



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 1 - 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

### DIARY DATES

25/2/15	TAIKO FLUTES PERFORMANCE
2/3/15	SCHOOL AGM
13/2/15	R-7 ASSEMBLIES FRIDAYS AT 2:15 PM
6/3/15	STUDENT LEADERSHIP
27/3/15	9N AND 6AN
2/4/15	6W, 6E & 8E
2/4/15	SPORTS DAY
Week 9	STUDENT LED DISCUSSIONS

### SANDPIT AND PLAYGROUNDS



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

#### ACQUAINTANCE MEETINGS

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Acquaintance Meetings last Tuesday. The meetings were very well attended. I hope parents found them valuable firstly to meet teachers and secondly to clarify your understanding of how your child's classroom will operate during the year.

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

During the last 3 weeks the Year 7 teachers, Bruce Norris and I have undertaken the process to fill Student Leadership positions. Due to very small Year 7 numbers this year, 3 Lighthousekeeper Executive leaders and 8 Wellbeing Leaders were chosen through an application, interview and role play/activity presentation process. These students were presented to the whole school at the Assembly on Friday along with the Lighthousekeeper class representatives for Semester 1. All Lighthousekeeper Executive and class reps recited their pledges during the assembly. The Wellbeing leaders will recite their pledges at the Week 6 assembly.

Congratulations to:

**Lighthousekeepers Executive Leaders;**  
Casey, Lisa and Jasmine.  
and

**Wellbeing Leaders:** Summer, Viraat, Olivia, Isaac, Rebecca, Joel, Bella and Lewis.

It was a wonderful to finally see the shade cover replaced over the sandpit last week. It is also very pleasing that the new cover covers a much bigger area than the previous one, providing excellent shade protection not only for the sandpit itself but also for the area around the edge as well.

This is a friendly reminder that the playgrounds are not available for use before or after school. Students arriving at school need to come in and go straight to class in the morning. In the afternoon students need to meet parents and/or leave the school or go directly to OSHC if they are booked in. (Could you please remind your children of these expectations.) Only one teacher is on duty before and after school so student safety is unable to be guaranteed if students are in the playgrounds at these times. Thank you for your help to enable us to keep our students safe.

#### SCHOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The School AGM will be held on Monday  
March 2nd at 7:00pm.**

The AGM is a very important event because it gives us an opportunity to share our work and successes of 2014 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. **An invitation has already been sent home to all families and is also included in this newsletter. If you wish to nominate for Council, you can do so through the invitation.** Please also 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.

### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

The Education Director has approved a Pupil Free day to be held on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>, Week 4 Term 2. Teachers from all primary schools in our Partnership will be training in Mathematics/Numeracy being facilitated by Michael Ymer, a well-known authority on the teaching of Mathematics, from Victoria. Please put this date in your diaries.

### **OTHER COMING EVENTS DON'T FORGET**

#### **SPORTS DAY**

Sports Day will be on Thursday April 2nd. There will be more information about Sports Day provided to you shortly.

#### **STUDENT LED DISCUSSIONS**

Student Led Discussions will occur during Week 9 of this term. We will provide further details of these discussions in due course.

#### **R-5 SWIMMING**

Years R-5 Swimming will be held in Week 1 of Term 2. Again further details will be sent home in due course.

*Anne Rathjen*

**PRINCIPAL**

Please note that students should not arrive at school before 8:30 am. They also need to have left the school by 3:20pm. There is no adult supervision outside of these hours. If you need to drop off earlier or pick up later, please book your children into OSHC or make alternative arrangements for his/her care.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **Canteen - Donation**

One of the canteen freezers needs to be replaced and we were wondering if by chance someone from our community has a working chest freezer which is surplus to their needs. If you can help please contact the administration office on 83223677. Thank you.



### **FINANCE NEWS**

Prompt settlement of all outstanding school materials and services accounts is appreciated. Settlement of accounts should be within 14 days unless a payment plan has been put in place with the school finance officer. Payments can be made at the finance office between 8:30am and 3:15 pm any weekday. Credit card payments can be made via the school website

[www.halcoveps.sa.edu.au](http://www.halcoveps.sa.edu.au)

Reminder to families applying for school card benefit, please collect the 2015 application forms from the finance office. It is a requirement to complete a new application each year.

