



NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 21st MAY 2015

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Riandi van Dyk who is the new teacher working in 6AN for the remainder of the year.

STAFF TRAINING IN MATHEMATICS, AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Staff members at HCEPS are strongly committed to ensuring excellence in the teaching and learning programs that are delivered to our students. One of the current state-wide DECD priorities is:

HIGHER STANDARDS OF LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

South Australia will have a strong public education system, characterised by high achievement, growth, challenge, engagement and equity.

One of the projects that Partnership site groups are currently working on together is "Numeracy and Literacy Plus". Basically this project provides a framework for leaders and schools to work together to ensure that numeracy and literacy programs in each site are the best they can be. Site leaders share strategies around how to best: track and use individual student literacy and numeracy data to create effective learning plans, improve teaching practices to ensure best outcomes in these areas, effectively cater for all students including those who are lower and higher achievers and manage an ongoing cycle of

improvement in literacy and numeracy over time. The "Plus" of the project includes the development of resilient learners who willingly have a go and stick with tasks despite the challenges presented or setbacks that may arise, and, a positive growth mindset where learners view themselves as competent and capable learners and who show a desire to readily participate in learning. These attributes are developed through the provision of learning events that readily engage students and provide intellectual stretch (ie learning that challenges them to think more deeply, richly and at a higher level).

On Monday class teachers and leaders from our Partnership schools were privileged to have had training facilitated by Michael Ymer. Michael is a highly experienced educator and now teacher trainer who specialises in helping teachers develop practices to ensure they can create the highest level of Mathematics and Numeracy learning plans. Michael's approach to learning events focusses strongly on engagement through hands on experiences that are related to everyday life events. He advocates starting with a particular concept and creating a quality engagement task that also has many possibilities for students to reach varying levels of understanding depending on capability. Throughout the training, Michael would begin a task that may have been designed for a particular year level achievement standard, (eg Year 3-multiplication). It would commence with ensuring a basic understanding through use of a variety of materials but as the task was developed there were opportunities where many skills and understandings at a range of levels could be explored by all students and in particular those students with higher capability, (eg the Yr 3 multiplication task led easily into Area, Estimation and then Volume which are expectations in the curriculum in Middle Years). At Monday's training teachers sat in groups and Michael would take us through activities in the

same way he would in a classroom while giving clever tips about ways to engage students and ensure they achieve that intellectual stretch. On Tuesday teams of teachers were then able to observe him working in like year level classrooms through a mathematics activity. He conducted 3 such lessons during the day, one each for Early Years, Primary Years and Middle Years.

Members of our staff have attended a variety of training workshops facilitated by maths specialists but Michael Ymer was able to bring all that knowledge together. This will enable us to make some informed decisions about Numeracy improvement in our school.

The Language Teachers spent the day focusing on the new Japanese Curriculum working in small groups to highlight possible topics, vocabulary and grammar structures within each achievement standard as well as any prior understanding students needed to fulfil each standards. They also discussed different ways to assess and report on student progress across the standards. The day promoted enthusiastic group discussions.

PE teachers met with Jenny Maslen who is an Australian Curriculum Implementation Officer. Jenny led the teachers through familiarisation of the new Health and PE curriculum. It was also a very good opportunity for PE teachers to share ideas and strategies.

SSOs attended training in aspects of literacy and supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. One of our SSOs also attended the Maths training as she will be providing the numeracy support for identified students that will be included in our programming later this term.

DISCO

Last Friday night we held a very successful disco. Despite the cancellation of a separate Yr 5-7 disco due to lack of numbers, the resulting R-7 disco was very well attended and students had a fantastic time. A lot of work goes into planning and conducting a disco so I would like to particularly thank Victoria Gorton and other parent volunteers who organised all aspects of the disco and volunteered on the night. I would also like to thank the 9 staff members who helped with supervision.

RESPECTFUL DISCUSSIONS

At Hallett Cove East PS our ethos is based on the values of Respect, Responsibility, Fairness and Excellence. As a staff we work very hard to

develop these values in students and to be positive role models in our own actions. We also ask our parent community to be positive role models for students in all interactions with staff, students and other parents. If you have a concern or issue, please make a confidential appointment to discuss the matter with either the teacher (for class matters) or a leader (for general matters), and be prepared to do so in a respectful and appropriate manner. Bringing your concerns directly and respectfully to the most appropriate person will ensure that the matter can be dealt with and resolved quickly and with full and correct information. Often, discussions that happen outside of this structure become distorted from fact and at times can also be disrespectful about personnel and/or the school. This in turn damages the reputation and the public image of the school and hurts the personnel affected. I would like to thank the majority of our parents who always interact with others in a respectful and responsible manner when discussing school matters, both inside the school and in other forums.

