** Friday, 11th April - EARLY DISMISSAL - 2:30pm **

** DIARY DATES **

March
- 17-28th Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Interview Weeks
- 19th Governing Council Meeting (Staff Room) 7pm
- 20th Munchie Lunch Special-NO other lunch orders this day
- 21st Harmony Day celebrations
- 21st GOOD FRIDAY  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 24th EASTER MONDAY  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 26th Hub Community Coffee Morning (Room 21) 9am
- 28th SAPSASA Athletics Competition Day
- 28th SAPSASA Lacrosse (West Beach)
- 31st OSHC Meeting (Staff Room) 7pm

** NOTICES THIS TERM **

- Materials and Services Invoices - 29/1/08
- Christian Pastoral Support Worker Consent Form - Week 1
- Parent Consents and Acknowledgments Form - Week 1
- AHS Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy (ICT) - Week 1
- Head Lice Notice (Rm 17 only) - 30/1/08
- Registration Forms for Cricket & Basketball - 4/2/08
- 2008 R-7 Acquaintance Night Note - 11/2/08
- Aberfoyle Community Centre Newsletter - 12/2/08
- Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Interview Times - Week 6/7
- Hub Grub Munchie Lunch Order Form - 11/3/08
- Head Lice Notice (Rm 20 only) - 17/3/08
- AHS International Competitions - 2008 - 17/3/08

** PRINCIPAL AWARDS **

** PRIMARY YEARS **
- Confidence: Ashlee B, Brandon G & Nicole S
- Getting Along: Ben M & Rhiannon T
- Organization: Caitlin O, Craig G, Emily W, Isabella C & Lachlan B
- Persistence: Elias N & Olivia G
- Resilience: Joshua W
- Music: Rosie M & Thomas L

** MIDDLE SCHOOL **
- Getting Along: Chelsea V, Dylan Z, Jack H, Lauren H, Liam A, & Tennyson L
- Organization: Bradley P, Hannah W & Michael S
- Persistence: Ashleigh P, Kane L & Leigh H
- Resilience: Bianca H, Rebecca M & Sarah R
- Music: Georgia D & Jack Mc

** FROM THE PRINCIPAL **

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Last week, Wallara District Leaders attended a residential at Whalers Inn. Over the 2 days Sarah, Zoe and I were privileged to hear a range of speakers from students in Reception to Year 12, to Members of Parliament, parents, Uni Lecturers and Academics focussing on “Schooling for the Future”.

I’d like to share some key statements that resonated with us and we believe will influence the direction for Aberfoyle Hub School’s “Site Learning Plan 2008” and beyond with a focus in Pedagogy and Engagement:

- “We’ve been educating for yesterday’s world, start educating for the future”
- “The currencies used to buy the future are – KNOWLEDGE, LEARNING, INNOVATION”
- “We need to re-define our role from subject manager to the “enabler” for our students”
- “Workers of the future need to be – Good knowledge managers, Good learning managers, Managers of innovation, Partnership managers and Managers of self”
- “I’m my biggest” project – I need to continue to manage my learning for life”
- “Balance of – knowledge, skills and values”

Over the next few years staff will explore, trial and implement a range of strategies and methodologies that support positive teaching, learning and engagement across R-7. Literacy, Numeracy, ICT skills and student voice will permeate our practice. An emphasis on “Restorative Practice” will support the wellbeing of our students and shape our Student Behaviour Management.

During 2008 Maths, English and Science will be the key Areas of Study that will be reported to DECS using the South Australian Curriculum and Accountability Framework (SACSA).

Schooling is about the future. The future is our students.

Julie Gallaher
PRINCIPAL
DI's DIALOGUE
On the website, parentingideas, Michael Grose writes about motivating children to learn.
Some of his ideas are:

- “Establishing short-term goals with children
- Competition – especially for boys
- The use of tangible rewards – given in very small doses
- Parental recognition.”

According to Michael Grose, “The great challenge for many parents and teachers is to keep children interested in learning until its relevance becomes apparent.”

