



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 6th MAY 2015

DIARY DATES	
R-7 ASSEMBLIES ON FRIDAYS AT 2:15 PM	
12-14 /5/15	NAPLAN – Week 3
15/5/15	DISCO
18/5/15	PUPIL FREE DAY
22/5/15	ASSEMBLY 9S & 7W
5/6/15	ASSEMBLY 9W & 6AS
26/6/15	MIDDLE YEARS PERFORMANCE

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, and a special welcome to our new students and their families. We wish you a long and happy partnership working with our school.

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.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please remember that Monday May 18th (Week 4) is a Pupil Free Day. Partnership schools will be participating in training in Mathematics and Numeracy, facilitated by Michael Ymer, a highly respected and experienced educator from Melbourne. OSHC will operate that day so please contact Lissy or Sally if childcare is required.

CASUAL DAY ON APRIL 10th

This is a huge thank you to families and staff for your wonderful support of our Casual Day to raise funds to support the Vanuatu cyclone appeal (through UNICEF), last term. As you know, our goal was to raise \$474 towards the purchase of 2 School-in-a-Box kits. The generosity of our school community has seen us meet that goal having raised \$500.75. As a school

whose ethos is steeped strongly in values, we see it as very important for students to develop empathy and altruism in the way they respond to the plight of others in our world. The support of families for our school programs, both curriculum and charity, helps to strengthen the value of these attitudes in students as they grow in their lives. A component of the new Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum is Civics and Citizenship, and the above values and skills development also forms part of this curriculum.

SPORTS DAY

We also had another fabulous Sports Day at the end of Term 1. It was very well attended by families and we were again very lucky with the weather. Thank you to all staff and volunteer parents who made the day as successful as it was for students to enjoy. More information about Sports Day is included in Shona Trenouth's report further on in the newsletter.

NAPLAN TESTING AND LEARNING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SITE

Next week sees the annual NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) testing program. Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the testing. 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. With the way NAPLAN is often portrayed eg in the media, families and students often find the time around NAPLAN stressful. 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. NAPLAN results for 2015 will be available later in the year.

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. I would encourage you to read our 2014 Annual Report (which was also shared at the AGM), as it provides further information about these programs, and this can also be found on the website.

STAFFING CHANGES FOR TERM 2

We have the following staffing changes this term.

Lyn Jones is currently on leave. Welcome to Louise Nicholas who is the teacher in 6W for Term 2.

Welcome back to Narelle Muller and Cherie Bishop-Kinlyside who were both on leave in Term 1 and have now returned.

From Week 4 this term Kerry Patterson will be on leave and her replacement is currently being finalised.

YEAR 7/8 ED176 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS

Parents of Year 7s, don't forget to please return the above forms as soon as possible and certainly no later than Friday May 22nd. Thank you.

Anne Rathjen
PRINCIPAL

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.

Tell family tales

Children love to hear stories about their family. Talk about a funny thing that happened when you were young.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

PE NEWS

Sports Day

What a great day it was on Thursday 2nd April. The weather turned out to be wonderful and the attendance and support by families was fantastic to see.

History was made for the fourth year as students competed in their Houses - Hallett, Tate, Kurna and Perry-Barr.

We were lucky enough to have Jacqui Dunn to open our Sports Day. She is an accomplished gymnast who has represented Australia on many occasions including the Commonwealth Games and she spoke of the persistence and determination it takes to be an athlete as well as living our daily lives.

Many thanks to all those who gave a hand with the organisation – staff, parents and students. A big thank you to Graham Duncan for marking the running lanes and House areas during the week preceding our Sports Day. Thank you to Kylie Sparks who was responsible for organising parents to hand out the ribbons to placegetters.

I would also like to thank the Wellbeing Leaders; Bella, Viraat, Rebecca, Isaac, Olivia, Joel, Summer and Lewis. They were a pleasure to work with and their development of organisational skills helped the day to run very smoothly. They also did an excellent job of leading the Health Hustle.

