activities such as non-core excursions and other events will attract a user pays and commitment to pay position.

Recently the School and Governing Council have been reviewing the traffic around the school, School Speed Zones and Student Drop off and Pick Up with our local government traffic management personnel. There are some proposed actions planned to take place in the short term and some longer term actions which we will continue to monitor and provide feedback on. Parents/Carers are reminded about School Speed Zones and the importance of observing these zones for the safety of all our young people. School Speed Zones are in place whenever children are present, and we request that you keep your speed below 25km/h. For the safety of our students it is very important that parents/carers observe the rules regarding "No Standing" zones in the vicinity of the school entrances. The No Standing zones are there to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic through the crossing.

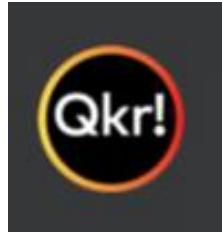


Additionally, I would request that parents/carers not drive into the college to drop off or pick up students in either of the car parks mixing vehicles with young students, most of whom are not on the lookout for motor vehicles.

Our focus for the future of the school is not simply to build a bigger school through increased student enrolments, but to build an 'even better' school. As we look to develop the future of our school, we must ensure that we define what is unique about Avenues as a B-12 learning community and the school of choice for our families.

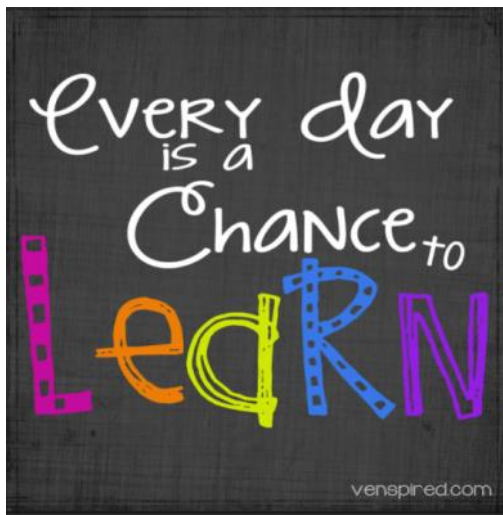
It is important to acknowledge that we could not achieve what we have without our people – our students, our staff and our community. We are incredibly grateful for the support and collective contributions which enable us to provide the experiences that support our students to thrive in, now and into the future.

Hamish McDonald



Rory's School Lunches now available at the school canteen.

Order and pay online via the QKR! App



Term Four 2021

School Closure Day
Monday 15 November

Yr 12 Presentation Night & Formal
Wednesday 17 November

Year 10 Work Experience
Week 8 ... 29/11—3/12

Student Free Days
Thursday 25 November
Friday 26 November

Governing Council Meeting
6.00pm Tuesday 26 October

2022 Year 6/7 Transition Days
Thursday 2 December and
Friday 3 December

Last Day of the School Year
Friday December 10
2pm Dismissal

A note from Dana....

With the end of the school year just around the corner it's worth highlighting a couple of the wonderful recent accomplishments of the Avenues College community. Congratulations to the Centre of Deaf Education (CDE) Support Team who were finalists in the SA Public Education Awards – Team Teaching category. A fantastic achievement.

Well done to the students who participated in this year's Operation Flinders—Torrens Chapter, and successfully met the challenge. It was my pleasure to host a celebratory morning tea at Parliament House to hear about their experiences and discuss the opportunities available to them in the future.

Early in 2020 I initiated the Little Library projects throughout Torrens, with the support of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council and the Regency Community Men's Shed. Thank you to the Avenues College students who did an awesome job of painting the Windsor Gardens Little Library, to be launched later this term.

Best wishes,



Dana Wortley MP and Hamish McDonald together with Dhanmeet and Eden.

Dana presented a South Australian flag for us to use on our flagpoles.

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Caring for Our Community



RESOURCE CENTRE RAFFLE

Return all of your library books to the Library to receive free entry into their Movie Ticket Raffle.

You could win a pair of FREE tickets to Hoyts Cinemas for use during the school holidays.

*(2 tickets for a Primary winner and 2 tickets for a secondary winner)
So check under your beds and at the bottom of your school bags and return all of your books to either Deborah or Liane in the Library.*



2021 Celebrating Success Nunga Graduation

Friday 5th November at Wiltja Boarding



CONGRATULATIONS ...

... to our Avenues College Nunga students who were able to celebrate their 2021 learning successes and share in the accomplishments of students from other schools in our partnership. Staff and families were invited to enjoy the celebrations and recognise the achievements of each of the students.



