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

**DIARY DATES**  
**April**  
10th Cross Country (Woodend PS)  
11th Term 1 ends – EARLY DISMISSAL (2:30pm)**  
28th Term 2 commences  

**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**  
**EARLY YEARS**  
Confidence: Scarlet P  
Getting Along: Aiesha R, Indieya S, Jai A & Tayla W  
Organization: Jayden D, Molly P & Tiarna B  
Persistence: Bradley P, Jared T, Kierra W, Matthew R & Nathan B  
Music: Angus M & Brett C  

FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
Dear Parents / Caregivers,  
As Term 1 comes to a close it is a time to reflect on many amazing successes and achievements to date. There is certainly a great deal to celebrate at Aberfoyle Hub School.  
- Congratulations to the Jump Team for being ready to make school performance visits during Week 10 – teams are not usually on deck until Term 2.  
- We have started selling the eggs from our own chickens in the Environment Centre.  
- There are a number of students participating in the Instrumental Music Program.  
- Pedal Prix training has begun Tuesday and Thursday mornings in preparation for the upcoming HPV Super Series.  
- SAPSASA Swimming: Jakob S and Aaron B won a gold medal representing Southern Valley. Olivia D represented the school in the state finals.  
- Softball: Stacey S and Samara V gained selection to be part of Southern Valley District Team.  
- Athletics: A squad of 42 represented the Hub in Week 9 at Reynella East Schools and came 3rd overall.  
- Knock-out Cricket: Aberfoyle Hub will play Hallett Cove East in the first round of the knock-out competition.  
- Lacrosse: The Hub fielded 5 teams at Barrett Reserve in Week 9.  
- Cross Country: 30 students have nominated and are practising to be part of the Hub Cross Country Team, with the 1st competition happening in Week 11.  
- Classes working successfully together with buddy classes.  
- Just Juniors providing leadership opportunities for Year 6/7 students working with Junior Primary Students at lunchtime.  
- Aquatics for Year 6/7’s was a great success with everyone enjoying splashing about at Horseshoe Bay at Port Elliot.  
- SRC Executive selection process was challenging for students but provided “real life” experience in applying for positions and for the students on the panel.  
- Senior Choir Captains elected and have begun their leadership responsibilities.  
- Whole school joined together for Harmony Day celebrations.  
- Yummy special lunch organised by the Canteen.  
- Resource Centre had 40 students from Year 5-7 apply to work as library volunteers at lunchtimes. Borrowing is well attended with students reading voraciously.  
- Many students participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.  
- Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews.  
- Governing Council and Sub-Committees working tirelessly to support our school community.  

A very special thank you to staff, students and families who have continued to work as a team to ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved for everyone.  
On behalf of the staff I’d like to wish everyone a safe and happy school holiday. We all look forward to working with you again in Term 2.  

Julie Gallaher  
PRINCIPAL  

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LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property bin and general-use areas within the school for any items that may have been misplaced during the term. The lost property bin is located in the Unit 1 corridor.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS
Governing Council has had the second meeting for Term 1 on Wednesday, March 19th. Once again, we had a range of agenda items to discuss, along with hearing reports from the various sub-committees.

The Debt Collection Policy was presented by our Finance Committee and we discussed the need to have several ‘not for profit’ sub-entities to make the most of our fundraising events. Our Canteen Committee is investigating some new products and ensuring that they will be within Healthy Eating guidelines. Janet does a fantastic job of running our canteen and her efforts are appreciated by our school. We are pleased to announce that Steph Mosel has volunteered to be our Sports Convener and we thank her for her ongoing commitment our school. Fundraising had great success with the Easter Raffle raising around $1400; a terrific result for Korrina and her team. Our re-formed Grounds Committee has also had its first meeting for 2008 and has several items on their agenda for upcoming meetings. So, as you can see, all of our sub-committees are well underway for 2008. Education Works was also up for discussion and is a topic we will be hearing a lot more about this year, so keep your eyes, ears and minds open to learning more about this exciting opportunity for our community. The committee completed an Aboriginal Education Survey on the night and we also discussed the Right Bite Strategy and what areas of our school and fundraising that it might affect. We also discussed the set-up of our Leadership Team moving forward and what this could mean for our school in the near future. We were hoping to cover the updated Site Learning Plan and its progress, but that is now a topic for the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 21st. As you can see, we cover a wide and varied selection of topics and this is only a part of what comes up for discussion at our meetings.

Brigitte Maxwell
Chairperson

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Following our successful Easter Raffle, our next fundraising venture will be the Entertainment Books. These are great value and provide a substantial profit to the school. Most of the fundraising for this year will be going towards Interactive Whiteboards for the classrooms, so we look forward to your continued support in this area.