I encourage you to look at this website for ideas on parenting. All of us can use some input and support from other sources at times.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

HUB HUDDLE COFFEE MORNINGS
Hub Huddle coffee mornings are held on Wednesday mornings in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term in Room 21, from 9am to 10:30am. These get-togethers are more than just a small group of parents chatting and having coffee!

In the words of those who attend regularly, our coffee mornings are:

“More than what I thought……more than drinking coffee!” Kerry
“It’s beyond just getting information…” Vicky
“It’s a chance to gather and understand information about our school” Shirley
“Meeting new people” Allison
“Great, you can bring the little ones” Kathy

This year we have had information from Diane Bray, one of the new coordinators of the Uniform Shop and Di Brinkworth, about her role in the school and the special social skills program she is running with classes in conjunction with teachers.

Our next meeting is on March 26th (Week 9) and this will be a chance for our new transition parents to get to know and build relationships with established parents in the school. There will be information provided about some of the special intervention programs that we offer at our school, especially in the Early Years. Future meetings will focus on engaging children in literacy and numeracy, playing with the Interactive Whiteboards and discussing future learning areas for our students.

Everyone is welcome to these get togethers. They are held in a very informal way. Your younger children are supported with toys and activities, while the adults have a chat about issues that are relevant to children’s learning.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU …VERY SOON!

GROUNDS COMMITTEE
The Grounds Committee met last week and discussed many topics - among them were seating, collecting rainwater, verandahs for Unit 6 and the re-surfacing of the soccer pitch (work on the soccer pitch should start after the April rains).

If you are interested in joining our committee and have some suggestions, please drop us a line by sending an email to info@ahs.sa.edu.au and use GROUNDS as the subject.

David Clifton
Grounds Committee Convenor

HARMONY DAY
The whole school will be celebrating Harmony Day TOMORROW, Thursday March 20th.
Harmony Day is held on the 21st of March each year to encourage people to:

- Appreciate the diverse cultures, backgrounds and languages that make Australia a successful country
- Say “no” to racism
- Remember that we are all equal and important
- Promote harmony and getting along in our everyday lives.

However, this year March 21st is also Good Friday. As a whole school, we will be encouraging everyone to wear something ORANGE tomorrow, share a picnic lunch in Thalassa Park from 12:30pm to 1:30 pm and attend the R-7 assembly at 2:30pm in the Hall.

This is NOT a casual day for students - the only exception for the day will be allowing those children who already have an orange t-shirt, to wear them. Other students are encouraged to wear orange ribbons or streamers pinned to their uniform or in their hair. All classes have been engaged in learning about different aspects of Harmony Day, what it means and how it affects our daily interactions with others.
STUDENT SAFETY AND WELLBEING
As a school community, we take the issue of student safety and wellbeing very seriously. Teachers are actively present and on duty before school/after school, during recess and lunchtimes to ensure that our school is a safe and friendly place to be. Teachers on duty wear bright orange vests so that they are easy to spot.

Students at all times are encouraged to report any incidents/concerns to either the teachers on duty or directly to their class teacher. Please reinforce with your child/ren to let someone know if there is a problem or concern at school so the issue can be dealt with.

To support added security, it is important that ALL parents/caregivers/visitors to our school during the working day (apart from drop off/pick up) report to the Front Office to sign in, state their business and to receive a visitors badge if the intention is to remain on site. We don’t mean to offend, but if school personnel are unsure as to who you are and what your business at the school might be, they will approach and seek information as to why you may be in the school grounds.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

HUB UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Iron-on logos and Winter stock NOW in.
The Uniform Shop is located in Unit 1 and Opening Hours are: Mondays and Wednesdays: 8:30-9:30am and 2:45-3:45pm. Uniform Price Lists are available at Front Office and the shop.

MUSIC NEWS
2008 SENIOR CHOIR CAPTAINS
Congratulations!
• Captain Maxine L
• Vice Captains Cloe K, Jessica S, Kiara F & Laura K

2008 PRIMARY CHOIR ASSISTANTS
• Rm 18 Joshua R & Samantha F
• Rm 20 Paige M & Stuart S
• Rm 8 Danny B

OSHC NEWS
As the holidays approach, we are looking forward to our Vacation Care Program. We have many exciting activities planned, including a trip to Semaphore and the Museum, as well as our days at OSHC looking at Japan, science, playing games and becoming aware of diversity. Check with us if you haven’t yet booked a place for your child as places are limited.

