DIARY DATES

May
21st  Governing Council Meeting (Staff Room)  7pm
22nd  Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea (MP Room)  11am
26th  Flames Jump Demo (Courtyard)  11:30am
27th–3rd June Reconciliation Week
29th  Science Competition (Primary)
30th  Hub Jump Off  9-10:30am
          R-7 Assembly: Reconciliation  11:30am
          Cross Country (Cheltenham)

June
2nd  Sports Committee Meeting (Staff Room)  7pm
4th  Science of Spin (R-7)  9am
5th  World Environment Day
   Aberfoyle Park High School Choral/Percussion Night
6th  Grounds Committee Meeting (Staff Room)  2pm
9th  PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen’s Birthday)
10th  PUPIL FREE DAY

NOTICES THIS TERM

• Get Active Sports Soccer for All Form (R-4) - 29/4/08
• Aberfoyle Community Centre Newsletter Term 2 - 30/4/08
• Head Lice Notice (Rooms 8, 14 & 15 only) - 6/5/08

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

EARLY YEARS
Confidence:  Annalise T, Ebony H & Taylah J
Organisation:  Amelia C
Persistence:  Heather S, Kerim M & Kris M
Resilience:  Fraser M

PRIMARY YEARS
Confidence:  Claudia R, Jake S & Rhys W
Getting Along:  Kiara K, Rooms 17 & 19
Organisation:  Braden D, Daniel B, Scott H & Tyler H
Persistence:  Bronte J, Georgia W, Ruby K & Talia M
Spanish:  Jake S & Rebecca L

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Confidence:  Laura K, Kara B, Matt T & Alysha A
Getting Along:  Ben T, Brad M, Luke B, Sam Q, Scott M & Troy E
Organisation:  Brody P, Mikey K, Ryan F & Tennyson L
Persistence:  Josh N, Maja M & Rachael Mc
Resilience:  Brad L, Rebecca M & Sharon M

SPANISH WEEK: POSTPONED
Spanish Week (Week 6) has been postponed until later this year. The Week 7 Spanish Assembly will go ahead as planned.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Aboriginal Education
2008 National Reconciliation Week: May 27th – June 3rd
2008 National Sorry Day: May 26th

What is reconciliation?
The vision for an Australia that recognises the special place and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians, values their participation and provides equal life chances for all.

Reconciliation involves justice, recognition and healing. It’s about helping all Australians move forward with a better understanding of the past and how the past affects the lives of Indigenous people today. Reconciliation involves symbolic recognition of the honoured place of the first Australians, as well as practical measures in a spirit of goodwill to address the disadvantage experienced by Indigenous people in health, employment, education and general opportunity.

National Sorry Day
On February 13th 2008, the new Australian Parliament made an historic acknowledgement and apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples from the House of Representatives, part of which reads:

We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their communities and their country. For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry. To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry. And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.

This apology paves the way for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to move towards a healed, just, reconciled Australia.

Aberfoyle Hub School Action
As a school we will participate in Reconciliation Week by holding an R-7 Reconciliation Assembly, showing items from a few classes who have learnt about Aboriginal culture from both historical and present day perspectives. Not every class has been involved at this stage, but many are weaving Aboriginal Education Perspectives into the subject areas. As I have recently spent 5 years in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, I have been sharing my experiences and cultural learning’s with some of the classes. We invite all caregivers and family members to attend the Reconciliation Assembly on Friday, May 30th at 11:30. Please reply to the school if you are attending.

Sophia Kerkvliet
Teacher-Librarian

Endorsed by: Julie Gallaher
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Learning at the Hub is fun because the teachers always think up new methods of learning.

Alana B

This school is fun because it's got lots of cool things like computers and soon we're getting smart boards. They're cool because they're interactive. The teachers are friendly here.

Josh N
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Resource Centre

Science
Learning at the Hub is ... lots of fun, working with others and building team work skills.
Maxine

Music
Learning at the Hub is ... a very friendly and fun learning experience.
Erin H

Sport
I love the variety of choices of sports.
Matt
This school is fun because we always try new things.
Sam O
COMMUNITY MEETING – Amalgamation Process

Following the mail out to all families earlier this term, there was a COMMUNITY MEETING held at our school on May 14th at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room where families came along to hear about and to discuss Amalgamation and the possibility of closing our Junior Primary and Primary School and re-opening as one Reception to Year 7 School known as ‘Aberfoyle Hub School’ at the end of 2008. It was pleasing to see a number of Governing Councillors, some staff, a number of parents and a student at the meeting. Stu Sellar, our District Improvement Coordinator, came along to represent our District Director, Ms Aneta Marovich of Wallara.

