

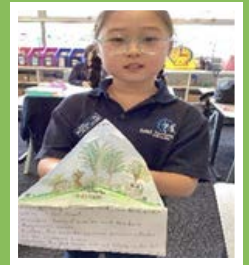
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## What's happening in R14



Students have been busy, learning more about the structure of narratives, they made dioramas, read a number of stories and had fun playing "roll the dice" activity to create imaginative and engaging narratives.



In Numeracy, students are exploring mathematical concepts through hands-on activities and are developing their understanding by learning and applying a range of different strategies.



STEM lessons are always fun, students are acquiring the skills related to coding and giving directions through the use of Bee bots.

# Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to Term 2!** We are pleased to see our students have settled in well and are ready for a term of active learning. This term offers a rich variety of educational experiences, including engaging lessons in core subjects, along with exciting opportunities in Physical Education, music, the Arts, and STEM. Students will face challenges that extend their thinking and skills, while also enjoying fun activities that foster creativity and teamwork.

## **Pupil Free Day – 25<sup>th</sup> May OSHC available**

On our upcoming Pupil Free Day, teachers will be collaborating with the Maths in Schools team from Adelaide University to deepen their understanding of mathematics within STEM programs.

Meanwhile, our SSOs will participate in training focused on developing play skills and play language with students, enriching the quality of learning through play across the school.



## **STEM Open Morning – save the date**

We are excited to invite all families to our STEM Open Morning on **Tuesday, 23rd June!** Join us for a warm welcome at 8:50am, followed by the opportunity to visit classrooms and see engaging STEM learning in action from **9:00 to 10:00am** where students will showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills through hands-on activities and demonstrations. At 10:20 am, head to the oval for our Whole School STEM Spectacular finale. We look forward to sharing the excitement of STEM learning at East Torrens Primary School with you!



## **Reminders**



Driving and parking around schools is always a challenge with the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times being particularly busy. It is important that all families follow the road rules, especially the reduced speed limits of **25km on Robson Road** when children are present and the **40km limit on Montacute Road** during the designated times. Failure to do so could incur a fine from SA Police. It is also important that drivers are extra vigilant when entering or exiting driveways and pulling away from the curb as there are additional vehicles and children present.

Parking in the OSHC Carpark is reserved for the mini buses, staff, and parents with a school issued or Government issued Disability Parking Pass only.

Please watch this video developed by the Campbelltown Council explaining the different parking signs and safe driving behaviours around schools.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1491500205685492>



## **Facilities**

During the school holidays, C20 was repainted and had new carpet installed. Upstairs in the Montacute Building, areas were also refreshed with new paint. The playground shade sail, which was damaged during recent bad weather, will soon be replaced with a new frame and cover to ensure our students have a safe and shaded outdoor space.



Regards,

*Lynette Gimons*

# Term 2, 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	27/04/2026	28/04/2026	29/04/2026	30/04/2026	01/05/2026
	<b>First Day Term 2</b>				Rugby League Carnival Yr 3-4
2	04/05/2026	05/05/2026	06/05/2026	07/05/2026	08/05/2026
			School Tour 4pm	Mothers Day Stall	SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival
3	11/05/2026	12/05/2026	13/05/2026	14/05/2026	15/05/2026
	<b>Governing Council Meeting 6pm</b>				
4	18/05/2026	19/05/2026	20/05/2026	21/05/2026	22/05/2026
			Rugby League Carnival Yr 5-6		
5	25/05/2026	26/05/2026	27/05/2026	28/05/2026	29/05/2026
	<b>Pupil Free Day OSHC available</b>			School Tour 10 am	
6	01/06/2026	02/06/2026	03/06/2026	04/06/2026	05/06/2026
7	08/06/2026	09/06/2026	10/06/2026	11/06/2026	12/06/2026
	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY Kings Birthday OSHC Closed</b>	National Sorry Day	Reconciliation Week	Reception Transition Visit 1	
8	15/06/2026	16/06/2026	17/06/2026	18/06/2026	19/06/2026
	<b>Governing Council 6pm</b>	School Tour 2 pm	Reception Transition Visit 1 School Photo Day		
9	22/06/2026	23/06/2026	24/06/2026	25/06/2026	26/06/2026
		STEM Spectacular		Photo Catchup Day	
10	29/06/2026	30/06/2026	01/07/2026	02/07/2026	03/07/2026
					<b>End of Term Early dismissal 2pm</b>

NAIDOC Week is first week of school holidays.

