



GERMAN SATURDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

Welcome back students and families!

I want to officially welcome you to the 2024 School Year! I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families to our school community.

Our students have quickly settled into their classrooms and there is a lovely energy across the school. Thank you to our Parents Committee for hosting pretzel mornings and it is terrific to see and talk to many families then.

At the start of a new school year, we will send forms home via Operoo. Sometimes the forms will end up in your junk folder, so please check as we have sent out the application for the Government Language School grant. We ask for your support in completing the information and if you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to contact@germansaturdayschool.org.au.

We are delighted to welcome Julia Viering as our new Year 1 teacher. Being born and raised in Bremen, Germany, Julia has been living in Australia for the past 10 years. Last year, she successfully completed her Master of Teaching (Primary) degree and we feel very fortunate to have her join our existing teaching team. I wish her a successful and joyful school year!

You can find out more about your child(ren)'s teachers on [Our Teachers](#).

We also have a variety of activities and events throughout the year, including: Poetry Competition, Open Day, Family Day and our Christmas Party. So make sure to regularly check our [2024 Calendar](#) to ensure not to miss anything and subscribe to our newsletter!

Below is some further information around how you can help and become involved in our school community.

I'm feeling very positive that 2024 will be a great and successful year for the German Saturday School and thank each and every family for their ongoing commitment and support.

Herzliche Grüße,

Anja Kazmeier
Principal

2024 Enrolments – We need you help to spread the word!

As a community language school, we rely on enrolments to maintain a thriving school community and secure financial position. We have commenced the year with a decline in enrolments, which is a trend for many language schools post-COVID. Therefore, your help is needed in spreading the word about the school and helping grow our school community.

If you have ideas on how we can grow and can assist, please contact us at committee@germansaturdayschool.org.au. Alternatively, if your primary school has a community page in their newsletter where we can feature, please

contact SarahMcCartney@germansaturdayschool.org.au and we can send you information.

Maintaining a thriving school community benefits all of us, so your help would be appreciated.

Parents Committee – Urgent call for volunteers

There are currently positions in our Parents Committee that need filling. The school relies on parent volunteers to support administration and governance, fundraising and communication that enables the school's operation. The Committee meets once a month, on a Saturday morning, for one hour. Any parent is welcomed to join the Committee and we urgently need help in 2024.

Key Committee positions that need filling in 2024 include:

- **Committee Vice President:** Supporting the President, Principle and Committee
- **Secretary:** Committee meeting facilitation, supporting administration and governance [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)
- **Payroll Officer:** Processing payroll and remuneration management for employee
- **IT Officer:** Support on IT related matters
- **Enrolment Officer Back UP:** Enrolment administration support [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)
- **Grants and Fundraising Support:** Assisting in Government grant-writing and working with the Committee on supporting fundraising activities.

If you would like more information around getting involved, please contact committee@germansaturdayschool.org.au.

Annual General Meeting – AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday, 16th March 2024 at 9:30AM. All families are welcome to attend and participate. This will be an opportunity to learn more around the vision for the school, recent achievements and hear from the Principal and Committee.

Pretzel Saturday is back – 16th March from 8.45am

Pretzel's will be available on Saturday, 16th March before the AGM. Prices: \$5 for one; \$12 for three. Cash and EFTPOS available.

Have you got any space?

We are looking for a GSS family that has space to store our GSS signage for special events. If you can help, please contact committee@germansaturdayschool.org.au