



NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Families

How quickly the term passes with the Autumn Holiday Break only days away.

Whilst we started the term with some staffing issues (a shortage of SSOs in particular) we approach the end of the term in a much improved situation.

Our now permanent Business Manager, Vera Pozniak, has done a marvellous job

in recruiting new personnel to the SSO relief list which has made a huge difference in our staffing capacity. Vera replaced Sue Wilson at the end of last year when Sue took leave and then won the position early this year after Sue resigned.

Vera has proven herself to be a great asset to the school and has hit the ground running with a number of projects around the school.

Our teaching staff has remained much the same from last year which is great for the continuity of learning for our students and the stability of our unit teams. Orange Building teacher, Tenielle Fryer also won a position as senior leader for this year at our school which has added an extra dimension to our leadership team and more efficient distribution of leadership responsibilities.

A new year also means a new Governing Council (GC). Fortunately we managed to retain our existing GC members and gain a new Chairperson, Andrew Boddey. Andrew replaces Bri Maclean who served the school tirelessly in 2023 but needed to stand down for personal reasons (but remains a council member). We thank Bri for her services and welcome Andrew to the Chair. We look forward to working with Andrew and the GC over the coming year.

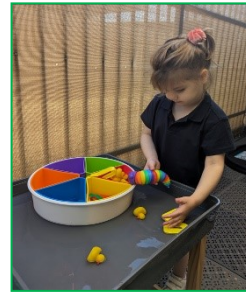
Again this year our class groupings appear to be working well and our increased SSO roster is providing great support for our students and our teachers. The population 'bubble' of senior students which started last year will continue at least to the end of 2025 meaning we will have a very large enrolment of secondary aged students through to the end of 2025. This will obviously impact our programming for the next 2 years (i.e., SACE) and have great significance for families in regard to NDIS planning for post school options. We have started planning for that already with a number of program options being developed to assist families which will be rolled out over coming months.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Autumn break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new term when students return on Tuesday 30th April.

Kindest regards

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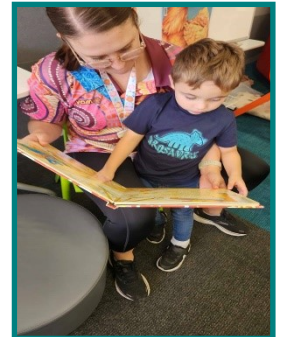
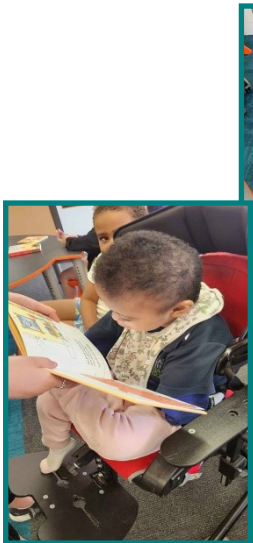




Green Unit—B2 Class

Kirsty Brown & Ryann Hallett-Patterson

Our class has had an amazing start to the year 2024. We have been working on establishing our daily school routines while also putting a strong emphasis on creating a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment. Focused on our school values of Be Brave, Be Kind, and Belong, our classroom's primary focus has been to build strong relationships with our teachers, fellow students, and peers. We believe that a sense of belonging is crucial, and we have been able to develop these relationships through play, regulation activities, and sensory learning activities.



Green Unit—B3 Class

Maddy Dennis

Accessing different school spaces and facilities is something we introduce students to early on in their schooling journey at ANSS, so every Wednesday, B3 goes to the school library. We sit together as a class for a fun shared reading session, with clear development over the term in the student's level of interest and engagement, both towards the stories and each other. We teach the students the concepts about print and model how to make comments or answer questions using AAC. Our favourite books have been those which involve animal noises and counting!

There are many exciting books on offer in the library, so the student's favourite part of the session is when they can choose their own books to read one on one with an adult. The routines such as transitioning safely to and from the library and packing up the space after the session, are also important areas we focus on.

