



## NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>21/11/14</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY 6E &amp; 8E</b>
<b>26/11/14</b>	<b>YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS</b>
<b>01/12/14</b>	<b>YEAR 7 ORIENTATION VISIT HALLETT COVE R-12</b>
<b>03/12/14</b>	<b>END OF YEAR CONCERTS</b>
<b>09/12/14</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA</b>
<b>11/12/14</b>	<b>YEAR 7 GRADUATION</b>
<b>12/12/14</b>	<b>SA AQUATICS CENTRE MIDDLE YRS</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION

Last Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, students from 9N and 9W along with Andrea Hayden and Jonathon Warren-White led the school in a commemoration observance of Remembrance Day. This commenced in the Pavilion with Year 3-7 students attending a special assembly where they heard about why we commemorate Remembrance Day. The students had also participated in related literacy activities prior to this and a number of students presented their work during the assembly. After this, all classes met on the courts where a traditional commemoration was held concluding with the traditional one minute silence. I would like to thank the teachers and their students for their moving presentation. Samples of some of the students' work are included below.



### We Remember

They went to war  
They fought from shore  
They lost their lives  
To the knives  
They fought with pride  
And they strived  
To come home  
Not alone

Now we think to ourselves  
Those soldiers are our heroes  
From the violence  
We now stand in silence  
For the people we lost  
At any cost  
On the 11<sup>th</sup> November  
We WILL remember

*By Katie – 9W*



### The Soldiers

Today is the day we remember the others.  
We lost so many lives, like the ones of our brothers.

Hand in hand, we hope for peace.  
To end our suffering and terrible grief.

The families want to cease their sorrow.  
We could have this gone by the morrow.

The poppies grew black and red.  
Showing where our soldiers bled.

Now we remember in this one minute silence.  
The soldier's bravery, not their violence.

*Laura – 9W*

### Remembrance Day Poem

Today we might sleep, or have warm socks on our feet

But those who rest, cared for the world best  
Some might remember them as soldiers in pain,  
with nothing to gain

But really they were not to blame  
The terror, the pain, shot people in the opposite  
land, can't stop, can't think.  
Until the minute silence, think, embrace and  
remember.

Remember on Remembrance Day.

*By Declan – 9N*

#### We Remember Them

Fighting for their lives  
They march up the rocky cliffs  
We remember them today

Forever afraid  
Bombs raining down on their heads  
We remember them today

Water icy cold  
Swimming frantically in sea  
We remember them today

11<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup>  
The day of blood red flowers  
We remember them today

Some died for their cause  
Sacrificing their young lives  
We remember them always

*By Alicia – 9N*

#### WOW! WHAT A SHOW!

Last Friday's performance of Pinnocchio was extraordinary. It was a "full-house" as the students performed superbly; ably backed by the combined voices of the Junior Choir.

Performing Arts is an important part of The Arts curriculum and we are able to engage with this so well. This is facilitated by our talented teacher, Evie Donoghue (or Miss D). Thank you Evie for a wonderfully entertaining hour. You and the cast were an inspiration to many.

### UNIFORM NEWS

The 2015 new style polo shirts and full zipped hooded windcheaters have now been ordered. We hope to take delivery by the end of this term. It is our intention to specify a date for collection in the week commencing the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014, a second collection date will be scheduled in the week prior to commencement of term 1 2015. A text message will be sent to all families to advise the goods are ready for collection. To assist in making the process of collecting your uniforms quicker and easier we are more than willing to take payment for the goods now. Payment can be made by cash or credit card. Please telephone or pop into the office if you wish to make your payment prior to collection.

We still have some new uniform items in the current styles for sale. On Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 2 concerts at 10:30am and 2:45pm respectively, this uniform will be on display and available for purchase under the verandah on the oval side of the Pavilion. Please note that as the Concerts are the priority that day, uniform sales will only occur at these times after the concerts have finished.

The school no longer has second hand uniforms available. We also no longer take second hand uniforms for sale either through donation or on consignment. We do, however, 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 utilise this facility.

#### CONCERT TICKET PROCESS

Don't forget that each family has been allocated 2 tickets for the concerts, but if we do not hear from you by next Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> that you wish to confirm a ticket booking, these tickets will be made available for other families who wish to book further tickets. Booked tickets will be sent home with children next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

*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.

### Be patient

When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind your child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.

## EARLY YEARS TEAM



## PE NEWS

### PE Lessons

Just a reminder for students to wear appropriate clothing including shoes for their PE lessons. Thank you.

### PE Week

Last week was PE Week which was celebrated all over the state. Students participated in a variety of activities which included rotations of events (like Sports Day) but with different activities.

Premier's Be Active Challenge medals will be presented in the next few weeks to those classes that participated.

A big thank you to those parents who supported me and our athletes competing in SAPSASA events throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated. A big thank you to Linda McGrath who has helped me with so many different sports over many years, this will be your last year with a student at the school so I would like to give you a special mention. Another big thank you to Kylie Sparks who has supported many SAPSASA events. A special thank you to Nathan Evans who helped with the coaching of the Rugby teams a few weeks ago. There are many parents who continue to support the SAPSASA events and that is great!!! It makes my position a lot easier. Thank you.

