

The SASY Scoop

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Our SASY Assassins ice hockey team were invited to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and her husband Mr Rod Buntten at their home alongside several other Ice Factor teams. Whilst visiting, Laurence gave a speech and the team got to learn about the history of South Australia, meet His Excellency Alfie (the Governor's Cavoodle) and explore the fascinating Government House. A highlight for the team in Term 3!

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Program of 2023!

In Week 2, SASY's Outdoor Education program we call 'Adventure' won Program of the Year from Outdoor Educator's Association of South Australia (OEASA) for 2023! An incredible achievement for SASY to win this award, one that was made more impactful given the calibre of programs we were up against! Thanks to OEASA for their recognition of our program that means so much to our staff and young people.

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A note from the CE

Hello SASY Community,

It's the end of another great term and we are three quarters through the year! We cannot believe it has gone so fast. We have you all to thank for an amazing term. To our young people, staff, parents, carers, and the industry/supporters around us, we thank you. Together we are contributing good to the world around us.

I want to take this time in this newsletter to discuss the heartbeat of what makes SASY different.

At SASY we do not want to separate the work of wellbeing from the work of education, and instead see the utmost importance of merging these elements in all we do. But how do we do this.....??? Let me share with you 5 stories from the term, as related to our SASY 5 Cs.

Connection – Seeing two staff members recently return from parental leave this term, and hearing the warm shrieking yells of welcome from young people truly reminds us of the importance and strength of true connections.

Character – This term the SASY student band, 8 Day Reign performed an incredible first public performance at the Royal Adelaide Show. Playing a number of songs, this truly built character as a life first in many ways.

Culture – This term saw the beginning discussions for our first interstate and environmental impact camp, which in 2024 will see a group of students heading to Victoria to give their time and energy to support a greener planet.

Capacity – We are very excited to share that 14 senior school students have finished their Research Project already this year. With all manner of topics being covered, building knowledge, and exploring new things, prepares us for a life of learning.

Celebrate – When the senior years camp returned last Friday from a camel trek in the Flinders Rangers, a group of staff surrounded the returning van to celebrate the young people's achievements (and help unpack the trailer). This is a community celebrating its people and their achievements.

As SASY continues into the years to come, we will continue to be different, will continue to grow our social impact, and above all, we will continue to see wellbeing and education as learning.

Thank you all, and only one more term to go in 2023!

Sincerely,
David Wild | Chief Executive



R U Ok? Day

We celebrated RU OK? Day as a whole school in Bonython Park. We swapped classes for sunshine and held our very first SASY x Bicycle SA 'Olympics,' where young people and staff participated in various activities such as bike riding and repair work, tug of war, bottle flipping, the 'oreo challenge' and more. We had the amazing weaving ladies from Mardawi Aboriginal Corporation, Aunty Ellen Trevorrow, Temeika Campbell, And Elizabeth Rankine teach us the art of weaving and we had so many takers the lessons ran all day! It was a much-needed day of play, of conversation, of relaxation and connection to nature. A day for us all to remember that a conversation and a simple question, can change lives. [More photos here.](#)



TOP: BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP
BOTTOM: BICYCLE SA OLYMPICS

INSPIRE HUB



This term we congratulated Inspire Senior Youth Worker Dylan and Inspire Youth Worker Julia on winning role in other workplaces, respectively. This did mean that sadly we had to say farewell to Dylan and Julia. SASY young people organised a lovely morning tea with snacks and cake to farewell Dylan and Julia and wish them both the best for their future endeavours.

Middle school Adventure has continued to challenge young peoples' comfort zones and increase their resilience. Middle school Adventure has gone to the Adelaide Oval Roof Climb, have made damper at Kuitpo Forest and explored Cleland Wildlife Park.

Young people have been utilising different skills within programs on offer this term such as entrepreneurship in Hustlers, alternative sports (mini golf, bouldering, gymnastics) in Alt Sport, and learning about different periods of art with Art Thru the Ages.

R U OK? Day was also an exceptional highlight with seeing everyone have a go at our first SASY Olympics at Bonython Park. Young people engaged in activities such as tug of war, a bike obstacle course, traditional basket weaving, arts and crafts and of course, playing on the playground! It was heartwarming to see young people and staff connect with each other in the true spirit of R U OK? Day.

Inspire staff want to also take this time to publicly acknowledge and thank Inspire young people for their patience and understanding this term with so many staff changes, shuffles, and the challenges that COVID have presented this term at SASY. Inspire young people have also shown a high level of resilience and compassion this term.

We wish everyone a fantastic two-week break and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the beginning of term 4.

L & R: BOUNCE EXCURSION

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WORDS AND PHOTOS BY NATHAN
TEAM LEADER IN INSPIRE



MUSIC

Ladies and gentlemen, let me take you on a musical journey with the extraordinary school band that has been making waves in our community.

This talented group of young musicians has been enchanting audiences and leaving their mark on every stage they grace.

This remarkable school band has been on an exhilarating rollercoaster ride of musical excellence. One of their proudest moments came when they had the privilege of performing at the prestigious Royal Adelaide Show. The energy and enthusiasm they brought to the stage were nothing short of electrifying. The band's harmonious melodies and infectious rhythms captivated the hearts of everyone in attendance, leaving a lasting impression at this grand event.

But their journey didn't stop there. This remarkable ensemble also had the chance to step into the world-class Wundenbergs Recording Studio. It was here that they truly honed their

craft, creating magical music that transcended boundaries. The studio sessions were an artistic playground, where they experimented with sounds, fine-tuned their compositions, and crafted songs that resonated with the soul.

But the heart and soul of this school band lie in their lunchtime concerts. These intimate performances, held right on their school campus, allowed them to connect with their peers and teachers on a personal level. Each lunchtime concert was a musical feast, where students and staff alike gathered to enjoy the sweet melodies and toe-tapping rhythms. These concerts not only showcased their incredible talent but also fostered a sense of unity and camaraderie within the school community.

In conclusion, this school band is more than just a group of musicians; they are a source of inspiration and pride for their school and the entire community. From enchanting audiences at the Royal Show to

L & R: PERFORMANCE AT ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW
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perfecting their craft in the recording studio and creating unforgettable lunchtime memories, this band's journey is a testament to the power of music to bring people together and leave a lasting impact.

Their story is a reminder that when passion, talent, and dedication come together, extraordinary things can happen.

WORDS BY HARRY, SENIOR TEACHER IN IGNITE
PHOTOS BY JESS, TEACHER IN EMPOWER

ICE FACTOR



The SASY Assassins have returned from the Ice Factor Tournament during Term 3 with a lot of pride and joy.

They may not have won any games, but they showed amazing teamwork, encouragement, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Here are some of the highlights of their performance, player by player.

- Hope stepped up to play goalie for the first time and did a fantastic job. She was resilient and brave, and made some great saves.
- Maddy and Scarlett formed a solid defensive duo, who not only played well, but also supported their teammates with positive words and encouragement.
- Josh played calm and precise hockey, making smart passes and shots, and avoiding trouble.
- Lawyer and Kasey scored goals and worked well together, creating opportunities and finishing them with skill.

- Cam and Joe played in their first ever tournament, and impressed everyone with their adaptability, flexibility, and courage. They tried different positions and strategies, and never gave up.
- Laurence demonstrated greatly improved skating skills, managing to break away from the pack several times. He was fast and agile, and created some exciting moments.
- Dempsey showed off his growing leadership and captaincy skills, encouraging all his teammates. He was respectful and fair, and led by example.
- Hope and Joe received awards for their outstanding growth this term. Joe was recognised for his leadership, as he motivated and guided his team. Hope received an encouragement award, as she tried new things and pushed herself out of her comfort.

The SASY Assassins had a lot of fun playing ice hockey and have formed a friendly and supportive team. They



L & R: ICE FACTOR TOURNAMENT

also received feedback from Ice Factor that they were the team that showed the most teamwork, were the most encouraging of each other, and the most supportive. And they had the loudest cheer squad!

We are very proud of the SASY Assassins for their achievements and attitude. They are a great example of what ice hockey is all about: teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun!

WORDS AND PHOTOS BY GRACE
SENIOR TEACHER IN INSPIRE

Future Schools tour

We were privileged to host 40 guests from Future Schools earlier in the term as one of the 5 tours of South Australian schools! Future Schools brings together some of the most innovative educators and schools worldwide to explore and demonstrate what is possible in education.

We provided an immersive, hands-on experience of SASY - we ate together, drew one another, interpreted the meanings behind artwork and engaged in a trust exercise in the gym. The icing on the cake was the Q&A with some of our young people who provided insight into their experiences at school, and what they'd like to see in the future of education.



SASYxSALA

August is SALA month and SASY went bold and held not one but two exhibitions which showcased our young peoples' amazing talents and creative pursuits. Huge thanks to our 2 host venues, Hutt Street Library and Foods For Life Café. These venues were both keen to support SASY from the first point of contact, and we look forward to a long-standing creative collaboration with them for many exhibitions to come.

The range, depth and quality of artwork on display was incredible and although the young people were nervous about having their work seen in a public forum, once it was up and running, it was a huge confidence builder. Photography, sculpture, painting, mixed media and installation were among the mix of artforms on display. The event was acknowledged with a launch for family, friends and staff, with nibbles provided by Chef Zach.

Congratulations to all the young people who exhibited. Your courage, persistence and ability to overcome challenges speaks volumes about you all as creative individuals who have the ability to achieve anything your heart's desire! [More photos here.](#)



WORDS BY JO
TEACHER IN IGNITE

eSports

This term has witnessed a surge in the popularity of eSports among young people, with Overwatch 2 standing out as a beacon of engagement and excitement.

For our SASY young people, it's an avenue for camaraderie, strategy, and skill development. The team-based nature of Overwatch 2 encourages collaboration and communication, essential skills in both the virtual and real worlds. Players have spent countless hours strategising with teammates, perfecting their gameplay, and immersing themselves in the vibrant, futuristic world of the game.

Schools and institutions have recognised the potential of eSports, with many incorporating Overwatch 2 into their extracurricular activities. Here at SASY we have been fortunate enough to have eSports on our Rhythm and have had dedicated program time and additional lunch time activities for young people to engage in this.

The buzz around Overwatch 2 this term has been undeniable, but what's even more thrilling is the anticipation building for the upcoming SAS Tournament next term. This event promises to be a landmark occasion, bringing together the best young talents from various schools and regions. Players are eagerly preparing, honing their skills, and forming formidable teams, all with the dream of emerging as champions in the SAS Tournament.

Overwatch 2 has not only provided young people with an engaging gaming experience this term but has also paved the way for the exhilarating competitive scene that awaits next term. We can't wait to represent SASY online!



WORDS BY CURTIS
SENIOR TEACHER IN CONNECT

Upcoming events

SASY has had a busy year and has no plans on slowing down in the last term for 2023!

Some exciting events coming up are SASY's bi-annual Showcase, our fairy garden themed Senior Formal, interstate trips for staff to other Special Assistance Schools, parent and carer nights, Adventure excursions and a camp, an Ice Factor tournament and of course, Christmas festivities including whole-school lunch together in the last week of Term.

Some key dates for the diary include:

- Stepping Out x Parent/Carer Night - 23 Oct
- Senior Formal (invitation only) - 3 Nov
- Middle School Camp - 20-23 Nov
- Parent/Carer Night 'What to expect in 2024' - 27 & 28 Nov
- SASY Showcase (public) - 27-30 Nov
- Senior school students finishing - 30 Nov
- Middle school students finishing - 7 Dec

All dates and finer details will be communicated with students and parents/carers throughout the term.



PHOTOS FROM ADVENTURE CAMP



R U OK? DAY



SALA

