



NEWSLETTER - TERM 4 – 6TH DECEMBER 2017

DIARY DATES

12/12/17	VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU BREAKFAST
13/12/17	SCHOOL REPORTS SENT HOME
14/12/17	YEAR 7 GRADUATION

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jonathon Warren-White** who has won the position of IT/e-Learning Coordinator for 2018.

2018 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 2018, until the first day of the school year. With our current knowledge of numbers for 2018 we are sitting right in between 14 and 15 class structures. 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 13th December.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**DON'T FORGET EARLY DISMISSAL
2:05pm ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

FORWARD PLANNING FOR PUPIL FREE DAYS IN 2018

Governing Council has provided support for 2 Pupil Free Days to be held next year on Tuesday 13th March (after the long weekend) and Monday July 23rd (first day of Term 3). These are Partnership Pupil Free Days and teachers from all 8 primary schools will continue their work together in learning design, assessment and moderation on these days.

PREMIER'S CHALLENGES

Both the Premier's Reading and Be Active Challenges had strong student participation this year. (You are already aware we won recognition for being in the top 50 highest performing schools for the Be Active Challenge.) The medals and certificates for the Reading Challenge have arrived. At the time of writing this the Be Active medals had not but we are hoping they will have arrived by the time the newsletter is published. If they arrive on time, there will be a special assembly at 9am on Thursday morning this week, to acknowledge students who participated in these programs.

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 through developing skills in growth mindset, problem solving and hard thinking, showing resilience and perseverance and using their voice more effectively in their learning. These skills will hold our students in good stead in the future.

I would like to thank our Year 7s 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 of you 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 excellent contract teachers working at HCEPS in 2017. As you already know two of those teachers have been made permanent from 2018. We have also been fortunate to have had Gizella Webb, Jayne Stanfield and Mariea Burgess placed in positions for next year. We are currently hoping for confirmation of placement for Nick Marks and Sarah Clews. Kirsty Gray will be taking maternity leave from the start of the year, so we are also waiting to hear who the other teacher in Japanese will be.

We also thank Lisbeth Oppert and Jennifer Read for their work supporting student learning programs and hope we may be able to have their support again during next year.

All other staff will return in 2018. We wish Kirsty and Kym Gray, and their family, as well as, Joey and Andrew Traeger all the best for the safe arrival of their babies who are due very soon. 😊

I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to the academic and social learning and development of your children.

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:

- Hard Thinking Open Morning
- Student Voice in Learning team workshops and presentation to parents
- LHK Executive and Wellbeing leaders leading student wellbeing programs for students
- Assemblies
- Gymnastics clinic
- Cricket clinic
- Rugby clinic
- SAPSASA Rugby
- Start Smart finance program
- Re-Imagining Childhood Conference and EXPO presentation
- AFLW Crows visit
- Parent Mental Health forum
- Excursion to the Art Gallery
- Camp at Narnu Farm
- Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony with David Speirs as guest
- K-R Transition visits
- Year 7 Japanese Dinner
- Year 6/7 Aquatics
- Year 7 Transition to Hallett Cove R-12 School
- World Teachers Day
- End of Year Concert
- Staff working together to plan, assess and moderate student work
- NAPLAN Year 6 ICT Trial

And still to come:

- Premier's Challenges acknowledgement assembly
- Seacliff PS Circus Troupe performance
- Special Volunteers Thank you breakfast
- Excursion to see "Wonder"
- 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.

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 15th

Students will be dismissed at 2:05pm on Friday for the Christmas holidays, after a brief assembly in the Pavilion at 1:55pm.

AND FINALLY.....

The Front Office will reopen on Monday 22nd January, 2018.

May you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season with your children. We look forward to seeing students return safely for the commencement of school on Monday January 29th 2018.

Anne Rathjen
PRINCIPAL

FINANCE NEWS

We would like to thank all families who submitted their Polling Slips relating to the 2018 Materials and services charge.

POLLING RESULTS : 81 YES – 2 NO

2018 School Materials and Services Fees of \$320 will be invoiced at the commencement of the 2018 School Year together with a \$50 invoice for Incursion Excursion levy.

Please note Materials and Services Fees, Incursion Levy and all other invoiced fees can be paid using the QKR App, Bpoint, Instalment Plans, alternatively payments can be made at the finance office in Administration building, via EFTPOS, cash or cheque.

Families who believe they may be eligible for the 2018 School Card subsidy must complete the 2018 school card application available from the school finance office.

SCHOOL BANKING

Please note our fantastic volunteers will continue to coordinate the school banking for 2018.

2018 School Banking will commence on the first Monday day of 2018 school term.

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.

Talk about what you see and do

Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension. Keep up a running patter, for example, while cooking together, visiting somewhere new, or after watching a TV show.

EARLY YEARS TEAM

WE NEED YOU!!

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR VACANCY

Are you creative, organised and like talking to people?

The Fundraising Committee is looking for an enthusiastic individual who can coordinate the fundraising arm of our school. Ideally we'd like somebody in time for the start of the new school year, however our current coordinator is available for the remainder of the year for you to learn more about the role.

The role involves:

Chairing meetings twice a term (meetings approx. 30 mins each)

Taking minutes at the meeting and distributing them

Planning & organising events with the help of the Fundraising Committee

Discover new & exciting ways to raise funds

This role is integral to our school community, without it we are unable to raise valuable funds to support your children and their learning.

Please note that whilst it's encouraged, it's not essential for the Fundraising Coordinator to also become a member of the Governing Council.

Sound Interesting? Please contact Sarah Hole on sarahhole073@gmail.com for more information.

Sarah Hole
**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR & THE
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

SECOND HAND UNIFORM'S

A big thank you to everyone who has donated school uniforms to be sold in the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

It has been a fantastic success so far with lots of parents utilising the shop and absolutely loving it.

We would still love to receive any school uniforms you are no longer using.

Please put them in a bag and write your surname on it and either drop them off at the front office or at the Second Hand Uniform Shop on a *Wednesday morning or afternoon*. If you do purchase anything in the Second Hand Uniform Shop, please mention your donation.

So if over the long break you have a clean out and you find any school uniforms that are still in good condition, please know that they will go to good use and you can also benefit too.

Thank you again.

Carolyn Zenkteler

HCEPS SOCCER COORDINATOR OR COORDINATORS NEEDED

A soccer coordinator or several coordinators are needed for next year. I will be available next year to help someone with the position. This can be done by one person or split into several positions. If you are interested please contact:

Jenny Brown 0418 791 667 / hcepsoccer2017@gmail.com or the school Front Office. Soccer will not be able to run without someone taking on this position.

Jenny Brown
SOCCER CO-ORDINATOR

SCHOOL CRICKET

School cricket is looking for players for all grades for term 1 2018. Boys and girls welcome.

Kanga Junior years Reception/Yr 1

Kanga Seniors Yr2/Yr3 C grade Yr4/5

B grade Yr 6 **A** grade Yr 7

Notes of interest will be sent home soon.

Any enquiries please call or text

Jessica Chaplin - 0418 714 810

Jessica Chaplin
CRICKET CO-ORDINATOR

Kanga Junior Cricket Team 2017



SPIKEZONE VOLLEYBALL

During term 3 & 4 we had 3 Teams playing in the spikezone volleyball competition at Hallett Cove R-12. Lots of great volleyball was played and new skills learnt. We were lucky enough to have 2 teams play off in the grand final and both teams played so well and came 2nd on count back. We now say goodbye to our Yr 7 volleyballers, Tyler, Nathan, Corey & Bianca. Thank you for representing HCEPS so well and good luck with your future volleyball.

Our other teams will be back next year and if you are interested in playing volleyball, get a team of 4-6 players together and keep an eye out in next year's newsletter for the new season.

Year 4-5 – Played off for 1st-2nd



YEAR 6-7 Team – Played off 1st-2nd



Year 6-7 – New Team



COMMUNITY NEWS

Please see noticeboard for further information.

- **HALLETT COVE COMMUNITY CAROLS** – Friday, 8th December. Cove Sports & Community Oval, Hallett Cove. 5:00 pm Food & Activities. 7:00 pm Community Carols.
- **MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE** – Make Christmas special for children by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree. Tree locations at Noarlunga Office, Aldinga Library, Aberfoyle Hub Library, Woodcroft Community Centre. Gifts sent to Sthrn Adelaide Domestic Violence Service, Anglicare at Morphett Vale, Christian Care & Support Centre at Aldinga Beach & The Salvation Army, Morphett Vale for distribution to children in need. Unwrapped gifts for 0-18 year olds. Donations until Friday, 15th December. More info. ☎ Wendy 8384 0666.
- **WARRIPARINGA YOUTH EVENT** – Kumangka Paringa. Fri 6th Oct 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way (off Sturt Rd) Bedford Park. Ages 8-20. Free lunch. Bookings essential. T 8357 5900.
- **COVE FOOTBALL CLUB** - looking for players to play in upcoming season. Training every Mon & Wed 5.30pm to 7.00pm.
Female Football - opportunity for girls to play U14 football in a 9 a side competition. If interested please register with our Secretary, Nicky Moore, cove.secretary@mail.com



JOEY'S JOURNAL

It Takes Great Strength to be Sensible

The fifth, and final, key concept in the Play is the Way Program is: 'it takes great strength to be sensible'. The program looks at how we need to 'do the right thing because it's the best thing to do.' The focus is on learning how to be your own boss with the strength to do what you know is right. We invite others to be our boss when we make weak choices.

Teaching children to be sensible and make strong choices isn't easy. It can also seem like a strange concept to teach children to be independent because if we succeed we might end up feeling redundant. However, it is a wonderful investment in their lives.

The Kids Matter website has a useful information sheet on how you can help your child to develop healthy decision making skills
https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMP_C2_HCMD_AboutGoodDecisionMaking.pdf

Kids Matter highlights the keys to supporting children's decision-making skills as:

- *Provide chances to practice* – Teach children the steps to decision-making and then provide opportunities to use them. For young children this might be limited to 2 choices. As children get older the choices and complexity can be increased.
- *Support for autonomy* – Allow your child to make age-appropriate decisions for themselves.
- *Require responsibility* – Give your child expectations to meet that will

contribute to the family, pets and running the household.

- *Teach values* – Talk about the values that you expect your child to incorporate when making their decisions, e.g., honesty and respect.

Personal note

This will be my last newsletter article for a while. I look forward to being back onsite in term 3 after taking maternity leave for the first 6 months of next year. In the meantime I leave you in the very capable hands of Kelly, an experienced Pastoral Care Worker. I'll leave her to introduce herself at the start of next year.

May you have wonderful summer holidays finding some time to relax and enjoy being a family amongst all the busyness. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Joey,
PASTORAL CARE WORKER
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*Wishing you all a very Merry
Christmas and a safe and
Prosperous New Year*