Attached to this newsletter is a form for you to fill in. Please return it to the Front Office by the end of the term, so that we can organise the delivery of books to the school.

PLEASE NOTE: ** IF YOU DO NOT RETURN the form at the end of this newsletter, you WILL receive a book in Week 1, Term 2.**

Books may be purchased by returning the envelope with the money inside or, if you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it in the envelope provided as quickly as possible. Please let friends and relatives know about these books, as additional books will be available if you would like to purchase more than one.

CHICKEN UPDATE FROM ROOM 17
Caring for Chickens
At our school we have five chickens. In our classroom we have a bucket and we put our fruit and vegetable scraps in it. The food scraps are taken to the chickens. We have separate groups that that go to clean the cage with Ian. The chickens eat grain and vegetable scraps. We get to hold the chickens and pat them. They always come to the gate when we come. They have a little water container.

Collecting Eggs
Ms Donlan’s class collects the eggs. We go as a group with Sandie and Ms Donlan. It is fun to collect the eggs. 10 eggs are the most we have collected from Monday to Wednesday. The eggs are sold every Wednesday. When we get the eggs from the shed, we take them to the Canteen.

Selling Eggs
On Wednesday of Week 9 we sold 2 dozen eggs. They cost $2 a ½ dozen. They are fresh eggs. The first sellers were Renée, Hayden and Jasmine. We have collected 114 in total. We collect and take them to the Canteen and they make sandwiches with the eggs. We used the money to buy food for the chickens. We will accept donations of egg cartons.

Aiden, Dylan, Matthew, Fil, Jasmine & Abbey

HUB GRUB NEWS
A special thanks to the volunteers who helped with our recent special munchie lunch. Your assistance was invaluable.

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager

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RESOURCES CENTRE NEWS

Thank you to the volunteers who have helped in the Resources Centre this term. You have made a huge difference in maintaining a well-organised and up-to-date collection. We hope you will come along again next term! We are pleased to welcome 31 student volunteers who are working in the Resource Centre during one lunchtime per week. All have chosen particular shelves to keep in order, as well as helping with general library chores.

Mending – a request for well-intentioned parents/caregivers not to mend damaged books please, but for the students to alert Resource Centre staff, as we have a special book-mending tape which does not discolor or ‘bleed’ over time.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to students and parents for your efforts - many students are well on the way and some have already completed the Challenge! Remember, you have until the beginning of September. Parents, would you please ensure that your children are entering the titles and authors correctly while they have the book.

Thanks for your support,
Sophia & Debbie

OSHC NEWS

As the term draws to a close, we are in the process of evaluating our service as a whole. If you use OSHC either permanently or on a casual basis, we are asking for your assistance. As part of our Validation process by the National Childcare Accreditation Council, all staff, families, and children attending the service are asked to complete a Validation Survey from their viewpoint. The Validation Surveys address the 8 Quality Areas in which OSHCQA is based. The surveys have been designed so that both you and your child can have a say about the standard of care our service provides. Feedback, ideas, and suggestions from you and your child are important to our service as we want to provide the best care for your child. Your comments will help identify areas we are doing well and others where we can improve. Thank you for your time and input.

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ASSEMBLY

We are so lucky here at the Hub to have such dedicated staff and parents. This is especially evident at our assemblies, be they level-of-school or whole-school assemblies. Assemblies are held across R-7 for various purposes and provide an opportunity for students to share their learning with others and perform to an audience.

In the Early Years our main purpose for assemblies, apart from sharing our learning, is to provide opportunities for children to practice their audience and public speaking skills. These opportunities may be planned in advanced or, more often than not, are impromptu to acknowledge current learning. It is important for children to have these opportunities, to learn from appropriate role models and be able to speak to a public audience at short notice.

As parents we value your attendance at these assemblies and the vital part in this modelling of audience skills that you play. While we plan to the best of our ability who will host and present at these assemblies, often this is changed to accommodate the different needs of staff, students, and visitors and ask for your understanding in this area.

Another aspect of our assemblies is the recognition of students who have earned a specific award for their efforts in a variety of areas. We all appreciate being recognised and rewarded for our efforts and this occurs in many different ways within the classroom environment. The most powerful way of providing this recognition is through immediate, positive feedback at the time something occurs. Awards and certificates are a small part of this recognition and are reserved for special efforts. If awards are given, in any environment, for everyday efforts they lose their special significance and value. All our children are special and are given the recognition and positive feedback they deserve, although not always in the form of a certificate.

Please help us preserve the significance of these awards by:

- Trusting teacher judgement
- Accepting that these awards must be earned with extra special effort
- Understanding that surprise is a major factor in the mystique and value of the awards.

We thank you for your ongoing support in this area and look forward to seeing you at our assemblies in the future.

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**WORLD HEAD SHAVE DAY**

Hi, my name is Torben S. On the 12th of March 2008 at 2pm, I participated in the World’s Greatest Shave at Aberfoyle Hub School. I shaved my head because my grandma has got leukaemia and my mum’s cousin is a survivor of leukaemia. I had to try and raise money through online donations as well as donations in person. Mum helped me by sending emails to all of our friends and asking them for sponsorship. The school advertised the link to the website so our community could donate. So far I have raised over $400 and I am still getting more donations.

So the day was here. Liam and I were very nervous, but we were brave and we did it. Mr Sickerdick talked to the students about leukaemia and then he talked about why we were shaving our heads. Mr Sickerdick then said, “Let’s have a count-down from five, four, three, two, one, SHAVE!!!!” Then it was all over and everyone ran up to me and said, “Can I feel your hair, can I feel your hair?” We raised eighty four dollars, so we split it between each other. Shaving my head makes me feel brave and good because I might be able to help save someone’s life.

**KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE**

Last Thursday, Bron Knofel from the Sturt Police visited our R-1 classes and spoke to them about staying safe in the community and how the police can help them stay safe. She will be returning this week to talk to our year 1-2 classes.

This visit supports the work done in class by teachers using the Child Protection Curriculum which teaches children:

- We all have the right to feel safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust
- To trust our feelings and early warning signs
- About the use and abuse of power in different situations by different people.

We also encourage students to develop protective strategies to keep themselves safe, including developing a trusted network of people to talk to, being assertive and learning to say “no” when they are faced with choices that make them feel uncertain, uncomfortable or they know are not safe and feeling confident enough to persist.

We do not focus on ‘Stranger Danger’ as quite often it is not a stranger that makes us feel unsafe, but people we know.

Help your child develop their protective factors by:

- Talking about and developing a trust network
- Encouraging them to be confident and assertive
- Talking about what their early warning signs might be.

We thank Bron for her support in this area and value the relationship that we have with the Police in our community.

**SAPSASA NEWS**

**ATHLETICS DAY**

On Wednesday, March 26th, 42 athletes representing Aberfoyle Hub competed at Reynella East Schools against other schools in the Southern Valley District. The events were High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shotput, 800m, 200m and 100m. The Hub athletes were selected as a result of winning trials held at school and practices took place before school for a couple of weeks. All athletes represented Aberfoyle Hub creditably and overall, the Hub School came 3rd.

Special mention should be made of the following athletes: Kayla H 1st in 800m; Claudia R 2nd in 800m and High Jump; Samantha F 1st in 800m; Torben S 1st in Discus, 3rd in Shotput; Zach E 3rd in Shotput; Sarah R 3rd in High Jump; Hannah W 3rd in Shotput; Hannah C 3rd in Discus; Erin C 1st in 200m, 2nd in 100m; Jack H 3rd in 200m; Anca M 3rd in 200m and 100m; Bradley C 3rd in 200m; Steph B 4th in 100m; Mikey K 3rd in 100m; Amy H 1st in 800m.

Over the years we have been unable to compete in the relay events, but this year was an exception and we did extremely well, winning all 4 relay events.

State Day is on May 8th and a team from Southern Valley will compete against other districts at Santos Stadium. Students from Aberfoyle Hub who will be part of the Southern Valley Team are; Amy H, Anca M, Erin C, Kayla H, Mikey K, Samantha F, Torben S and Steph B. Good luck to them all at Santos Stadium.

Ann Fudge

**LACROSSE**

On Friday March 28th, 31 Year 6/7 students participated in SAPSASA Lacrosse at West Beach. We had 2 boys’ teams and 3 girls’ teams. One of our girls’ teams was called the Bananas and they had a very interesting team chant that made everyone laugh. Another of the girls’ teams was called the Fairytales and the third girls’ team didn’t have a name or a chant. None of the boys’ teams had names or chants. Ms Farquhar and Ms Fudge came with us to help and supervise us. We all got to play 5 games in total. One of them was only a scratch match. We didn’t get into the finals, but we did a good job. We all had a lot of fun, even the goalies, who had lots of balls thrown at them! We hope that more people take part in Lacrosse next year.

Laura K & Natasha H

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SPORTS RESULTS:

BASKETBALL Yr 3/4
19/3/08 Hub Hawks (39) def St Martins (2)
Keep jumping boys; go Shania!
25/3/08 Hub Hawks (20) def Southern Vales (18)
Fantastic, come-from-behind win!

