

TERM 2 2023 DIARY DATES

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	1/5 START TERM 1	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5
<b>WEEK 2</b>	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5 Cross Country Running
<b>WEEK 3</b>	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5 Odyssey Program Yrs 4/5/6 Hike	19/5
<b>WEEK 4</b>	22/5 ESR External School Review	23/5 ESR External School Review	24/5	25/5 Odyssey Program Yrs 2/3/4 Fishing	26/5
<b>WEEK 5</b>	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6
<b>WEEK 6</b>	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6 Odyssey Program Yrs 2/3/4 Fishing	9/6
<b>WEEK 7</b>	12/6 Kings Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/6	14/6	15/6	16/6
← Reception - Yr 2 and Yr 3 - 5 Swimming → 					
<b>WEEK 8</b>	19/6	20/6	21/6	22/6 Odyssey Program Yrs 2/3/4 Fishing	23/6
<b>WEEK 9</b>	26/6	27/6	28/6 Odyssey Program Monarto Excursion	29/6	30/6 Pupil Free Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	3/7	4/7	5/7	6/7	7/7 LAST DAY TERM 2 2:00 Dismissal



# CHRISTIE DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Jacaranda 2

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2 2023**

**12/6**

Week 7  
Monday  
Kings Birthday  
Public Holiday

**13/6 - 16/6**

Week 7  
R-2 Swimming  
and Yrs 3-5  
Swimming

**30/6**

Week 9  
Friday  
Pupil Free Day

**7/7**

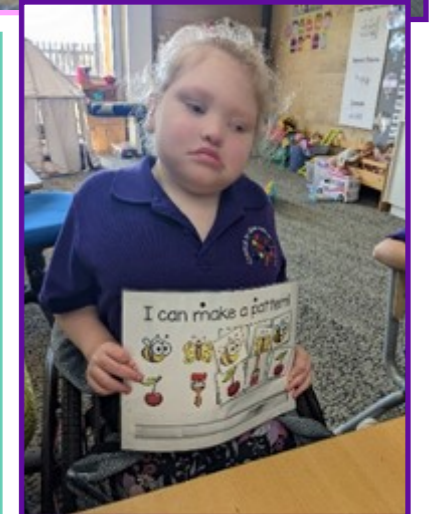
Week 10  
Friday  
Last Day of Term  
Early Dismissal  
2:00pm

*Dream  
Believe  
Achieve*



This semester in Jacaranda 2 we have been working to further our math's skills. Students have been learning to skip count, add, make patterns and recognize shapes and colours. They have also been attending fortnightly cooking sessions to learn practical math's skills. Cooking involves a great deal of measurement. Students are learning various measurements such as cups, teaspoons and tablespoons. They are also developing their understanding of fractions as well and utilizing addition and subtraction skills. We also get to enjoy some delicious foods after all our hard work.

Adele Vowles - Class Teacher



**LEADERSHIP TEAM :**

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## Lilly Pilly 2

This term in science, Lilly Pilly 2 have been learning about the sky and it's observable features and changes throughout the seasons. We have been learning about the weather symbols commonly used, and have used these symbols to observe and track the weather everyday. We have been reflecting on how these weather changes impact our daily lives and the lives of animals.

Students have particularly loved learning about the Kurna seasons, and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island seasonal names. We learnt that we are currently in Parnati (Autumn) and are going to transition into Kudlila (Winter) in June. We have loved learning the Kurna translation for words used to describe the weather and use these words everyday in our daily weather tracker.

Our next steps are to learn the season song in Kurna language. We can't wait to work on this with Ross during our Kurna lessons.

"I have learnt all the Kurna weather names and what happens in each season" - Dottie

"I loved when we acted out how animals and nature changes in each season" - Carmen & Kaius



Throughout this school year, Lilly Pilly 2 have been working with Batman Jo on our drumming and rhythm skills. We have learnt how to improvise, match a beat, add on to a beat, and have even begun to practice for a performance in a coming assembly.

We have found it a very positive relief for our students, and a fabulous way to collaborate as a class.

We love seeing their giant smiles on their faces each week as they let out all their energy in such a positive way. Myself and the Lilly Pilly students cant wait for drumming lessons each week.

"My favourite thing about drumming is making thunderstorms with Batman Jo" - Enoch

"I love the music we listen to in drumming" - Aleaha

Jess Vidau - Class Teacher



## Covid

## Lost Property

We have a large number of clothing items in our lost property.

We have gone through these items and quite a few are named. Please remind your child/ren to check the lost property and please remember to name all items of clothing.

Thankyou,  
Front Office

## Swimming

Just a friendly reminder

Last day to pay for Reception - Yr 5 Swimming is 8th June.

