Welcome Back to Term 2

DIARY DATES

May
8th State Metro Athletics (Santos Stadium)
Senior Choir Assessment
Extra Governing Council Meeting (Staff Room) 7pm

9th Jump Rope Guinness Record Attempt 11am
Hub Flames at ETSA Park All day

12th Cross Country (Flagstaff Hill)
Finance Committee Meeting (Staff Room) 6pm
OSHC Committee Meeting (Staff Room) 7pm

13th LaN Tests (Writing)
14th LaN Tests (Reading)
Hub Huddle Coffee Morning 9am
Community Meeting (Multi-Purpose Room) 7pm

15th LaN Tests (Numeracy)
16th LaN Tests (Catch-Up)
Canteen Committee Meeting (Staff Room) 2pm

18th Pedal Prix Round 1 (Victoria Park)

19th-23rd District Netball/Football

21st Governing Council Meeting (Staff Room) 7pm

22nd Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea (MP Room) 11am

NOTICES THIS TERM

• Get Active Sports Soccer for All Form (R-4) - 29/4/08
• Aberfoyle Community Centre Newsletter Term 2 - 30/4/08

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

PRIMARY YEARS
Getting Along: Charlee D
Organization: Jacinta T
Resilience: Bronte J, Ruby K & Sam M

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Confidence: Dayle A, Dylan D, Jake F, Joe N, Kiara F, Matt S, Maxine L & Rebecca L
Organization: Brett B, Jake F, Jessica S, Kiara F, Natasha H, Nasrin J & Stephanie B
Persistence: Chloe J, Daniel B, Jemma M, Shabnam K & Troy E
Resilience: Brad D, Cameron A, Kai O, Ranni H & Taylor B
Music: Aaron B & Stacey L

FENCING COMMENCEMENT: UPDATE

Please be aware that work on the school’s perimeter fence has begun and should be completed in 4 weeks.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Amalgamate or not to Amalgamate?

Come along and hear about the possibilities for your school and have your say at the Open Meeting on WEDNESDAY 14th MAY at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, where information will be provided about the pros and cons of amalgamation of the Junior Primary School and the Primary School.

There needs to be a formal decision made in relation to coming together officially as a Reception to Year 7 School, before a decision can be made to advertise for a tenured Principal during 2008, to start for the 2009 school year.

Some areas to be explored at the meeting:

- Staffing entitlements
- Resource entitlements
- Continuity of learning from Reception to Year 7
- Education Works Process
- Timeline for advertising for a Principal/s
- Decision making process for amalgamation

Governing Councillors want to hear your voices so that an informed decision will be made in a timely way. If you can’t make the meeting, please don’t hesitate to contact the school to share your opinions.

There are a number of ways this could happen:

- A letter to the Chair of Governing Council, Brigitte Maxwell
- A letter to the Principal, Julie Gallaher
- Email the school, info@ahs.sa.edu.au
- Phone the school
- Come in and chat to a Management member

We will undertake to see that information from the Open Meeting is shared in the next Newsletter. Following the meeting, Governing Council will put forward a recommendation to the school community. There will need to be a poll and a voting slip will be posted out to all families mid-Term 2, so that a final decision is reached before the end of Term 2.

Brigitte Maxwell
Governing Council Chairperson
Principal

ED ALIVE SOFTWARE

Your attention is drawn to the Ed Alive Software leaflet accompanying this newsletter. Orders and money should be returned to the Finance Office by Friday, MAY 16th.
GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

We wish to inform you that, late in 2007, both Aberfoyle Hub School and The Hub Preschool began to explore the possibilities of co-locating together in the near future to create a Birth - Year 7 facility, based on the school site, through the Education Works process. The initial Expression of Interest was approved by the Education Works Team and Government, allowing the process to continue this year.

Late last term, staff from both sites came together for an initial meeting with an Education Works Team representative and a District Office representative to hear about what the process will entail, along with viewing a prepared Draft Education Brief. This was followed a week later with a joint meeting of both School and Preschool Governing Councillors, where the decision was made to proceed beyond the Expression of Interest tabled late in 2007 to the next stage of the process. There will be an Education Works Working Party established to work in consultation with the school staff, students and community to continue to work on the draft Education and Care Brief that will reflect the educational and learning requirements from Birth - Year 7 children. Once the brief is completed, it will be sent to the Education Works Team for consideration of being tabled in Parliament seeking ratification. If we are successful, then a Facilities Solution will be prepared that will provide a range of possibilities by way of new/upgrades of existing facilities to cater for Birth - Year 7. This solution will form part of the community consultation before a final decision is reached.