UNIFORM POLICY

At Monday night's Governing Council meeting the latest Uniform Policy was approved. Lighthousekeepers have also had a discussion about the policy at their meeting. The new policy is available to view in the school website.

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 this Friday May 22nd. Thank you.

PUPIL FREE DAY

The Governing Council has endorsed a Pupil Free Day to be held on Friday July 3rd which is the last day of Term 2. The day will be used for all staff to be trained in the new Reporting Abuse and Neglect course for DECD personnel and also the Keeping them Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. If you need childcare support, please contact Sally and Lissy to book in to OSHC.

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.

Create a writing toolbox

Fill a box with drawing and writing materials. Find opportunities for your child to write, such as the shopping list, thank you notes, or birthday cards.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

UNIFORM

Reminder – All school uniforms must be pre-ordered.

Please complete the order form which can be found on the school website or collected 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.

We currently have size 4 and size 6 winter pinafores available at a reduced price of \$60.

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FINANCE NEWS

All families with outstanding invoices should have received a statement last week. (Should you have any queries regarding the invoiced amounts please do not hesitate to contact the finance officers.

All fees materials and services fees and incursion/excursion levy should now be cleared for 2015 unless you have discussed and put a payment plan in place with the finance officer.

A reminder that the incursion/excursion fee must be paid prior to allowing students to participate or attend an incursion/excursion. We provide EFTPOS facilities for payment of School based Fees when you call into the office.

Our Online Payment System via the school website www.halcoveeps.sa.edu.au continues to be a popular tool for parents to make 24/7

payments. Please take special care when paying fees online as it is very important to select the correct link in the online payment options.

- ***OSHC/Vac Care link for all OSHC Payments***
- ***Hallett Cove East Primary School link for all School based payments***

REMINDER: Please submit your 2015 School Card application forms to the school office asap.

School Card applications are available from the School Admin Office or can be downloaded from the School Website.

PE NEWS

SAPSASA District Cross Country

What an amazing day it was on Tuesday 5th May. Not only were the students amazing but so was the weather. We attended the District SAPSASA Cross Country with 33 students, a large group who behaved and performed really well even with the rain and wind. We returned to school with 3 medalists, Olivia won a Gold medal for the 13 year old girls, Natarsha won a Gold for the 12 year old girls and James a Bronze medal for the 10 year old boys. Three other students will also be attending the State SAPSASA Cross Country at Oakbank on the 4th June 2015 because they were amongst the first 6 placegetters in their age-group. These students are Jack, Olivia and Damon. Congratulations to the place getters and we wish them lots of luck!!

Training on Tuesday mornings will continue until week 6 for these students as well as any of the other students who would like to continue their fitness.

A big thank you to all the parents who have supported the trainings each week, especially to Lisa Davis who helped with the training programme.

SAPSASA District Netball Teams

Trials for these teams have been happening over this term and last term. 3 students from Hallett Cove East were selected to represent the district, Olivia, Casey and Lisa. Congratulations to these students who will be competing at the week-long Carnival at Netball SA Stadium beginning 25th May 2015. Good luck girls!!!

SAPSASA District AFL Team

Congratulations also go to 3 boys who were selected for the Southern Valley SAPSASA AFL Team who will be playing during the same week as the Netball. The boys were Bailey, Connor and Jake. Good luck boys!!!

SAPSASA Knockout Netball

The team has been selected and the 1st match is being played on Wednesday 20th May 2015 against Reynella Primary. Results will be in the next Newsletter.

SAPSASA Knockout Soccer.

A Team from Hallett Cove East has been entered in the Boys SAPSASA Knockout Soccer Competition and players were selected and given a note. First game is at 1.45pm on Friday 22nd May 2015 against Aberfoyle Hub Primary at Hallett Cove East Oval. Results will be in the next Newsletter.



Shona Trenouth PE/SCIENCE SPECIALIST TEACHER



Thinking about kindergarten?

Hallett Cove Karrara
Kindergarten is taking
enrolments now.