# Wellbeing from The Nest



Hi from the Nest

Hello and Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for another fun and busy term of learning.

Last term, we had our **Colour Run**, and not only was it a great success and lots of fun, but we raised enough money to ask our mural artist Scott Rathman to come back and create some more amazing work for us.



You may have noticed the 4 pillars at the entrance to the main building have now become beautiful pieces of art. Each pillar representing our **school values; Excellence, Empathy, Respect and Community**.

They are not quite finished as Scott will be back in the next week or so to put the words for each value on the art. I can't wait to see them finished. Thank you again to all those students and families who helped raise money so we could have this done.

Special congratulations to our top 3 fundraisers. Connor in R13, raising \$320, Harley in M4 raising \$300 and Eli in H22 raising \$270. Again, a fantastic effort. All students received their prizes just in time for the school holidays, and I am sure they enjoyed playing with them.

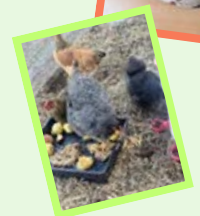
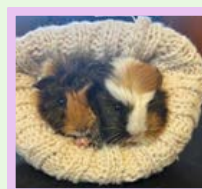
Our Chicken coop has now become a productive egg source. We have two of our 6 chickens laying at the moment with the hope that the others will start soon. Students can order the eggs by getting an order form from either the front office or the Nest. Once orders and money are received, orders will be given out to the students as they can be filled. At the moment only half a dozen at a time can be ordered until our other hens are laying.

The money that we receive for the eggs will go back into purchasing food and supplies for our chickens and guinea pigs.

Speaking of guinea pigs. Meet Peanut and Snickers. Two more little friends have moved in to the ETPS farm in the Nature Play. They join Snitzel and Von Krum and are settling in very well with lots of cuddles from the student who join me at lunch times on a Thursday and Friday.

Regards,


*Mrs Piro*




# Wellbeing from The Nest

## Values Certificates


Excellence	Community	Respect	Empathy
Joanne M6a Mahoor M6a Matt M10 Meisha R14 Layla R14 Alistair C20 Keimi M9a Alex M4 Cohen H22 Lavish R13 Layla R12	Anam M8 Lotus H23 Azeliya M10 Krista C21	Hannah M8 Gayu C20 Ivy H22 Manmeet R13 Sanvi C21 Eamon R12	Aleena M5 Tiffany M4 Ichika M5 Atreyu H23 Dakota R12




EXCELLENCE



COMMUNITY



RESPECT



EMPATHY



### Raffle Tickets Weeks 6-8

Layla R14 Manmeet R13 Liana M5 Qichen M5 Cindy R14 Jamillah M4	Adam M8 Chloe R14 Max C21 Wayne R14 Jayden R12 Jason M5	Ella R14 Sayon M3 Alrayyan M3 Bani R12
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# Wellbeing from The Nest



## Our hens are laying.

Our beautiful hens in the Nature Play have begun laying East Torrens Primary Schools very first lot of free range eggs.

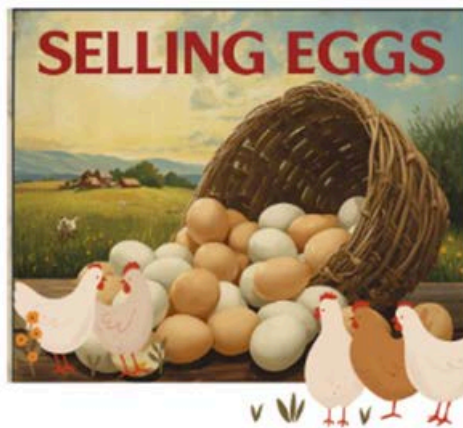
At this stage we have 2 out of the 7 chickens laying eggs, one of these being Bonnie our little Bantam chicken.

We will be selling these eggs and ask if you would be interested in purchasing some please ask your child to collect an order form from the front office or the Nest. We will fill the order as soon as possible. Orders will be filled on a supply basis and sent home at the end of the day with your child.