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Twilight Games Night

Avenues College Preschool/Children's Centre invites you to our twilight games night. Come and enjoy our fun family games and share a light meal

When: 18th November

Time: 5:30 - 7pm

Bookings are essential for catering and Covid management call or email

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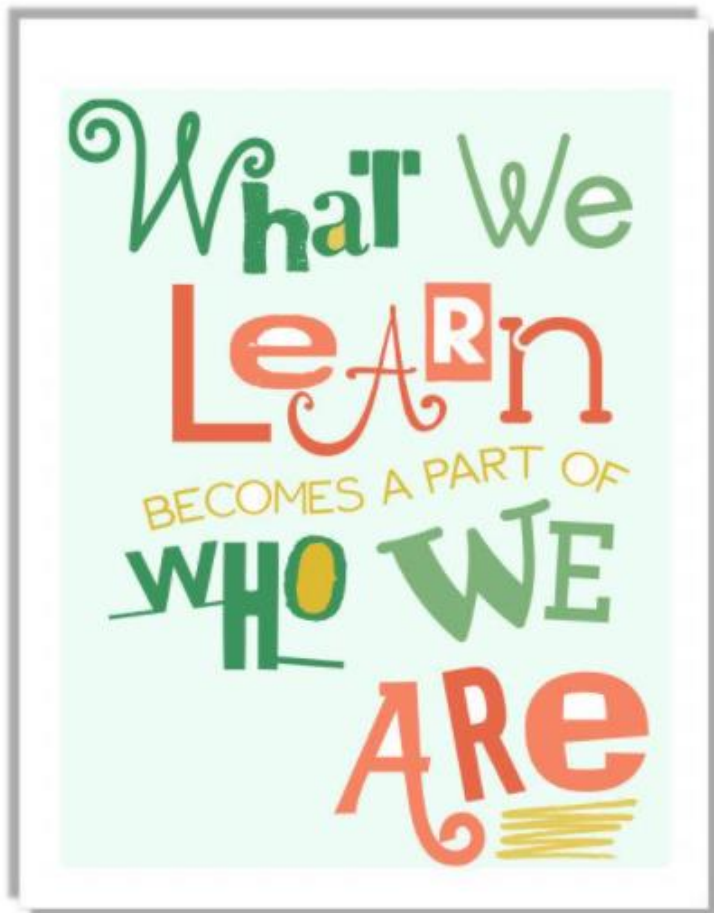
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In the minutes leading up to 11am on Thursday 11th November our staff and students gathered to reflect and pay respect to all those who have served in the defence of our country and our way of life in numerous wars, battles and conflicts.

We remembered those who have made the greatest sacrifice—their lives— and we acknowledged those



We will remember



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Governing Council

The Avenues College Governing Council has a range of Council Members; Parents, Community Members and staff representatives.

Windsor Gardens Secondary College, Gilles Plains Primary School and Gilles Plains Children's Centre amalgamated in 2018 and many of the existing GC members were a part of the planning and official amalgamation.

Governing Council essentially acts to support and govern the school. It provides a forum for parents, students, teachers, community stakeholders and the school leaders to work together towards continuously improving student learning.

Governing Council discusses, and approves all school policies. These policies are often discussed in great detail when they are due for revision. They also ratify the proposed timing of Student Free Days and School Closures as well as school budgets and financial decisions relating to fee setting.

Staff representatives provide updated information about student learning and staff training.

Your Governing Council at Avenues College have also convened a number of sub-committees; The Canteen Committee, The Grounds Committee, and The Fundraising Committee. These committees help to manage the areas on a more focussed level, and communicate what they are working on to the Governing Council.

The Canteen Committee was a part of the selection of new management of the Canteen, and continue to provide reports to the GC once a term. They receive feedback from Canteen Management, and also seek feedback from students.

The Grounds Committee worked to have the playground relocated to the new school site and are continuing to work on improving the school grounds and buildings when budgets allow.

The Ground Committee are currently working closely with the PAE Council to improve the safety of the surrounding roads of the school, including school crossings, speed restrictions and improved parking signage for the community. They are also working with the PAEC to try to find a solution for the Chicane on McKay Avenue. Road safety has been a huge priority for the Grounds Committee, and they will continue to try to get this moving along as quickly as possible.

The Fundraising Committee have struggled with Fundraising over the last 2 years due to Covid restrictions, however they are hoping that 2022 will be more promising to be able to host a Quiz Night. Dana Wortley, GC community member and local member of parliament is currently arranging a raffle, fundraising for Operation Flinders.

Avenues College Governing Council strongly encourage parents to come along to the meetings, and join in on discussions to help to improve our School. You do not need to be a member of GC to attend.

We are hoping to expand the number of parent members. The more members we have, the more that can be done, and it is crucial that we as a Governing Council have members who want to work with us to improve the school and student learning. We encourage you to come along to a meeting, and try it out.

Being a member of GC is also a great way to be more connected to the school community.

Our AGM is held in Term 1 of each year, and this is where new members can be nominated to join.

Please feel free to contact the Governing Council at dl.0906.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any questions or suggestions relating to Governing Council.

Faithfully,

Sarah Phillips

(Chairperson Governing Council)



Last Governing Council Meeting 2021

Tuesday 30th November, 6pm

First Governing Council Meeting 2022

Tuesday 15th February, 6pm



Former AFL and SANFL player Robbie Young works as an Aboriginal community education officer at schools. (ABC News: Hatdarr Jones)

Robbie Young made headlines as the target of a racist comment, but it's his off-field work that defines him

By Sara Tomevska



Robbie Young has carved out a reputation as being lightning-fast on the football field, kicking goals for St Kilda and more recently in the SANFL, but it was a racist comment aimed at the small forward that saw his name hit the headlines.

Young was identified as the target of a racist comment made by Adelaide Crows veteran Taylor Walker during a half-time huddle at a SANFL match, sparking outrage within the community. Walker was suspended by the AFL for six matches, and at the time said he was "deeply ashamed" that he made the comment. It also highlighted the ongoing issue of racism in football, with many former and current Indigenous players speaking out. "To think we're in the 21st century and this stuff is still occurring is pretty poor, but at the end of the day I'm a pretty forgiving guy," Young said. Indeed, Young was seen offering Walker comfort in an apology video the Crows released after the incident. "The Crows came to me and said they wanted to do a video, I said sure. I wanted to be able to support Tex during that process," Young said. "I knew [his apology] was pretty genuine and it was pretty touching." That was back in August, and Young is keen to move on.

His focus now is on inspiring the next generation through his work as an Aboriginal community education officer. "It's about putting a smile on a young person's face, you know, it's about giving a lot more than receiving," he said. "I love being Uncle Robbie, or that role model that the kids can come to and speak about anything, and just be there to have fun and give them guidance."

Inspiring the next generation

Many noted his gracious handling of the incident at the time, but he puts his resilience down to his childhood. "There were drugs and alcohol ... it wasn't the roof over my head the whole time, well fed and all that stuff, there were some ups and downs in my early stages of life," he said. "But if I can tell the kids about my story, and if they take a little out of it, or a lot, then I feel like I've done my job." Young has been working with primary and high school students for the past six years, with one of his students, Xzavier McDonald, describing him as a "big help." "He helps me in class and if I get silly, he'll tell me to go outside and work, so I can get my act together," he said. Young is a proud Kurna, Narrunga and Ngarrindjeri man, and has not shied away from discussing the emotional impact of Walker's comment with his students. "When it first happened, a lot of the kids came up to me and said, 'oh I saw you on the news', but they didn't really understand the severity of the issue," he said. "Me going into some of the classes and speaking mainly to the year six and seven kids about racism and the effects it has on an individual ... I think that was very important."

Leaving the SANFL to spend time with family

As for his footy career, he's leaving the SANFL – but insists it has nothing to do with racism in the sport. "I've got two girls now, and have another one due in March, so it's a lot to commit to when you're working full-time and you're going after work to training, which is basically another full-time job," he said. He will play a stint in country football, joining Tailem Bend Football Club in the River Murray league in 2022. "I'm just looking forward to going down there and being a role model for our young Indigenous players," he said. "I just want to be a bit of an icon down there, and fast track these kids in their skills and not letting talent go to waste."

As for where he will be in five years' time? Doing exactly what he's doing now. "Oh this is my dream job, I love working with youth and seeing kids reach their full potential," he said. "If I can empower them to speak up when they need to then that's what I'll continue to do."



Robbie Young with Year 7 students from Avenues College. (ABC News: Hatdarr Jones)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Rec to Yr 6 Auslan class



Lest we forget.

We will remember them.

Thankyou to all the students in Reception to Yr 6 to help make the wreath and poppies for the school Remembrance Day service on Thursday November 11th.



Congratulations!



