



NEWSLETTER

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Department for Education



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April is Autism Awareness Month

Dates to remember:

Autism Month is about raising awareness, acceptance and inclusion surrounding autism. More than 205,000 Australians are autistic and 1 in 4 Australians have a family member on the autism spectrum.

Term 1 Ends

Friday 14/4/23 at 2pm

CASUAL DAY

Term 2 starts

Monday 1st May 2023

Swimming Week Year R-2

Week 1

Tuesday 2/5/23 to Friday 5/5/23

Wellbeing & Engagement Survey

(WEC) Students in Year 4-7

Week 2 - 5

Term 2 Assembly

Even weeks at 2:15pm

Facts about autism



estimated Australians are autistic

205,200

estimated Australians are diagnosed as autistic



more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of Australians on the spectrum are young (between the ages of 5 - 24)

38%

of Australians on the spectrum participate in the workforce (compared with 83.2% of people with no disability)



29%

of people on the spectrum have skills that are considered exceptional



estimated parents/ carers, siblings grandchildren touched by autism daily

12,900,000

70%

of autistic people also have one co-occurring condition, 40% have two or more

For more information about autism please visit The Spectrum website, www.thespectrum.org.au

For more information about supports and services at Autism SA, scan the QR code or visit autismsa.org.au



SOURCES

Hylyens, G., Applegate, L., Dierckx, J. et al. | Autism Dev Disord (2018) 48: 2212-2217. Australian National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing (2007) ABS.

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EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize : Bradley S

2nd Prize : James M

3rd Prize : Becky M

Congratulations to our winners.

Morning Routines and Yard Duty

In the mornings students are able to play in the quad, sandpit and shelter shed spaces.

The table just outside the Unit is also a place children can hang out - but we ask children to stay off the grassed area (known as Tucci's Turf) as the carpark nearby is a busy place in the mornings.

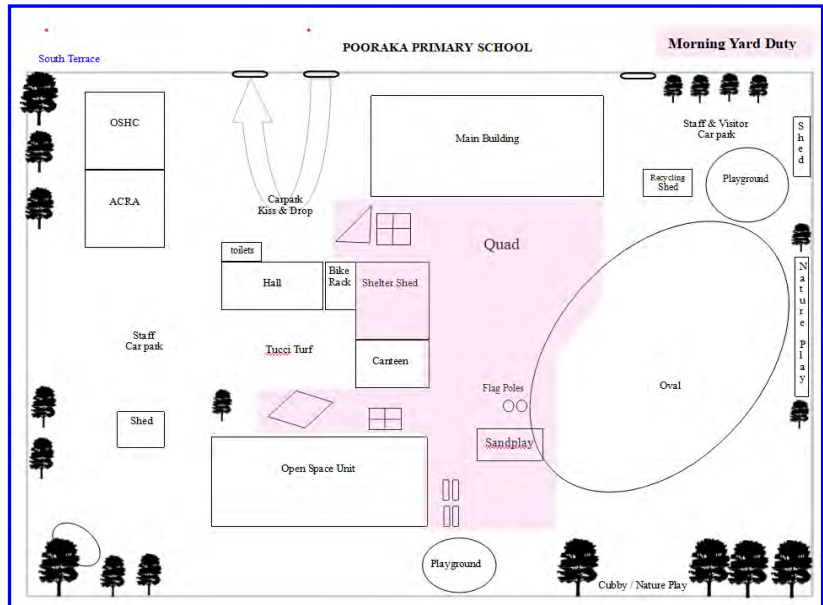
The playgrounds and oval are not in use before school starts.

We thank our students and families for remaining in the designated spaces, to ensure everyone's safety.

A reminder that school starts at 8:50am, and that staff are on duty from 8:30am.

Any students arriving before this time need to go to the front office, or book into OSHC if very early consistently.

If you see behaviour that is not consistent with our values of respect and kindness - please speak to a staff member on duty or go to the office.



Ms Deborah has been playing the saxophone and trumpet on yard duty - "she is not very good" says Logan

OSHC Update :

Sandra is off overseas.

We have a temporary director placed with us so that we can continue our OSHC service to you.

Claudia, will lead our Vacation Care Program, with our current staff supporting her.

Please ensure you book in asap for Vacation Care. Some of our Vac Care Days are now fully booked.

Due to staffing complexities next week, please ensure you are booked in by the day before. Thank you.

And again, we thank Sandra for her flexibility, support and fabulousness - while we continue to navigate this uncertain procurement process.

Crossing Monitors

Earlier this term the South Australian Police come to Pooraka School to facilitate a training session for students and staff to operate as Children Crossing Monitors.

Students who elect to be trained, have a responsibility to the safety of other students who use the crossing.



Thank you to our student volunteers.