

The SASY Scoop

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The beginning of the year at SASY was marked by a culturally rich and significant event, featuring a Welcome to Country, a traditional smoking ceremony, and a captivating yidaki performance. This auspicious start was led by the esteemed Harley-Ngrakani Dreaming and Ella, whose contributions added depth and authenticity to the ceremonies. For a detailed account of this memorable day and to understand the cultural significance of each element, please refer to **page 3**.

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School Holiday

For those who need support during the school holiday period, we are staffed and open for young people on the following dates between **10am-3pm**:

Week 1

Tuesday April 16th
Wednesday April 17th
Thursday April 18th

Week 2

Tuesday April 23rd
Wednesday April 24th

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A note from the Acting CE

Dear SASY Community,

As we approach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared together. It has been an honour to witness the resilience, growth, and determination of our young people—both those returning and those joining us for the first time.

Our SASY staff continues to expand, and I am thrilled to welcome new team members who bring fresh perspectives, passion, and expertise. Together, we are committed to nurturing an inclusive and supportive environment for all.

Our recent Welcome to Country celebration, accompanied by a powerful smoking ceremony, reminded us of the deep connection to the land and the importance of acknowledging our First Nations custodians. It was a moment of unity, respect, and cultural celebration.

The Adventure Camp was more than just a trip—it was an opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, build resilience, and create lasting memories. Whether it was conquering a rock wall or sharing stories around a campfire, our young people thrived.

Our First Nations Camp allowed students to immerse themselves in Indigenous culture, learn from Elders, and gain a deeper understanding of our shared history. It was a transformative experience that fostered empathy and connection.

As we bid farewell to our outgoing Chief Executive, David Wild, we eagerly welcome Karen Taylor to the SASY family. Karen brings a wealth of experience and a passion for empowering youth. Her leadership will undoubtedly propel us toward new horizons.

As we prepare for the next chapter, let us remember that SASY is more than just a school—it is a community. A place where dreams are nurtured, where challenges are met with courage, and where every young person matters.

To our graduates, congratulations on reaching this milestone. Your journey doesn't end here; it evolves. Keep pushing boundaries, keep seeking knowledge, and keep believing in your potential.

To our returning students, thank you for your resilience and commitment. Your presence enriches our SASY tapestry, and we can't wait to see what you achieve next.

And to Karen Taylor, our incoming Chief Executive, welcome aboard! Your leadership will guide us as we continue to empower South Australia's disengaged youth.

With gratitude,
Nic Pellegrini

Welcome to our new CE

As I write this, it is day 3 here at SASY and what an absolute delight and privilege to be here.

Having spent a career in for purpose organisations across youth work, psychology, education, and senior leadership roles, SASY feels like a perfect fit!

I am committed to and passionate about social justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion. I believe strongly in equality of opportunity for all and providing environments in which people can make the most of those opportunities.

Education is the key driver of all opportunities in life and something that must meet the needs of all not just some. SASY, and the amazing team here, is clearly striving to achieve all of this and more.

On a personal note, I have two amazing grown up daughters who are 25 and 31 and an incredible partner....better not reveal his age.

I am a political tragic whom you will often find watching election broadcasts, even when they don't relate to SA and some that don't even relate to Australia! I am always on the couch Sunday morning watching Insiders on ABC to get my weekly fix of all things political.

I love reading, although don't get nearly enough time to indulge. I make every effort to exercise every day, not always successful, to maintain both my physical and mental health.

Most of all I love spending time eating and hanging out with friends and my girls.....food and good conversation, nothing beats it!

Written by Karen Taylor



Smoking Ceremony



The beginning of the year at SASY was marked by a profound cultural experience with a Welcome to Country, a smoking ceremony, and a yidaki performance by Harley-Ngrakani Dreaming and Ella.

This significant event took place in Hindmarsh Square, a vibrant spot in the heart of the city, where staff and students gathered to honour and recognise the deep history of the Kaurna land upon which they live, work, and learn.

The ceremony provided a moment of reflection amidst the city's dynamic pace and allowed for a deeper connection with the traditional custodians of the land.

Remarkably, the event also captured the attention of passersby, inviting the general public to partake in this special occasion. The day was not only beautiful in terms of weather but also in the sense of community and shared respect.

It's a testament to the inclusive spirit of SASY, extending the tradition beyond the school and into the broader community, fostering a sense of unity and acknowledgment of cultural heritage in the CBD.



An Unforgeable day at Ice Factor

The SASY Assassins achieved a remarkable feat with three victories in the tournament, showcasing not only their skill but also their commendable sportsmanship throughout the event.

The team's spirit was exemplified by the award recipients: Lawyer, Josh, and Laurence, who were recognised for their exceptional leadership, and Blake and Lyra, who were honoured for their inspiring encouragement.

Additionally, Kasey and Lyra deserve special recognition for their roles as MCs and for respectfully performing the acknowledgment of country, a meaningful gesture that did not go unnoticed.

The day was further highlighted by the athletic prowess of Kasey, Laurence, and Lawyer, each contributing to the scoreboard with their goals.

This collective effort and the display of camaraderie and respect are what truly define the essence of the SASY Assassins' success.



Welcome to Our New Staff Members

We are delighted to welcome you to our team at SASY.

As you embark on your professional journey with us, we extend our sincerest wishes for your success and fulfillment in your new role.

Welcome aboard.