At the meeting, information was provided in relation to the pros and cons of becoming one school or remaining as two schools. It was noted that there would be a loss of leadership entitlement resulting in a restructure of the leadership team (it is quite possible, with the school numbers slowly declining over the next few years to level out around 430 students, that this will happen in the future anyway). There would be a loss of 28 School Services Officer hours to come from administration time and not from classroom time. Our school would become aligned with entitlements of schools of similar size. The continuity of learning and teaching would be preserved. The possibilities of continuing to pursue Education Works and becoming a Birth to Year 7 site in the near future would be able to continue. Advertising for the future Principal(s) would be able to happen early in Term 3, 2008. If we choose not to join the two schools, there is a strong possibility that in 2009 there would be only a 1-year Principal position advertised or a Principal could be placed in the position for 2009. This is not something that we see as in the best interests of our school community.

The flavour of the questions raised centred on ensuring that staff, students and parents remained supported and that the uniqueness of what we offer here is preserved. There was interest in Education Works and the possibility of the Preschool coming on site at a later date. People aren’t necessarily happy about losing some leadership/School Services Officer time, but are resigned that this would happen but would be managed so as to minimise changes to current services, rather a focus on efficiency of service delivery. It was also recognised by many of the attendees that ‘change’ can be seen as progress and not something to stay away from.

A show of hands was taken at the meeting to help Governing Council to make a recommendation as to the direction our schools should take and the outcome of this was a clear majority (staff in attendance did not vote) in favour of becoming 1 R-7 school.
It was asked of the group to reflect on –

**Why Aberfoyle Hub School was chosen for their child’s education?**

The following was shared by attendees:

- Very welcoming, open community
- There’s a lot more to look forward to here for the students
- You can ask for help from anyone and it’s on offer
- Appreciate everything that is done for us here
- Impressed with the number of different ‘things’ on offer
- The number of computers in the school
- Pedal Prix, etc. offers more for the kids – provides opportunities to develop strong relationships and friendships/mates
- The facilities and programmes
- Staff prepared to stop and acknowledge parents
- The effort put in to welcoming parents
- Got the help here that we couldn’t get at the other school where my children were attending
- The extra Kindy visits here are of benefit
- It’s ALL about the kids here
- My husband felt comfortable here and didn’t at other schools we had looked at
- Staff are happy to be here and it shows and this spins off to the students (didn’t feel this at other schools visited)
- Close to where I live
- School was recommended by a previous Principal and a teacher that worked at Aberfoyle

We believe that the above clearly defines **OUR** school as a great school – this won’t be lost, but will continue to be enhanced further by the dedication of both the staff and community.

The process now is for our Governing Council to formally make a proposal in relation to Amalgamation/School Closure at their meeting tonight (Wednesday, May 21st). Following the meeting, a recommendation will be made via a polling letter that will be mailed out to all families asking for a yes/no vote. We strongly urge all votes to be returned as your vote counts. The outcome is made by the number of votes returned by the closing date, requiring 50% +1 to either carry or defeat the recommendation. Once voting has closed and votes are counted, the results need to be officially agreed to by our District Director and the Education Minister. When we have official approval to announce the outcome, the school community will be informed.

On behalf of Governing Council I thank you for your consideration of this very important matter concerning our school’s future.

Brigitte Maxwell
Governing Council Chair

**HUB GRUB NEWS**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Munchie Lunch Special in Week 6 (order forms out 21/5/08).

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager

**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 PARKING AREA.** 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. Parking Inspectors from the Local Council have and will continue to make spot checks and issue fines to drivers not observing parking signs. To avoid the disappointment and frustration of receiving a fine, follow the rules and keep ALL our students safe.

**NEW FENCE**

You will have seen a great deal of work happening at our school around our perimeter with preparation happening for our new fence. There will be some inconvenience while the fence is being erected, but we will aim to keep this to a minimum where possible. Once the fence is completed, there will be five entry/exit points that will be locked after hours and on weekends. The erection of the fence will significantly assist us in ensuring that we have a more secure school, both during school hours but especially after hours. There will be a range of issues that we will need to manage, such as when the gates will be open and closed, who will have keys to access the site after hours and for what purpose and the responsibilities that will go along with having keys. Our site’s Leadership, OHSW Committee and Governing Council will consider the needs of both the school and community when making decisions that involve access to our school.

**CHRISTIAN OPTIONS PROGRAM: TERM 2**

Year 6/7 students took part in a Christian Options Program run by local church representatives on Tuesday, May 20th that focussed on Social Justice. The Year 4/5s will participate in a 3-week program in Term 3 - dates yet to be determined. During Term 4, the Junior Primary students will be involved in a Christmas Program. If you do **not** wish your child to take part in these lessons, please communicate in writing with your child’s teacher.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
On Friday, May 9th our Uniform Shop had a very successful ‘Second Hand Sale’, raising $260! The money raised has been donated to the Fundraising Committee to go towards purchasing more Interactive White Boards for classes early in 2009. Diane and Robin would like to thank everyone who donated items. A huge thank you also to the many, many customers on the day. It is intended that future Second Hand Sales will be held throughout the year, so if you can help out with clothing donations please send these to the Uniform Shop.