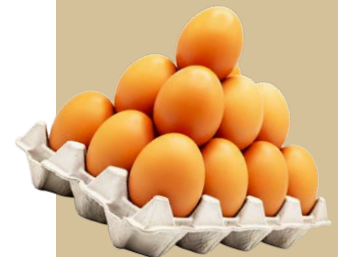
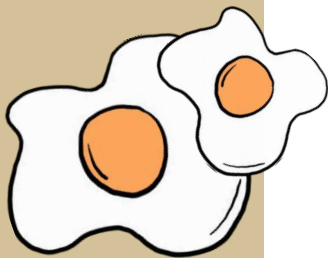
6 Bantam Chicken eggs \$3.00

6 Medium Eggs \$4.00

**CASH SALES ONLY.**



All money recieved from the egg sales will go towards feeding the chickens and guinea pigs in the Nature Play.



## Did you know?

We have public Facebook and Instagram pages. Please take a look and follow us to stay updated with our latest news and events.



[www.facebook.com/etorrensp](http://www.facebook.com/etorrensp)



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[www.instagram.com/etorrensp](http://www.instagram.com/etorrensp)

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Welcome to East Torrens Primary School, nestled in the vibrant suburb of Hectorville, South Australia.

# Finance News

## School Fees OVERDUE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Statements detailing all outstanding payments for children at East Torrens Primary School have been emailed . Any overdue amounts appearing on the statement are required to be settled as soon as possible.

- If your school fees have already been paid, please disregard the email.
- If you have applied for a School Card and are awaiting the outcome, no further action is required at this stage.
- If you have already arranged a payment plan, thank you for your cooperation.
- If you have not yet set up a payment plan, please contact us without delay on 08 3371 411 or via email at dl.0971.finance@schools.sa.edu.au to discuss your payment options.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards

Kavita Mer  
Business Manager

## School Card Scheme

If you're a low-income family with children attending government schools, you can get financial help with school fees, materials and services charges through the School Card scheme. You could also get access to a free device if your child is in year 7 or 10 and their school takes part in the department's School Device Program.

Parents should speak directly to their school about financial help.

Who can apply

School Card is available to:

- families with children aged 4 years and over who attend a school full-time
- independent full-time students studying year 10, 11 or 12
- adult re-entry students who are completing their SACE.



[Click for more information](#)  
[and to complete the application form.](#)

# Intensive English Learning Program News (IELP)

Dear Families,

As we begin the new school term, we warmly welcome back all students and families to the IELC school community..

We hope the break provided time to rest, recharge and enjoy special moments together. This term brings many opportunities for students to continue developing their skills, building friendships and growing in confidence as learners. We look forward to another positive and rewarding term ahead.

**Virginia Wong**  
– M10 Receptions/Year 1

**Amber Kazmi**  
– M6A Year 4/5

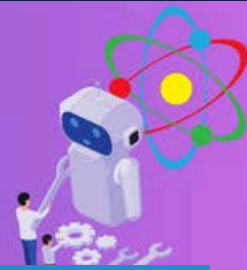
**Erin Pedler**  
– M9A Year 1

**Rachel Colquhoun &  
Penny Kavuki**  
– M5 Year 6

**Chamila Chandrasena**  
– M8 Year 2/3

Viota Chronis  
IELP Leader





## STEM & Technology Update

This term, classes have started exploring the STEM design cycle during their STEM lessons. Students have been investigating problems, designing solutions, testing ideas and improving their creations through hands-on challenges and teamwork. It has been fantastic to see students showing creativity, persistence and problem-solving skills as they work through the design process.

All of this learning is building towards our exciting STEM Spectacular Morning on Tuesday of Week 9, where students will have the opportunity to share their thinking, designs and learning with our school community.

Our lunchtime STEM Club also continues every Tuesday in the Science Room, and all students are welcome to come along and join in the activities and challenges.

If families are looking for fun STEM activities to try at home, [Science Buddies](#) has a fantastic range of hands-on projects and experiments for a variety of ages and interests.

We look forward to sharing more STEM learning throughout the term!

Sheralee Trebeck  
Technology Key Teacher

# Children's University

Dear families,

This year 15 students are taking part in the Children's University, many for the first time. Since receiving their passports, students have been busy exploring the portal and recording learning activities they have completed outside of school or during lunch times.

To access the portal, each student has been given their own username and password, which can be found in the inside cover of their passport. Once they access the portal, they will find many activities in different categories they can complete for hours.

