



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

DIARY DATES	
14/2/14	R-7 ASSEMBLY (STUDENT LEADERSHIP)
3/3/14	AGM
7/3/14	ASSEMBLY (9N & 6AN) 2:15 PM
26/3/14	GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
28/3/14	ASSEMBLY (5W & 7E) 2:15 PM
4/4/14	SPORTS DAY
24/3 to 4/4/14	STUDENT LED DISCUSSIONS

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### A GREAT START TO 2014

We have had an excellent start to 2014 with no interruptions to the commencement of our programs. While our first day of school was very hot, this did not stop students settling into routines and class/specialist programs very quickly. We have started the year with 342 students and a staff that is looking forward to working closely with students and the school community throughout the year ahead.

### AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR

Celebrating Australia Day is a great event just before the start of school as it provides a focus for our students to celebrate our country and its people and recognise its multiculturalism. It is also a time to recognise the work of Australians who have given service to Australia. I would like to acknowledge **Kieran Modra**, one of our parents, who was named in the Australia Day Honours list as a recipient of an AM. The AM is the Member of the Order. Australia's Honours system provides appointments to the Order of Australia giving highest recognition for outstanding achievement or service. The awards are announced twice per year on Australia Day and on the Queen's Birthday holiday. The Member of the Order or AM is awarded for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a

particular group. As those of you who have been a part of our school community for some time already know, Kieran is a gold medalist in the Para-Olympics in the field of cycling. In receiving an AM he has been recognised for his service as a mentor and ambassador in his work inspiring vision impaired athletes mainly in cycling but also in other fields, to work towards achieving their goals. Kieran is an outstanding role model for our students in what it means to provide service to others. Congratulations Kieran.

### FRIENDLY SAFETY REMINDERS

As we begin another school year it is timely to draw attention to some issues to ensure the safety of all students, staff and families in the school.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who support the school in a variety of ways throughout the year. We welcome parents in the school but remind all families that parents are only able to help in the school in any capacity once a DECD Criminal History Check is undertaken. This process is very simple and we forward and pay for your application. Current volunteers, please check the date of expiry of your certificate and see the front office staff if it needs renewal. Parents who wish to become volunteers, please see the front office team for an application.

### DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

There are numerous speed and parking restrictions in the streets next to and near our school. Please observe these. Already there have been incidents reported about illegal parking and inappropriate behaviours of some parents in Coorabie Crescent. I was told that Parking Inspectors were present and issuing fines one day last week. While this is one consequence of these choices, the possibility of a significant injury or

worse to a child would be the most important consequence and should be the motivation for all adults to please respect the road expectations around our school. I thank you for following this request.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS**

At HCEPS we have developed a very thorough approach to the embedding of our Values through a variety of classroom and school programs including the Year 7 Student Leadership program. We are also very clear about our duty of care to keep all students safe in classrooms and in the yard. Our Code of Behaviour, Behaviour Management Guidelines and Anti-Bullying Statements provide us with the frameworks by which our student behaviour is managed. Please find these documents in the school website.

### **ATTENDANCE**

It is vital that students are at school and on time every day. Being late in the morning, means they miss part or all of the Reading Block. Not being at school at all, means 6 hours and 20 minutes of important learning time is lost. Obviously we understand that children do become ill and that families have urgent issues that arise from time to time. If these events occur we ask you to please notify the school by phone and return the pink Notification of Non-Attendance forms when they return to or arrive at school. Not only is this information a data requirement, it also helps us to know where your child is ensuring s/he is safe. Your child's teacher has a brochure that outlines the school's Attendance expectations.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **ASSEMBLIES**

This is just a friendly reminder that parents/caregivers are invited to attend Assemblies. These are usually held in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 each term on Fridays at 2:15pm in the Pavilion. The groups responsible for presenting are identified in the Diary Dates section in each newsletter.

### **SCHOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The **School AGM will be held on Monday March 3rd at 7:00pm in the Pavilion.**

The AGM is a very important event because it gives us an opportunity to share our successes of 2012 with the school community. Our Student Leaders will present the highlights of the year and there will also be other student presentations. After the presentations the Governing Council will

hold its annual elections. Membership of the Governing Council provides an opportunity to participate in discussions around a variety of school issues and is a great way to learn how schools operate. We always welcome new members to our Governing Council. If you are interested in nominating please look for the invitation in the next newsletter. Please note that attendance at the AGM does not mean that you are expected to nominate for Council – this is purely voluntary but obviously we certainly welcome new parents. So please do not let this part of the proceedings put you off attending and celebrating our work with us and mark this important date in your diaries.

