



6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Welcome to the half way point of Term 1 already!

### A word from the Principal.....

Hi Families,

As we head into the long weekend, I'd like to share a little about our upcoming Student Free Day. Staff will be spending the day focusing on how we continue to build effective learners at Jervois. This year we are excited to be working with James Anderson, who will be supporting our staff throughout the year as we strengthen a learning culture that encourages curiosity, persistence and a willingness to take on challenge.

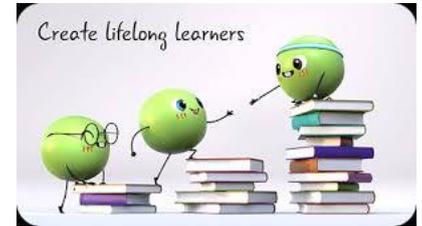
A key part of this work is helping our students understand that learning is not always easy – and that's okay. We want our children to feel confident to embrace challenge, take risks in their learning, and keep going even when something feels tricky. Our work with James will help us develop practical ways to support students to think about how they learn, not just what they learn.

NAPLAN begins next Wednesday for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. For some children, particularly our Year 3 students experiencing it for the first time, this can feel a little stressful. At school we focus on keeping the experience calm and positive, reminding students that NAPLAN is simply one way for us to understand how they are progressing. The most helpful thing families can do is reassure children to do their best and remind them that one test never defines them as learners.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and makes the most of the beautiful weather. If you haven't already, please consider following our Instagram account, where we regularly share images of learning, and events happening across the school.

Take care,

**Elissa Hunter** - Principal



Reminder for next week (WEEK 7) enjoy your extra, extra long weekend!!

**REMINDER**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY 9 MARCH**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**TUESDAY 10 MARCH**

Our **Sports Day** program will be out soon – it's a full day of activities and events for ALL students to have a go! Family support & encouragement on the day is welcome!

**Wheel-a-thon** information will be sent home with students next week, including what's involved, why we have this event and how you can help!

Sports Day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Wheel-a-thon: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

## Parent/Teacher Interviews



Scheduled for Week 9 (23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup> March). Thank you to parents/carers who have already booked an interview time. A reminder was sent out via Seesaw to families who have yet to book a time – please take up this opportunity to chat with your child's class teacher; together we can provide the best learning outcomes for your child/our students. Use the QR code to book your time.

## Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day is scheduled a little earlier this year: set for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, just before the Easter long weekend. If you are unsure which Sports Day team your child is in, please ask your child's teacher or Office staff. Our Sports Day teams are: STURT (yellow), MURRAY (red) & TOLMER (green). Sports Day is about participation, with a variety of events and activities planned for ALL students to have a go!

## Friday Special Lunches

Last Friday was the first of our Friday Fresh Special lunches for the year. Samantha, our canteen guru, offers a special option for each Friday's lunch – last week was crumbed fish, chips & salad. This week's lunch was Baked Potatoes (one of our favourites!). Order forms are sent home with every student on Tuesday. Completed forms must be returned no later than Thursday morning, to enable preparation (& shopping) time. Payment can be either cash or Bank Transfer (EFT) – the school bank details are on the form. Payment is required at the time of ordering – it's appreciated you complete BOTH ordering & payment at the same time, to avoid us having to chase you!

If the order form isn't received by Thursday morning, your child will miss out – we do not accept late orders.



The dynamic trio, were on Lunch Club duty today, with Koah taking lunch orders and directing the production line. Hayden & Lucas were nailing it with the sandwich making and Hayden making sure things were cleaned up at the end. As a result, a well fed Room 5. 🌟🌟

**Swimming Week** a great week of water learning & fun for our Reception to Year 5 students!







## Assembly Awards - Week 3 & 5

R/1 class: **April** for being a good role model for the new students  
**Sailer** for being a consistently kind class member.

1/2 class: **Pheobe** for giving things a go even though they may appear tricky!  
**Norina** for super efforts with reading at night and taking great pride with her book work!

3/4 class: **Archer** for being a good classroom leader & role model for his peers.  
**Skylah** for showing a good attitude towards learning tasks – especially Maths!

5/6 class: **Declan** for being kind and supportive with his peers in our classroom.  
**Paige** for demonstrating strong efforts toward her tasks during learning.



## Admin Reminders

**CANTEEN** will be open at recess time on TUESDAY and FRIDAY for ice blocks and snacks. Contact Jo or Michelle if you need a pricelist, and look out for Friday Fresh forms coming home each Tuesday!

**BELL TIMES** Our regular school days look like this:

- **8:50am** Start of the school day
- **11:05am** Recess play time (canteen open on Tuesday & Friday)
- **11:25am** End of recess
- **12:55pm** Lunch play time
- **1:25pm** End of lunch
- **3:05pm** End of the school day

Note: for the last day of each term, we finish school an hour earlier (at 2:05pm), with the bus also leaving an hour earlier than normal.

