

Principal's Message

Welcome back to 2021!

We have had a fantastic start to the year, it has been great seeing so many happy and excited faces.

I have noticed students looking more comfortable this week, and settling in well to new routines. I have also been lucky enough to have students visiting my office already, sharing their learning with me.

We have redecorated our Learning Wall in the front office. This is another way we will share what we have been learning in classes.

I would like to welcome our new teacher Theresa McCall and also welcome back Cristina Musolino.

This year we also welcome 6 Receptions and 4 new students to Truro Primary.

Unfortunately this term we will not have 'Open Classes' night due to Covid restrictions of adults in our classrooms, however there will be parent/teacher interviews at the end of this term.

I would like to wish all students, families and staff a safe and happy year, I look forward to sharing many experiences with you throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Val Menzel



New students:

Axl Habel (Yr 5),
Lulu and Tāne
Stanbury (Yr 1)
and Cailey
Feltus (Yr 3)

Reception students::

Hannah Phelps, Matthew Ramm, Ollie Sherwood,
Angus Doecke
and Katherine Ramm.



COVID CHECK-IN

All adults (including staff and parents) entering the site must check-in by scanning the QR code or completing the [paper recording log template](#) located in the office.

Children and students (including adult students) do not need to check-in. Their attendance is recorded in EDSAS, EYS, EMS etc and can be easily made available to SA Health for contact tracing purposes.

Please note the COVID Safe Check-in is purely for SA Health contact tracing purposes and doesn't replace your normal visitor sign-in process. All guests should continue to sign in at the front office/reception on arrival.

Important Dates and **INFORMATION**

Term 1 2021

February

Friday 5th - Newsletter.

Friday 12th - Sweetheart Day.

Monday 15th - Governing Council A.G.M @ 6:30pm.

Thursday 18th - Pancake Day. - Gold coin donation.

Friday 19th - Newsletter.

March

Friday 5th - Newsletter.

Monday 8th - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Wednesday 17th - Harmony Day.

Friday 19th - Newsletter.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Communication

I would strongly encourage you to speak to your class teacher if you have any questions, queries or concerns. Every class teacher is sending out class introductory information explaining what students are working on this term as well as the best ways to contact teachers. This can be by telephone, mail and some teachers use diaries and Class Dojo. I ask that parents please make appointments to see teachers, as the mornings are extremely busy and difficult for teachers to be able to dedicate quality time with you once classrooms are opened.

You can also contact Val via phone, email or class Dojo. Val will be teaching most of the day every Wednesday and half days on Thursday afternoons this year. Please see Jenni or Rachael at the front office if you would like to organise a meeting or send Val an email.

Governing Council

Governing Council AGM is a fantastic opportunity for interested parents, staff and community members of the school to come together to hear about the progress of our school, highlights of the previous school year such as sporting and academic achievements and to hear about some of the proposed directions of the school for 2021.

If you are interested in nominating yourself to be elected onto the Governing Council or know someone who you would like to nominate to be on the Governing Council, please let the school know, via the forms attached to this newsletter. If you would like more information then don't hesitate to contact either the office or our current Governing Council Chairperson, Chloe Bartel.



Sweetheart Day

The 14th of February is not only Valentines Day, it is also 'Sweetheart Day'. Sweetheart Day is about raising money to support improving the lives of Aussie kids with childhood heart disease. (CHD) Next Friday, 12th February students are encouraged to wear red or blue. Heart cookies will also be available for purchase on the day for \$2.00.

For more information about Sweetheart Day please visit: sweetheartday.org.au

P.C.W News

Hello everyone,

My name is Renee Floyd and I am the Pastoral Care Worker, providing a Chaplaincy Service at this Primary school. Pastoral Care Workers offer a unique dimension of care and support to all members of the school community. I will be a positive role model and I bring compassion, understanding and provide practical, ongoing support to students and families. My role includes working alongside and complementing other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school.



As the School Pastoral Care Worker, I will be available in the yard at break times, will work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I will be an extra resource to teachers to support extra-curricular events and activities.

Students, parents and care-givers can contact me through the front office.

I am really looking forward to assisting the school staff to provide the best outcomes for students and their families.

Regards,

Renee

PANCAKE DAY

We will be having a Pancake Day on Thursday 18th February. Cost is a gold coin donation and all proceeds will be forwarded to Uniting Care.

