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NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 8th MAY 2013

DIARY DATES

Week 3	NAPLAN Testing
Week 3	Whole School Assembly led by 9S/8E
Week 6	Whole School Assembly Led by 6W/7W
22/7/13	PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

WELCOME

Welcome to 12 new Reception students who started in 7E last week, and to their families. We look forward to working in partnership with you over many years to come. Welcome also to Ms Zoe MacWilliams who is the class teacher for the new class.

Congratulations to Suzanne Dunn who will be the Deputy Principal and Jess Dyer who will continue in 6E for the remainder of the year.

VALUES – EXCELLENCE

Excellence is the Value that is the basis of all the others. Excellence means always striving to be and do the very best one can in all one does. Our agreed Code of Behaviour defines that Excellence means we:

- do the best we can in all areas of our learning and behaviour
- aim high
- persevere and keep trying towards success
- show leadership
- show creativity

I have a number of favourite quotes that have been made famous by people including thinkers, inventors and leaders of history, that inspire everyone to work hard to reach potential and beyond. These include:

“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars.” Les Brown (Singer)

“Excellence is doing ordinary things, extraordinarily well.” John W Gardner (Leader and Reformer)

“Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.” Pat Riley (Basketball Coach)

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.” Napoleon Hill (Author)

“There’s a way to do better, find it.” Thomas Edison (Inventor)

What these people were all saying is that it does not matter what our skills or abilities are, we can all work to the best of our abilities and aim to do the best job we can. The key word to achieving excellence is Perseverance, the notion of never giving up even when things seem too hard. In our classrooms we work to help students develop multiple ways to approach activities and problems to ensure they have the tools to manage increasingly complex concepts, situations and ideas they may face. Dylan William is a leader from the UK who has worked for many years in schools and done extensive research into ways to ensure that students are being appropriately challenged and therefore aiming for excellence. One of his beliefs is that students should not be allowed to be left too comfortable in classrooms because this allows them to disengage with learning or opt out when it becomes too hard. The work of teachers is to provide high quality learning experiences that do challenge and make students think. Teachers have undertaken training over a number of years looking at different strategies and frameworks to ensure they offer a rigorous, engaging and challenging program to allow for all students to achieve excellence.

In the previous newsletters I have talked about ways you can help your child develop the other school Values. By using those ideas you are ultimately encouraging your child to develop the value of Excellence. These are also some ways you can help your child:

- encouraging him/her to keep trying
- using errors and failures as a positive learning experience to help him/her learn to make different choices for next time, rather than as a reason to give up
- providing activities that are increasingly more challenging than what they have had before e.g. reading materials, board and card games etc.
- teaching self-discipline (e.g. being organised, following expectations etc.)

WHAT'S NEW?

We are in the throes of launching 3 new improved and communication strategies between the school and home. Firstly, welcome to our new-look newsletter. It is hoped that by being accessed readily through the website via an email link, our newsletters will better reach our parent community. Have you also seen our new electronic sign near House 1? This sign will provide relevant information and important reminders as required. Because it is visible from outside, again it is hoped that the information will better reach our school community. Our Values "pencil" bollards have also arrived and will be erected shortly. We are also well into the draft planning for our new website, school signage and new school logo. Further information will be available as we continue to move forward with these projects.

NAPLAN TESTING

Next week, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please refer to further information about NAPLAN later in this Newsletter.

DISCO – FRIDAY NIGHT

The Disco is finally here and will be held this Friday evening. Today you should receive an SMS confirming the times and final information. To ensure safety for your children, you are asked to deliver them to the doors inside the foyer of the Pavilion and stay with them until they have been signed in. At the conclusion of the Disco you are asked to please come into the Pavilion and ensure your children have been allowed to leave by a staff member before you go. Children will not be allowed to leave unless their parent has collected them. Brothers or sisters will not be allowed to collect students. I also ask that parents are on time to collect children at the conclusion of the Disco. Thank you.

FACILITIES ISSUES

All schools were recently allocated a grant to conduct a maintenance project. Our school has chosen to use the funding to have much of the school painted, both internally and externally. Assuming that no issues arise, the classroom painting will begin in Week 6 and continue for the remainder of the term. When a house is being painted, the classes within it will move into either 3S or 6AS for the duration. It is expected that the Resource Centre and OSHC building will be painted in the first weeks of Term 3.

You will notice that our playground in the primary yard is currently closed off with bunting. This is because there are safety concerns regarding the depth of the softfall and we have had to close it for use. We are currently seeking advice from DECD about options to rectify the problem.

VISIT BY PREMIER JAY WEATHERILL

Last Friday, we had a last minute visit by Premier Jay Weatherill. He was met by Oliver and Laura from the Lighthousekeepers Executive then spent time talking to students and observing lessons in Japanese, 8W, 9W and the Year 7s in 9N undertaking planning for their Values lessons. The tour concluded with a performance of the school song and Evie Donoghue's Harmony Day song, by students from the Middle Years. During his visit, the Premier also met with Suzanne Dunn and myself to hear about how we address our priority areas.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In Week 10 of Term 1, 20 Student Leaders with Andrea Hayden and Chris Ross, attended a 2 day leadership training course in Hindmarsh. Students worked in groups with students and teachers from several other schools developing a range of skills in decision making, risk taking and team building. There is a report by one of the leaders in this newsletter.