**Shona Trenouth**  
**PE/SCIENCE SPECIALIST TEACHER**

## NINA'S MUSINGS

Stories are so integral to our lives. For millennia, people have told stories which inform and shape families, communities and even our culture. They have been roadmaps and guidelines to living. Some stories change in the telling and re-telling, and are altered slightly depending on the new circumstance people find themselves in. Each of us has a story. Mostly we think it is not worth sharing. I think, however, we sell ourselves short when we don't. And each day we add to our story. Another event and challenge is an opportunity to enable our story to unfold.



When I ask my kids that typical parent question, "How was school today?" I usually get a response of "Good" or "Boring". The challenge for me has been to shift my question to learn more about their story. "What did you do at school today?" or "What was the best thing that happened at school today?" At that point, all 3 of them want to tell me all about their day and what it was like. For the things that were great, we celebrate together. For the things that weren't so wonderful, we chat about what we might learn and do differently. As parents, we have our own stories which we can weave into their lives, wisdom and knowledge to impart, humorous or serious. By being prepared to engage in our children's stories, we can encourage them to be positive, respectful, responsible and resilient.

Some other questions you might ask to help in your own story-worlds:

- "Tell me something that made you laugh today."
- "Tell me a weird word that you heard today." (Or something weird that someone said.)
- "Where do you play the most at recess/lunch? What games do you play?"
- "Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?"
- "If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?"

Happy story-telling!

**Peace,**  
**Nina**  
**CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER**

## TERM 4 LHK FUNDRAISER AND CASUAL DAY

This term we are asking students to donate non-perishable food items and treats to our Giving Tree.

The Giving Tree will be set up in Resource Centre and students will be able to bring in donations between 8:30 and 8:45 each morning. The area will be set up from week four and we will stop taking donations on the Thursday of week 8 (3rd December).

We would ask students to donate items such as tins (fruit, soups, spaghetti, vegetables), dried fruit, crackers/biscuits, cereals, rice/pasta, UHT milk, condensed milk, lollies, treats, bonbons and Celebration items.

On Friday 4th December we will present our donations to Richard Jensen from the Hallett Cove Baptist Church. Mr Jensen puts together Christmas Hampers for the needy in our community.

On the last day of term we will have a Casual Day to acknowledge all our work gathering our donations. Obviously we will not be asking for a gold coin donation at this time.

## LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER EXECUTIVE



## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **THE VINES UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FAIR** – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 5:30 pm until Dark. Sausage sizzle, Hot Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Strawberries & Cream, Devonshire Teas. Crafts, Gift Baskets, Cakes & Produce, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Lucky Dips, Clowns & Father Christmas & much more. Cnr of Rolton Ave & Reynell Rd, Woodcroft.
- **AUSTRALIAN PROTOUR** – City of Onkaparinga ATP Challenger 2015 ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Twilight Tournament. Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 from 2:30 pm. Happy Valley Tennis Club. Online entry at [tournaments.tennis.com.au](http://tournaments.tennis.com.au). Entries close Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015.
- **WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA** – Are you a new Australian? Interested in trying a new sport? Come along to our event & try major Australian sports – Cricket, Aussie Rules, Basketball, Soccer & Swimming. SA Aquatics & Leisure Centre, 443 Morphett Rd, Oaklands Park 5:30 – 6:30 pm. St Elizabeth's Church, 12 Dwyer Rd, Oaklands Park, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- **GIRL GUIDES** - 'have lots of fun' make new friends' have a girls only space' try adventurous activities' go camping 'are part of a global movement' learn leadership skills 'get involved in the community 'learn life skills' plus lots more!!!' Girl Guides are having fun today, leading the world tomorrow. There are currently vacancies at Happy Valley Girl Guides ☎ Angela Higgins on 0408 977188.
- **LIONS CLUB LETTERS TO SANTA** – the Lions Club of Hallett Cove are helping Santa by collecting letters from the neighbourhood children & sending them all to Santa at the North Pole. Children need to put their name & address on each letter & post to Santa, c/op 36 Quailo Ave, Hallett Cove SA 5158 (to be sent to the North Pole). Letters need to be received by Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014.





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## IGNITE @Aberfoyle Park High School

IGNITE is a program for students with High Intellectual Potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the designated DECD Ignite Secondary School for the southern Adelaide area. Our IGNITE program offers a tailored curriculum to suit the needs of identified gifted and talented students.

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

The characteristics of gifted children vary, but many display some or all of the following characteristics:

- High level of intelligence
- Curiosity from an early age
- Vivid imagination
- High level ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy for social justice
- Amazing memory
- Highly developed sense of humour
- Able to elaborate on complex ideas



Selection is based on performance in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Gifted & Talented Assessment.

Application forms for this program can be obtained by:

- Downloading from the school's web site at [www.aphs.sa.edu.au/ignite](http://www.aphs.sa.edu.au/ignite)
- Phoning: 8270 4455
- Emailing: [ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au](mailto:ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Testing for a place in Year 8 Ignite for 2016 will be held at Aberfoyle Park High School at 9.00 a.m. on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015**.

a program for gifted students



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