CRICKET: Senior Div 1
23/2/08 Hub 1/175 def Reynella East 8/101
Batting/Bowling: Brad D 38*, 2/6; Lachie C 31*, 1/12; Leigh H 24*, 1/21
1/3/08 Hub 7/101 vs Antonio
Batting: Brad D 11; Dylan D 13; Lachie C 27*
Bowling: Lachie C 2/3; Sean 1/2; Tennyson L 2/2

SPORT & RECREATION PROGRAMS: APRIL 2008 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Please refer to the Community Notice Board in the central courtyard (at the end of the Administration building), for detailed information about these SCHOOL HOLIDAY programs. (Information courtesy of the Schools Network SA.)

COME ‘N’ TRY LACROSSE

WHAT:
Come ‘n’ Try Lacrosse
Skills, activities, games, free BBQ lunch

WHERE:
Sturt Lacrosse Club
Women’s Memorial Playing Fields
Gate 2, Shepherds Hill Road, ST MARYS

WHEN: Saturday, April 5th (11am – 1pm)
BRING:
Sneakers... everything else is supplied
Friends & relatives of any age are welcome to join in too

CONTACT:
Kim. 0417 111 475
email sturtlacrosse_kim@hotmail.com
No obligation to join, just come ‘n’ try

FAMILY DAY CARE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in:
• Operating a home-based childcare business?
• Choosing your own working hours?
• Receiving accredited training in Cert 3 Children’s Services at an affordable cost?

If you:
• Can provide a safe, stimulating environment for children
• Enjoy working with children and are in good health

Information Sessions: 7pm - Mon 7 April & Wed 16 April
Hackham West Children’s Centre
9 Vintners Walk HACKHAM WEST
RSVP Ph: 8392 0520

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL: Special Language Entry for 2009
Each year, up to 60 students are accepted into Year 8 through the Special Language Program. These students are committed to study 2 languages other than English until at least the end of Year 10. Special Language Entry is based on a confidential Primary School Report, performance in Aptitude Tests (held Monday, May 12th, 2008) and, if short-listed, a performance in interview (held from Monday, May 21st to Wednesday, May 23rd). Applications must reach Adelaide High School by Friday, May 2nd, 2008.

Information & Application Forms available from Adelaide High School: Phone 8231 9373

2008 SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITING DATES & TIMES
For students commencing Secondary School in 2009. Please contact the relevant school for further information.

SCHOOL          DATE OF OPEN          TIME
Blackwood HS     May 6,7,9,20,22       Principal Tours: 9:15am
                 Mon May 12            Info Session: 7pm
Brighton SS      Tues May 13         Tours: 9:30am, 11:30am, 2pm
                 Sun May 4             Info Session: 5:30-7pm
Marryatville HS  Tues May 13        11:30am - 2pm
Mitcham Girls HS Wed May 14         9-11am & 5-30-8pm
Pasadena HS &    Tues May 13        11:30-1pm & 6-9pm
Pasadena Unit    Wed May 7          4:30-6pm
Seaford 6-12     Thurs Apr 10       Tours: 1pm & 5pm
                 Wed May 7          Info Session: 2pm & 6pm Farm

WANTED: GUIDE LEADERS FOR FLAGSTAFF HILL GIRL GUIDES

CONTACT:
Jan Childs       District Leader Sthn Hills
                8278 6322
Alicia Buxton    Leader Flagstaff Hill Guides
                8370 5561 / 0419 648205

Julie Gallaher   Sarah Magnusson   Zoe Farquhar
PRINCIPAL        DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Girl Guides Australia
Needed: Community-minded females 18+ who’d like to make a difference to the lives of young girls in this area. Develop leadership skills through implementation of the Guide Program. No Guiding experience needed - training & support provided.

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Worth their weight in Gold!
Purchase your new 2008 / 2009 Entertainment Book now…

Aberfoyle Hub School is raising funds by selling the 2008/2009 Entertainment Book. Selling for $65, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Entertainment Books will help fund Interactive White boards.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and 2-for-1 offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotel accommodation, the arts and sporting events. There truly is something for everyone, with high value offers from Avis, Warner Bros. Movie World, Crown Towers, Hamilton Island, Video Ezy, Aberfoyle Hub Tavern, Double Dragon Chinese Restaurant, Pizza Hut and many more.

One Entertainment Book per family will be sent home for you to have a look at. Should you not wish to keep the book, simply return it to the Finance Office.

To order extra copies of the Entertainment Book, or to register your request NOT to have a book sent home, please return the form below to Korrina Batty, Fundraising Coordinator, c/- Front Office by Friday, April 11th.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDER FORM

Attention: Korrina Batty

Child’s Name: ........................................................................................................................................

Child’s Room No. & Teacher: ................................................................................................................

I would / would not like to receive an Entertainment Book

I would like to order ............ additional Books

Parent’s/Caregiver’s Name: ..................................................................................................................

Signed: ................................................................. (Parent /Caregiver)