



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SMALL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**Collaboration and engagement**  
**Honesty and integrity Courage and tenacity**

### President's News—Wade Branford—Koonibba Primary School

G'day Small School Leaders,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are having a great term. End of first term already! Where does the time go? Our executive have had 2 meetings this year and we are moving ahead very positively. Recently you may have received a survey around your needs, strengths and involvement in our organisation. We would really appreciate your feedback as it helps set our direction. We are here for you. Thank you to all our ongoing and new members who have continued to support SSASA.



This year's conference is set to be a great one again! Creative Practices and Innovation in Small Schools. All small schools are leaders in this area as we often do a lot with little. We are flexible and proactive and this is why our academia is so strong. We have David Cropley as our keynote speaker on Thursday who will talk about factors driving creativity, class environments and research data. David will also provide us time to talk and discuss ways to enhance this at our sites collaboratively through problem solving and other areas. Day 2 will see us visiting Upper Sturt Primary to look at the innovations they are currently engaged in. This will be followed by lunch and a break out session lead by Upper Sturt Primary Staff to unpack how creativity and innovation can be strengthened in our sites. The day and half is set to be great coupled with an awesome dinner and drinks. It's a date to lock into your diary. Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I would like to welcome our new executive members, Aaron Holder from Oodnadatta School, Peter Mitchinson from Moorak Primary School and Barb Jones who has returned to the executive from Upper Sturt Primary. Thanks for joining the executive and we look forward to working with you.

Our Executive is set to meet again on Monday of week 2, 7<sup>th</sup> of May. If you have any agenda items please contact us as we are happy to work on/support your site in any way we can.

Keep doing the amazing things you do and we love hearing of your success stories, we are always keen to see your work or visit. I wish you all every success this year.

Kind Regards,

Wade Branford

President SSASA

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### Important Dates

**SASSA Conference—Thursday May 30th / Friday 1st June**

**The Lakes Resort - WEST LAKES**



# Meet our newest SSASA executive member for 2018

**AARON HOLDER —  
OODNADATTA AREA SCHOOL**



**PETER MITCHINSON—  
MOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL**



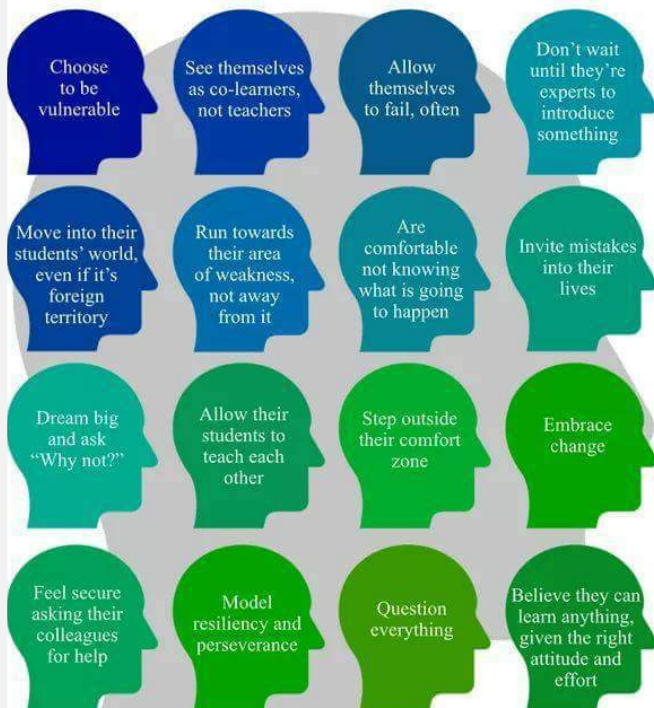
**BARB JONES  
UPPER STURT PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## The Profile of a Modern Teacher

21st century teachers are not experts in technology—  
they are experts in habits of mind.

In a rapidly changing educational landscape, modern educators:



Leaders are developers, team builders, imaginers, culture caretakers, roadblock removers and inspirers. Their success depends on enabling the success of others.

"You don't inspire your teammates by showing them how amazing you are. You inspire them by showing them how amazing they are."

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## WHAT GREAT PRINCIPALS DO DIFFERENTLY

18 THINGS THAT MATTER MOST

### GREAT PRINCIPALS...

- 1 ...never forget that it is people, not programs, that determine the quality of a school. 
- 2 ...have clarity about who they are, what they do, and how others perceive them. 
- 3 ...take responsibility for their own performance and for all aspects of their school. 
- 4 ...create a positive atmosphere in their schools. They treat every person with respect. In particular, they understand the power of praise. 
- 5 ...consistently filter out the negatives that don't matter and share a positive attitude. 
- 6 ...deliberately apply a range of strategies to improve teacher performance. 
- 7 ...take every opportunity to hire and retain the very best teachers. 
- 8 ...understand the dynamics of change. 
- 9 ...keep standardized testing in perspective and focus on the real issue of student learning. 
- 10 ...know when to focus on behavior before beliefs. 
- 11 ...are loyal to their students, to their teachers, and to the school. They expect loyalty to students and the school to take precedence over loyalty to themselves. 
- 12 ...ask themselves one central question before making any decision or attempting to bring about any change: What will my best teachers think of this? 
- 13 ...continually ask themselves who is most comfortable and who is least comfortable with each decision they make. They treat everyone as if they were good. 
- 14 ...understand high achievers, are sensitive to their best teachers' needs, and make the most of this valuable resource. 
- 15 ...make it cool to care. They understand that behaviors and beliefs are tied to emotion, and they understand the power of emotion to jump-start change. 
- 16 ...work hard to keep their relationships in good repair—to avoid personal hurt and to repair any possible damage. 
- 17 ...take steps to improve or remove negative and ineffective staff members. 
- 18 ...establish clear expectations at the start of the year and follow them consistently as the year progresses. 

## 2018 Annual Conference



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### Creative Practices and Innovation in Small Schools Program

#### THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY

12:30	Welcome
12:45	Acknowledgement of Country
1:00	Keynote Speaker – David Cropley
2:30	Break. Sponsors spot
3:00	David Cropley
4:30	Plenary
6:00	Pre-dinner drinks and Canapes
7:00	Dinner Crusoe's Bar

If your  
actions  
inspire  
others to  
dream more,  
learn more,  
do more &  
become more,  
**YOU ARE A  
LEADER.**

- John Quincy Adams

#### FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

8:00	Depart for Upper Sturt Primary School
9:30	Arrive – Tour – Presentation
11:00	Depart
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Upper Sturt Staff Presentation. Barb Jones and 1 staff member presenting to Conference
3:00	Plenary and Close

**YOUR DETAILED PROGRAM WILL BE SENT OUT IN WEEK 2**

**In the meantime....have you booked TRTs or even a SFD for your TEAM to attend.**

**Have you booked your room at The Lakes Resort?**

**Rooms have been reserved for SSASA leaders and teachers.**



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## 2018 SSASA Conference

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Lakes Resort Hotel – West Lakes

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\$200 *Members* / \$230 *Non-Members* to: Morgan Primary School

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Wade Branford - Koonibba Aboriginal		Christine Morrison - Yahl		Karen Murray - Penong	
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Kellie Zadow - Morgan		Barb Jones - Upper Stuart		Peter Mitchinson - Moorak	
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Aaron Holder - Oodnadatta		Sue Billet - Blanchtown			
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