

# LOCK AREA SCHOOL

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Week 1

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DIARY DATES

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Welcome to everyone for the first newsletter of the year, and what an unusual start to the year we have had. Students have embraced the hybrid start, with some starting the school year at home and some at school. Well done on a great effort by families, students and teachers who are receiving or delivering online learning for the first two weeks. Everything seems to be running smoothly so far. We are all looking forward to having everyone back on deck next week, with face-to-face returning for all year levels.

### COVID Update

COVID cases are slowly creeping into the community so please stay vigilant, notify the school if your children become close contacts or receive a positive test, and remember to keep children home if they are even slightly sick. Feel free to give me a call if you have any concerns. We would like to avoid an outbreak at the school if possible so there are no more interruptions to learning programs this year.

Our doors remain closed to the community, and students will stay in their class 'bubbles' for another two weeks after everyone goes face-to-face, and hopefully things can go back to normal as of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to have visitors on site outside of our education programs at the moment, so groups are not able to access and use our facilities for meetings, etc. until the Department gives us the green light. Playgroup will also be paused during the first four weeks.

If you need to visit the school or Community Library for any reason, please make sure you wear a mask as soon as you enter the school grounds, and follow COVID Safe protocols including checking in when entering buildings, even if you're just ducking in to drop something off quickly.

### New Students and Family

We start the year welcoming the Kriek family to Lock and our school community. We hope you enjoy the opportunities that Australia, and Lock in particular, has to offer and look forward to sharing the education journey with Mia, Linè and the whole family.

We also have new Preschool children starting this year and we look forward to their development across the year as they explore the new opportunities that Kindy has to offer. Our Kindy students this year are Tidus, Patrick, Linè, Otilie and Madelyn. Welcome to the Wright and Northcott family as you begin your first year as part of the Lock Area School community.



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**Swimming Lessons & Carnival**

Due to our onsite lockdown, we have had to delay all swimming lessons, carnivals and cross-class interactions for the first four weeks of school. Staff have decided to begin swimming lessons as soon as we are able, and hopefully have our Swimming Carnival at the conclusion of lessons. How this will look will depend on the lifting of restrictions in schools from Week 5. We hope our carnival can go ahead. Information regarding swimming lessons will be sent out closer to Week 5.

**Facility Upgrades**

Over the summer break we had a lot of tradies on site completing various upgrades and preventative maintenance. The most exciting one to start the year has been the refurbishment of two classrooms. Mrs Adams' and Mrs Collins' classrooms look amazing with a fresh coat of paint and new carpet; both were long overdue for a face lift! Once we can have visitors back on site, make sure you stick your head in and check them out. There has been a great deal of excitement with the new fresh look

We also had our new swing set installed, and everyday there have been line-ups for a go. Apparently they are *'the best swings in the whole world!'*

**Uniforms**

If anyone wishes to buy any old uniform stock for school or work clothes, please visit the Library. There are pants, shorts, jumpers and shirts. There are larger sizes that are too big for our student body, so come and grab a bargain!

**Supervision**

Please be reminded to wait until after 8:30am before students enter school grounds each morning. Teachers are not available for supervision until then, and are generally very busy preparing for the day up until 8:30am.

**2022 Staffing and Classes**

We start the year with the following classes and teaching staff:

Miss Esther Eason – Kindy/Reception

Mrs Philippa Collins – Year 1/2/3

Mrs Alana Adams – Year 4/5/6, Coordinator

Ms Annette Hill – Year 7/8

Mrs Kristin Zacher – Librarian, Year 7/8 Maths

Mr John Mills – K-8 NIT lessons (Science, Technologies, The Arts)

We look forward to seeing all faces back at school next week. Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns, and keep the school updated on your family's COVID status so we can take the required action.

Cheers,  
Beth Sampson



**SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION**

School card applications are now available online or a hard copy is available from the front office.

Please contact Jodie Thompson for more information.

**STUDENTS HATS**

REMINDER – Students are to wear broad brimmed hats while at school.

Hats are available from the front office. \$10.00 each.

**NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be printed every second week, Week 2, Week 4, Week 6, Week 8 and Week 10

All items/articles for the newsletter are to be in by **Monday afternoon at 3pm.**

*There will be no late entries.*

Please send items/articles to [dl.0230\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0230_info@schools.sa.edu.au)

Please send in **Microsoft Word**, Calibri or Times New Roman. Size 11 font.

**CONSENT FORMS**

ICT forms have been sent out today, please return them as soon as possible. Swimming Consent and Medical and Health Information Forms Have been included in the envelopes for those that we haven't received.

**LOCK AREA SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING**

New uniforms are to be ordered online. Estimated delivery 15 to 30 days.

[www.australianess.com.au](http://www.australianess.com.au) - click on School Shop link to find Lock Area School.

