



Government  
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Department of Education  
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# Whyalla Town Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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Week 2, 1st August 2018

### Diary Dates

3rd August	Genes for Jeans
6th August	Governing Council
8th August	Science Day
9th August	Music is Fun
10th August	Book Club due
<b>13th August</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
16th August	Room 3 Camp
Week 5	Book Fair
21st August	Room 2 Camp
23rd August	Book Week Parade
24th August	Fun Run
27th August	Phil Kettle workshop
3rd September	Governing Council
6th September	Indonesian Day
<b>7th September</b>	<b>School Closure</b>
Week 8	Year 5/6/7 Camp
20th September	School Photos

### Assembly

This Friday will see Room 3 host Assembly.  
9am start in the gym. ALL WELCOME!!

### Assembly Awards

We would like to acknowledge the recipients from our last Assembly Awards.

*Confidence: Ayush Charan*

*Getting Along: Noah Reschke*

*Persistence: McKenzie Grund*

*Excellence: Naofar Shah*

*Resilience: Isla Wilsdon*

*Organisation: Jasmine Goddard*

### Road Crossing Roster

Morning: 8:30 – 8:50am

Afternoon: 3:10pm – 3:30pm

Term 3 Week 2	
Morning	Thomas Hobba, Thomas O'Connor, Ethan Dinedios
Afternoon	Brouklyn Berens, Kobe Smith, Olivia Jacobs
Reserve	Morning: Allira Wilkes Afternoon: Emily Greenough

### Canteen Roster

Thursday 2nd August-Wednesday 8th August

	Recess 11:20am	Lunch 1:20pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Frid</b>	Paulette Green	Robyn Wade
<b>Mon</b>	Keren Burke	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	Angela Clapp
<b>Wed</b>	Tammy Foulkes	Simone Beaty

### Canteen

A new Menu for the School canteen has been sent home.



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# Phonics screening check

## Information for parents/carers, families and the general community

Most children start school with some understanding of reading. Some can already read. Children who understand the relationship between letters and sounds—known as 'phonics'—will be at an advantage. Phonics is vital in learning to read.

Some children struggle with learning to read. It is important that these children are quickly identified so that teachers can plan for any specific support they may need. When this is done early, children have the best possible chance in life and learning.

The phonics screening check is a short, simple assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics. It takes only 5–7 minutes and is carried out by classroom teachers with each student individually. Teachers then analyse the results and, if necessary, plan for any additional support that students might require.

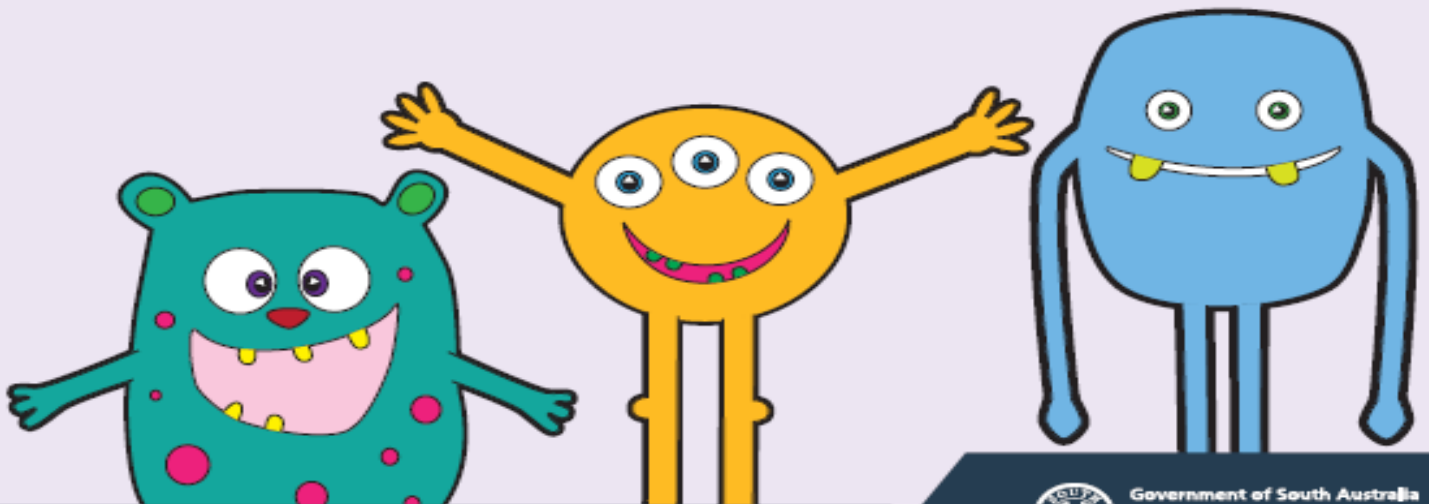
The phonics screening check was developed in the United Kingdom and the South Australian Department for Education trialled it in 2017 in 56 schools. The trial showed that not only did children enjoy it, but that it was straight forward to do. Principals and teachers thought the check had the potential to improve phonics teaching.

All Year 1 students in government schools will undertake the check in August 2018. To ensure high quality and consistency, Year 1 teachers and school leaders are being trained to use the phonics screening check during term 2, 2018.

The Department for Education is supporting schools with resources to undertake the assessment and to follow up with students who need additional support. The phonics screening check will be updated each year.

Phonics screening check materials will also be made available to Catholic and Independent schools in South Australia.

The phonics screening check is one important element of the Government of South Australia's Literacy Guarantee, ensuring that all students have the best possible start in reading. The Literacy Guarantee is central to the improvement of literacy and numeracy for all students.



# Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

Friday 3rd August 2018

Help raise funds and fight diseases in 2018 by wearing your jeans to school and donate money towards finding a cure. 1 in 20 Aussie kids face a birth defect or genetic disease and every dollar raised will go directly to Children's Medical Research Institute.