Cycling SA—Sporting Schools, Term 1.

Each year we are lucky enough to receive small grants from Sporting Schools SA to spend on buying sports equipment/resources and providing our students with opportunities to learn about a variety of different sports. This term our chosen sport is cycling and we are currently in the process of organising some activities with Cycling SA. To finalise this we need to know how many of our students have access to a bike they could bring to school later in the term. We are able to provide bikes for students who don't have one. Students who can't yet ride a bike will be supported. **Can you please let class teachers know in student communication books if your child/children have bikes.**

SCHOOL NEWS

Medication Management

Medications include all prescription & over the counter medications as well as alternative therapies (eg, vitamins, minerals & supplements).

Staff WILL NOT under any circumstance administer any medications without a completed Medication Agreement form. If a form has not been completed you will be asked to come to the school to administer the medication. Please do not ask staff to administer any medications without the form.

Please note staff cannot administer any medications rectally.

Medication Agreement forms are available online through the Department for Education website:

www.education.sa.gov.au (search Medication)

We will also include one on our own website & skoolbag for you to access.

Students may carry some medications (ie. Asthma medication) in their bags - Please ensure a HSP154 Carrying and/or Self-administration of Medication Form is completed.

It is your responsibility to keep staff informed of any changes to your child's health so that we are prepared if the need arises.

All staff are trained in First Aid & Asthma care.

If you have any further queries or concerns, please see Jenni or Rachael in the office.

BOOKCLUB

LOOP, Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform, allows parents to order and pay for your child's Book Club requirements in one simple online process. **LOOP** orders are linked to our school and our **Book Club Ordering Group**. Orders sit pending until the school submits the final school order to Scholastic.

If parents want to pay by credit card for online **Book Club** orders, **LOOP** makes it easy! Orders will be submitted safe and sound to schools packaged with your child's name, eliminating the need for paper order forms and eliminating the need for our staff to sort book orders. **THIS WILL BE OUR PREFERRED ORDERING METHOD FOR 2021.** If you do not have access to the internet we will still accept orders, however, we would prefer you to use the LOOP ordering system.

Due to the size of our school we only have 2 classes set-up (R-7 & Playcentre). When you register, please go into the Profile Tab, then the Children Tab, find child's class & click on the child's class dropdown menu & select R-7 Dittrich & save.

Please note that the while Truro Primary support the Scholastic Book Club, we do not endorse all of the books in the Book Club Catalogues.

SCHOLASTIC  Book Club

How to order on the
Book Club platform
bookclubs.scholastic.com.au



LOG-IN

On initial log in each year, you will need to complete the Wizard.

- 1 Select your **ISSUE**
- 2 Click on the **ORDER** tab
- 3 Select your **CLASS**
- 4 Select **STUDENT** or add a student
Add their items. Repeat 3 + 4 until all the orders are entered.
- 5 Choose payment type.
When done, click **NEXT**
If applicable, click **USE VOUCHERS/REWARDS**
or click **PAYMENT SUMMARY**

6 SUBMIT ORDER

Remember: Submit your **LOOP** orders at the same time so all books arrive together.



SCHOLASTIC

SCHOOL NEWS

Governing Council Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** for the school Governing Council will be held on Monday 15th February at 6:30pm at the school. Governing Council is a fantastic opportunity for interested parents, staff and community members of the school to come together to hear about the progress of our school, highlights of the previous school year such as sporting and academic achievements and to hear about some of the proposed directions of the school for 2020.

You may nominate another person or yourself to be appointed to the Governing Council. Please return Nomination forms to the front office by 9:00am Friday 12th February 2021. Forms are attached to the newsletter - please note there are two forms depending on whether you are self nominating or nominating another person.

Governing councils are bodies that govern a school or preschool. Governing councils work with the site leader (principal or director) to help set and monitor the direction of a site.

A governing council meets regularly to talk about the direction for the site. The timing of meetings can be different for each site, but it's no less than twice a term.

You do not work alone when you are on a governing council. You and the site leader have shared responsibilities, but your day-to-day involvement is different.

Some differences between governance and day-to-day management

In your role on a governing council, you work with the site leader to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC and canteen.

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site's policies
- carry out the site improvement plan.

Library News

Library Book Borrowing

Please make sure your child always has their Library Bag for borrowing. This helps your child keep track of their books and also protects the books as they travel to and from home. If you are unsure of borrowing days, please see your child's teacher.