### **ACQUAINTANCE MEETING AND STUDENT LED DISCUSSIONS**

You should have received an invitation to Acquaintance Night next Tuesday from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Please return your tear off slip indicating your intention to attend, to your children's teachers. We look forward to seeing you there. Student Led Discussions will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. We will provide further details of these discussions in due course.

### **SPORTS DAY**

We are also planning to hold Sports Day on Friday April 4th. More information about Sports Day will also be provided in due course.

### **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FAMILY EVENING SESSIONS**

Those of you who have been in the school for some time will be aware that historically every 2-3 years we have had Family Life come in to run sessions for families in the evening about Growth and Development.

Family Life no longer does this, a new group known as KidzBiz now delivers this program.

KidzBiz will be here on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March** to provide two sessions for families.

The first session will be from 6:40 – 7:30 pm and is suitable for R-4 students. The second session will be from 7:40 – 8:30 pm and is suitable for Yr 5-7 students. There is no cost to families for these sessions.

More information including how to book will be available shortly.

*Anne Rathjen*

## **PRINCIPAL**

### **NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Bruce Norris and it is a great honour to be asked to become your deputy principal for 2014.

I am married with 2 grown-up boys but I still remember the trials and tribulations we went through while they were going through school. Being an effective parent is not easy however no one ever said it was, and no one ever handed us a magic wand to make things perfect. Wouldn't it be great if that could happen!

I have been in school leadership since 1990 and have spent a majority of that time as a principal in small schools across this great state. In the recent past my involvement within leadership teams has been at Belair Schools and St Leonards Primary. I am an inquirer and therefore a learner. If your child asks a question it's because they want to learn. It's often as simple as that. I once read an article whereby a child said that "learning was knowing something now that you didn't know before."

Outside of school I am an avid supporter and member of the Melbourne Football Club and a long-time match day volunteer at Flagstaff Hill Football Club.

In summer I play lawn bowls for the Marion Bowling Club, as well as enjoying fishing whenever I can.

As a lifelong learner I have always enjoyed travel and until 2002 this was within Australia.

In my short time at Hallett Cove East Primary I have noticed a number of incredibly important factors that will have a positive effect on your child's schooling. The first and most important is that every staff member is vitally concerned with the wellbeing of every child; be it physical, social, emotional or educational. All are intertwined.

Conversations on children's learning is constant whether it be in the staffroom, in the classroom or at various meetings.

The professionalism and commitment to learning is very evident by all staff and will be acknowledged often. I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible and certainly working with you if you choose to join Governing Council or one its sub-Committees.

Regards,

**Bruce Norris**

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

### **PE NEWS**

Welcome back to everyone for 2014!!! Yes, I am pleased to be back too. I will be teaching PE/Science once more this year.

The first SAPSASA event is of course District Cross Country. The 10 year olds run 2 kilometres and the 11,12 and 13 year olds run 3 kilometres. I will get a note out soon to start training again on a Tuesday morning before school.

Here are a few dates of events that I know about so far.

**Friday 4th April - School Sports Day** Parent Volunteers (with appropriate DECD Criminal History Checks) are very welcome.

Wednesday 17th September - SAPSASA District Athletics Day at Santos Stadium.

### **Mini-Basketball**

I have sent home Mini-Basketball notes for those students who were interested in being part of a team to play in the competition.

The Mini-Basketball competition is at the Morphett Vale Stadium on States Road in Morphett Vale. The Year 6/7 games are played on Monday nights, the Year 2/3 and 4/5 games are Tuesday night. Cost per player is \$5 for each game. The games are 40 minutes duration.

Parents are needed to manage and supervise each team and this would be an after school commitment by parents or guardians. Parents/Guardians are also responsible for getting their children to the games. Let me know through a note with your child if you would like one of these notes.

### **Edublog**

My Edublog will be the main communicator of information about my PE/Science programme and SAPSASA events. Please visit the site throughout the year.

The site is: <http://shonatreouth.edublogs.org/>. Please have a look!

### **Shona Trenouth**

#### **PE/SCIENCE SPECIALIST TEACHER**

#### **URGENT - CRICKET**

Cricket co-ordinator needed NOW. 50 keen cricketers and coaches available, waiting for team nominations.