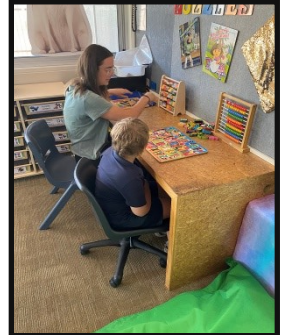
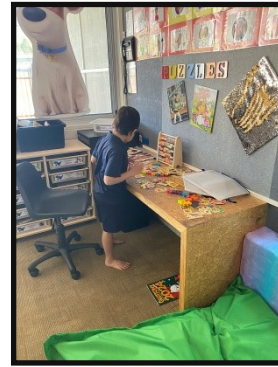
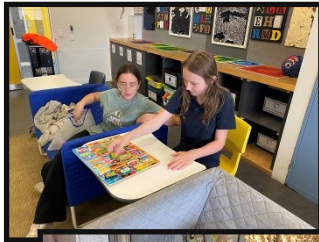




Primary Unit

Gabby Howland

What a fabulous start to the 2024 school year we have had in C2. We have settled in nicely to the new school year and loved making connections with new friends and staff. This term we have enjoyed participating in sensory experiences (especially water play on those really hot term one days!), visiting the school library, and using the lawn mower on Clean Up Australia Day! We are looking forward to the rest of the year!



Primary Unit

Peter Smith

American Author Dianne Ackerman once wrote "Play is our brain's favourite way of learning"

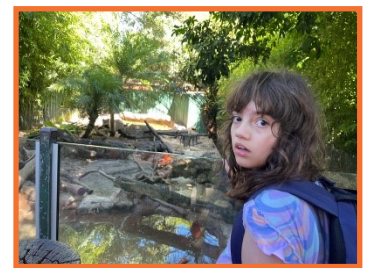
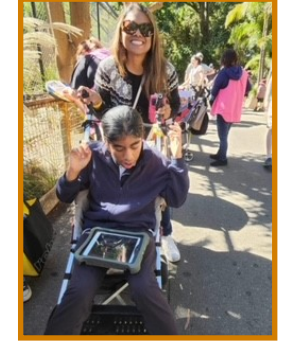
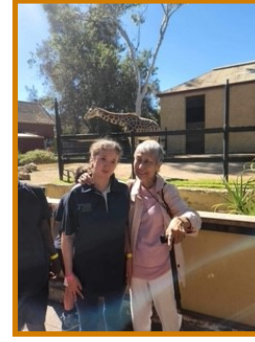
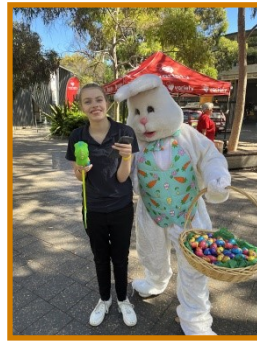
We have embraced that practice here in CLC1 this year in spades. With two brand new students joining our class, we wanted to make sure that they had as much fun as they could as quickly as they could. We have created puzzle corner where everyone is free to choose puzzles based in Literacy, Numeracy and Science. It has been wonderful watching all the independent learning happening with our kids.



Orange Unit

Dianne Newell

Week 9 our class went along to the LOV Easter Party at the Adelaide Zoo. We had a wonderful time and saw many of our favourite animals. We were very fortunate to have many of our parents and grandparents accompany us on our excursion and their assistance was greatly appreciated. It was lovely weather and a great time was had by all.



Orange Unit

Darren Bradshaw

We have been lucky enough to be involved in 3 social events with our class this term, being Clean Up Australia Day, Harmony Day, and the Variety SA Zoo Party. These events have been a great way to practice our social skills and learning how to keep ourselves safe in events where there's a lot of people around. We had learnt about staying together as a group, and who we could trust to help us if we got lost. At the zoo we showed how good we are at staying together, so no one got lost and we all stayed safe. The weather was great and we loved walking around looking at all the animals. Some of our favourites were the lions, kangaroos and of course the pandas. We were excited to have our photo with the Easter Bunny and the giant Variety SA Teddy. We had a great day and we all send a big thank you to the parents who came to the zoo with us, their help made the day as successful as it was.