Our Centre for Deaf Education Support Staff Team were (again!) recognised by their peers and the Dept for Education by being nominated and shortlisted for the 2021 Public Education Awards.

Although not the eventual winners on the night they were able to gather and celebrate at the Adelaide Convention Centre with Hamish McDonald (Principal) and Paul Newman (Education Director).

The Minister for Education Mr John Gardener MP and the Premier of SA Mr Stephen Marshall were also in attendance.

We are immensely proud of our CDE Support team and their dedication to the students and learning at Avenues College.

Congratulations to them all!!



We love to celebrate our multicultural community at Preschool and learn from each other. Recently, we celebrated **Diwali (The Festival of Lights)**, one of the major festivals celebrated all over the world for five days by the Hindu, Jain and Sikh communities.

We were privileged to have many parents and children who supported our festivities by sharing their cultural celebrations and inviting us to participate. Parents, children and educators came together to explore the festival through arts and craft, food discussions, stories and music.

We wish all our families a very Happy Diwali!

Stay tuned for the next celebration of Christmas!





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AUSSIE of the MONTH



The Aussie of the Month Award recognises and celebrates active citizenship and community contribution in our schools. This Award is presented to Primary students.

The Inaugural Recipient for Avenues College is

Dhanmeet Gill.

Dhanmeet is a positive contributor to our school community. She is an amazing role model to her peers and to younger students. She is highly conscientious and is always quick to offer help without being asked.

Dhanmeet is a valued and positive member of the Avenues College community.



Avenues College Children's Centre

Preschool

A child who turns 4 before 1 May, can start Preschool at the beginning of that year.

Preschool at Avenues College is an ideal environment for your child to flourish and thrive as they explore play based learning underpinned by their natural curiosity about the world around them.

Our Preschool sessions begin at 8.40am and finish at 3.30pm.

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To discuss your Preschool place, or to arrange a tour (after 3pm weekdays) please contact our Preschool Director.

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AQUATICS

On Thursday the 28th October, the year 6 and 7 classes travelled to West Lakes Aquatics Centre to participate in learning about water safety. Despite the initial morning rain, students were still able to participate in: sailing, canoeing, double kayaks and surfing all whilst learning new valuable skills around the water.



Design & Technology

WILTJA Student Orientation Visits

Throughout the year, students from various remote schools in the APY lands have been undertaking orientation visits at Avenues College. Students have travelled from Yalata, Indulkana, Mimili, Ernabella, Pipalyatjara and Kintore.

We have hosted Design and Technology sessions for the students to get a taste of what they can learn within our curriculum area. Students have had the opportunity to make some small projects in woodwork, metalwork and plastics.

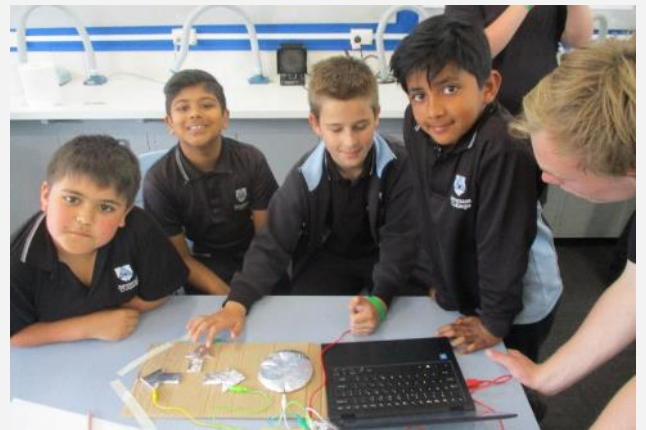
All students were enthusiastic about engaging in practical hands-on learning in Design and



Year 10 Electronics - Primary Activity

Students in the Year 10 Electronics course developed an interactive electronics activity for the Year 4/5 students in Miss Ashton's class. They used equipment called 'Makey Makey' and conductive materials to share a fun and tactile experience.

The year 10's mentored the primary students during the session, developed collaborative communication skills, and shared their understanding on how basic



Home Economics

The year 10 Cafe Culture class completed a catering summative practical. They were required to plan, prepare and serve lunch for guests who were presenting at the career expo. Students provided a range of different beverage options and received

Avenues at Night



On Wednesday 10th November 2021 we had the opportunity to celebrate and showcase many of our students' abilities and successes in Arts and Hospitality throughout the year. This night was a truly amazing evening with support from many parents, carers, extended families and friends in attendance.