Year levels have different borrowing limits. These are:

Yrs R/1: 2 books (1 week)

Yrs 2-3: 3 books (1 week)

Yrs 4-5-6-7: 4 books (1 week)

If your child has overdue books they will not be able to borrow any more until these have been returned. They can also re-borrow their books if they haven't finished them, they just need to bring them in on their library day and re-borrow them.

Notes regarding overdue books will be sent home at the end of the term. Please encourage your child to be responsible for knowing what books they have borrowed and when they need to return them.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021 has begun. Students have a Premier's Reading Challenge recording sheet in the library. This year I will be asking students to tell me something about their book and I'll sign them off. This will save me a lot of chasing up of PRC sheets. Teachers are encouraging students to borrow at least 1 "reading challenge" book each week. The challenge finishes in September so we have plenty of time to complete the challenge.

Bookweek

This year's Bookweek theme is:

[New Worlds, Old Worlds, Other Worlds](#)

More details will follow over coming weeks.

Parent Library

We are also fortunate enough to have a Parent Library with many resourceful books on various subjects. Parents are also able to borrow from the School Library. If you would like to borrow books from our Library, please see Jenni in the front office and she will set you up with a borrowing card.

Jenni

FINANCE NEWS

Materials & Services Fees

The Governing Council determines the Material and Services charges each year following recommendations and guidelines set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Invoices for this year's school fees were sent home on Tuesday this week. The fee for this year's M&S charge is the standard sum of \$246/student.

Families experiencing difficulty in paying fees and other school expenses are encouraged to see the Finance Officer (Rachael) or Principal (Val) to negotiate a payment schedule. A form for the Materials & Services fee was included with your invoice. If you wish to pay your fees by instalment, please complete the form and return to the office. All enquiries of this nature are kept strictly confidential.

Forms for families eligible for school card are also available. Please see Rachael in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays for the relevant School Card forms. Alternatively, you may apply for School Card online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

School Card Scheme

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools in each year.

Eligibility

School Card is available to families with children aged four years and over who attend a school full time

Applications

School Card A

This is the most commonly used school card application. Use this form if you are liable for your child's school fees and you're not:

- self-employed
- an independent youth
- an adult re-entry student
- a migrant who arrived in Australia after 1 July 2019
- receiving Veteran's Affairs benefits
- applying for a foster child in your care.

School Card B (hardship, change of circumstances or self-employed)

For use where:

- your income for 2019/20 is over the School Card limits but you experienced hardship in the 2019/2020 financial year
- you have had a change of financial circumstances during the 2019/2020 financial year up to and including 28 February 2021
- you are self-employed.

School Card Income limits

The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2021 - based on the family's gross income in 2019/2020. To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have and whether your child attends a government, independent, or Catholic school. You will need to provide proof of income - such as payslips or Centrelink information.

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

| Number of dependent children | Gross annual income limit | Gross weekly income limit |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 child | \$60,867 | \$1,171 |
| 2 children | \$61,954 | \$1,192 |
| 3 children | \$63,041 | \$1,213 |
| 4 children | \$64,128 | \$1,234 |
| 5 children | \$65,215 | \$1,255 |
| More than 5 children | Add \$1,087 for each dependent child | Add \$21 for each dependent child |

FINANCE NEWS

School Payment Options

Students and or parents/caregivers are asked to pay accounts at the front office between the hours of 8.30am - 9.30am. At other times, please place money in the slot at the front office in a clearly named and securely sealed bag or envelope. This money is then receipted and banked. Payments made outside these hours may not be receipted until the following day. Payments can be made via CASH, CHEQUE or EFT.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payment by Credit Card.

