



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

DIARY DATES	
13/5 & 15/5	NAPLAN TESTING
16/5/14	ASSEMBLY 6E & 8E <i>(Postponed until 19/9/14)</i>
16/5/14	SCHOOL DISCO
6/6/14	ASSEMBLY 9W & 6AS
10/6/14	PUPIL FREE DAY

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, and a special welcome to our new students and their families. Swimming ran very smoothly last week with processes for students changing back at school being very well managed in the site. Thank you to parents for your cooperation with this policy.

We also had another fantastic Sports Day on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all families for helping to make our day perfect. Please refer to the report by Shona Trenouth further in the Newsletter.

### NAPLAN TESTING AND LEARNING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SITE

Next week on **Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May**, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are considered just another part of the curriculum but are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards. The NAPLAN data is just one of many data sets that schools use to monitor student development, interrogate student learning needs and plan programs both for general learning and support. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school

program. In fact, I would ask families to please keep your approach to the NAPLAN testing days low key. Treat the days as routinely as any other with your normal good sleeping and eating practices continuing. Don't make anything of the testing program on the days themselves. This will help to keep students from becoming unnecessarily worried about the process. At school, while there are certain required structures we need to have in place for the testing itself that will certainly look different to daily learning practices, we keep the days as simple as we can for students to ensure they can be as relaxed about participating in the process as possible. Teachers who are supervising the testing are very skilled at ensuring students are able to readily and successfully engage with each test.

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that I spoke about how we use the NAPLAN data in the site. We focus on improving our teaching practices, program planning and learning delivery based on interrogation of our own NAPLAN performance from year to year. Alongside of this, we develop long term goals that are identified in our Site Improvement Plan (see this in the school website). These goals address and include access to the most up to date literacy and numeracy programs and the latest thinking, and, teaching practices that are continually advancing to ensure the successful implementation of these programs. As I explained at the AGM, within the last 3 years in particular there have been a number of strategies employed to ensure we continually aim for excellence in literacy and numeracy learning achievement. These have included: implementation of uninterrupted Reading and Literacy and Numeracy blocks, teacher involvement in PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) in Literacy, Digital Literacy and Differentiation, working alongside an R-2 Reading Support teacher and Yr 3-7 Literacy Coach, implementation of a Whole School Literacy Agreement, consistent and shared teacher

programming and utilisation of 3 quality learning support programs to assist those students with learning difficulties. Extensive SSO time is also allocated to this area. Our 2013 Annual Report, (which was also shared at the AGM, and can be found on the website), provides further information about these programs.

NAPLAN results for 2014 will be available later in the year.

### **STAFFING CHANGES FOR TERM 2**

We welcome new staff this term.

Lissy Oppert has returned to work as an SSO in classrooms on Monday and Thursday mornings. Fran Williams is also an SSO who will be working in the Front Office on Wednesdays and Fridays. Cherie Lugg-Restall is a teacher who will be working in classrooms on Mondays.

Welcome back to Kirsty Gray who is the Japanese teacher on Tuesdays-Thursdays for the remainder of the year.

A very special welcome to Helen Jefferson our new Canteen Manager, who has quickly settled into the school's routine and who already has many great ideas to help our canteen be successful.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Linda Batten, Bee Robertson, Kerriane Springford and Megan Hunter for their excellent management of the Canteen during the process of filling the vacancy for the Canteen Manager position.

### **YEAR 7/8 ED176 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS**

Parents of Year 7's, don't forget to please return the above forms as soon as possible and certainly no later than Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **MEDICAL PLANS**

Many students currently have medical plans in place to ensure we can support them appropriately if they have significant health conditions (eg: asthma, anaphylaxis etc.).

Medical Plans are required to be updated yearly. If your child currently has a medical plan for a health condition, could you please speak to Nola Chalakas-Stopp in the Front Office to ensure that both the Plan is up to date and any required medications are still within use by date.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

***Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>:***

Australian Curriculum - General Capabilities

***Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>:***

Australian Curriculum – English

*Anne Rathjen*

**PRINCIPAL**

### **PE NEWS**

#### **Sports Day**

What a great day it was on our Sports Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The weather was just right and the attendance and support by families was fantastic to see. History was made for the third year as students competed in the House names - Hallett, Tate, Kurna and Perry-Barr. To open the Sports Day we had South Adelaide and Norwood footballer Ben Warren. He is currently the coach of the league side down at the Redlegs in the SANFL and has been playing in the SANFL since 2001. He spoke about some of the challenges that he has experienced being a top athlete and encouraged students to have perseverance and keep being active all through their lives.