Many who attended commented on the fabulous Arts exhibition composed of a range of art works from years 1 - 12 students.

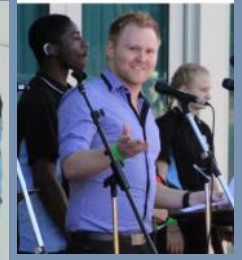
Many also were very impressed with the high quality performances from our music students.

This night provided a fantastic atmosphere and lively group of attendees who sang and danced along with our performers.



There was consistent positive feedback on the delicious food we had available from the yiros stand to the high quality dishes by the year 10 Hospitality class.

We are very proud of our students and the professionalism they displayed on the evening.



A night like this is not possible with out the support and guidance of a strong group of teachers, SSO's and their dedicated students!

We would greatly appreciate your feedback on the evening for our consideration in 2022 Avenues At Night. Please follow the following link to complete the questionnaire.

<https://forms.gle/EUSCsW4DJKdLEbpK8>





Rambunctious Revegetation

Ms Olds' Year 8 Geography class has been working with Sarah Lindsay and Tom Duddy over the last term on the revegetation of Avenues' northern oval. Under Sarah's direction these working bees have learned all about mulching, safe working practices and how to garden effectively and collaboratively.

They *wheely* enjoy using the gardening tools!!



BEE FUNNY



*What did the bee say to the flower? **Hey bud!***

*Which bee gives you a second chance? **The plan bee.***

*What do you call a bee that's returned from the dead? **A zombee.***

*Where do bees keep their savings? **In a honey box.***

*What did the bee say to the naughty bee? **Bee-hive yourself.***

*Why do bees have sticky hair? **Because they use honey combs.***

*What do bees chew? **Bumble gum.***

*What's another name for a baby bee? **A little humbug.***

*What do you call a bee that's hard to understand? **A mumble-bee.***

*Why are bees good at job interviews? **Because they know all of the buzz-words.***

*What would bears be without bees? **Just ears.***

*What do you call a bee who is having a bad hair day? **A Frizz-bee***

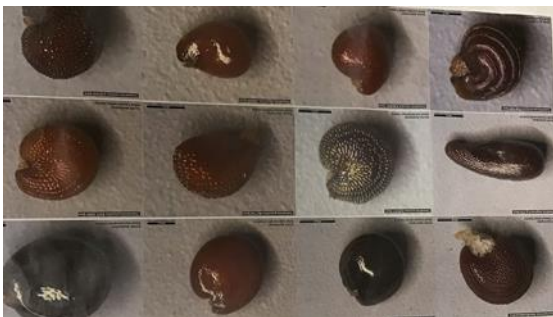


CRAZY HAIR DAY for Cystic Fibrosis



Such creativity ... fun for young and old!!

\$153.45 RAISED ... Thank you!!



Saving seeds, saving biodiversity

Our Year 9/10 Land Management class visited the South Australian Seed Conservation Centre at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to meet the scientists and learn about their work towards protecting the state's threatened plant species from extinction and supporting the habitat restoration throughout SA.

We toured the facility, learned how they run their seed germination trials and found out that there is a lot to think about when saving seed for the future. One of the highlights was looking at some of the amazing shapes and patterns on different seeds using a digital 3D microscope.

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- Craft
- Activities
- Games

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If your child/ren are normally booked in for a Friday then they are automatically booked in for the Pupil Free Day.

To avoid fees, cancellations must be made by close of business Friday 12th November



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Join us for the Pupil Free Day

Animals Anonymous

THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER



6:45am - 6:00pm

- Please arrive by 9:30am



Bookings can be made via Fully Booked by phone or with one of our friendly staff.

If your child/ren are normally booked in for a Thursday then they are automatically booked in for the Pupil Free Day.

To avoid fees, cancellations must be made by close of business Thursday 11th November.

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ALL STARS CRICKET LEAGUE



**SACA AND NOVITA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE LAUNCH
OF THE ALL STARS CRICKET COMPETITION.**

**This competition will be tailored for junior cricketers aged 12-16
to participate in club-based trainings and play against other
participating clubs from January to April in 2022.**

At the launch we will be running a cricket clinic, BBQ and a meet and
greet with local participating clubs. We welcome all:

- Potential U16s players and families
- Living with disability
- Disability providers
- Local cricket clubs looking to register a team
- Schools

**Friday 3rd December (International Day of People with Disabilities)
4.30pm to 6:00pm (followed by a BBQ)
Victoria Park Oval 1**



For more information please contact:

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