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Primary School

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# Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 Thursday 3rd June 2021

Principal: Narelle Kusabs

Deputy Principal: Toni Webster

**Parent Group**  
Currently Postponed

**School Assemblies**  
Currently for students  
only

## Important Dates

**Tues 8th June**  
Governing Council  
\*Note day change

**Mon 14th June**  
Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

**PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY**

**Fri 2nd July**  
Term 2 Ends  
Early 2pm dismissal



## FUTURE KEY DATES

Mon 19th July  
Term 3 begins

Thurs 12th Aug  
9am Principal's Tour

23rd—27th Aug  
Book Week

**HAPPY HAVEN**  
Out Of School Hours Care  
contact details

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## From The Leadership Team

### Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Australia - *More than a word.*

Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

From the Reconciliation Australia Web Site:

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



### Site Improvement Plan - Reading

As you are aware Reading is an important part of our Site Improvement Plan. We have been working with an Educational Consultant Deb Draper in the area of comprehension. We have also been working alongside our Speech Pathologist to look at Phonemic Awareness. If you would like to know more about what this looks like in your students classroom please feel free to speak to your classroom teacher or leadership. Following are some tips to help support your student at home.

### Tips for reading to children

Research continues to show the importance of reading to your and with your child daily. Their minds are constantly at work soaking in new words and ideas. Studies have shown that reading to your child from as early as 6 months old will see an increase in language development and problem solving skills as they grow into their teenage years. A 2019 study estimated that children who are regularly read to in the 5 years leading up to school are exposed to 1.4 million more words than children who aren't read to during those years.

We encourage every family to take 15 minutes or more out of your day to build a new routine of reading together with your child.

**Here are some tips to help you make reading part of everyday.**

**Be consistent.** Whether it's one book per day or 15, try to make reading a part of your regular routine. And while you're at it, you don't have to read different books each time you sit down. Kids love hearing the same stories over and over again — and they learn through this type of repetition.

**Take your time.** Be sure to leave enough time to read versus sneaking it in or — worse — making it a chore. Of course, you don't need loads of time each day to read, 15-20 mins is just fine. Importantly, your child should see reading as a dedicated activity and one that you give your full attention to and enjoy. This will give your child a positive view of reading.

**Make it fun.** Use different voices for characters, pauses, songs, or other dramatics to make the story come to life. Reading with flair will help your child better understand the story. It also provides a good model of expressive and fluent reading for kids who have begun reading by themselves.

**Point out connections.** Children love applying stories to their own lives. It not only makes the text more meaningful, but it also may help your child cope with different situations they encounter in their everyday experience. Point out those connections to your child. Note where the character was brave about that monster beneath their bed. Applaud the character who is kind to others.

**Don't stop with books.** Any exchange of words is beneficial to kids. So, if you're uninspired by books one night, turn to telling stories. You can also look at pictures and talk about what you see or ask your child to be the storyteller. Anything that gets language flowing between you and your child is golden.

If you don't have a big range of books at home maybe get together with other families to swap and share, creating your own book club.

Para Hills Library has a range of books for borrowing.

Often second hand book stores have picture books and junior novels at very cheap prices.



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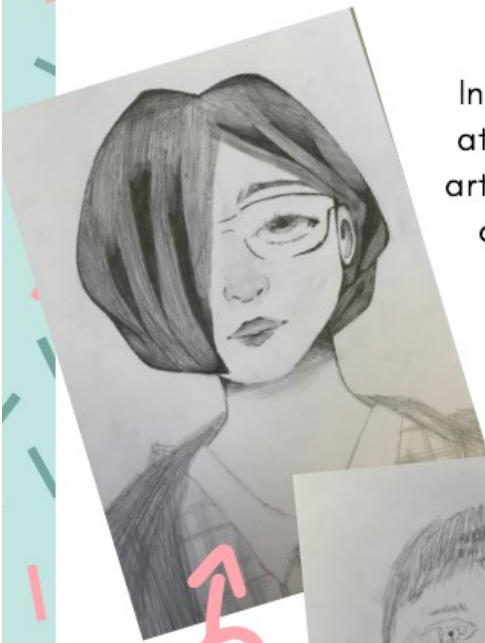
Adapted from : <https://www.healthline.com/health/childrens-health/reading-to-children>

# HELLO FROM THE 6/7S...



## Visual Art

In Visual Art lessons we have attempted many challenging artworks that have taken time, careful concentration and resilience.



Chloe



Indy



Emily



Haylie

Here are some of our self portraits. We watched a couple of videos to help guide us with the placement of facial features and used our own picture to help draw our own individual features.