In the coming weeks, a member from the Children's University will be visiting the school to talk with participants about the portal in more detail. I will also be working with students to assist them with any questions they may have, including how to record hours and how to keep track of how many hours they have completed. We will also talk about out of school activities and lunch time activities students are completing, that can be included as part of their hours. In the meantime, if your child has any problems accessing the portal or recording hours, ask them to come and see me before school or during break times during the week. Alternatively, you can send me an email at [melissa.ciufoli658@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:melissa.ciufoli658@schools.sa.edu.au) with any queries you may have.

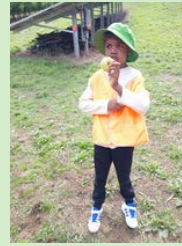
Looking forward to reading about all of the students' experiences and learning.

Regards,

Melissa Ciufoli  
School Children's University Coordinator



## April School Holidays



### April School Holidays at OSHC!

During the April school holidays, OSHC got up to many adventures! We spent a lot of time in the sandpit, digging and building to make rivers, islands and dams. We experimented with different materials to make art including Hama Beads, watercolour paints, recycled materials, and craft supplies. We also made some playdough, built many forts, did a lot of running, and went on a treasure hunt!



Our biggest adventure was going apple picking at Lenswood! While we explored the many rows of apples, our tour guide taught us facts about the apple life cycle, how they are picked and about the variety of apples. We got to pick as many Golden Delicious apples as we could carry, and eat as many as we wanted while we walked around. We played a game to see who could stack the most apples and enjoyed some fresh apple juice!



For enrolment information please contact OSHC at [etps.oshc29@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:etps.oshc29@schools.sa.edu.au)



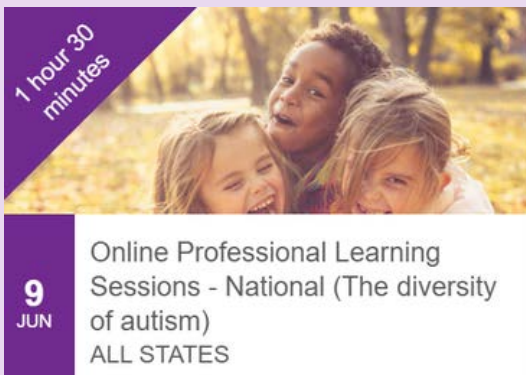
July school holidays program – coming soon!



# Autism Inclusion



Please see below some free upcoming workshops for families and carers through Positive Partnerships. The workshops are interactive and during the virtual workshop, you can connect with the facilitators and other parents and carers via the chat box, live chat and video. You can register via the Positive Partnerships website: [Positive Partnerships | Parent and Carer Workshops](#)



1 hour 30 minutes

**9**  
JUN

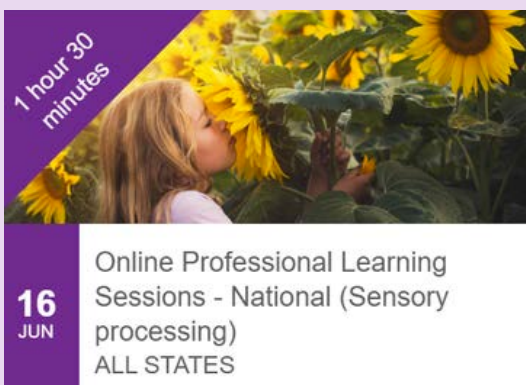
Online Professional Learning Sessions - National (The diversity of autism)  
ALL STATES



1 hour 30 minutes

**19**  
MAY

Online Parent/Carer Workshop Session - Understanding Behaviour  
ALL STATES



1 hour 30 minutes

**16**  
JUN

Online Professional Learning Sessions - National (Sensory processing)  
ALL STATES

## Diversity of autism

- examines parent's knowledge of autism and how autism directly impacts their child at home and school
- investigates strategies to use at home and school to improve learning outcomes

## Understanding behaviour (only available in 2 Day version of the workshop)

- examines the function/purpose of behaviour
- explore tools and strategies to understand and respond helpfully to young people

## Understanding sensory processing

- explores sensory processing and how sensory needs can impact autistic young people.
- identifies strategies that can be used to support children experiencing sensory processing issues
- explores sensory processing and how sensory needs can impact autistic young people.
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If you have any questions or would like to chat, you can email Maria Primavera, Autism Inclusion Teacher (AIT) at: [maria.primavera797@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:maria.primavera797@schools.sa.edu.au)



## Playgroup News:

### Exploring Nature, Celebrating Learning, and Honouring Mothers

At East Torrens Primary School Playgroup, our term has been filled with joyful discoveries and meaningful experiences grounded in Nature Play. Young learners have had wonderful opportunities to explore the outdoors, connect with our favourite feathered friends—the chickens—and celebrate the special role of mothers in our community.