DON'T FORGET

YEAR 7-8 ENROLMENT FORMS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents and Caregivers of Year 7s, don't forget that the enrolment forms for secondary school are due back to school by Friday of Week 4 – May 24th. The brochure you received in the enrolment package should answer all your questions but if you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Nola Chalakas-Stopp in the front office, for support.

PUPIL FREE DAY IN TERM 3

The Governing Council has endorsed Regional Office approval for a Pupil Free Day to be held on Monday July 22nd. This is the first day of Term 3. Teachers will be working together to participate in training around implementation of the Australian Curriculum. OSHC will be open for care. Please contact Lissy or Sally to book in.

Anne Rathjen
Principal

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Over the 2 days of the course we learnt many skills to help us but the main objective was to improve our leadership skills. The presenter helped us achieve this by doing activities that involved public speaking and decision making. We also learnt how to listen to others and respect their ideas and opinions.

At the end of the conference we put together a special presentation about a good cause that involved voting. This made me think that being a leader is not only about having good ideas, but also about respect, responsibility and working on a convincing argument. We worked in teams of ten and delegated different roles to get the job done.

Report by Jack

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.



Get ready to Earn & Learn! Woolworths' community program starts on Monday 8th April!

A Big Thank You to the School Community for helping to collect points in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program in 2012. It enabled our school to purchase valuable learning resources.

It is on again!! From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There'll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent*. Once completed, they can place their Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box at our school.

Thank you for your assistance (*excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards).

TUTORING BY LISA NATION

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I am an experienced Primary school Teacher with 13 years of experience teaching in Kindergartens and Primary Schools. I have tutoring experience working with Reception to grade 5 students as well.

If you would like tutoring for your child in any subject, please contact me on the above email address. My availability is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after 4:30 pm. Saturday mornings I am also available between 11 – 12.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **PARENTING SA - FREE SEMINARS** – For parents of babies and toddlers to be held Sunday 19th May at the Morphettville Racecourse Leilani Room. Free crèche and free children's entertainment by Rhyme Time. See noticeboard for seminar titles and presenters. Visit the website for bookings www.everychild.eventbrite.com.au
- **TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER** – International students arriving in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

A BIT FROM BEK

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends,

WELCOME BACK! Hope you had a wonderful break resting, exploring, doing lots of fun things, and of course getting some well-earned sleep-ins!

I found this quote by a man in the 1800's, his name was Dwight L. Moody. He was a publisher and a founder of 2 schools in Massachusetts.



He said "We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining – they just shine."

I really like this quote for so many reasons and I just think it's so cool that it talks about lighthouses shining – our school logo has a lighthouse and our school song talks about us being the 'lighthouse of learning' – cool little connection there I thought!

I love that this quote is encouraging us to shine in all of our achievements and shine with excellence. No matter how big or small our task, as long as we do the best we can we will always shine!

I hope that in the coming weeks, whatever task you do, you SHINE!

Take care! ☺

Bek O'Neill, your CPSW

PE News

SAPSASA District Cross Country

District Cross Country will be held Thursday 9th May 2013 at Woodend Primary School (Week 2). There have been 23 students training hard each Tuesday morning which has been great to see. The enthusiasm is fantastic. Good luck!!!

SAPSASA Yr 6/7 Knockout Netball Team

Congratulations to the 8 girls who have been selected for the knockout Netball team. They are Paige, Tyler, Olivia, Kerri, Abby, Emily, Natahlia and Izzy. Training is each Thursday at lunchtime and the first game will be played in a few weeks.

SAPSASA Southern Valley District Netball Team

Over the last few weeks of last term and this term some girls from Hallett Cove East have been trialling for the SAPSASA District Netball Team. Students from 12 schools were represented at the trials. Congratulations to Emily and Izzy from HCE who were selected for the team. The team will be playing in the carnival at Netball SA Stadium during week 4 this term.

Shona Trenouth
PE/Science Specialist Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back!!! I hope the holidays were enjoyable.

What's New? Farmers Union flavoured milks \$2.60 each. "Warm" Milos \$1.50 each.

Please note – "Oak" flavoured milks have been **DELETED**

The Canteen sells Lattes, Cappuccinos and hot Chocolates \$3.00 each. Remember your loyalty card – the 10th coffee is free!!

Apologies – the Term 2 Menus are not available as yet, please refer to your Term 1 Menu until the new Menu is sent home.

Janine Curtis - Canteen Manager

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEKS 3 & 4 - TERM 2

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 13/5/13 17/5/13	Recess	Anita King Annemarie Smith	K. Springford	Annmarie Smith	E. Orrell	Carmen Gonzalez Bee Robertson
	Lunch	Anita King		K. Barnes -Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Yvonne Caire Bee Robertson
Week 4 20/5/13 24/5/13	Recess	Jo Marnes Annemarie Smith	K. Springford May Thomson	Annmarie Smith	Jo Marnes	Chris Areskog Bee Robertson
	Lunch	Jo Marnes	K. Springford	K. Barnes –Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson