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## NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - 9<sup>™</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

DIARY DATES			
09/11/16	TRANSITION 1 – PARENT ONLY		
11/11/16	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9S & 7W		
16/11/16	TRANSITION 2 – STUDENT VISIT		
17/11/16	7E & 7W BOTANICAL GARDENS EXCURSION		
23/11/16	TRANSITION 3 – STUDENT VISIT VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS		
23-25/11/16	YR 6/7 WIRRAWAY CAMP		
30/11/16	TRANSITION 4 – STUDENT VISIT		
30/11-2/12	AQUATICS		
07/12/12	CONCERTS		

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

#### STRETCH THINKING OPEN MORNING

I would like to say a very big thank you to the 120 parents and other family members who were able to attend and join our Stretch Thinking Open Morning last Wednesday morning.

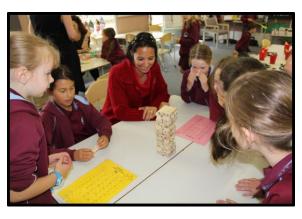
It was wonderful to see the Pavilion full of parents to listen to our guest speaker from DECD, Sarah Millar, talk about why stretch thinking is very important for our learners in schools.

Parents also heard about the Student Learning Rounds process from our student team and participated in a fun stretch thinking activity led by them.

It was also great to visit all teaching spaces and see family members engrossed in a range of puzzles, problems and thinking tasks posed by teachers, with children. I heard many wonderful comments about the morning and I know of a few parents who were also continuing some of the tasks at home!







The parents who attended the presentation were invited to complete a survey about their knowledge of Stretch Thinking. Thank you to those of you who completed and returned the survey. There was a lot of great feedback and it has given me a clear understanding of what the community knows about our work in this area. Those who participated in the survey knew that

someone was going to be randomly drawn from the letterbox to win a prize. Victoria, (mum of Logan in 8W), was the winner of a Big W gift voucher. ©

## **GROUNDSPERSON POSITION**

Congratulations to Damien Nicholls who is the successful applicant for the Groundsperson position.

Damien brings experience, skills and attributes from a range of previous and current roles to the grounds / maintenance vacancy at our school. He will commence the position in the next couple of weeks and we look forward to working with him. Thank you to everyone in the school

Thank you to everyone in the school community for your patience in waiting for the position to be finalised. A number of mandatory tasks need to be conducted prior to advertising and during the actual merit selection process for any DECD staff vacancy and it certainly does take time.

In the interim, we have outsourced grounds/maintenance jobs to companies like VIP and DECD approved builders. As you are already aware, Gary Kupke and Peter Duffield, two of our wonderful volunteers, also approached the school to offer support to undertake the general gardening tasks, which we gratefully accepted and I again sincerely thank them for this support. (I did have parent concerns raised about this but I need to reiterate that these people approached the school to help and not the other way around.)

# 2016 ANNUAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS PROCESS

We have commenced the Annual School Parent Survey data gathering process. A random sample of parents has been invited to participate in the process. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. It will only take about 5mins to do so I would encourage you to please take the time to participate. The feedback provides us with valuable information to help inform our planning.

## **SCHOOL SECURITY**

We have had a number of reports recently of unauthorised people being inside the school grounds in the evenings and during the night. We have been given information that suggests these people are climbing over the fence to gain access. Given the fire and subsequent damage that occurred at Hallett Cove South PS I would ask you and any other members of the school community to please report any suspicious people and behaviour that you may see in/around the school out of hours, direct to police. I thank you for your support in this matter.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is a key priority for all schools and it is vital that students are at school and on time every day. Even being late in the morning, means they miss part or all of the Reading Block. Children are expected to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:40am and be in classrooms ready to commence tasks at 8:45am. If children arrive at classrooms after this time, they are deemed to be late.

Not being at school at all, means 6 hours and 20 minutes of important learning time is lost. Obviously we understand that children do become ill and that families have urgent issues that arise from time to time. If these events occur we ask that you please ring the school. Not only is it important that students maximise their time in learning, this information also helps you and us to know where your child is ensuring s/he is safe. Attendance is also a key DECD priority and as such is subject to ongoing monitoring. For more information, the school's Attendance brochure can be found on the school website.

## **2017 CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS**

Don't forget that parent input forms for the class placement process are due this Friday. Forms received after this time will not be able to be considered.

Please also notify the school as a matter of urgency if your child/ren will be moving to another school in 2017.