#### Celebrating Mother's Day

In preparation for Mother's Day, playgroup children created special gifts and cards. Children expressed their appreciation and love for their mothers and caregivers through heartfelt drawings and thoughtful words.



#### Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to all families for embracing our program's emphasis on nature, caring, and community. Together, we are providing memorable learning experiences that build confidence and connection for our young children.

From Jo, Lisa and Ms A



#### Nature Play Adventures

Our playgroup children have eagerly engaged in Nature Play, embracing the sights, sounds, and sensations of our natural environment. Outdoor play fosters curiosity, creativity, and gross motor skills, as children collect leaves, build with sticks, and observe insects in our garden spaces. These open-ended activities promote early science skills and encourage a sustained love for the outdoors.



#### Meeting the Chickens

A highlight of this term has been regular visits to our school chickens. Children have enjoyed helping to feed them, collect eggs, and learn about caring for living things. These moments teach important values such as empathy, responsibility, and respect for all creatures. Some of our younger learners were particularly delighted by the gentle clucking and soft feathers, inspiring plenty of conversation.

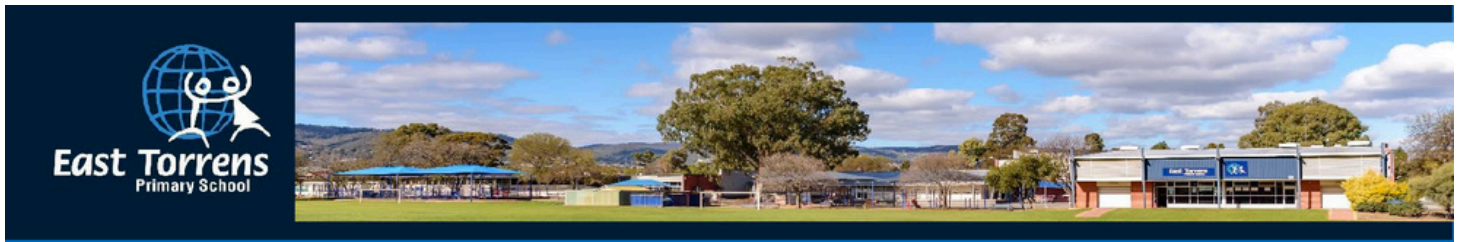
## Come and join us!

If you would be interested in joining playgroup please register at

[East Torrens Playgroup Registration Of Interest](#)

# RECEPTION ENROLMENTS 2026

If your child is due to start school in 2026, please complete the online Registration of Interest form to be added to our waiting list




## Is your child due to start Reception in Term 1 or Term 3 of 2026?

Please visit our website [www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au](http://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au) to complete our **registration of interest form**.

<https://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/registration-of-interest/>

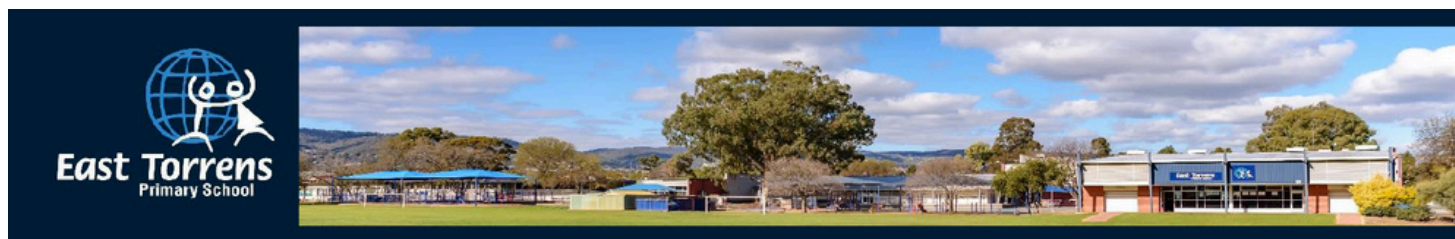
For information regarding our **Principal's School Tours** please visit

<https://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au/enrolments/school-tours/>