Uniform Prices

There has been a slight increase in some of our uniform items. New prices come into effect as of Monday 1st February 2021.

| Item | Sale Price (Inc GST) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Short Sleeved T Shirts - JS Sports | \$ 25.50 |
| Long sleeved Polo Sam's Tailoring | \$ 27.00 |
| Boss Fleecy Long Sleeve JS Sports | \$ 35.00 |
| Blue Striped Rugby -Sz 5-8 | \$ 30.00 |
| Blue Striped Rugby -Sz 9-10 | \$ 30.00 |
| Blue Striped Rugby -Sz 11-Adult | \$ 30.00 |
| Jackets - Kids sizes | \$ 25.00 |
| Jackets - Adult sizes | \$ 27.00 |
| Scarves - LW Reid | \$ 5.00 |
| Hats - Bandicoot | \$ 12.50 |
| Hats - Broad Brim | \$ 7.00 |
| Checked Dress - LW Reid | \$ 16.00 |
| Girls Box Pleat Short - LW Reid | \$ 18.00 |
| Girls Boot Leg Pant - LW Reid | \$ 17.00 |
| Boys Cargo Short - LW Reid | \$ 15.00 |
| Boys Cargo Pant - LW Reid | \$ 19.00 |

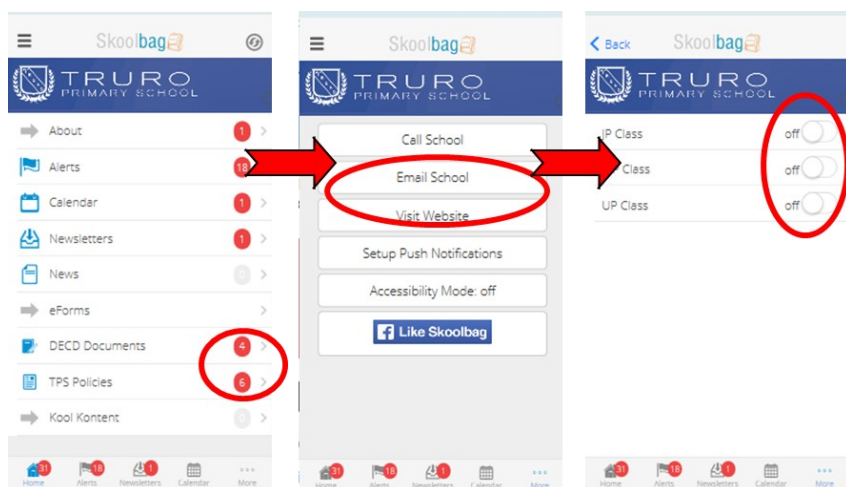
SCHOOL NEWS



We encourage you to upload the app to your phones (available on both Android & Apple Devices). The school pays for a yearly subscription and the app is free to parents. This is a great way for you to keep informed of what is happening at the school. Newsletters, alerts, calendar of events, policies, etc are available via the App. It is a great communication tool to keep families up to date as we are able to send a quick message to everyone at once rather than spending a lot of time with individual texts or phone calls, such as if the students will be back earlier or later from an excursion.

You can also be notified via email through the App, however we require your permission to add your email address to the app. If you wish to be notified by email, please fill in the attached permission slip and return to the school.

New users



If you need to update the App

Important update to the way you use our SkoolBag Communication App

When you next open your SkoolBag app, you will be prompted to create a SkoolBag login with your email address.

Once logged in, you will be able to personalise and save your notification preferences. All of your recent, unseen notifications are now accessible by clicking on the bell icon in the upper toolbar of your app.

Notices sent to the whole school will still be shown on the 'Home' screen, however information that relates to specific groups of users only (e.g. year groups and sports teams) will now be shown in the 'Groups' section. You can modify your subscription group preferences at any time.

Skoolbag App Permission

By completing and returning this form, I grant permission to Truro Primary School to store my email address within the Skoolbag platform for the purpose of:

- Distributing notes, newsletters, etc via email
- Alerting parents with news and events via email

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

The permission will continue until I revoke permission in writing to the Principal of the school or my children are no longer students at the school at which point my details will be deleted.

Signed: _____

KOOKABURRA LEARNING AREA

Kookaburra Learning News

Last week we started setting up our class shop. We have decided on a colour theme of black and green and have voted to name the shop The Middle Primary Class Shop. We sorted our items, for sale, into categories and as a class decided on prices. We took turns in setting up the items and writing price tags. We have also cut out some artificial money and sorted it into categories ready to use. We will soon be ready to earn money to spend in the shop.

Here are some photos of us discussing and planning our future ideas for the shop.



Faith planning her ideas.



Grace and Eloise discussing ideas.



Ethan, Jhett and Hamish working together.



Seth comes up with a good idea!



More planning from Cailey and Seth.



Ezreal and Varro drawing their ideas.



Isabelle drawing her ideas.

During Literacy we are exploring and deciding on different ways to practice writing words.