### **END OF YEAR CONCERT**

Ticketting information for the End of Year Concerts on Wednesday 7th December, should be out in the next week or so. This will be distributed through the normal youngest in the family delivery process.

# Anne Rathjen PRINCIPAL

# **FUNDRAISING NEWS NOVEMBER 2016 Hallett Cove Bakery**

Don't forget to take advantage of the monthly offer exclusively for Hallett Cove East families, see below.



Family Pies save \$2.80 now \$12

## Just mention HCEPS

If you are interested in joining the Fundraising Committee this year or even for next year please contact Victoria Gorton on 0433 152 021 or <a href="mailto:vicgorton@gmail.com">vicgorton@gmail.com</a> for more information.

## THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

# SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS SPECIAL GROUPS

We have a photo album in the school's front office that displays the special group photographs. The groups are LHK Executives & Wellbeing Leaders, LHK Representatives, Senior Choir and Year 7 Mess Up.

If you would like to view and order one of the group photos, please ask the friendly, front office staff for an Order / Payment envelope.

The last day to order these photos will be Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **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 <a href="http://www.readingrockets.org/">http://www.readingrockets.org/</a>. This is a very useful site offering ideas to get children reading from a very young age. You can also check out the Parent section of our website.

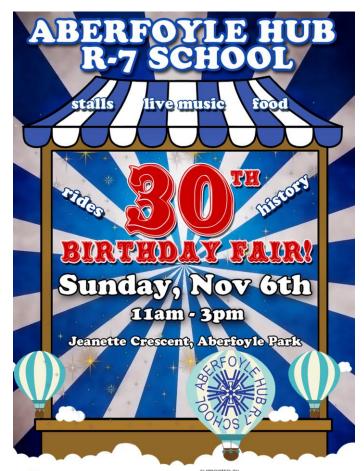
## Take control of the Television

It's difficult for reading to compete with TV and video games. Encourage reading as a free-time activity.

## **EARLY YEARS TEAM**

## **INFLUENZA A**

We recently had a student diagnosed with Influenza A. For further information please visit the SA Health website on <a href="https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au</a>









# Second chances ...

One of my favourite authors is Jodi Picoult. I love how even though

I get completely lost in the world of her books, I come across random sentences that make me think so deeply about my own life.

'I wonder if what makes a family a family isn't doing everything right all the time but, instead, giving a second chance to the people you love who do things wrong.' Lone Wolf

Growing up, every single member of my family needed second chances. And having been on the receiving end of a second chance, we were usually quite willing to give others the opportunity.

While second chances might be easy enough to allow, it gets harder to give someone a third chance. And what are we supposed to do when someone requires what feels like the hundredth chance?

As the year comes to an end and we get busy and stressed we are less likely to give people second chances. Often it is easier to judge someone on their past actions and protect ourselves from getting hurt.

Even though it is a challenge, I encourage you to give people another chance, and also to ask for a do over when you require one.

However, a second chance doesn't mean anything if you haven't learned from your first mistake. So when you ask for a second chance, you might need to apologise for any hurt you have caused and explain what you have learnt.

Joey,
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
at HCEPS on Mondays and Tuesdays
Joey.Traeger704@schools.sa.edu.au

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Please see noticeboard for further information.

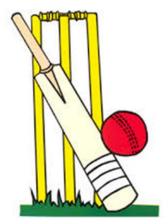
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  ages, from the age of 3. First 2
  lessons are free. Email or enquiries
  enquiries@reynella-braeview.org.au or

   8381 3409.
- SEACOMBE SOFTBALL CLUB Seacombe Tigers Softball Club is seeking players for U11 team & would like to invite boys & girls 8 10 years old to come to training & have a go at Softball. Training Tuesdays at Happy Valley Sports Park & Games on Saturday at Barratt Reserve, West Beach.

Email <u>Seacombe@softballsa.com.au</u> or **☎** Greg 0405 147 624

• 2PLAY CRICKET POWER PAIRS – Ages 11 & under as at 31 December 2017. Get a 'Mate & Nominate' as you only need (2) players to form a team to play Power Pairs.

Games 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration fee \$80 per player. Visit www.2playcricket.com.au





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## An invitation

is extended for

the School Community

to attend the

Governing Council Meeting

To be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

At 6.30pm Sharp

In the Resource Centre

The 2017 Materials and Services charge of \$320

will be presented at this meeting.

In addition to the Materials and Services charge each student will be invoiced for an Incursion/Excursion Levy for 2017.

Should you require clarification regarding the 2017 fee structure please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Officer.

All welcome.



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