



Bute Early Learning & Primary School

Growth Respect Integrity Teamwork

Week 6 Term 1 2026

Diary Dates

Week 7

9/3 Public Holiday

10/3 Student Free Day

10/3 to 13/3 NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5

Week 8

16/3 Governing Council

17/3 Marine Discovery Centre Excursion

19/3 Splash Day @ Snowtown PS

Reminders

- Students are not to be on site until 8.30am. There is no supervision until then.
- **Breakfast Club** is held daily.
- **Newsletters** will be fortnightly.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school.
- Students are required to **wear broad brimmed** when the UV rating is 3 & above.

WEEK 5 ASSEMBLY

GROWTH AWARD WINNERS

WILLA PRINCIPALS AWARD



NINA - JP



MACKENZIE - MP



FLOSS - UP



SRC BACK UP REPS BILL, CHARLOTTE & MARINDA



FIND OUR SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2026 REVEALED ON THE NEXT PAGE!!

STUDENT DIARY DESIGN WINNERS

MARGOT



MARINDA



LISTENING LARRY

LEO



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN 2026

At Bute Early Learning and Primary School, we are proud to nurture confident learners and empowered leaders. This term, students stepped forward to apply for positions on our Student Representative Council (SRC), embracing the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our school community.

Elected by their peers, our 2026 SRC members represent the voice of all students. They work together to contribute to school decision-making, create opportunities for student involvement, and help shape a positive and inclusive school experience for everyone.

As leaders, they model our core values of Growth, Respect, Integrity and Teamwork, and live out our school motto: Be Kind, Believe in Yourself, Accept Challenges, No Excuses.

Congratulations to our 2026 SRC representatives – we look forward to the leadership, initiative and enthusiasm you will bring to the year ahead!



Willa Venning - Junior Primary



Lottie Flowers - Junior Primary



Margot Michael - Upper Primary



Millie Bowey - Middle Primary



Lara Aunger - Middle Primary

SCHOOL CAPTAINS – 2026

I am delighted to announce our newly appointed School Captains for 2026, *Henry Jak and Florence Trengove*. Henry and Florence will be officially inducted into their positions at the Week 8 Assembly. Both students were part of a strong field of applicants who thoughtfully presented their vision and leadership qualities during interviews earlier this term. Each candidate demonstrated genuine commitment to our school community and shared compelling insights into how they would contribute as School Captain.

The selection panel, consisting of School Principal Richard Hall and Leadership Coach Michelle Trengove, once again found the decision both rewarding and challenging due to the high calibre of all applicants. After careful consideration and thorough discussion, Henry and Florence were appointed to lead our student body for the year ahead.

Together, they bring a balanced mix of strengths, enthusiasm and integrity that will serve them – and our school – exceptionally well. I look forward to working alongside them as they model our core values of GROWTH, RESPECT, INTEGRITY and TEAMWORK, while living out our school motto: Be Kind, Believe in Yourself, Accept Challenges, No Excuses.

Congratulations, Henry and Florence. We wish you every success in your leadership journey throughout 2026.



NAPLAN ONLINE 2026

Over the next 2 weeks (commencing Wednesday, 11th of March) students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Online testing. Testing will occur on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Week 7) and Monday (Week 8) with Wednesday being a “catch-up” session for any students who are absent during the testing period. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows schools and families to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers’ professional judgement about student progress. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results. Below is a snapshot of the tests undertaken by each student.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 3 students must do the writing test on paper on day 1 only . Years 5, 7 and 9 writing tests must start on day 1 . Schools must prioritise completion of writing on day 1, with day 2 only used where there are technical or logistical limitations.	Year 3: 40 minutes Year 5: 42 minutes Year 7: 42 minutes Year 9: 42 minutes	Students are given an idea or topic called a writing prompt (or stimulus) and asked to write a response in a particular text type (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	To be completed after the writing test.	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes Year 7: 65 minutes Year 9: 65 minutes	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	To be completed after the reading test.	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 45 minutes Year 7: 45 minutes Year 9: 45 minutes	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test.	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes Year 7: 65 minutes Year 9: 65 minutes	Students are assessed on number, algebra, measurement, space, statistics and probability.