#### **Uniform**

Reminder – All school uniforms must be pre-ordered by the end of this week for delivery next term. Please complete the order form which can be found on the school website or collect an order form from the administration office. Thank you

We would like to remind parents about the website: <http://www.oldschooltrading.com.au/> where second hand uniforms can be posted for sale and recommend those parents who wish to buy and / or sell uniforms to utilise this facility.

**Jenny McFadyen**  
**FINANCE OFFICER**

## 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.

### I read to you, you read to me

Take turns reading aloud at bedtime.

Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.



## EARLY YEARS TEAM

### PE NEWS

#### School Sports Day

Plans have begun for our school Sports Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. Our Year 7 students are in the process of being appointed Well Being Leaders (House Captains) and we will be having Sport House Meetings this term.

The Sport Houses are;

Perry-Barr- Yellow  
Kurna- Green  
Hallett- Red  
Tate – Blue

Teachers will be discussing the meaning of the new House names with students and your child will be allocated to a house.

We would like to see the students dressed in their house colours on the day and some classes maybe making some of their own decorations.

We look forward to seeing many parents/caregivers and grandparents on the day. It is a huge day at the school so if you are able to assist on the day please leave your name at the front office.

#### Edublog

Don't forget to view my Edublog to keep up with what is happening in my PE/Science programme and SAPSASA events. Please visit the site throughout the year.

The site is:

<http://shonatreouth.edublogs.org/>.

Have a look!

## Shona Trenouth PE/SCIENCE SPECIALIST TEACHER

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

The Hallett Cove East Primary School cookbook has arrived and is available from the finance office.



Limited quantities of this professionally published cookbook are available for purchase at \$18 each.

**Please support your school and purchase your copies now!**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Please see noticeboard for further information.**

- **FREE PARENTING SEMINAR** – Keeping teens and pre-teens safe online. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7 – 9 pm at the Panorama Room Adelaide Convention Centre. You can register to attend in person 8303 1660 or email [health.patentingsa@helath.sa.gov.au](mailto:health.patentingsa@helath.sa.gov.au) or to register online or for webcast: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/>
- **ANGLICARESA** – Foster Carers needed to provide overnight emergency, long term, short term and respite care. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24 hour assistance). ☎ Linda on 8131 3456 or visit [www.anglicaresa.com.au/foster-care](http://www.anglicaresa.com.au/foster-care)
- **ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL** – Specialist school in Tennis. For players in years 5 – 7 on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. For entry forms please contact Terry Ellis ☎ 8270 4455 email [Terry.ellis@aphs.sa.au](mailto:Terry.ellis@aphs.sa.au)
- **GUITAR LESSONS** - \$20.00 for half hour in Hallett Cove. A fun program aimed at early music development for ages 4+. Home visits available at a small fee. [andrew\\_robert\\_fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew_robert_fisher@hotmail.com) or phone 0407 365 998.
- **CITY OF MARION** – ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6:30 pm at Heron Way Reserve, Hallett Cove. Dawn service 6:00am Free breakfast 6:30am [www.marion.sa.gov.au/anzac-centenary](http://www.marion.sa.gov.au/anzac-centenary)

## Hallett Cove East Primary Soccer Registration Day



**SUNDAY 22nd February 2015  
FROM 2 – 3.30PM**

Come along and register and we can organise teams before the season starts the first weekend in term 2. If you can't make it to Registration day, forms will be available at the office on the Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

**This year once teams are full no more registrations will be accepted.**

If you have any questions please contact: Jenny Brown on 0418 791 667.

At 3pm there will be a short meeting for parents interested in helping. Without parent involvement we cannot run soccer. This year, the Coordination is being split between a group, rather than one Coordinator. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in being involved, please come along to the 3pm meeting on Registration day to see how you can become involved.

**Thanks  
Jenny Brown**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our Lost Property corner seems to be overflowing with clothing, hats drink bottles and various other items.