Eloise and Amelia using playdough.



Seth chose to write the months of year with chalk.



Anna practicing "au" words.



Isabelle's chalk writing.



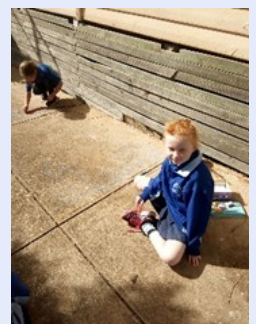
Ezreal's toothpick writing.



Eloise using magnets for spelling.



Ethan's playdough creation.



Cailey doing chalk writing.

KOOKABURRA LEARNING AREA

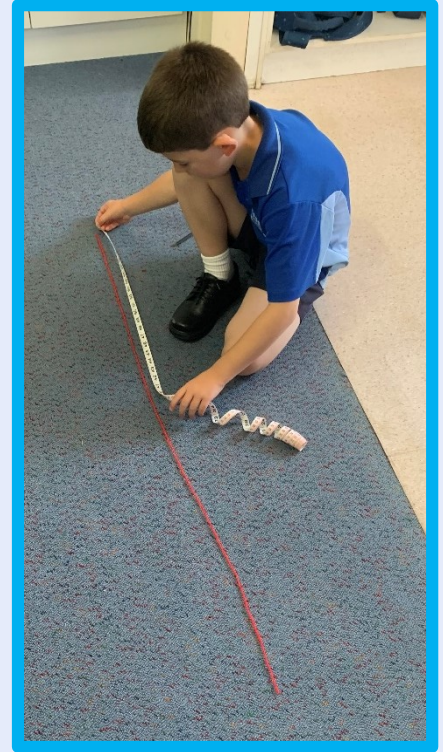
Year 2, 3, 4

Time Capsule

The Year 2, 3, 4 class enjoyed completing a range of tasks, which will be locked away in a time capsule.

Students used tape measures to record their heights. They also traced their hand prints.

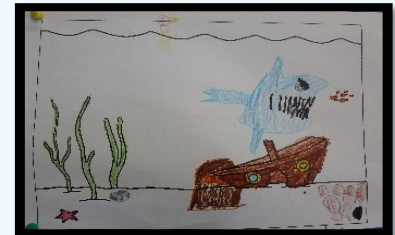
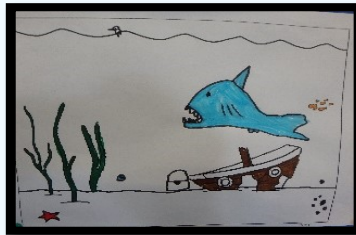
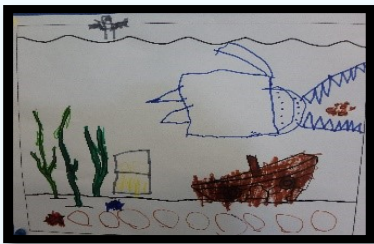
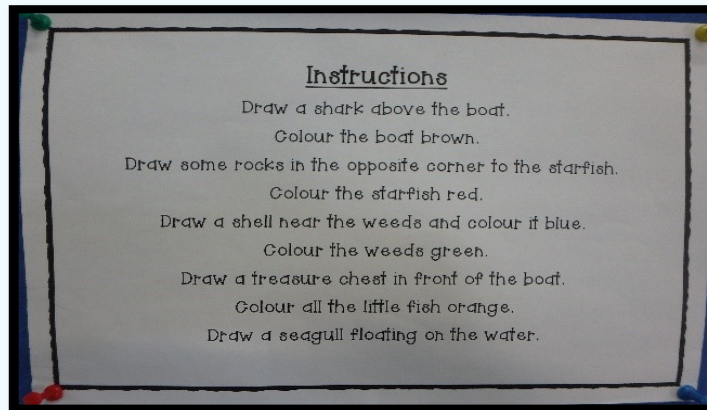
The time capsules will be stored away until the last day of school, where students can then re-open them to see just how much they have changed in just one short school year!



ECHIDNA LEARNING AREA

R/1 class

What a busy start to the year we've had! In literacy, we have been working on speaking and listening skills, and really focussing on sounds, and following instructions.



