



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
4/12/13	END OF YEAR CONCERT
9/12/13	SPECIAL STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ASSEMBLY
10/12/13	VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
11/12/13	PRIMARY YEARS TO MARION SWIMMING CENTRE
12/12/13	YEAR 7 GRADUATION
13/12/13	YEAR 5 – 7 CLASSES TO SA AQUATIC CENTRE
13/12/13	EARLY DISMISSAL TIME 2:05 PM

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### CONCERT

What a fabulous day we had today with students and staff participating in our End of Year Concert. We had excellent items that included singing, dancing and Junior Choir. Our staff western dance item and whole school flash mob song were also a lot of fun.

The presenters from Year 6 did an outstanding job of introducing and acknowledging each performance. We hope you enjoyed the performance if you attended, and, the montage of Concert photos that will soon be added to the display monitor in the front office.

### SPECIAL STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ASSEMBLY

On Monday at 9:00am, we are having a special assembly to acknowledge student achievement in the Premier's Be Active and Reading challenges, and, to acknowledge student service to the school in positions such as Crossing Monitor and Lighthousekeeper. Chloe Fox will be attending to participate in the Premier's medals presentation. The

fundraising Cash for Christmas raffle will also be drawn.

### 2014 CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

At this stage we are very hopeful that we will be able to tell you your child's class for 2014, by the end of next week. Parents do need to be aware that any sudden and significant changes between now and the start of school could affect the structure and a reshuffle could still occur, but the enrolment numbers appear quite stable at this point in time.

### STUDENT AND STAFF FAREWELLS

This is our final Newsletter for the year and is therefore a time for everyone to recognise and acknowledge the hard work and achievements of students and staff over the year. I would also like to thank our parent community for your ongoing support of school programs, events and staff as we work together towards the learning and social development of your children.

I would like to wish all our Year 7s good luck for a successful future as they move on to various Secondary Schools. I would also like to wish those students who are moving to other Primary Schools all the best in your new schools.

Sue Thompson has been working in another position and has now officially indicated she will not be returning to HCEPS. A process to choose a new Deputy Principal is currently being negotiated with DECD and more information will be provided to the school community about this in due course. I would like to acknowledge and thank Sue for her excellent work in the school as the Resource Centre teacher initially, then as Assistant

Principal and finally as Deputy Principal. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

I would also like to thank Suzanne Dunn for her excellent work in her role as Deputy Principal. During her six terms in the position, Suzanne has very capably led the ongoing management of Special Education and Early Years programs in particular and worked closely with me on a number of projects.

We also wish Kirsten Wallis (Japanese teacher) best wishes and good luck for the birth of her second child early in the new year.

Other teachers and SSOs who have had contracts with us that are concluding include: Jonathon Warren-White, Julia Badcock, Shona Trenouth, Soma Govender, Gizella Webb, Nobue Phillips, Evelyn Donoghue, Chris Ross, Karina Galloway, Jessica Dyer, Zoe MacWilliams, Ken Henry and Lisbeth Oppert. These staff members have worked very hard for students and the school and we hope we may see them again in 2014 in some capacity.

### **STUDENT CYBER SAFETY ISSUE**

We are being made increasingly aware of the inappropriate use of social media by teenagers and primary age students in and around Hallett Cove and other local areas. Some of the practices include online bullying, writing inappropriate things about others and posting and/or forwarding inappropriate images. These can all have safety, legal and indeed life ramifications.

At HCEPS, we have clear expectations of students regarding online behaviours and students are monitored in their use of school technologies during the school day. The school computers do not allow access to inappropriate materials. All mobile phones are to be kept off and in bags between arrival and departure from school. We have had several talks by both police officers and ACMA (Australian Communications & Media Authority-cyber[smart:]) representatives about cyber safety and appropriate online behaviour over the last two years. Teachers also spend time discussing appropriate online behaviour and safety as part of the

“Keeping them Safe – Child Protection Curriculum” and at other appropriate times during the year. The school will, however, issue consequences if HCEPS students are found to be involved with inappropriate online behaviours. What those consequences will be, will depend on the nature of the behaviours, and, information received from parents, staff, students, appropriate DECD personnel and police.

If I am made aware of inappropriate online behaviours that are occurring outside of school hours I will either direct the parent to contact the police if the behaviour affects their child or contact the police myself, depending on what the issue is. The police then deal with the investigation and follow up. It is very difficult for schools to manage the implications of inappropriate online behaviour that happens outside of school. So I seek support from all parents and caregivers to please be vigilant about monitoring online behaviour and site use by your children.