VALE MEREDITH DANIEL

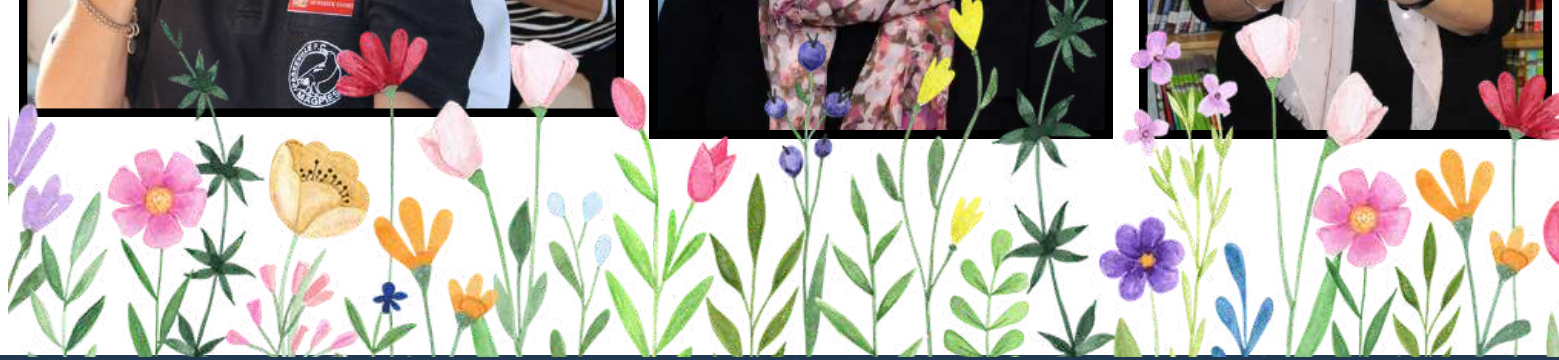
It is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Meredith, a treasured and longstanding member of the Bute Primary School community.

Meredith joined Bute Primary School following the closure of Kulpara Primary School and quickly became an integral part of our team. In her remarkably dynamic role overseeing finance, administration, library services and ICT management, Meredith carried out every responsibility with exceptional proficiency, dedication and care. She was the quiet achiever behind so much of what kept our school running smoothly.

Beyond her professionalism, Meredith will be remembered most for the warmth and joy she brought to our community. She greeted each day – and each person – with a smile. Her positivity was constant, her laughter contagious, and her sense of humour perfectly balanced with her strong work ethic. Meredith had a unique ability to make those around her feel supported, valued and at ease.

Her impact extended far beyond her role. Meredith enriched the lives of staff, students and families alike, building genuine connections and leaving a lasting imprint on our school community.

Meredith will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones during this difficult time. Her contribution to Bute Primary School will always be remembered with gratitude and affection.



SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY, 6TH OF MARCH

Sports Day eve is upon us as we seek to do battle against Snowtown and Port Broughton.

Below are some reminders for families;

- Families meet at the Bute shade area at 8:30am.
- The day commences with Sprint Races at 9am.
- Students need to wear the Bute Sports Day top and a sunsmart hat (Sent home on Wednesday).
- Students need to bring any required medications
- Recess/lunch/snacks can be brought from home, or purchased at the canteen.
- Students should bring lots of water - we will have refill stations located in our shade area.
- Sunscreen will be available in our shade area.
- Tabloid events (Reception - Year 2) finish at noon, but feel free to stay on and support our older students.
- Have fun and enjoy the day!



STUDENT FREE DAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Our first Student Free Day for 2026 will be held on Tuesday, 10th of March following the Public Holiday on Monday, 9th of March (Adelaide Cup). We have aligned our Student Free Day with Kadina Memorial School to support families with children attending both sites. The Student Free will be used for staff professional development. On this particular day, staff will engage in training in relation Restorative Practices linked to our partnership with “Real Schools”.