## Parent Information

### Principal's Tour and 2022 Enrolments

If you know anyone who is looking to enrol children in primary school please let them know we are holding our next Principal's Tour in Term 3 on Thursday 12th August at 9am. If this time does not suit a private tour can be arranged at a mutually suitable time. 2022 places are beginning to fill up, caregivers can collect a School Information pack and Enrolment forms from the front office.

### School Fees

Reminders are coming home this week regarding overdue school fees. If you have not already paid school fees or made arrangements to pay by Instalments please pay as soon as possible. All fees should be paid by 30th June.

Parents who need to apply for school card also please do so as soon as possible.

### Governing Council

Please note the Governing Council Meeting is being held next Tuesday 8th June, not on Wednesday.



### Congratulations to:

**Tyson and Amira (Mr Angus)**  
**Annamarie (Ms Corns) and**  
**Stella (Miss Mulcahy)**  
for receiving this weeks Kindness  
Awards at Assembly.

### Random Acts of Kindness Award Recipients



**The Paddocks  
Centre**  
*Connecting your Community*

### YOGA FOR KIDS

WHEN: Thursdays (starting 27<sup>th</sup> May)

4.00PM TO 5.00PM

WHERE: THE PADDOCKS CENTRE

PARA HILLS COMMUNITY HUB

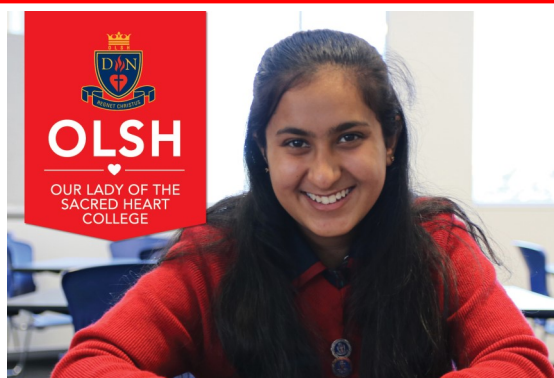
COST: Free – Funded by Grants SA

Ages: 8-12 years

BOOKINGS: Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/after-school-kids-yoga-tickets-154648534931>

Contact: 8406 8565

\*For Covid Safe yoga participants will need to bring their own mats\*



### College Tours

Last Tuesday of every month,  
9:30am and 5:30pm

Visit [olsh.catholic.edu.au](http://olsh.catholic.edu.au) or phone 8269 8800  
to book or request a personal tour.

Scholarships available for 2022. Apply now

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# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



## Parent Update Week 7, Term 2 – 2021

### Planning for the move to high school

Planning is well underway to ensure South Australia will be ready for when year 7 moves to high school next year.

Primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families.

We are also drawing on insights we have learnt from a pilot program involving three public high schools that started welcoming year 7 students in 2019.

### Benefits for your child

Under the Australian Curriculum, year 7 is designed to be taught in high school where students have access to specialist facilities such as fully equipped science laboratories. Year 7 is already taught in high school in every other state of Australia, with Queensland and Western Australia most recently making the move in 2015. We know from our pilot high schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

### New education builds

Many of our schools are receiving building upgrades to support the year 7 move. The builds will deliver modern facilities to enhance your child's learning.

Visit our the [school upgrades](#) page of our website for details of building works at your local schools.

### Workforce planning

Our high schools will be staffed and ready to welcome year 7 and 8 students next year.

We are undertaking our biggest ever teacher recruitment drive in preparation for the move.

We are bringing many primary trained teachers into our high schools, ensuring they can continue to share their extensive accumulated knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

They will also be offered professional learning to ensure they have access to evidence-based approaches to teaching adolescent students.

### Local plans

Our primary and high schools have detailed individual implementation plans in place as they prepare for the year 7 to high school move. These reflect the individual needs of their local communities.

Factors being considered at the local level include the marking of special occasions, such as graduation ceremonies, for the double group of year 6 and year 7 students leaving primary school together this year.

Drawing on insights from our pilot program, our schools are also developing their own orientation and transition programs to ensure next year's year 7 and 8 students feel welcome at high school. They will have a strong emphasis on wellbeing, navigating the high school site and making new friends.

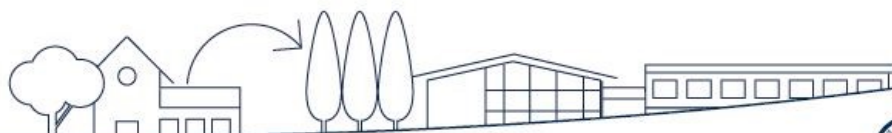
### Children with additional needs

Our primary and high schools will discuss the strengths and needs of all students moving into years 7 and 8, so that teachers can best plan for their learning and wellbeing. Our key focus is to set all children up for success in high school, including those with additional needs.

### Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS).

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).



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