Children turning 4 before May 1 next year can access Transition sessions (formerly Pre-Entry) in term 4, 2015 and Fulltime Kindergarten from Term 1, 2016

Come and visit and enrol for Transition & Kindergarten or join our Playgroup (Fridays 11-1).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **ASTHMA FOUNDATION SA KIDS LIVE WELL WITH ASTHMA** – learning together, Kids & Parents / Carers. Suitable for children aged 5-12 years. Friday 17th July, 10:00 – 11:30 am. Book via Asthma 1800 278 462.
- **WHALE TIME PLAYTIME FESTIVAL** – A celebration of the start of the whale season & marine animals in SA. Sunday 31st May, 10:00 am at Victor Harbour. \$5 entry – all activities inside festival FREE. Face painting, rides, drumming monkeys, balloon artist, Seastar Rock. Book online www.whaletimeplaytimefestival.com.au
- **SCALLYWAGS DISCO** - event for primary school children (R-7 only) on Friday 29th May, 2015 at the Hallett Cove Lutheran Church starting at 7pm and concluding at 9:30pm. Entry is \$5- of which \$1 from each entry donated to a children's charity. A lock in event so parents, you will need to come inside to drop off and to collect your child(ren). Drinks, chips and lollies are available for purchase. Any enquiries ☎ 8322 2544 or visit www.hallettcovelutheranchurch.org.au
- **SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY** – Launch Day Sunday, 17th May. Open to 11-19 year olds. The Academy operates to assist athletes to further their skills, motivations & knowledge in Athletics. Little Athletics SA ☎ 8352 8133 or Athletics SA ☎ 8354 3477.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SUSAN CLOSE

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, I take this opportunity to recognise and thank all of you who donate your time and energy to volunteering.

We are fortunate to have around 25,000 South Australians – parents, carers, grandparents and other community members - who put their hand up to help out in our preschools, children’s centres, schools and child protection settings.

When I visit schools and sites, I often see or hear about volunteers’ contributions. You take on many different roles – from helping in classrooms, coaching afternoon or weekend sports, staffing canteens, organising events, accompanying students on excursions, serving on committees or governing councils, to transporting children in care so they can maintain contact with relatives, or teaching languages in our ethnic schools so children can know their heritage.

Each role provides incredibly valuable support to children and their communities.

Not only do you help schools and sites to run more smoothly, you also help children and young people to develop skills, confidence and self-esteem. By donating your time and effort, you convey the message to children that they – and their education - are important.

Those of you who volunteer at your child’s preschool, children’s centre or school are also helping to set them up for success in their studies. Research tells us that children whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to stay in school longer and do better. And, as many of you have discovered, helping out in the classroom is a great way to find out what your children are learning and to get to know their teachers better.

This week, I join with your schools and sites in saying “thank you” to all our volunteers.

Thank you for giving generously to your community and for being mentors and role models in children’s lives. I wish you all a wonderful week celebrating your efforts.

The Hon Susan Close

Minister for Education and Child Development

Free parenting seminar Steve Biddulph: Raising boys, raising girls



Want to know how to raise boys and girls to be their best, right from birth?

Come and hear prominent author and retired psychologist Steve Biddulph talk about:

- > special qualities of boys and girls
- > hormones, emotions and development
- > parenting styles that work best
- > building on boys' and girls' strengths.

Steve's talks have attracted over 130,000 parents in 22 countries. His books, including *Raising Boys*, *Manhood*, *Secrets of Happy Children* and *Raising Girls*, are in 4 million homes.

Register to attend in person:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660

Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or

Register for webcast:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

When you register you will receive login details

Wednesday 1 July

When: 7.00–9.30pm

Where: City Rooms
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

Presented by Parenting SA.

For more information about raising children and teenagers go to www.parenting.sa.gov.au and www.cyh.com.

At the speaker's request, we regret we are not able to admit babies and children



**Government of
South Australia**

Are you strong or flexible?
Do you love being upside down?
You might like to attend the next

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Meet
Blake Gaudry
2012 Olympian
5 x Australian Trampoline
Champion

Tuesday
7 July 2015
12.30-2.30pm

Gymnastics South Australia is looking for talented children aged
6-9 years to join the **Junior Elite Talent Squads**.

Previous gymnastics
experience is **not** required!
Boys & girls welcome!

Registration is essential

Forms available from
www.gymsa.com.au/tid



Gymnastics
South Australia

High Performance Program

Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre
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