We are also in the process of sending out surveys from the National Childcare Accreditation Council. The NCAC is responsible for Quality Assurance in Childcare. Our Validation visit is due soon and collecting surveys from all stakeholders is part of this process. The Validator will be observing practices and looking at documented evidence to determine what level of care we provide at OSHC. We are continually aiming for High Quality and welcome your input in any way.

SAPSASA NEWS
SOFTBALL
Congratulations to Samara V and Stacey S on being selected to be part of the Southern Valley Softball Team. The girls will take part in the State Carnival, playing against both metropolitan and country districts, during Week 10. Good luck to the girls and the Southern Valley Team.

SWIMMING
On March 13th, Jakob S and Aaron B represented Southern Valley in the State Swimming titles. They were both part of the 4x 50m Freestyle Relay team which came first with a time of 2:26.31 minutes and they were awarded gold medals. Jakob was also part of the Medley Relay which came fourth. Aaron competed in the 50m Breaststroke, coming 4th and in the 50m Backstroke, coming 8th. Well done boys. Great results in a State competition.

LITTLE ATHLETICS RECORD
Congratulations to Amy H, who broke a Reynella East Little Athletics Club record that had been held for many years. Amy ran the 1500m in the record time of 6 mins 16 secs. Well done!
SPORTS RESULTS
BASKETBALL
Yr 3/4 Mixed: 4/3/08 Hub Hawks (29) def Hub Eagles (9) Game played in good spirit. Well done, both teams.
11/3/08 Hub Hawks (25) def Braeview Bears (12) Great team work!

FLAMES PROVIDE EXTRA HEAT
In trying conditions, the Flames have been busy preparing for the 25th Anniversary year of JRFH teams in Australia. To mark the occasion, there is an exciting event planned for 11:30 EST (11:00 local time) on Friday, May 9th around the country, when school children involved in the jump program are going to attempt to break the present (UK) record of 7,632 people actively skipping simultaneously.

At the Hub, we’re arranging to be part of this attempt and we’re anticipating that the record will easily be broken. This will mean that many of the students will be able to peruse future Guinness Records books and look up where they were part of setting a World Record.

Also, at the time of this event, the school will engage in its biannual fundraising support for the National Heart Foundation and focus on the very active and enjoyable Jump Rope For Heart Program.

Well done to our Flames, who have contributed to the past five years of JRFH history in SA as one of its premier teams. (Our team is now inclusive of students from Year 3 up to Year 10 who are currently jumping - see some of our Year 9’s in the accompanying photo.)

FUNDRAISING NEWS: EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Easter Raffle and purchased raffle tickets, to the SRC for organising the Casual Day and collecting the eggs and donations, to Robyn Langbrandner for storing the prizes in her office so they would keep cool and to Diana Luff, Kendra Dunning, Robin Van der Wielen, Shirley Booth and Allison Spry for their hard work in wrapping the prizes.

We were able to have 31 prizes for the raffle, which was drawn this morning. If you were a winner ......CONGRATULATIONS! Once again, thank you for your support. Our next event will be next term - so watch this space!

HUB GRUB NEWS: REMINDER
*MUNCHIE LUNCH SPECIAL – Thursday, March 20th*

This special lunch includes a fish finger burger (with a slice of cheese and mayo), a Hot Cross Bun and a small fruit drink – all for $4.00.

Please note: ** NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY, 20.3.08 **

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager

SURPLUS COMPUTERS
WHAT: 25 Protech 2003 Computers
1.7 gig, 248 mg RAM, 30 gig HD, 15" & 17" monitors

CONTACT: Robyn Langbrandner for details
by Friday, March 28th

ALL COMPUTERS MUST GO

Julie Gallaher
PRINCIPAL
Sarah Magnusson
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Zoe Farquhar
ASSISTANT