***Please remember to label all school clothing then we can guarantee to have them returned to you promptly.***

## **PASTORAL CARE WORKER**

(Previously known as "School Chaplain")

### **HALLETT COVE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Quailo Avenue,  
Hallett Cove SA 5158*

Schools Ministry Group along with the Hallett Cove Minister's Association (Support Group) are seeking applications for this 8 to 10 hour per week position, commencing Term 2, 2015.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on "How to Apply", is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or [mail@smg.asn.au](mailto:mail@smg.asn.au)

**Closing date: Tuesday 24th  
February 2015, 5pm**

For details about the next **Information Session** go to:  
**[www.smg.asn.au](http://www.smg.asn.au)**

### **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 and toys are the usual items. If you have lost something, please call into our school office and ask our friendly staff if it has been handed in.

# CLASS OVERVIEWS

## Japanese

'Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu' Happy New Year! All classes have welcomed the Year of the Sheep, making a positive start to the year in their learning of Japanese.

Early Years classes have enjoyed singing their favourite Japanese songs, with a focus on Japan's Tanuki badger, its special characteristics/ features and traditional Japanese folktales that the badger appears in, reinforcing Japanese greetings, everyday classroom language and our Tanuki reward system acknowledging positive behavior.

Primary Years classes have revisited Junishi- the 12 animals of the Zodiac, practicing how to express The Year of the Animal in Japanese and the year of the animal they are born in, and are about to embark on their own learning journey in reading and writing the 46 Hiragana alphabet.

Middle Years classes have also practised expressing The Year of the Animal, and have had exposure to Japan's 2<sup>nd</sup> alphabet, Katakana by practicing writing the script and their names in Japanese. This term, Middle school students will focus on refining their skills in reading and writing the 46 Hiragana alphabet.

In Week 5 of this term, all classes will be attending our whole school incursion 'Taiko drums and Japanese flutes' which will be a wonderful introduction to our 'Japanese Taiko' unit of work across the school.

In line with the new Australian Curriculum: Languages, all classes will receive 2x 45 minute Japanese lessons per week, whereby students are immersed in a language rich, activity based program which develops their skills in the areas of Communication (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing) Understanding Language and Culture. The General Capabilities are also integrated into lessons as is the Cross Curriculum Priority: Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia.

Students are exposed to the three Japanese writing systems (Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji) and based on a thematic approach, are engaged in a variety of learning activities such as word/picture association games, written tasks, mime and role-plays to acquire new language. Over the year all students will participate in the Hiragana Karate Club where students will be given opportunities to work towards becoming Hiragana Karate Champions and Katakana Kendo champions in reading the 46 Hiragana/ Katakana alphabets.

Seasonal festivals are acknowledged and celebrated throughout the year and traditional Japanese games, stories, songs and craft are an integral part of our Japanese program.

Come and visit the Resource Centre in March to see our beautiful 'Hina Matsuri' doll display which was kindly donated to our school by Waka Satomi (Japanese Assistant Teacher 1999). It is a tradition for young Japanese girls to set up their doll display in early March, to celebrate the Girls Day Doll Festival on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any queries about your child's learning of Japanese, please feel free to contact us at school.

**Kirsten Wallis**                      **Kirsty Gray**  
**R-7 Teachers of Japanese**

# Physical Education – Reception to Year 7 2015

All students at Hallett Cove East Primary School participate in one Physical Education lesson per week with the Specialist Teacher, Shona Trenouth.

Physical activity is essential to health and wellbeing throughout people's lives, it is a significant medium for individual, social and community development. Physical Education lessons aim to encourage and support the holistic development of our students through activities, games, skill improvement drills and sport. From discussions and explicit teaching students can gain better thinking skills and a more positive self image. The school values are discussed and encouraged in a variety of situations.

