DIARY DATES

January 2009
26th PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Australia Day)
27th TERM 1 begins - Tuesday

February 2009
11th Open Night & Acquaintance Night (BBQ from 5pm)
11th AGM 7:30 pm
26th 6:50 pm Ian Lillico Parent/Caregiver workshop

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Confidence: Abbey C, Alana W, Brittan Y, Georgia S, Lachlan O & Morgan G
Organization: Chelsea H, Jared M & Jarryd E
Persistence: Danielle R & Scott H
Resilience: Danny B & Polly C

FAREWELLS

It is time to farewell many special people. To the Year 7 students and their families and to those families with children moving to another school – our very best wishes to you all. As this is the very last newsletter for the year, we extend our season’s greetings for the festive period.

A number of staff will be leaving us at the end of 2008. We have valued greatly their individual contributions to the Hub School community and thank each of them most sincerely. We wish them all the very best for the future. We farewell the following teachers who have been with us in 2008 - on contract or as temporarily placed permanent teachers: Sarah Spangler, Steve Dooley, Nikki Dormand, Sue Grund, Louise Bryant, Erin Rowe and Gerri Thompson. We also farewell SSOs; Julie Campbell, Cheryl Hamilton, Sandie Sherriff, Carolyn Garner, Mandy Lee and Janice Blacket. We are currently looking at temporary SSO appointments for 2009, hoping that some of our temporary staff will be reappointed in the new year.

APPOINTMENTS / RE-APPOINTMENTS

Judy Smith, Lydia Callaghan and Kerry Fagg have been re-appointed to our school for 1 year in 2009. Lydia will continue as our Spanish Teacher, Judy will be teaching an R/1 class and Kerry will work two days a week in tandem with Vicky Bashford. We congratulate Ian Crocker who has won the Grounds position that begins in January 2009 at The Hub. We also congratulate Kim Crags who has won the Finance/Administration position beginning in January 2009.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Governing Council Members: David Clifton, Komina Batty, Kathy Dowding, Carolyn Dodd, Steph Kowalski, Brigitte Maxwell, Steph Mosel, Debbie McMahon, Debbie Lamps, Kendra Dunning, Graham Catt, Robin James and Trudy Baak

We wish to sincerely thank members of the 2008 Governing Council, in particular Chairperson, Brigitte Maxwell and Treasurer, Steph Kowalski for their strong commitment to their respective roles. All Governing Council members and Sub-Committee Convenors provided us with support and sound advice and a willingness to be actively involved in the life of the school. Without their commitment the Hub would not run as smoothly as it does.

We acknowledge the extent of parental/caregiver involvement in classrooms, Resource Centre, Canteen, Pedal Prix, Wakakirri, Jump Rope, Fun and Games, sporting activities and on excursions and camps. We value the presence of parents/caregivers at assemblies and special school functions.

All members of the teaching and support staff are to be congratulated on their commitment to providing students with the best possible opportunities to reach their full potential. Their willingness to work together collaboratively and improve their own learning is something we strongly value at the Hub.

We wish all families a safe, happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you again in 2009.

Julie Gallaher
PRINCIPAL
SUCCESS FOR LEARNING

In 2009, we will be beginning the school year in a new and exciting way. All staff and students will be engaging in 9 days of ‘Learning for Success’. This is a program designed to ensure that all students, staff and parents build a relationship based on respect and common understandings. We will be focussing on the Essential Learnings and Keys to Success from Program Achieve of Identity, (Resilience), Communication, (Confidence) Thinking, (Persistence), Interdependence (Getting Along) Independence (Organisation) and Futures. Literacy, Numeracy, ICTs and SHIP methodologies will be integrated through a range of engaging, hands-on activities to develop the skills and understandings that we will need to have a successful 2009.

You will be asked to support your children in the development of these skills, but please be aware that many ‘traditional’ practices of testing and sending home of individual reading materials will not occur during this time. You will receive further information, in the new year, through school newsletters, class newsletters and home learning activities.

We believe this program will provide an important foundation on which to build throughout the year. We look forward to working with you to ensure our children become independent, organised, thinking students who are able to relate to others in a respectful and cooperative way.

RESOURCE CENTRE

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the Resource Centre working with all classes and teachers. I look forward to more of the same next year, with a special focus on Aboriginal Studies R-7.

A big thank you to all the volunteers in the Resource Centre this year. We could not have processed all those books or kept up with the shelving without your help. Similarly, the student monitors and volunteers have given invaluable help during lunch and browsing & borrowing times. We are most appreciative of all the assistance to keep the collection up to date and in good order for ease of use for all borrowers.

The public library has a fabulous collection and is open for borrowing throughout the holidays.

Sophia & Debbie

South Australian Public Holidays

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Changes to Public Holidays

Days fixed as public holidays may change in the following circumstances:

• The Public Holidays Act may fix another day in lieu when a public holiday falls on a weekend.
• The Governor may proclaim a day in substitute for another, or an additional day.