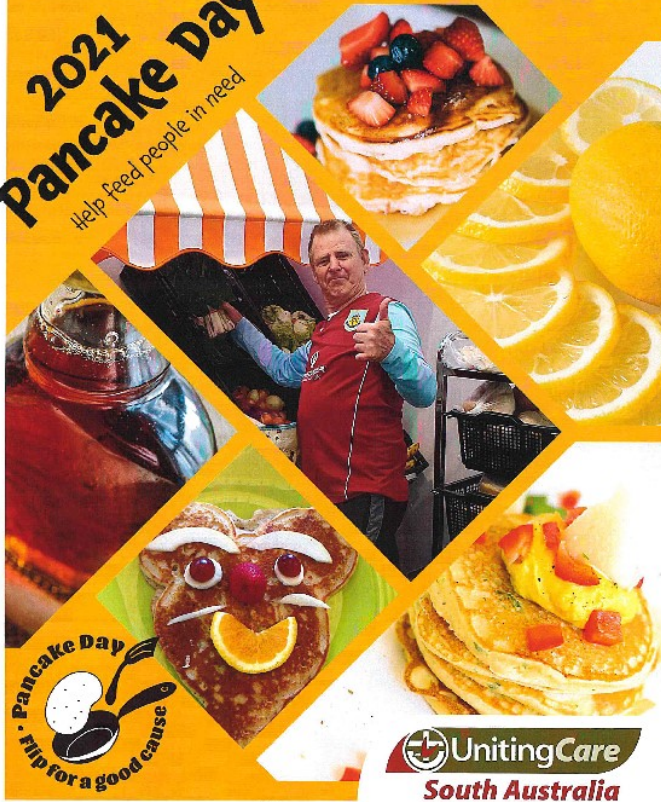
In numeracy, we are honing our subitising skills, working on knowing how many are in a small collection of objects without having to count them all.



COMMUNITY NEWS

2021 Pancake Day

Help feed people in need



When: Thursday 18th February

Where: Truro Primary School

Please remember to be COVID-SAFE

UnitingCare
South Australia

Gold Coin
donation

pancakeday.com.au

Smash your savings goals and we'll match it up to \$500



Saver Plus will match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To join Saver Plus you must be 18 years plus, have regular income from work (you or your partner)*, have a child at school / starting next year or be studying yourself, and have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible Centrelink payment*.

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact us for more information

 laptops & tablets

 uniforms & shoes

 sports fees & gear

 camps & excursions

 lessons & activities

 books & supplies

Contact:
Stacey Hall
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator

Phone:
0417 048 689

Email:
AdelaideNorthernSP@
thesmithfamily.com.au

Online:
saverplus.org.au
Facebook @SaverPlusAU



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Learn how to play

Exclusive to Truro Primary

Drums & Percussion

30 min Private Lesson - \$20

Wednesdays during school term
(Min. 4 Students to start)

30 min Marching Band - \$10pp

Wednesday after school 3.15pm
(Min. 8 Students to start)

Ph: Troy 0448 781 594



WHAT'S HAPPENING

| TERM 1 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------|--|---------|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| WEEK 2 | <u>February</u> 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Newsletter |
| WEEK 3 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| WEEK 4 | 15 Governing Council AGM @ 6:30pm | 16 | 17 | 18 Pancake Day Gold coin donation | 19 Newsletter |
| WEEK 5 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| WEEK 6 | <u>March</u> 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Newsletter |
| WEEK 7 | 8 Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| WEEK 8 | 15 | 16 | 17 Harmony Day | 18 | 19 Newsletter |
| WEEK 9 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| WEEK 10 | 29 | 30 | 31 | <u>April</u> 1 Newsletter | 2 GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday |
| WEEK 11 | 5 Easter Monday Public Holiday | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 End of Term 1 |

TRURO PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

Parent Member Nomination

I..... (full name)

of..... (address)

Nominate

..... (full name)

of..... (address)

to be elected as a member of Truro Primary School Governing Council.

I..... (full name)

of..... (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I am the parent of a child attending the school or enrolled, but not yet attending a the school
- I am / am not employed by the Department for Education a under the PSM Act or Education Act
- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person, I will be required to relinquish my membership of Truro Primary School Governing Council as I will no longer meet the membership requirements.

Signed.....

Date.....



**TRURO PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL
SELF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

Parent Member Nomination

I (full name)

of (address)

wish to declare my candidacy to be elected as a member of Truro Primary School Governing Council.

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Date.....