## Reception – Year 2

This program will focus on Gross Motor skills and Fundamental Motor Skills. Fundamental skills include the ability to consistently perform basic movements in a functionally competent manner. These skills form the basis upon which the more sophisticated movement skills of sport and other activities are developed. Some of the other aims include developing a healthy self-image, students feeling successful and improving the quality, speed and accuracy of motor skills. In my Blog "PE at Hallett Cove East" I have links that can show you what the Fundamental Motor Skills are and what to look for when your child is performing these actions. Blog URL:<http://shonatrenouth.edublogs.org>

## Years 3-5

One of the resources that will be used in Physical Education lessons is "The Bluearth Approach". Bluearth is a programme that helps to improve the health and well-being of the whole person- getting students to analyse their attitude to physical activity and how their actions can affect other people. The sessions provide meaningful experiences that contribute to lifelong habits.

Years 3-5 will participate in a wide range of sports and fitness activities. These sports may include Softball, Athletics, Netball, Volleyball, Soccer, Badminton, Australian Rules Football, European Handball and Rugby. These year levels will participate in SAPSASA Volleyball, Cross Country and Athletics.

## Years 6 & 7

These classes will also experience Bluearth. They will also participate in a wide range of sports. These sports may include Softball, Athletics, Netball, Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton, Australian Rules Football, European Handball and Rugby. Students will be asked to reflect and modify their skills and performance at a higher level. They will also perform different roles including player, umpire and coach.

SAPSASA representatives are chosen mainly from this age group and these events include Cross Country, Athletics, Volleyball and Rugby. We also enter teams in the State SAPSASA Knockout competitions including Netball, Soccer and Cricket.

## Science Years 5/6 & 6/7 classes

Each class will have one double lesson each week with Shona Trenouth. The new Australian Science Curriculum will be used to direct the learning experiences. The students will explore a broad range of science topics including Year 6/7- "Forced To" (Physics), Earthquakes, Separating Mixtures and Animals.

If there are any parents who have a Scientific Career and would be willing to speak to the students about their employment please let me know or leave a note at the front office.

**Shona Trenouth**



# YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HCEPS

**DATE:** Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015  
**TIME:** 6:45pm pre-meeting entertainment for a 7:00pm start  
**VENUE:** HCEPS Pavilion

**PROGRAM:**

**6:45pm** Performances by the School Choir and Jump Rope Team  
**7:00pm** AGM begins with Highlights of 2014 presented by the Student Leadership Team  
**7:40pm** Supper and performances by the School Choir and Jump Rope Team  
**7:50pm** Brief meeting of the new Governing Council

The AGM is one of the most important dates on the school calendar as it is when we get to share our work and achievements from the previous year with families from our school community. We hope you can attend. To assist us in organising catering, please complete the tear off slip below to indicate your attendance at the AGM. (Parents/Caregivers of students who are Student Leadership Team members, Choir members or Jump Rope Team members will also receive separate information shortly.)

After the AGM, we will be holding our elections for Governing Council for 2015. This process will only take a short time. If you are interested in nominating, we would love to hear from you! Please complete the nomination form attached indicating your interest and return it to Anne Rathjen by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that attendance at the AGM does not mean that you are expected to nominate for Council – this is purely voluntary. Do not let this part of the proceedings put you off attending and celebrating our achievements of 2014 with us.



**ATTENDANCE AT THE HCEPS AGM**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Eldest Child : \_\_\_\_\_

Class : \_\_\_\_\_

I / we will be attending the HCEPS AGM on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. No. attending : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_



## Nomination for Parent Membership

# Hallett Cove East Primary School Governing Council

When nominating for Governing Council you are nominating for a two year term. At the end of that two year term you are more than welcome to re-nominate.

It is expected that Councillors will abide by the Governing Council Code of Practice and the Standing Orders. Councillors will also be expected to sign a Governing Council Agreement supporting these two documents.

Councillors are required to complete, if not already, a Relevant History Screening – Child Related Employment (“Employment” meaning paid and unpaid)



I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to nominate for the Hallett Cove East Primary School Governing Council for the school years of 2015 and 2016.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Eldest Child : \_\_\_\_\_

Class : \_\_\_\_\_

My nomination is supported by the following two parents/care givers (of no relation to you) from the Hallett Cove East Primary School.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Eldest Child : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Eldest Child : \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_