DIARY DATES

March
12th  PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Adelaide Cup
13th  Sports Committee Meeting (Staff Rm)  7pm
16th  R-7 Assembly (Hall)  11:25am

Winter Sports Registration Forms due
19th  OSHC Management Committee Meeting (Staff Rm)  7pm
19th-23rd  Well-Being Week
21st  OPEN NIGHT  6:30-8pm

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

EARLY YEARS
Confidence: Matthew R, Natalie B, Vasili P and Bien M
Getting Along: Isabella C
Persistence: Mark P, Tiarna B, Madeleine C and Mikayla P
Music: Emma L, Kaya R, Layla R and Emily C

OPEN NIGHT: Wednesday March 21st (6:30-8pm)

Come and see our Early Years, Primary Years and Middle School classroom programs and extra-curricular activities. A Sausage Sizzle and drinks will be available. The parents of our Pedal Prix students will run this fundraiser, with proceeds going towards the funding of our 2007 Pedal Prix program.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

In Newsletter 1 we sent home the new Canteen Price List with the Term 1 Planner on the back. If you need an extra copy (so that you can display both simultaneously on the fridge), please collect one from Front Office.

ABORIGINAL FLAG

Have you noticed that we now have 2 flag poles – one for our National Flag and the other for the Aboriginal Flag? Mr Alexander Downer, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, presented the Aboriginal Flag to our SRC Presidents at a special Middle School Assembly late last year. We proudly fly both flags every day.

Amy P from Mr Lock’s class, researched the Aboriginal flag and it’s design.

The Aboriginal Flag is divided horizontally into equal halves of black (top) and red (bottom), with a central yellow circle. The black symbolises Aboriginal people and the yellow represents the sun, the constant re-newer of life. Red depicts the earth and people’s relationship to the land. It also represents ochre, which is used in Aboriginal ceremonies. The flag - designed by Harold Joseph Thomas, a Luritja man from Central Australia - was first flown at Victoria Square, Adelaide on National Aborigines’ Day on 12/7/71. It was used in 1972 at the Canberra Tent Embassy. Today the flag has been adopted by all Aboriginal groups and is flown or displayed permanently at Aboriginal centres throughout Australia.

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES

Can you host a Spanish (High School) exchange student for 11 weeks in July? Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for International High School students from Spain. All students are carefully selected, will attend a local High School, have their own spending money and can introduce your family to different customs, values and ideas whilst experiencing our Australian culture and lifestyle. Please ring our school’s Front Office for further information.

SAFETY ON JEANETTE CRESCENT

A number of parents are driving far in excess of 50 km/hr on Jeanette Crescent and 25km/hr when children are present in our school zone, especially at our school crossing. This is placing our students at risk. Please ensure that you keep to the limit and watch out for students.

PLAYGROUNDS

Students should not be in the playgrounds before or after school. A teacher is on duty in the yard before school and two are on Front and Back Gate Duty before and after school. We ask that parents support us by not allowing their child on the equipment before and after school.
HUB HUDDLE CHANGES IT’S NAME & FORMAT

For many years parents and friends of ‘the Hub’ have met regularly to discuss issues, make new friends and develop their understanding of children’s development. This group has certainly served the community well and the dedication of those involved is to be commended.

In Week 3, all members of the community were invited to meet Zoe, the new Assistant Principal and Di Brinkworth (Christian Pastoral Support Worker) at Hub Huddle for a coffee and a chat in a playgroup environment. This was well received as we had approximately 13 parents and friends there, many with toddlers or pre-schoolers. At this coffee morning the format that future get-togethers might take was discussed. Many of the parents were new to this group and liked the informal approach and the chance to bring their children along.

It was decided that future meetings would be held 3 times per term in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 on a Tuesday morning and continue to have activities for the younger children. Coffee, tea, water and nibbles would be provided and parents could drop in from 9am. If, as a group, it was decided to invite guest speakers or discuss issues relating to children’s development these would take place at 9:30am, allowing toddlers to be engaged in activities and parents of pre-schoolers to drop them at Kindy (if that was their day) and return prior to the speakers section.

Due to the change in format, it was felt that a change in name would be a good idea and encourage others in the community to come along and join in the fun. This meeting time is now known as the ‘Hub Community Coffee Mornings’.

All community members are invited to come along, including those who do not yet have children at the school, and develop new friendships. Flyers advertising the coffee mornings are on all unit doors and the community noticeboard. Local kindergartens have been supplied with posters inviting prospective parents to come along.

Below is a list of dates for these coffee mornings. Put them in your diary or on your fridge and make sure you stop by to say hello. All coffee mornings are held in Unit 1 Wet Area.

If you have any queries please ring the office and don’t forget to tell your friends!

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NEW ENROLMENTS

We have been pleasantly surprised at the number of new enrolments that have arrived since the start of the year. Obviously, the good word is being spread in our school and local community. As a result, some of our classes have grown significantly. We are currently looking at ways of supporting teachers and students in those classes.

