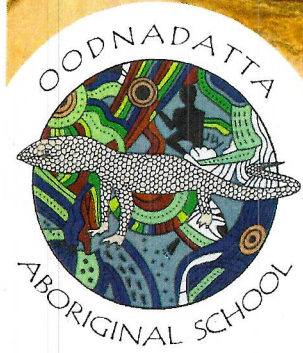


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Principal: Trish Gwinnell

Hello everyone, welcome back to school for Term 2.

I would like to introduce myself as the new Principal of Oodnadatta Aboriginal School.

I have been a teacher for 30 years, 28 of those in Victoria and 8 in Port Augusta. I first visited South Australia in 2014 when a friend invited me to Fregon for a short stay. I absolutely loved the feel of a small school community and so applied for teaching positions on the APY Lands.

Instead, I was offered a position at Augusta Park Primary School and after 2 years, I moved to Carlton Aboriginal School.

At Carlton, I have held many roles from non-instructional teaching (science, digital technology, electives) to classroom teaching and then I became the Senior Leader in 2019.

My Senior Leader role included the daily running of the school, leading the staff in implementing, assessing and progressing the Literacy and Numeracy curriculum, liaising with student support officers and the attendance and engagement team to best support our students and families as well as becoming Acting Principal when needed.

I applied for the Principal role in Oodnadatta so that I could work in a small school, getting to know students and families well and continue building on the work John began. I have been warmly welcomed by the students and staff and have met many community members in my induction to the town. My position is for 7 years and I hope that we can work together to create a bright future for our students.

Please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me around Community. My door is always open.

My mobile number is 0424 744 876 if you would like to discuss anything related to school but are unable to make it on site.

Kind regards,

Trish Gwinnell