Please phone Jane Juckers on 0408 808 526.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the abundance of second hand uniforms for sale in the Uniform Shop, we are unable to accept any further donations. Thank you.

### CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a well-deserved break.

The 2014 Term 1 Menu will be sent home soon. Until then, please refer to the 2013 Term 4 menu. Please note that **Safari Pops** have been **DELETED**, but the good news is that they will be replaced by **FREEZE POPS** for 15 cents each.

Lunch bags are available from the Canteen on the Finance Office in the Administration building.

Please consider joining our Volunteer Team as I am in URGENT need of assistance on THURSDAYS at RECESS time. If you can assist, please call and see me.

**Canteen Hours – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

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

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please see noticeboard for further information.**

- **SOUTH ADELAIDE PANTHERS FC** - seeking players - all ages, girls and boys [www.sapanthersfc.com](http://www.sapanthersfc.com)
- **CRICKET AT REYNELLA OVAL** – boys & girls various ages. Visit [www.in2CRICKET.com.au](http://www.in2CRICKET.com.au) to register & for more details.
- **DANCE PARTY WITH DJ OLLY** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Bay Function Centre 9-13 year olds. Cost \$5 per ticket. Face painting, prizes, food & drink available. Lock in – no passouts. Enquires ☎ 8207 4820.
- **JAYNE'S SOUTHERN DANCE STUDIO** – Ages 3 & up for boys & girls.. Modern Jazz, Tap Dancing or Classical Ballet. Mention this advertisement & receive a \$10 discount conditions apply. ☎ Jayne on 0417 899 364 or [jsdsdance@gmail.com](mailto:jsdsdance@gmail.com)
- **MILO in2CRICKET** - the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 & 2 to the great Australian game. Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for a Term 1 Program, log on to [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) and type in your post code.

### A BIT FROM BEK

Hi Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends!

Happy New Year! Happy 2014! Here's to a brilliant year!

Welcome back returning students and a warm HCEPS welcome to all our brand new students and families! I hope your first week has treated you well!

I thought this would be a great time to introduce myself to our new families and friends!

My name is Bek O'Neill and I am your Christian Pastoral Support Worker. My role is simply to support the students, staff and families of the HCEPS community. I do this through a number of ways. I have a number of students who I support individually and I often assist in the classroom with anything from listening to students read to running activities based on social skills. I've also been known to help in the canteen, assist the wonderful ladies in the front office, catch up with parents and go on excursions.

I consider it an honour to be able to work in such a great community and meet so many amazing people – young and not as young! I love my job!

I am at school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and if you would like to get in touch with me, you can send an email to [bek.oneill909@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:bek.oneill909@schools.sa.edu.au) or call through the front office.

If you would like more information about my role, you can collect a brochure from the front office or view it on our school website in the 'About Us' tab and under the heading 'Christian Pastoral Support'.

Hope you have a lovely week and I'll see you around!

Take care! ☺

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



## CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1 2014

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 3 10/2/14 14/2/14	Recess	Annmarie Smith	Jo Marnes Kerriane Springford		Megan Hunter	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 Michelle Maxwell		Megan Hunter	Bee Robertson Linda Batten
	Lunch	Anita King		Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten Yvonne Caire
Week 5 24/2/14 28/2/14	Recess	Annemarie Smith	Kerriane Springford Jo Marnes			Carmen Gonzales Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch			Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten
Week 6 3/3/14 7/3/14	Recess	Anita King Annmarie Smith	Kerriane Springford Michelle Maxwell			Bee Robertson
	Lunch	Anita King		Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Yvonne Caire
Week 7 10/3/14 14/3/13	Recess	<b>PUBLIC</b>	Kerriane Springford Jo Marnes			Carmen Gonzales Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch	<b>HOLIDAY</b>		Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Linda Batten
Week 8 17/3/14 21/3/14	Recess	Anita King Annmarie Smith	Kerriane Springford Michelle Maxwell			Bee Robertson Jo Marnes
	Lunch	Anita King		Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Bee Robertson Yvonne Caire
Week 9 24/3/14 28/3/14	Recess	Annemarie Smith	Kerriane Springford Jo Marnes			Carmen Gonzales Linda Batten Bee Robertson
	Lunch			Kylie Barnes-Sparks	Alan Beaumont	Linda Batten Bee Robertson