FROM THE MFS & CFS

On Sunday, March 25th the South Australian Fire Services are asking all households to “Change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery” as part of their annual smoke alarm campaign. SA fire services attended 991 house fires in the last financial year. According to fire services, many more fires go unreported. “Alarmingly, it is estimated that only 45 percent of properties attended by fire services in Australia had smoke alarms and of those, 31 percent were not functioning,” said SA Metropolitan Fire Service District Officer Allan Foster. So when you turn your clocks back at the end of daylight saving, replace smoke alarm batteries as well. Test smoke alarms regularly by pressing the test button with a broom handle. For further information visit www.changeyourbattery.com.au.

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL
Yr 2/3 Boys: 20/2/07 Hub 1 (27) def Happy Valley Hornets (7) Excellent game. All played well.

CRICKET
Senior Div 2: 24/2/07 Hub 2/128 def McLaren Vale 8/69
Run Scorers: Dylan Z 23, Bradley D 21

BOWLING:
Senior Div 2: 3/3/07 Hub 8/85 def by Seafood Rise 6/97
Bowlers: Lachlan C 1/0, Dylan D 2/10, Michael S 2/13

A BIG THANK YOU to the following people kindly volunteering as Coach / Manager / Trainer for after-school cricket / basketball teams: Chris Vegter, David Zeitz, Mark Davies, Alex Williams, Noel Bray, Rod Mitchell, Jane Martin, Felicia Ritchie, Adrian Egel, Fraser Findlay, Sue Mazzei, Caroline Armstrong, Chris Sorensen, Jane Marsay, Michelle Ruddock, Michelle Styles, Shane and Andrea Hunter and Yvette Goss.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

Winter sports registrations are due by FRIDAY, 16th March. (One registration form per sport, please.) Forms are available from Front Office. If anyone is able to coach or manage a team, please indicate your interest on the registration form or contact Sarah Magnusson.

WANTED: FOOTBALL COACHES for the coming season, experienced or not. Please call Adam Silverlock (After-School Football Coordinator) on 8322 0218 / 0401 677730 for more information.

SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Aaron B. represented our school at the S.A. Water Junior Sprints Area Finals and he now goes to the State Finals Day at Adelaide Aquatic Centre on March 17th. Good luck Aaron!
AQUATICS
Over the last fortnight, Middle School students have taken part in aquatics at Encounter Lakes as part of the Health and PE curriculum. Each student had instruction and practice in sailing, snorkelling, windsurfing and kayaking. In addition to their skill development in aquatic activities, students were able to display their learning styles in a different environment and to socialise outside of the school context with their classmates.

All of our Program Achieve characteristics were on display. Confidence and Persistence were most prevalent. It was a joy to observe confident grins as students mastered the windsurfer after many persistent attempts. Getting Along was also there as students worked in teams, encouraged each other and further developed social bonds with classmates. One also had to be Organised so as to remember what to bring/not leave behind, etc. Some students showed Resilience as they conquered apprehension and “I don’t want to go” feelings and went along to have a productive and enjoyable day. We value this program for opportunities it offers students for success and experiences it provides in activities they might not otherwise attempt. Currently government funding for aquatics/swimming programs is in doubt. If you have a personal opinion about continuation of these programs, please participate in the DECS website parent survey.

Wendy Lithgow
COORDINATOR STUDENT LEARNING

PANCAKE DAY
Di B, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, and her helpers organized Pancake Day. $264.60 was raised for Uniting Care.

SPORTS DAY
Sports Day will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd this term. More details will follow later.

OSHC NEWS

BOOKINGS FOR APRIL VACATION CARE will be taken from Tuesday 13th March during Before and After School Care. Priority is given to working/studying parents as per Government Guidelines. However, some respite positions will become available closer to the time. Our OSHC Management Committee will be meeting on Monday 19th March at 7pm in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

HUB GRUB NEWS – TERM 1 SPECIALS
Friday 23/3 (Well-Being Week):
Chicken, lettuce and tomato wrap, small juice and frozen orange cup.

Tuesday 3/4 (Sports Day):
A CHOICE of a fresh salad roll OR a ‘Dodstar’ (chicken and vegetable wrapped in crunchy potato crumb, served hot) – Healthy Kids approved; a bottle of water and a piece of fresh fruit.

Friday 13/4 (Last day of term):
Our Recess treat - Showdown donut.

HELP on March 23rd and April 3rd would be appreciated.
As we constantly review the fat, sugar and salt content of our over-the-counter food, items may vary weekly, so as to offer variety. So far this term we have offered frozen grapes, which have been very popular on extremely hot days and on cooler days, pizza subs (but only at Recess).

**Thanks** to all the Canteen volunteers, especially our new members. We couldn’t operate our school canteen without your assistance.

Janet Matthews
CANTEEN MANAGER

David Rusk
Sarah Magnusson
Zoe Farquhar
PRINCIPAL
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

AQUATICS

Persistence pays off with Confidence

Being Organised

Getting Along

Luke C and Mitchell W wish Mrs Magnusson ‘Happy 40th’ wow!