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Attend scheduled enrolment meeting	Term 3, Weeks 9 & 10 15/9/2025 to 25/9/2025	Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3 4/5/2026 to 15/5/2026
Attend 3 scheduled Transition Visits	Term 4 Thursday 20/11/2025 Wednesday 26/11/2025 Wednesday 3/12/2025	Term 2 Thursday 11/6/2026 Wednesday 17/6/2026 Thursday 25/6/2026

# RECEPTION ENROLMENTS 2027

If your child is due to start school in 2027, please complete the online Registration of Interest form to be added to our waiting list




## Is your child due to start Reception in Term 1 or Term 3 of 2027?

Please visit our website [www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au](http://www.ettorrensps.sa.edu.au) to complete our **registration of interest form**.

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# What Is The ICAS Competition - ICAS Assessments

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**FOR 12 TO 16 YEAR OLDS**

**THURSDAY NIGHTS**  
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**MAY 7**

Families are invited to join us and meet our new Principal Mrs Alina Page



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# OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 20 May 2026  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

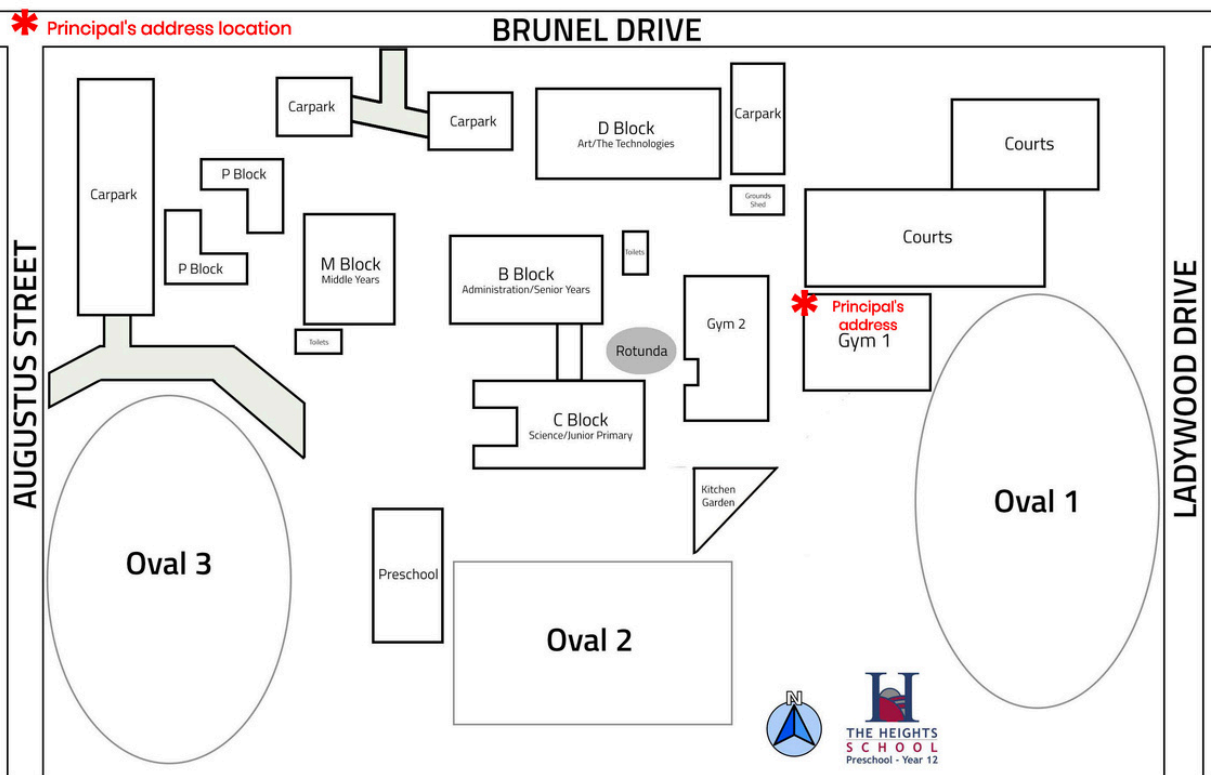
## ALL WELCOME

Principal's address 5:00pm  
School tour to follow

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Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



Dear families,  
We are excited to introduce our new Principal Mrs Alina Page



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# PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

Wednesday 27 May 2026  
9:00am - 10:00am

Principal's address 9:00am  
School tour to follow

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