In order to reach a decision there will need to be 2 polls - 1 for the school community and 1 for the preschool community. If the outcome is no then we remain as is, but if both community votes are 50% + 1 in favour of becoming a Birth-Year 7 site this goes before Parliament again for ratification. It is important to point out that if we move to a Birth - Year 7 site there will be leadership for both sectors, with Birth - 5 as is now with a Preschool Director and for Reception - Year 7, a Principal. Both leaders would work cooperatively to ensure continuity of service. We are passionately proud of Aberfoyle Hub School and The Hub Preschool and, together, we will work hard to ensure the best education and facility possible for your children.

Brigitte Maxwell
Governing Council Chairperson

CAR PARKING & DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONES

Thank you to parents using zones correctly before/after school by pulling up, dropping off and leaving immediately, thus avoiding congestion/safety issues. Everyone’s patience during these times is appreciated. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS A PARK. Double parking is illegal and unsafe. As staff members have a duty of care to ensure students enter/leave school grounds safely, they may need to remind parents about using these zones legally and safely.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

This month on the 13th, 14th and 15th, there will be the introduction of the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, where students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from across Australia will be sitting the tests. In past years we had the State Literacy and Numeracy (LaN) Tests that were held in August. The test results provide information for students, families and teachers about achievement in the areas of literacy and numeracy. At Aberfoyle Hub, we use the results to determine the need for intervention and enrichment to support student learning development. There are three Literacy components - Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing (narrative genre) and Reading. Numeracy consists of Number, Algebra function and pattern, Space, Measurement and Chance and Data. Year 7 students will have two numeracy tests; one using a calculator and one without.

Those students who miss the test days will have the opportunity to sit the test on the make-up day (Friday of the same week). Teachers prepare students for the tests by using sample questions and testing conditions prior to the test week. If you have any concerns or issues about the NAPLAN, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or a member of Management.

WAKAKIRRI 2008 NEWS

We have made a great start to the preparations with the parent meeting late last term and the continuing dance/drama lessons with the children. For our item this year, we are on the lookout for old jeans, work clothes, shirts, braces, in fact anything that can be transformed into clothing that a gold miner would have worn in the gold rush in Australia. We want them to look old and worn, so would appreciate any donations that we can basically wreck - any size, because we have people, very capable at sewing, who could do the transformation!

If you are able to help, please bring donations to Mrs Clack in Room 22.

HUB GRUB NEWS

NEW ITEM: Chicken Burger with lettuce & mayo $3  PRICE INCREASE: Hamburgers now $2.50

PLEASE NOTE:
- Quiche & Salad NOT AVAILABLE Term 2.
- There is a small charge of 50c for heating home-supplied meals. Please send in a microwave-safe container, placed in a bag labelled with name & class. Food must be sent to the Canteen WITH THE LUNCH ORDERS, so food can be kept refrigerated if required.
- We’re now selling Slushies (99% fruit juice - amber item) for $1.30 each. Should disposal of the cups/straws become a problem in the school, we will no longer be able to sell this item.

HELP NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN ON FRIDAYS – please see Janet Matthews in the Canteen

Janet Matthews (Canteen Manager)

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

We’re hosting The Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, May 22nd at 11am. PLEASE SEE RETURN SLIP at end of newsletter.

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25 Years of Jump Rope For Heart Teams in Australia
The National Heart Foundation is celebrating this milestone in spectacular style. Australia-wide, we are involved in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the most people to jump rope at once. Aberfoyle Hub is involved in this.

When: Week 2 – Friday, May the 9th, 11:00am sharp
Who: All classes

After the Guinness World Record Attempt...
At the Hub, all classes are engaging in the Jump Rope For Heart Program. It is a dynamic part of PE which gets all students active and teaches life skills in healthy living and eating. The focus is on enjoyment of exercise.

When: Weeks 3 - 5
Who: All classes

Fundraising for the Heart Foundation
The Hub registers to help this worthy charity every 2nd year. Students are rewarded with active prizes for amounts raised and 10% of the money goes back to the school. In the past, our school has raised amounts up to $6,300! (Actually, since 1996 our school has raised in excess of $31,000 all up.)

