



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 - 7th DECEMBER 2016

DIARY DATES

07/12/12	CONCERTS
13/12/16	VOLUNTEERS THANKYOU BREAKFAST
15/12/16	GRADUATION
16/12/16	EARLY DISMISSAL 2:05 PM

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

As with all our annual concerts, we had a wonderful attendance of families to watch our Concert and Drama Club performances today. Students, Staff, Evie Donoghue and Karina Galloway spent many weeks preparing and rehearsing items and presentations for all 3 events and I am sure you will agree with me that all were wonderful and a highlight to conclude our busy year.



2017 CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

This is to advise the school community that we will not be able to tell you your child's class placement for 2017, until the first day of the school year. With our current knowledge of numbers for 2017 we have a very full 14 class structure and almost have enough students to move to a 15 class structure, (but not quite). Depending on who leaves and enrolls in the holidays, we may end up with either the 14 or the 15 structure to commence the school year. Taking a risk now may significantly impact on our budget. I will advise you of the arrangements about the first day of school and the process for student notification of classes, in a letter that will be sent out with the reports package going home next week on Wednesday 14th December.

STUDENT AND STAFF FAREWELLS

This is our final Newsletter for the year and is therefore a time to recognise and acknowledge the hard work and achievements of students and staff over the year.

Firstly I would like to thank all students for showing our Values throughout the year and working to be the best they can be through developing skills in growth mindset, problem solving, stretching thinking, showing resilience and perseverance and willingly working in "The Pit". These skills will hold our students in good stead in the future.

I would like to thank our Year 7s and in particular the Lighthousekeeper Executive and Wellbeing leaders for their commitment to our student leadership programs this year and working as positive role models for all other students in the school. Good luck to all Year 7s for a successful future as you move on to various Secondary Schools. I would also like to wish those students who are moving to other Primary Schools all the best in your new schools.

We have been most fortunate to have had some excellent contract teachers working at HCEPS in 2016: Jonathon Warren-White, Gizella Webb, Karina Galloway, Nick Marks,

Kirsty Gray, Sarah Clews, Sonia Gallagher and Liezel Sellars. Evie Donoghue has also been on contract and held the position of School Counsellor. I thank all these teachers for their commitment to their various roles and to the education and care of your children. At this stage, our staffing for 2017 has not been finalised by DECD but I am hopeful that some if not all of these teachers will be working with us again in 2017. (Soma Govender was also on contract but as you are already aware has won a permanent position in the school.) All other staff will be here in 2017.

I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to the academic and social learning and development of your children. We are very lucky to such a professional team.

I would also like to thank our parent community for your ongoing support of school programs, events and staff. Parent support is high at our school and I wish to acknowledge the level of cooperation we enjoy as we work together towards the learning and social development of your children.

TERM 4 HIGHLIGHTS

A very busy and productive year is quickly coming to a close. Aside from the daily routines in each classroom, there have been a number of highlights during Term 4 that again reflect the commitment and planning by staff to make programs interesting and engaging for students. Some of the key highlights include:

- Stretch Thinking parent forum and Open Morning
- Student Learning Rounds activities including a presentation to Jayne Johnston (Chief Executive Schools)
- Creation of a Kids Matter: Student Action Team
- Assemblies
- SAPSASA Rugby
- Gymnastics program in PE
- Start Smart finance program
- Excursion to Port Noarlunga Reef
- Excursion to the Botanical Gardens

- Excursion to Woodhouse
- Excursion to the Courts, Haighs and the Central Market
- Excursion to Warriaparinga Indigenous Centre
- Classes on Walking excursions
- Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony
- K-R Transition visits and Volunteer Training for families of 2017 Receptions
- Year 7 Japanese Dinner
- Year 6/7 camp at Wirraway
- Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Year 7 Transition to Hallett Cove R-12 School
- World Teachers Day
- End of Year Concert + Drama Club presentation

And still to come next week:

- Special Volunteers Thank you breakfast
- Excursion to the South Australian Aquatic Centre
- Class parties and picnics
- Year 7 Graduation celebration
- End of Year Reports will be sent home on Wednesday

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU

I say often that Hallett Cove East PS is indeed most fortunate to have many volunteers supporting numerous school programs. The annual Volunteers Thank You Breakfast is just a very small way we can officially thank volunteers for their work and acknowledge your support over the year. The breakfast will be held next Tuesday at 8:30am in the Staffroom.

FORWARD NOTICE:

The Governing Council has endorsed a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday March 14th, the day after the long weekend. All Partnership sites will be closed that day.

LOST PROPERTY

There are several items of lost property in the front office. If your child is missing anything, please drop in and check if it is in the lost property baskets located by the front door.

SCHOOL SECURITY IN THE HOLIDAYS

To help prevent vandalism and other crime in the school during the holidays, we seek your support to please report any suspicious behaviour you may observe in and around the school to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or direct to Police on 131 444. I thank you in advance for doing so.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 16th

Students will be dismissed at 2:05pm on Friday for the Christmas holidays, after a brief assembly in the Pavilion at 1:50pm.