If you are having any issues in regards to Payment, please don't hesitate to come in and see Front Office staff.

Thankyou,  
Front Office



## Feminine Hygiene

We have a large supply of Feminine Hygiene products in the front office for any families that may be in need. Please don't hesitate to see our friendly Front Office staff.



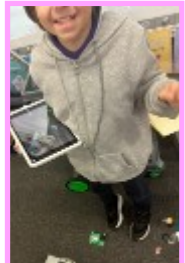
## Digital Technologies

We offer Digital Technologies as a specialist subject taught by Danni Lach on Tuesdays and Fridays. Students accessing this include the junior, middle and upper primary mainstream classes, including some upper primary small classes. These classes are based mostly in the computer room.

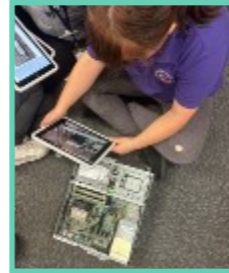
Over the course of this year, students will have lots of opportunities to develop their increasingly important information and communication technologies skills (ICT skills), while focusing on the Digital Technologies curriculum. As a part of this, students will be learning to use digital systems, develop computational thinking, understand cyber safety, build touch typing skills and create digital solutions; all while working ethically and respectfully. Throughout the year, students have been working with a variety of computer systems and devices including desktop computers, robots and iPads.

In Term 2, we are currently exploring how a range of digital systems work and applying systems thinking skills to look closer at the different parts needed in a system for it to function properly.

Danni Lach - Digital Tech Teacher



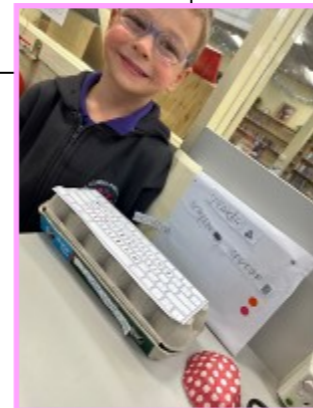
Students across site use the iPads to scan QR codes, listen to audiobooks, create digital recordings and reflect on key learnings in a range of apps.



Students looked inside an old computer tower to help better understand how computers work. They identified and labelled the motherboard, CPU, RAM and storage devices.



Reception and Year 1 students created their own computer using boxes, egg cartons and paper. Students recognised the main parts of the computer, including the mouse, monitor, screen, keyboard and power supply.



Meet Glitch!

Students have welcomed Glitch, our Digital Tech Guardian, to the computer room. Glitch is included in the learning and visits students during

## Odyssey Program

### ODYSSEY SO FAR

So far the Odyssey program has been met with enthusiasm and excitement from both staff and students. Thank you to all the staff who have been part of excursions and lessons. You have been an amazing support to the students and to me.

The adventures and learning that we have engaged in up to now are;

- Teamwork challenges
- Communication and collaboration skills
- Hands on play focusing on inclusivity and problem solving
- Surfing
- Hikes



The odyssey adventures challenge the students resilience, persistence as well as physically. Everytime we have returned to school after an excursion we can happily say that students have met and exceeded our expectations.

One such moment came on our recent hike for the upper primary to the Onkaparinga gorge. Students encountered a very steep stretch of the track. A few slips and tired legs quickly became a test of strength and grit. All students assisted each other fantastically but one group in particular made sure that they would overcome this obstacle together and achieved something wonderful when they completed.

The junior primary classes also had an adventure at school with a visit from Radicool Reptiles and their family of lizards, baby crocodile and snakes. The focus of this visit was on animals and their habitats, safety and noticing feelings. The excitement in the hall was electric. Well done to Lilly Pilly 1 and 2 for showing school values of respect and responsibility.

Coming up this term:

JP: Monarto excursion (more info to come)

MP: Fishing

UP: Leadership and team dynamics,

Pat Jolly - PE Teacher





Radicool reptiles with some Radicool kids



Reflection after Odyssey Hike- speaking about our triple H - (Hero, Highlight, Hardship)



Sundrews lookout at Onkaparinga River National park

Pat Jolly - PE Teacher

## Health and PE Cross Country Running

In week 2 of this term 17 students were selected to represent the school at SAPSASA cross country running. The event involved students to complete either a 2km or 3km run with their peers from other schools.

The students from Christie Downs PS were all revved up and dressed up in our school sports uniform. Cheering on the bus "Christie Downs!, Christie Downs!".

We arrived and set up our tent and it was time to go. Our students demonstrated teamwork and resilience as their lungs and legs were feeling the pain.

Well done to all the students who participated and put their best foot forward. Also, many thanks to Sasha and Ross for supporting as well.

Pat Jolly - PE Teacher