Louise
Youth Worker



Sally
Youth Worker



TeeJay
Youth Worker

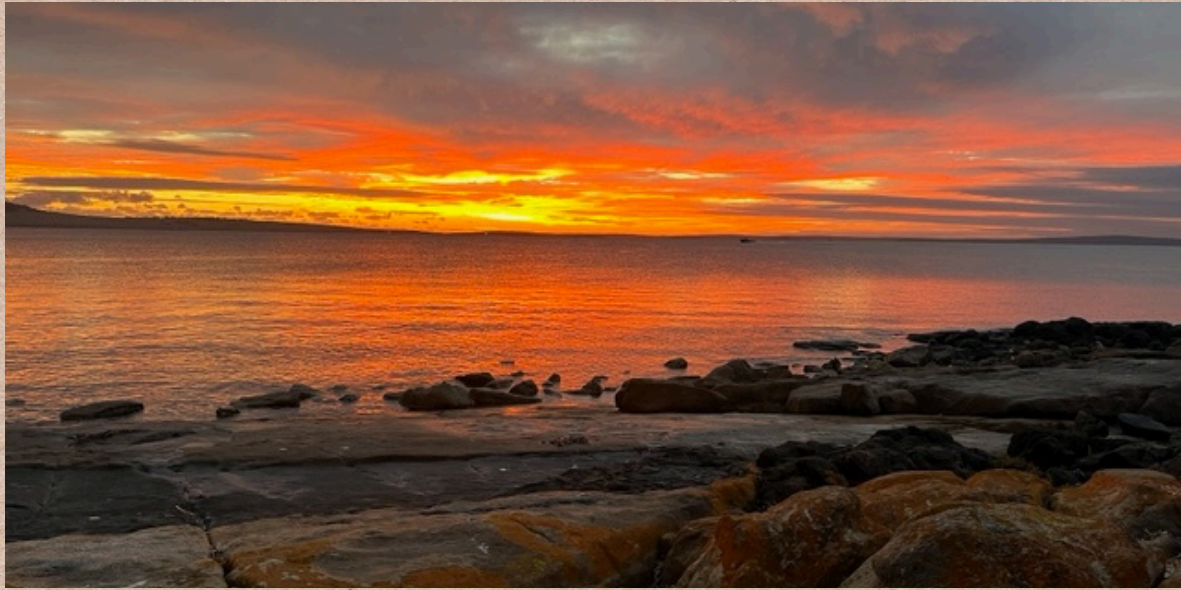


Tom
Youth Worker



Melissa
Youth Worker

First Nations Cultural Camp



SASY students recently experienced a First Nations Cultural Camp in Port Lincoln.

Organized as part of our First Nations program, this five days camp gave us a unique opportunity to delve into Aboriginal culture and foster meaningful connections with local communities.

Based at the picturesque land and sea scape of Port Lincoln, on the ancestral lands of the Barngarla people, the camp provided a diverse range of immersive experiences. From engaging in storytelling sessions where our young people had the opportunity to listen in truth telling about first settlement histories, to exploring the culinary arts with traditional ingredients, every activity was not only educational but also deeply enriching.

Beyond the cultural immersion, the camp facilitated valuable interactions with elders and community leaders. These exchanges allowed us to gain insights into Aboriginal traditions, languages, and perspectives, fostering mutual respect and understanding.

As we reflect on our time at the cultural camp, we are reminded of the significance of preserving and honouring Indigenous heritage. It underscores the importance of diversity and inclusivity within our school community.





Written by Bec, SASY Teacher

Graduation Ceremony 2023

Held on Tuesday, 26th March, at the prestigious Adelaide Town Hall, the event honoured the students who successfully graduated and engaged in positive pathways in 2023.

It was a meaningful occasion that brought together educators, families, and peers to recognise the hard work and dedication of these ten exceptional students.

As we reflect on their journey, we are filled with pride and anticipation for the bright futures that lie ahead for each of them.

SASY extends heartfelt congratulations to our graduates and eagerly looks forward to witnessing their continued success and contributions to society.



Senior Adventure Camp

This term Senior students were given the opportunity to attend an overnight fishing camp in the picturesque coastal spot known as Second Valley.

The clear blue waters provide an excellent opportunity for fishing. Off the jetty the group caught multiple squid, leather jackets, and a few tommys, and whatever was not undersized became barbequed tucker.

Students had the chance to snorkel through the abundant marine life and fossick through the rugged unique geological formations and coastal rocks looking for crabs, sea glass, and shells.

It was a great way to start the year with a new group of Senior Adventurers and creating new connections throughout the school.

Written by Kath, SASY Teacher



SENIOR ADVENTURE CAMP PHOTOS

Port Elliot Camping



Eight students and a handful of staff embarked on an enriching overnight adventure to the scenic Port Elliot camp.

The camp offered a plethora of activities designed to foster teamwork and communication, highlighted by a kayaking session that included a playful round of 'Simon Says' atop the kayaks. The adventure continued with a Big Duck Boat tour, providing an up-close view of Granite Island and Waitpinga Cliffs, where the students were delighted by the sight of frolicking dolphins and basking seals.

The group's exemplary behaviour did not go unnoticed; guests at the tourist park commended our young explorers for their friendliness and respectfulness in communal areas.

This excursion proved to be a joyful and emotionally enriching experience for our youth, filled with cherished memories and lessons in camaraderie.



SENIOR ADVENTURE CAMP PHOTOS