### **TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS**

A very busy and productive year is quickly coming to a close. Aside from the daily routines in each classroom, there have been a number of highlights during Term 4 that again reflect the commitment and planning by staff to make programs interesting and engaging for students. Some of the key highlights include:

- New website, banners and logo brand for the school commenced
- Disco
- Assemblies
- Walla Rugby State finals
- PE Week – Several programs
- Botanical Gardens visit
- Burnsafe talks
- Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony
- Lightning Jets Skipping Performances
- Seacliff Primary School Circus Troupe performance
- Shoe Boxes of Love and Canned food Drive

- LHK fundraisers for the Philippines typhoon and NSW bushfire disasters
- Completion of World Vision sponsorship of Salma Josephat
- K-R Transition visits
- Year 7 Japanese Dinner
- Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Year 7 Transition visit to Hallett Cove R-12 School
- World Teachers Day
- Lighthousekeepers celebrations and awards
- Jump Rope Team celebration
- End of Year Concert

And still to come next week:

- Special Student Acknowledgement Assembly.
- Volunteers Thank you Morning Tea
- Primary Years classes excursion to the Marion Swimming Pool
- Middle Years classes excursion to the South Australian Aquatic Centre
- Class parties and picnics
- Year 7 Graduation celebration
- End of Year Reports will be sent home on Wednesday

Various staff have also participated in:

- QuickSmart Training
- Parent forums
- Sharing the work of our Professional Learning Communities of: Reading, Digital Literacy, Differentiation and Parent Partnerships
- PE Week – line dancing for staff after school (as showcased at Concert!!)

### **VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU**

I say often that Hallett Cove East PS is indeed most fortunate to have many volunteers supporting numerous school programs. The annual Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea will be held next Tuesday to acknowledge and officially thank volunteers for their work over the year. This year, I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank **Jane Juckers** whose youngest child is finishing Year 7. Jane has volunteered in the school for over 11 years supporting her children's classes in a number of ways and also holding key positions in a variety of

sports (particularly cricket) and parent groups (particularly fundraising and start of term Tea'n'Tissues programs) for several years. Her skills, energy and enthusiasm for the organisation of all these programs are well recognised and will be missed. Thank you to all our other parent volunteers whose last child is also finishing Year 7 this year. Your commitment to the school has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Sue Hawke. She has recently retired from the position of Soccer Manager after many years. Sue has been outstanding in her organisation and dedication to ensuring our soccer programme operated successfully. Thank you for all your work Sue.

### **MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES 2014**

Our recent polling of the school community regarding the proposed Materials and Services fee of \$285 resulted in a 45:4 vote in favour of this being the recoverable fee. This means that the 2014 fees will be \$285 with an additional \$40 Excursions and Incursions levy.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

There are several items of lost property in the front office. If your child is missing anything, please drop in and check if it is in the lost property baskets located by the front door.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

Students will be dismissed at 2:05pm on Friday for the Christmas holidays, after a brief assembly in the Pavilion at 1:55pm.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

The Front Office will reopen on Monday 20th January, 2014.

May you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season with your children.

*Anne Rathjen*  
**PRINCIPAL**



## RAFFLE TICKETS

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Entertainment Book**

Thank you to the families who have returned their books already. **Please return the books by Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December** for the draw on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck !

## SOCCKER AND BASKETBALL TOPS

The Sports Committee requests that all school Soccer and Basketball tops be returned to the office by the end of term. Thank you for your assistance.

## BASKETBALL CLINCS

Morphett Vale Stadium is holding Holiday clinics for ages 5-12 from 9am – 3pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 14<sup>th</sup> January and the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014. Cost is \$30- registration only or \$40- with basketball to keep. Book online at [www.basketballs.com.au](http://www.basketballs.com.au).

## GIRLS CRICKET IN 2014

Marymount (Girls) Cricket Carnival for 2014 – 6<sup>th</sup> March – is being held at Marymount, aimed at year 6/7 girls. Keep this in mind for 2014.

## CYBERSAFETY

Every day when I read the newspapers or watch the news there seems to be more items about Cybersafety and Cyberbullying. It is a brave new world for parents and teachers alike. Our children live in the online world and it seems many are more likely to be in contact with their friends every second of the day through phones, Ipods, iPads and laptops. Social media has become part of everyday life. As adults we have two choices, ignore it (but it won't go away) or try and understand what our children are involved with. Some may say, Stop children from being involved, but will that make it go away? No! Will your child know what to do if they are at a friend's place and their friends are on social media? As with most things education is the way. By understanding social media and through educating our children how to use it, we give them the skills to manage it. Do you know how common sites such as Facebook, Instagram, KiK and

Twitter are used? There seems to be a new site every day. But are they safe?

Schools include the use of the Internet through the Keeping Children Safe Curriculum and through Safer Internet Day each February and ongoing teaching of Cybersafety and how to manage CyberBullying. Although we may be teaching these skills, a lot of online use happens at home. Due to the age of our children, many can give the right answers of what to do at school, but in reality are trusting and don't think anything will happen to them. I always think of it as the new Stranger Danger. It is important to know which sites your child may use, do they have chat applications, do your children know who they may be playing games with or talking to? Do they know what to do if the conversation becomes inappropriate? By supporting our children to be safe online users, to become digital citizens and take responsibility for their online actions, we are also keeping them safe.

The Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) has a great site for students, teachers and parents – [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) with resources, advice, links and current information. Have a look at the site, be informed and help keep all the children safe. The Internet has fantastic possibilities for learning, but as with anything we all need to be aware of the pitfalls and teach our children to be safe. Let's work together on this. The link to the parent information part of the site is:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/Cybersmart%20related%20websites.aspx>

**Suzanne Dunn  
Deputy Principal**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please see noticeboard for further information.**

- **BEDWETTING CLINIC** – Dr Jeffrey Bollard Clinical Psychologist – pamphlets held in the front office.
- **FAIRY WINGS & PIRATE THINGS** – Noarlunga detailed School Holiday Program in Noticeboard.
- **APPLETON SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CRICKET ACADEMY** – Held at Scotch College from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Phone 0408 490 079 or email [Jeremy@appletonsports.com.au](mailto:Jeremy@appletonsports.com.au)



**IGNITE PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND  
TALENTED STUDENTS  
AT ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

**Parents of year 6 students are you  
interested in the IGNITE program?**

Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers an Ignite program for Gifted and Talented students. This program provides interaction and academic challenge with likeminded students in a safe, nurturing environment where they can achieve their personal best.

**How do I know if my child is gifted?**

Gifted children possess, to an outstanding degree, a demonstrated ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

General intelligence  
Specific academic areas  
Visual and performing arts  
Psychomotor ability  
Leadership  
Creative thinking  
Interpersonal and  
intrapersonal skills

Current Year 6 students are encouraged to apply for entry into the 2015 program. Selection is based on performance in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) assessment.

Expression of interest form can be downloaded from [www.aphs.sa.edu.au](http://www.aphs.sa.edu.au) and are also available from Aberfoyle Park High School on 8270 4455. The closing date for applications is **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014** and the assessment will be held at Aberfoyle Park High School at **9.00 a.m. on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.**

**Lynda Simons**  
**Assistant Principal -Ignite**

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**NEW Canteen Opening time  
now 9:30 am.**

A huge THANK YOU to  
Kerrienne Springford  
Linda Batten  
Kylie Barnes Sparks  
Jo Marnes  
Annemarie Smith

for baking and icing over 200 Christmas biscuits!  
Awesome effort ladies, very much appreciated.



***Reminder:***

***Christmas Lunch is this  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Place your orders NOW!!***

**Extra help is needed for the Christmas  
Lunch, please, please we need your help!!**

***End of Term*** clean up help needed also, at the end of each term we defrost freezers, clean pie warmers, the oven and fridge so there is a lot to do!! If you can spare some time we really need you!

We are ***NEEDING more volunteers*** in the canteen ***for 2014.*** Please consider if you can spare the time to help out, whether it be once a

term, monthly, fortnightly or weekly, we really need your HELP.

Please pop in and see me if you can help with any of the above.

I would like thank each and every one of our volunteers for generously giving up your time to help in the Canteen this year. The Canteen could not function without the help of volunteers!

Enjoy the break with your families.

I wish you a lovely Christmas and I will see you all in the New Year.



**Janine Curtis**  
**CANTEEN MANAGER**

## LIONS CLUB OF HALLETT COVE & DISTRICTS

has offered to help Santa by collecting letters from the neighbourhood children and sending them all together to the North Pole. Santa thought this was a great idea.

He has asked that all children put their name and address on each letter. This is because quite often there are two children with the same name. The Elves help Santa and have been known to get things mixed up.

Please post the letters to

Santa  
C/- PO Box 467  
Brighton SA 5048  
(to be sent on to the North Pole)

**OR**

hand them to Santa when he comes down your street on his Lions Club Sleigh.

**LETTERS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

(No personal information will be retained by Lions Clubs in accordance with Lions Privacy Policy)



## A BIT FROM BEK

Hi Parents, Caregivers,  
Family and Friends!



Well, here we are at the end of another term! Can you believe it? Thank you to all of you who donated to our food drive. All 5 boxes of donations have since been given to the local Baptist church to go into hampers that will be distributed to families in need within our community. I just can't thank you enough for your generosity!

I just wanted to share with you something I recently stumbled across. This is a short speech by a former CEO of Coca-Cola, Bryan Dyson. It definitely got me thinking...

"Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them – Work, Family, Health, Friends and Spirit and you're keeping all of these in the air. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls – Family, Health, Friends and Spirit– are made of glass. If you drop one of these; they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for it. Work efficiently during office hours and leave on time. Give the required time to your family, friends and have proper rest. Value has a value only if its value is valued."

Life is indeed a very delicate balance. I hope that in the coming weeks you are able to maintain your perfect balance.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe New Year and a wonderful school break!  
See you in 2014!

Take care! ☺

**Bek O'Neill**  
**CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER**

## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1 2014

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 28/1/14 31/1/14	Recess	PUBLIC	Kerriane Springford	Annmarie Smith		Carmen Gonzales Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch	HOLIDAY		Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten
Week 2 3/2/14 7/2/14	Recess	Anita King Annmarie Smith	Kerriane Springford	Annemarie Smith		Bee Robertson Linda Batten
	Lunch			Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten Yvonne Caire
Week 3 10/2/14 14/2/14	Recess	Annemarie Smith		Annmarie Smith		Carmen Gonzales Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch			Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten
Week 4 17/2/14 21/2/14	Recess	Anita King Annmarie Smith	Kerriane Springford	Annmarie Smith		Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch			Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten Yvonne Caire