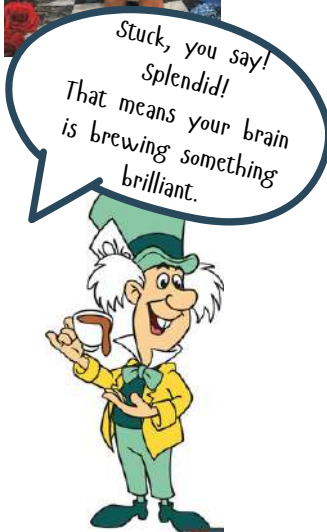




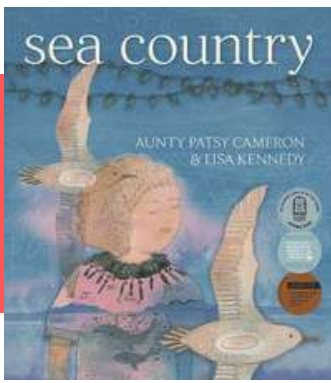
MIDDLE PRIMARY

Welcome to Wonderland!

The Middle Primary classroom is immersed in the theme of Wonderland. We are using the story of “Alice in Wonderland” to develop our understanding of the Learning Pit. In “Alice in Wonderland”, Alice often finds herself in confusing situations where things don’t make sense at first. She feels unsure, makes mistakes, asks questions and has to keep trying until she works things out. This is very similar to what learning can feel like.



Learning is an adventure! Just like Alice, we are learning to be brave, curious and willing to keep going - even when learning feels tricky.



MIDDLE PRIMARY

Exploring "Our Blue Planet" through Art

The Middle Primary and Upper Primary learners have been busy creating some wonderful vibrant fish and ocean collages as part of 'Our Blue Planet' connected learning. Inspired by the book 'Sea Country', students have been exploring elements of art including line, shape, pattern and colour. To create their amazing artworks, students have been using oil pastels and exploring different colour techniques with water paints.

The aspiring artists have been experimenting with warm and cool colour palettes to see how colour can impact the message and mood of their artworks. It has been wonderful to see their creativity come to life as they learn new techniques and express unique ideas they have about 'our blue planet'.



Charlyne



Angus



Rupert



Allira



Harrison



Hugh



Lara



Charlotte



Mackenzie

MEET THE BELPS TEAM FOR 2026

You'll find me.....in the School & Rural Care
My favourite colour is..... blue
I like to..... spend time with my family and exercise
My favourite book is..... The Little Prince
The best ice-cream flavour is..... spearmint
choc-chip
I BELPS because..... of the uniqueness a small
school has & the opportunities it can offer
students

MR HALL



MRS MAC



You'll find me.....teaching in the UP
My favourite season is..... winter, for the snow
I like to..... paint!
My favourite book & movie is..... The Twits
The best ice-cream flavour is..... frozen yoghurt
I BELPS because..... everyone is so welcoming

You'll find me.....teaching in the MP
My favourite colour is..... pink
I like to..... go for walks on the beach with my
puppy!
My favourite book is..... Where to Hide a Star
The best ice-cream flavour is..... cookies & cream
I BELPS because..... everyone is so welcoming
& treats each other with kindness

MISS HOOK





PAULA



You'll find me.....in the Rural Care
 My favourite colour is..... blue
 I like to..... relax on the weekends
 My favourite movie is..... The Rocky Horror Picture Show
 The best ice-cream flavour is..... choc mint
 I BELPS because..... everyone is awesome & we have a lot of fun!

You'll find me.....in the Rural Care

My favourite colour..... warm colour blends!

I like to..... play netball & go for walks

My favourite movie is..... Twister & Jumanji

The best ice-cream flavour is..... boysenberry & caramel

I BELPS because..... of its relaxed & community welcoming spirit

AMY



BROOKE



You'll find me.....in the Rural Care

My favourite colour is..... pink

I like to..... read & go shopping

My favourite movie is..... 10 Things I Hate About You

The best ice-cream flavour is..... boysenberry!

I BELPS school because..... I get to spend time with all the BUTEiful children



You'll find me.....teaching in the JP & Preschool
My favourite season is..... winter!
I like to..... to bake & cook all sorts of delicious
goodies. I love reading, arts & crafts & being
creative
My favourite book is..... The Gruffalo
The best ice-cream flavour is..... chocolate!
I BELPS because..... of the small school vibe &
being a part of both school and preschool. I love
how kind & supportive staff and students are of
each other. I love seeing everyone's bright smiling
faces everyday!

MISS DEMPSEY



MEGAN



I'm back!!
You'll find me.....in the Rural Care

You'll find me.....in the Rural Care
My favourite season/colour..... pink & yellow
I like to..... spend time with my family outdoors; fishing,
crabbing, riding motorbikes & camping
My favourite movie is..... any that make me laugh!
The best ice-cream flavour is..... salted macadamia &
caramel fudge gelato
I BELPS because..... its a beautiful tight knit
community & a great group of staff & kids to spend
my days with

SOPHIE





MRS SAWYER



You'll find me.....teaching in the MP
 My favourite season is..... autumn
 I like to.....paint & read books
 My favourite movie is.....The Princess Bride
 The best ice-cream flavour is.....Choc-mint
 I BELPS because..... it's small & feels like a big family. It's a wonderful school community!

You'll find me.....teaching in the JP

My favourite season is..... autumn

I like to..... spend time with my family & friends & going for walks.

My favourite movie is..... Inside Out!

The best ice-cream flavour is..... caramel honey macadamia

I BELPS because..... of the wonderful sense of community from Rural Care through to School

MRS PAPPS



DEB



You'll find me.....at School & Rural Care

My favourite colour is..... purple

I like to..... referee and watch basketball games & read

My favourite movie is..... STITCH!!

The best ice-cream flavour is..... boysenberry

I BELPS because..... it feels like home & big family. And the kids are amazing!

You'll find me.....in the Sanctuary

My favourite colour is..... blue & green

I like to..... paint, catch fish, garden, help animals and do arts & crafts

My favourite movie is..... Forest Gump!

The best ice-cream flavour is..... strawberry & vanilla

I BELPS because..... everyone pulls their weight & helps.

LIZE





LUKE



You'll find me.....in the Library working with IT
 My favourite colour is..... red
 I like to..... follow tech trends and explore new music
 My favourite movie is..... Now You See Me
 The best ice-cream flavour is..... Golden North's
 Vanilla
 I BELPS because..... it has a great team of staff
 & amazing students!

You'll find me.....at School & Rural Care
 My favourite season is..... summer!

I like to..... read, garden & be with my family
 My favourite movie is..... The Wedding Singer
 The best ice-cream flavour is..... rich chocolate
 I BELPS because..... of the staff relationships
 & we have the best kids in the world!!

DEE



KATRINA



You'll find me.....at School & Rural Care
 My favourite season is..... summer!
 I like to..... garden, swim & dragon boating
 My favourite movie is..... Back to the Future
 The best ice-cream flavour is..... choc mint
 I BELPS because..... it feels like home - my
 family!

You'll find me..... in the Front Office

My favourite colour..... Red, red and more red!
 I like to..... spend time with my family & read
 My favourite movie is.....The Secret Life of Pets
 The best ice-cream flavour is..... cherry
 I BELPS because.....everyone is kind! And our
 kids are the BEST!!

MRS STEPH



PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Your School Photo Day is on
Wednesday 1st April,

2026



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Bute Early Learning & Primary School HOW TO ORDER

If you have previously ordered with us, please sign in
with your account details

Otherwise, please follow the steps below

Step 1.

Click here or go to our ordering portal

<https://buteps-sa.msp.photos>

Step 2.

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

Online ordering closes

Wednesday 1st April 2026

An archive fee applies after this date

Enter your child's surname and birth-date and you are ready to
start ordering. Once logged in, you can also order for family photos.

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed **BEFORE** your
last photo day.

Separated parents must contact MSP directly to have their orders
left at the office for collection.



Do you require a paper/cash order form?

**If so please contact the front office and we will
send it home with your child, thank you!**

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School Fees

If you require assistance with a School Card Application or would like to discuss your school fees, please call Steph on 8820 2060.

School and Kindy fee notices have now been issued. These fees cover essential materials and services charges that support your child's learning.

For 2026, the South Australian Government has confirmed a \$200 rebate per student. This rebate will be automatically applied to your school invoice, helping to reduce the amount payable.

Families may also be eligible for School Card assistance.

Applications can be completed online via:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>



Thank you!

SPORTS DAY UNIFORMS

Sports Day uniforms have now been sent home.

This includes T-shirts and hats.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could please wash and return uniforms by the end of Week 7 (13th March).

GO BUTE!!!