Many thanks to everyone who provided a helping hand with the organisation – staff, parents and students. A big thank you to Graeme Duncan for marking the running lanes and the House areas during the week preceding our Sports Day. Thank you also to Linda McGrath for organising parents to hand out the ribbons to placegetters.

I would also like to thank the Wellbeing Leaders who did a great job; Jaden, Natahlia, Joe, Joel, Declan, Kyla, Rhys, Alicia, Ben, Emma, Taylor, Tyson, Josh, Izzy, Luke and Stephanie.

Thank you also to Ms Hayden and the Well Being Leaders for leading the Health Hustle.

The results of the competition for the Sporting Shield were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kurna	1 472 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hallett	1 452
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tate	1 412
4 <sup>th</sup>	Perry-Barr	1 392

The Fair Play/Behaviour/Attitude Shield will be ongoing this year but the results for this shield after Sports Day were :

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaura	483 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hallett	482
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tate	452
4 <sup>th</sup>	Perry-Barr	442

### **SAPSASA District Cross Country**

District Cross Country was held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Thalassa Park next to Aberfoyle Hub Primary School. Students have been training each Tuesday morning. They will have already competed this week but the results were unknown before the Newsletter went to print. I will provide a report in the next Newsletter. Only the first 6 place getters from the District Cross Country will compete at Oakbank this year. Good luck to the runners!!!

### **SAPSASA Knockout Netball**

Hallett Cove East PS has again entered into the Netball competition and we played our first game against Braeview Primary School on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May. It was a home game which was played in the Big COLA. Hallett Cove East played a very hard game and used lots of perseverance during the quarters. We were losing by 6 at half time, the team fought back to a draw at full time. We then played 10 minutes extra and Braeview were the winners by 3 goals at the end. A superb effort by the girls!!! I was very proud of their effort and determination!!!

### **SAPSASA Knockout Boys Soccer**

The school has also entered the Knockout Soccer competition and we will play our first match against Happy Valley Primary School on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The result will be unknown when the Newsletter goes to print but again I will report on the results in the next newsletter.

### **Shona Trenouth**

#### **PE/Science Specialist Teacher**



### **READING CORNER**

Each Newsletter the Early Years Team will provide you with strategies to help support and encourage your child to read at home. These ideas have come from the website <http://www.readingrockets.org/>. This is a very useful site offering ideas to get children reading from a very young age.

#### **Read it and experience it**

Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last trip to the zoo.

### **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

Every now and then, various items are found on school grounds and are handed into our school office. Reading glasses, jewellery, money and toys are the usual items. At the moment we have a small silver bracelet in our Lost Property that may be of sentimental value to one of our families. If you have lost something, please call into our school office and ask our friendly staff if it has been handed in.

### **HCEPS SOCCER**

We have had a great response to the soccer and we have 11 teams across the age range of U6 to Senior Primary.

Having so many teams means we need lots of players and there are a few teams that need another couple of players to ensure they have enough players on the pitch and a couple of reserves. We have enough players for U6 and Senior Primary (Year 7), but not the other age groups.

So, even though the season started on Saturday, it's not too late to join in. We still have another week or so to finalise teams and registrations.

Please contact either Graeme Duncan 0439 811031 or Jenny Brown 0418 791 667 if you haven't already registered but are still keen.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

Sports Day in term one was a very busy and successful day in the canteen! The queue stretched out of the door at recess and lunch and helped us raise some much needed funds. We were also lucky enough to receive 50 cents from each coffee sold from the coffee van, and the canteen received all proceeds from the BBQ.

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who helped in the lead up to sports day and on the actual day itself. Big thanks to *Bee Robertson, Kerrianne Springford, Kylie Barnes-Sparks, AnnMarie Smith, Anita King, Lisa Twelftree, Yvonne Caire, May Thomson and Carmen Gonzales (and Linda Batten who managed the day)*. On the BBQ, we give a big thank you to *Tracey Bates, Sue Hawke, Mark Rasheed, Taylor Anderson, Dorothy Anderson, Shane Jaffer*, for their help and time on the day.