When do you raise money?
Starting off on the Guinness Record day, for 3 weeks we ask that you gather donations, which can be in cash or done on-line. That time culminates with our Jump Off Day, on Friday, May 30th. Then we collect donations and a few weeks later, the Heart Foundation sends out prizes.

How are the Hub Flames involved?
Our award-winning team is jumping at ETSA Park on the Guinness World Record Day and putting on their entertaining show in our courtyard on Monday, May 26th at 11:30am. (They relish staging their show on their home turf.) They will join in the Jump Off Day, too.

What do the Hub Flames do?
The Heart Foundation JRFH teams visit schools to motivate young people to be active and promote their ‘big 3’ messages – eat healthy, exercise regularly and stay away from smoking. Lifetime heart health is achieved this way.

Our team also has performed at Rundle Mall, at ETSA Park national netball, at the Distinctive Homes Dome national basketball and done a country tour of the Whyalla area. The Flames compete in State Championships and the team has held State titles for 4 out of their 5 years. Around 50 of our jumpers have, over the years, gained State Champion status in their own right, 6 of them holding state records in events. The Hub Flames are respected for the excitement generated in their demos, as well as the excellent teaching sessions they give at other schools. They are strongly supported by the Heart Foundation as one of SA’s premier JRFH teams and have made a significant mark on 5 out of the 25 years of JRFH history.

Amazing Flames Facts
The Flames have:
• Jumped for over 9,000 school children at 41 schools
• Performed in front of more than 53,000 spectators, the largest crowd being 4,443 at the Dome in ‘07 (as well as the usual throng of 15,000 at the Glenelg Pageant)
• 6 state record holders
• Won back-to-back State Junior Championships, ’04 & ’05
• Won the State Intermediate Championship, ’07
• Won the State Championship overall, ’06

Recent Visits
In Week 10 last term, the Flames were at Westbourne Park wowing the students and teachers with their new show for this year. Fifteen new Flames (Brad, Izzy, Kayla, Mikayla and Layla from Year 3, Alicia in Year 4, Nikki in Year 5, Hannah, Emily, Emma and Amy in Year 6 and Tessa, Erin, Dimphia and Chloe in Year 7) made their debut in what was a great show for that time in the jump year – usually we don’t make visits until early Term 2. The enthusiasm of the team has been infectious, with all members showing great skill development and enjoying their considerable achievements. The way they captivated the Westbourne Park students was a treat to watch. It was wonderful to be accompanied by so many parents – Dana Pearton, Lincoln Rogers, Carolyn Garner, Shirley Booth, Kathy Murphy, Di Clarke and Kerri Clarke.

In Week 11, the team also went to Christ The King School, Warradale, Seymour College, Walford Anglican School and Goodwood PS, all of which are joining in with the Guinness World Record attempt on Friday, May 9th.
OSHC NEWS
Another Vacation Care period has come and gone. We had lots of fun at the Waterslides and Ferris Wheel at Semaphore and at the movies. We shopped for exotic fruits, vegetables, cheeses, meats, dips and breads at the Central Markets and tried them all for snacks. Justin’s group found the smelliest cheese and most children were very brave and taste-tested it! At OSHC we had games, science experiments, cooking, sumo suits, Wheelchair Sports, a trip to the BMX track and a picnic at Thalassa. Overall, it was a fun and busy time. We have purchased a whiteboard for displaying current information for families. Each week there will be information sheets for families to take if they wish. Topics covered include Discipline (0–12 Yrs), Being a Parent, Optimism, Starting School, Peer Pressure, Pocket Money and many other topics. These fact sheets come from Parenting SA, NCAC, DECS, NAPCAN and various other support agencies. Please take time to peruse these sheets and take them home if they are of interest to you.
A Validator from the National Childcare Accreditation Council will be visiting our service, some time over the next month, to undertake a Validation Report. This report, along with the surveys you filled in and our Self Study Report, will determine the level of care we provide at OSHC. Any areas that are seen to be lacking will be the focus of our Continuing Improvement Plan and addressed by Staff and Management. We hope that you are all happy with the care your children receive at OSHC and we strive to address any issues you or they may have to the best of our abilities.