The results of the day were: Sports Shield:

- 1st Hallett (2213 points)
- 2nd Tate (2095 points)
- 3rd Kuarna (2086 points)
- 4th Perry Barr (2044 points)

The Fair Play Shield will be ongoing this year but the results for this shield after Sports day were:

- 1st Perry Barr (916 points)
- 2nd Kurna (851 points)
- 3rd Hallett (828 points)
- 4th Tate (800 points)

SAPSASA District Cross Country

This will be held Tuesday 5th May 2015 at Thallassa Park near Aberfoyle Hub Primary School. Students have been training each Tuesday morning. (As this event will have happened before this newsletter is published, more details will be in the next Newsletter.)

SAPSASA Knockout Netball

The Netball team has been selected and the 1st match needs to be played before the end of Week 4 Term 2. Training sessions are Wednesday lunchtimes. There is more information to come.

SAPSASA Knockout Soccer

A Team from Hallett Cove East has been entered in the Boys SAPSASA Knockout Soccer. More information will be going out in the near future. Games will be played during school hours.

Shona Trenouth PE/SCIENCE SPECIALIST TEACHER



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Disco

A reminder that the disco is on the 15th of May. Reception - Year 4 starts at 6pm and concludes at 7.15 pm with Years 5 - 7 from 7.30 pm through until 9 pm. Drinks and snacks will be on sale on the night. Tickets are available now at the front office for \$5.

A huge thank you to the Hallett Cove Bakery who have generously donated 100 cupcakes for us to sell at the disco. Please show your thanks for their donation by supporting this local businesses whenever you can.

Mothers Day

Don't forget our Mothers Day stall on Thursday and Friday. Most gifts are just \$5 each but we have some bargains available too!

2014 Fundraising

We are thrilled to advise that during 2014 the Fundraising Committee, with the support of the school community, raised \$5,056. This amount has been allocated equally to the 13 classes we have in 2015 so they can purchase sports equipment for the children to use.

Thank you for your continued support,
HCEPS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

ON TRACK: MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING DURING THE TEENAGE YEARS

A workshop for parents about maintaining optimal mental health during the teenage years. Parenting adolescents is challenging, exciting and probably one of the most potentially rewarding tasks you will ever do. This session will explore teenage development, warning signs of an emerging mental health concern, what parents/caregivers can do, how to seek help, good habits for positive mental health and how to stay on track with your teenager. Presented by Centacare.

Wednesday 13th May 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Marion Cultural Centre – Sturt
Room 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park
Cost: Free Bookings essential 83756785 or online at www.marion.sa.gov.au

child & adolescent sleep clinic



**Does your child have
a sleep problem?**

Does your child:

- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents' bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day

The child & adolescent sleep clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children & adolescents of all ages.

For more information please call
8201 7587 or email
casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

Find us on
Facebook
www.facebook.com/cascsleep

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **BEDWETTING CURED** – DVD based program. Developed by Dr M. Condon & Physio M. O'Donovan. Outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home. ☎ 1300 135 796 or www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE



POLICE AND COMMUNITY- WORKING TOGETHER

PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUM

SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE WANT TO KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IN THE STURT LOCAL SERVICE AREA.

- Come and hear what your local police are currently doing about crime and community safety in your area.
- Hear about current policing issues that are occurring in your community.
- Have your say and tell your local police what is important to you in your community.

When Wednesday, 13 May 2015
Where Cove Sports & Community Club, Lonsdale Highway, HALLETT COVE
Time 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm
 (Doors open at 6.30 pm)

Tea, coffee and light refreshments are provided.

Seating is limited so you are encouraged to arrive early.

While questions will be taken from the audience on the night, community members can send in questions prior to the evening which will then be addressed on the night.

Questions can be lodged by email to:
di.mckinna@police.sa.gov.au



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