Hot Cross Bun Day in the last week of Term 1 was also a hit with the children, with almost 200 orders received! Thank you to *Kerrianne Springford and AnnMarie Smith* for making sure the day ran smoothly.

Our canteen is always **looking for volunteers, urgently on a THURSDAY**, so if you have any time to spare please pop in and lend a hand. Welcome to Mandy Mesecke who started volunteering last term.

**Don't forget our Special Meal Deals will be available in term 2 – perfect choices for the cooler weather and only \$5;**

- 1) Hot Dog, Large Muffin & Juice box
- 2) Ham & Cheese Toastie, large muffin & Juice box
- 3) Roast chicken, lettuce & mayo wrap Frozen Berri Cup & Fruit Juice
- 4) Sausage Roll, Big M (strawb or choc) & large Muffin
- 5) Ham and pineapple Pizza, Slushie & Cookie



## A BIT FROM BEK

Hi Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends!

Welcome to term 2! I hope that your holidays were filled with adventures, relaxing times, breathtaking moments and a decent amount of yummy chocolate.



I found this quote the other day and have been mulling over it since "Teach thy tongue to say, "I do not know," and thou shalt progress." – Maimonides (a Jewish philosopher and astronomer). In my reflection about this particular quote, I thought it is actually quite easy for us to say "I don't know". I think the progression that Maimonides speaks of actually depends on what we do after we have said "I don't know". Do we say "I don't know" and then walk away or do we say "I don't know" but then stay and say "but I'd like to know" and then take steps to learn? Don't get me wrong, walking away is usually the option that looks easiest, but when we walk away, do we really progress, learn new skills and prove that anything is possible? When we say "I don't know" but we are ready to learn, that's when we see new things, smash expectations and that's when we can rightly say "I didn't know, but I know now". So, "Teach thy tongue to say, "I don't know," and thou shalt progress."

Take care! ☺

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



## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### **Mother's Day Gift Stall**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. \$5.00  
A range of gifts, for mums and grandmas.

**Entertainment books** still available for \$65.00.

### **School Disco - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Reception to Year 2 - 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm

Year 3 to Year 7 - 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Parents to drop off and pick up students from inside the Pavilion. Refreshments available for purchase - Pop Tops \$1.50, Packets of Chips .50c, Pythons \$1.50 and Glow Bracelets .50c or 3 for \$1.00

Tickets \$5.00 and are available for purchase from Finance Office.

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



A new children's dental benefits schedule for 2 - 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

**Dental care is FREE for most children** and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend - a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please see noticeboard for further information.**

- **BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY** - Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm - 9.00pm. Bay function centre Glenelg Football Club 9-13 year olds - \$5.00 per ticket. Face painting and lots of giveaways. Food and drink available for purchase. Lock in - no pass outs. Enquiries - 8207 4820. Tickets available from the bay function centre box office
- **MINIBALL** - at Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium is an after school mixed basketball competition catering for children in years 2/3, 4/5 (Tuesdays) and 6/7 (Mondays). For more information please contact Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium on 8382 0143.
- **MARION LEARNING FESTIVAL 2014 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September** - This year's Marion Learning Festival, encouraging lifelong learning within our community, provides an exciting opportunity with the dynamic Tonsley TAFE site being offered to stage our events, workshops & programs as well as our Cooida Neighbourhood Centre. Community Groups, clubs, presenters and educational providers are invited to register to provide stage demonstrations, workshops, programs and events at this year's festival. If you would like to register your interest, please contact Tracey via email at [tracey.hornsblow@marion.sa.gov.au](mailto:tracey.hornsblow@marion.sa.gov.au) request an Expression of Interest Form.
- **BOOK BUSTERS: A BOOK CLUB AT HALLETT COVE LIBRARY** - We invite 10 to 13 year olds to join us in a fun book club based at the Hallett Cove Library, where you will be able to connect with each other, browse new books, magazines and graphic novels have a chat and even learn an exciting new craft. First session Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of May from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Snacks  
**FREE BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** and may be made via [www.marion.sa.gov.au](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au) or by phone on **83756785**  
**Term Two dates: 7 May, 11 June, 2 July**