Please do not drop your child to school in the morning BEFORE 8:30am – there is no teacher supervision in the yard prior to 8:30am.

## 2026 STUDENT FREE & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Term 1: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Term 2: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

## Important dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: **SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
 (Week 1 Term 2)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: **SCHOOL CONCERT**  
 (last day of Term 2)



# APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.



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.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

**STEP 1**

Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)

**STEP 2**

Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

**STEP 3**

Complete all mandatory fields.  
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

**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.  
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

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



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## SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those of you who have already paid your School fees for 2026.

A reminder to those who haven't yet, this year they are set at **\$306** per student. The government rebate has continued of **\$200** per student for M&S fees for 2026.

**If you are paying your school fees by cash or EFT, you pay only \$106 per student.**

Payment can be made via cash or EFT (BSB 105-060 ACCT 248037140) & include your reference details please.

Contact Jo at school for a payment plan should you need, we are happy to work with you!

**Please check out if you are eligible for school card. If you are, your school fees are covered in full, it's all taken care of!**

This flyer outlines to easy steps to apply!



For all your finance information or any questions, please contact Jo in the front office.

## VOLUNTEERING at School

We LOVE having parents/carers at school to support us, if you're keen please follow these steps to jump on board!

- Volunteer application form
- Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance
- Responding to Harm, Abuse and Neglect Education & Care (RHAN-EC) certificate of currency – this is an online certified course, which can be done at home
- Principal endorsement

See Michelle or Jo if you have any questions; let us know if there's a particular skill you can share to help out at school!





**ARTS AND CRAFTS**  
FORTNIGHTLY  
**DROP-IN!**

COME ALONG TUESDAY  
4pm - 6pm!

SNACKS PROVIDED

BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS OR TRY SOMETHING NEW!

@ Headspace Murray Bridge

MEET NEW PEOPLE IN A SUPPORTIVE SPACE



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# MID YEAR ENROLMENTS

Does your child turn 4 between 1 May and 31 October?

If so, they are eligible to start preschool in the mid-year intake, beginning in Term 3.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!  
08 8572 3348

**Tailem Bend**  
Kindergarten & Rural Care



## SHRED SESSIONS

SKATEBOARD & BMX COACHING SESSIONS

Coaching sessions focused on skill development, confidence & safe riding

Open to all ages and experience levels

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WEATHER PERMITTING**

4PM-6PM Sturt Reserve Skatepark, Murray Bridge

- Helmets compulsory
- Loan skateboards available during sessions
- Bring your skateboard, BMX & helmet
- Free to attend, no booking required

For more info: Message Dan ☎ 0439 854 787 or follow The Station socials



## SAVE THE DATE MURRAY BRIDGE NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK EVENT

FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2026

2:30 PM



CELEBRATING EVERY FAMILY, EVERYWHERE



SCAN TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST AND STAY INFORMED WITH THE LATEST UPDATES.

wordsgrowminds.org.au

Tallem Bend Community Centre Inc

presents

# RURAL READS & RHYTHMS

At the Murray Bridge Library

TALK. PLAY. READ. SING.

Rural Reads and Rhythms is a 10 week program for families and young children to explore a variety of activities that support early childhood development in early years, helping babies and children thrive by talking, playing, reading and singing!

10 Weeks  
1:30-2:30pm  
Thursdays  
29<sup>th</sup> of Jan-  
2<sup>nd</sup> of April

## WORDS GROW MINDS

To book your place, please contact the Murray Bridge Library on 8539 1175 or book online.



Questions?  
Contact TBCC on 8572 3513

# LEARN TO COOK EASY & HEALTHY MEALS



LEARN WITH YOUR CHILD  
PRESCHOOL CHILDREN (3-5 YEARS) ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

OzHarvest's NEST program teaches you new skills for better health in just six weeks.

- Save money on your food budget
- Store food safely
- Understand food labels
- Plan meals and reduce waste
- Cook easy and healthy recipes



NEST will be held at:

Date(s): Wednesday 1st of April - 6th of May (6 weeks)

Time: 12pm - 2.30pm

Location: Tyneri Children's Centre  
65 Jarvis Avenue, Murray Bridge

**SIGN UP TO NEST FOR FREE**

For more information/registrations visit OR code or contact Kelly on 0467 409 910



# Term 1 Calendar

ASSEMBLY

NO SCHOOL

EVENT

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>1</b>	Public Holiday	First Day of Term 1			
<b>2</b>			Community Night		
<b>3</b>					Assembly
<b>4</b>	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons	Swimming Lessons
<b>5</b>					Assembly
<b>6</b>					
<b>7</b>	9/3 Public Holiday	Student Free Day			Assembly
<b>8</b>	16/3				
<b>9</b>	23/3 Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews		Assembly
<b>10</b>	30/3			Sports Day	Public Holiday
<b>11</b>	6/4 Public Holiday				Wheelathon / Last Day of Term