Our Big Day Out
In the holidays, I went with OSHC to the Museum and the Market. OSHC is fun. At the Museum, we saw a giant squid at the bottom of the floor. After looking at nearly everything, it was time to have lunch. We hopped on the bus and went to the Market. We had so much fun with Karen. Karen and my group went up and down the aisles and had to find any fruit and vegetables that were smooth or wavy. We bought watermelon, rockmelon and strawberries. We had so much to choose from for snack time when we got back.

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SPORT NEWS
SAPSASA ATHLETICS
Amy H, Anca M, Erin C, Kayla H, Samantha F and Torben S will be competing at Santos Stadium this Thursday, May 8th as part of the Southern Valley District Athletics Team. Good luck to them and the other members of the Southern Valley Team.

On March 29th, 8 of our Year 6/7s (Michelle H, Maxine L, Stephanie B, Kiara F, Luke B, Jayden K, Bradley L and Bradley H) competed in the Marion Sand and Metal Primary School Challenge at the Westminster Fair. The challenge was an obstacle course consisting of 7 different stations. 5 schools competed for either 1st prize - $250, or 2nd prize - $150, with runners-up getting $100. The money had to be spent at their school. Westminster School came 1st, Darlington 2nd and the Hub 3rd, with a time of 7:05 mins.

We worked well as a team and it was a challenge, but we had fun. Maxine L

We tried our best and had fun. It was worth it. Michelle H

It was cool fun. We saw the fair. We did our best. Jayden K

It was great fun, because we got to do cool things. Luke B

It was so much fun. I would love to do the obstacle course again. Brad H

SAPSASA NETBALL
For the past few weeks many girls have been trying out for SAPSASA Netball teams. 6 Hub students (Anca M, Chloe M, Emma D, Hannah W, Rachael M and Tessa L) were chosen to be part of the team. We play at ETSA Park in Week 4, against many different Districts. We hope to do well! Chloe & Rachael

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY
On April 10th, 22 of us went to Woodend to do Cross Country. The results were excellent and were as follows:

10yo Girls: Kayla H 1st, Claudia R 2nd, Rebecca L 4th
11yo Girls: Samantha F 1st, Chloe B 4th, Cassandra E 5th, Rebecca M 16th
12yo Girls: Amy H 1st, Natasha H 5th, Ashleigh P 7th
13yo Girls: Kiara F 1st

10yo Boys: Tyson M 8th, Dylan E 19th
11yo Boys: Ari M 2nd, Sam K 12th
12yo Boys: Harry V & Jack M both 9th, Luke H 17th
13yo Boys: Bradley D 6th, Jack H 8th, Mikey K 11th, Joseph N 17th

Ashleigh & Amy

SURF LIFE SAVING AWARDS
Congratulations to Jade, Jacinta and Alyssa T, who are very proud of their trophy and certificates for the life saving season which has just ended at Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Alyssa was age-group champion. Jade and Jacinta were awarded certificates for Yellow and Red Patch, which allows them to compete fully in Surf Life Saving carnivals in deep water! Well done, girls!

SPORTS RESULTS: Yr 6/7 FOOTBALL
3/5/08 Hub (66pts) def Craigburn (54pts). All played well
GET ACTIVE SPORTS

Get Active Sports is conducting Basketball For Juniors for 3-6 year olds at our school, starting on May 10th. 6 weekly coaching sessions and basketball for $50. For information & registration please call 8177 2106 or visit www.getactivesports.com.au.

Room in your life... 
Room in your home?

Thinking about fostering?
Every day foster carers play an invaluable role in the lives of children. Foster carers offer a safe and positive environment that provides for the physical and emotional needs of children in care. South Australia needs more foster carers for short term care, longer term and respite care. Foster carers are over 25 and can be single or couples, with or without their own children.

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26 April – 5 July, 2008

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Reynella East Primary School Hall
Wednesdays 4:15–5:45pm during Terms 2, 3 & 4
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
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AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Thursday, May 22nd at 11am

We would love everyone to come and join us for morning tea in the Multi-Purpose Room
To help raise much needed funds for cancer research. All money raised will go to The Cancer Council.
If you would like to donate cakes, muffins, biscuits, scones, etc. for this event please contact Diana on 0412 350 379
We hope to see you there. Please return the tear-off slip below by Monday, May 19th

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Attention: Diana % Front Office
I ………………………………………………………………………………….. will be attending Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on May 22nd
I will be bringing a friend – in total there will be ……… people attending

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