AND FINALLY.....

The Front Office will reopen on Monday 23rd January, 2017.

May you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season with your children. We look forward to seeing students back safely for the commencement of school on Monday January 30th 2017.

**DON'T FORGET COSTUME CASUAL
DAY THIS FRIDAY – GOLD COIN
DONATIONS TO SALVATION ARMY**

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.



MONTHLY OFFER

10% off Pies and Pasties

Just mention HCEPS

If you would like to join the Fundraising Committee ☎ Victoria Gorton - 0433 152 021 or vicgorton@gmail.com

THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



JOEY'S JOURNAL

Hopes for the holidays

I'm very excited for the holidays. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love my job and I'm delighted that I will be working here again next year. However, my to-do list is getting scarily long and some things urgently need to be completed. Surely when I come back to school after 6 weeks my list will be empty...

First I'll unpack the maze of boxes from moving house. Then I'll update my postal address everywhere. Then I'll organise the garage. Then I'll do a million other things... And if there is time I will read a book just for fun, and I might even spend time playing games with my nieces and nephews.

As I re-read my list I realise that not everything will actually happen if that is the order of my priorities. I will come back next year regretting that I didn't make any new memories, and all I will have is a house that will get messy again in no time.

It is like the jar on the left, where the truly important things (the biggest rocks) don't quite fit within the holiday period.



Instead I'm going to aim for the jar on the right. I'll schedule in the big rocks first:

- Spend time with the extended family, outside of the busy Christmas season
- Spend a technology free day with my husband

Then I'll fit some pebbles around those most important priorities:

- Catch up with friends for our traditional Australia Day breakfast
- Meet my new neighbours
- Read a book for fun

And then like the sand which fits into the cracks I'll do some of the more boring tasks in between the important and fun ones:

- Clean the house
- Unpack boxes

And if I prioritise like that I will have healthy, balanced holidays. I will care for my self, my family, and my house.

What are the big rocks, pebbles and sand that you need to prioritise over Summer? Or even over Christmas week? What memories do you want to come away with?

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and holiday period, and look forward to hearing all about it next year.

Joey,
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
at HCEPS on Mondays and Tuesdays
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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.

You can also check out the Parent section of our website.

Pick books that are at the right level

Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is open for business as usual on the **first day of term 1 in 2017 – Monday 30th January.**

However, Canteen orders will not be available for purchase via the QKR app on that day as families will need to update their app to reflect the 2017 classes.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Gymnastics Program

Need to finish your Christmas shopping? Looking for an activity for your kids to do? Come and join us for a gymnastics session at Gymnastics SA's State Training Centre (located inside the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre).

- A combination of 3 activities; General gymnastics, Rhythmic gymnastics and multi-sport activities.
- Use of our pit and trampolines
- Structured warmup, circuits and activities
- A taste of all equipment
- Qualified Gymnastics Australia coaches
- 3 hours for you to finish your Christmas shopping!

Book now for December holidays

Dates: Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st December 2016

Time: Tues 11:00am – 2:00pm or Wed 12:00-3:00pm

Holiday price: \$15 per day

Age: 5+

To secure your spot complete the online booking form!
www.gymsa.com.au (found under the programs tab)

Please contact us for more information.
8294 8288

WARRIPARINGA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday
13 December 2016

Wednesday
18 January 2017

LIVING KAURNA CULTURAL CENTRE
Warriparinga Way
(Off Sturt Road)
Bedford Park SA 5042

Cost per workshop
\$11.25 per person

Limited places
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
T 83575900

Art Workshop
9.30am–10.30am
Do you want to learn about the symbols in Aboriginal Art? This workshop will give you an introduction to Aboriginal Art and you will be able to create your own masterpiece to take home with you.
Suitable for Ages 7+

Warriparinga Bush Tucker, History & Music Workshop
10.45am–12.15pm
This 1.5-hour gentle stroll through Warriparinga will be sure to enlighten you! Come and learn about the History and significance of Warriparinga pre and post settlement. Learn about the Wetlands, the Native Animals and Bush Tucker/Medicine plants around the site.
Suitable for all ages

Weaving with the Southern Elders Weaving Group
1pm–2pm
Meet the lovely Southern Elders Weaving Group and have fun whilst learning the incredible art of weaving.
Suitable for Ages 7+

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **VACSWIM** – Enrolments close 19th December. Awareness, Confidence, Safety, Skills. Visit info@vacswimmsa.com.au
- **YMCA SUMMER CAMPS** – Fun filled Summer Holiday Camps. 4 camps offer Surf, Caving & Kangaroo Island camps. More info <http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/y-camping/school-holiday-camps/>
- **NOARLUNGA LEISURE CENTRE SUMMER FUN** – ☎ 8384 1144
E-mail: ldibben@belgravialeisure.com.au
Web: www.noarlungalc.com.au
- **GRASSHOPPER SOCCER** – non competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 – 12.
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