ROOMS 8 & 10A MONARTO ZOO TRIP
We went to Monarto Zoo. Then we went on a bus. It was fun. Then we saw some animals.
The animals that I saw were the bison and the painted dogs. We went to the bus and we went home.
Remy

I saw a spotty cheetah in Monarto Zoo. It has spots on its tail and it has some sharp teeth. It can bite.
Tiger

OSHC NEWS
Our OSHC service is currently reviewing the Nutrition Policy in line with the DECS Right Bite Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy. Part of this process is consultation with families and children. We have information and a suggestion sheet on our noticeboard for anyone who has any ideas or comments on our Nutrition Policy. The children enjoy cooking activities and trying new foods from different cultures, so if you have any traditional, interesting and healthy recipes from your family background we would love to try them.

Over the last few months, several families have left the school creating vacancies in the OSHC service, in both Before and After School Care. If you’d like your child to attend OSHC on either a casual or regular basis, please see OSHC staff.

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT
Great interest has been shown in our recent go at setting the world record for most people jumping at the same time. At school Mr Polis and the SRC helped organise our students’ involvement, while the Flames were at ETSA Park joining in with some Port Power players and Rachael Sporn for that crucial 3 minutes. The word is that we should have set a new record, as the Heart Foundation Jump Rope Co-ordinator said that there were an estimated 10 000 people involved in SA alone, without counting the rest of Australia. The Guinness people are still taking care with verifications and I will let you know when the official notification comes through.

At present it’s great to see the follow-on in interest and activity around the classes with the skipping – it is an excellent heart exercise. According to Hub parent Mirella Wyra’s findings, research shows that bone density is improved significantly in children undertaking from as little as 10 jumps a day. Great reasons for including Jump Rope in our PE program. Do you realise that an adult heart pumps 10 000L of blood per day? That is a petrol tanker’s amount every 24 hours, so the heart has a remarkable workload to cope with in a lifetime.

By the way, all parents and family members are invited to join us in the courtyard next Monday, 26th May at 11:30am when the Hub Flames are jumping for the school and some community groups. The more there the merrier, so come along and cheer our team on while they stage their exciting jump display. (Word is that a number of teachers will be jumping too!)
PEDAL PRIX AND OUR VERY OWN HUBCAPS

CONGRATULATIONS to our Hub Caps teams – On Sunday, May 18th the first Pedal Prix Race was held at Victoria Park. It was fabulous to see so many enthusiastic students and parents out there enjoying the event. Scott and the team managers have it well organised and running smoothly. We came 1st in Category 1, 1st in the All Girls Category 1 and all other teams finished in the top 15!! Details, when finalised, will follow later.

SAPSASA SPORT NEWS

Softball
In Week 10, Samara V and Stacey S played for Southern Valley SAPSASA Softball Team. There were metro and country teams. We were in the metro, but we played one game each for Port Pirie. We played 8 games out of 10, 1 was a bye and the other was cancelled due to rain. Overall, we were successful in all but one game. We had a great time and overall, came 2nd.

Samara V & Stacey S

State Athletics
Thursday, May 8th was State District Athletics Day and five Hub students went to Santos Stadium to compete against other district teams, as part of the Southern Valley SAPSASA team. Hub representatives were Amy H, Anca M, Erin C, Kayla H, Samantha F and Torben S (all in Years 5, 6 or 7). Results: Amy 800m; Anca High Jump 7th, Relay 7th; Erin 200m 6th, Relay 3rd; Torben Discus 9th; Kayla 800m 8th; Samantha 800m 12th. We were very successful. It was a great day overall.

Anca M & Erin C

Cross Country
Jack and I went to the SAPSASA Cross Country event at Flagstaff Hill on Monday, May 12th. Here is the list of runners with mention of the places of those who did particularly well:

10yo Girls: Kayla H 1st, Claudia R 2nd, Rebecca L 4th
11yo Girls: Samantha F 1st, Chloe B 3rd
12yo Girls: Amy H 1st, Ashleigh P, Natasha H
13yo Girls: Kiara F

We all enjoyed running and, of course, winning but we do hope to do better and win more races at Cheltenham on May 30th. Wish us luck.

Jack Mc & Jack H

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL
Yr 3/4 Mixed: 6/5/08 Hub Hawks (38) def HV Hornets (4)
Great teamwork everyone!
Yr 3/4 Mixed: 13/5/08 Hub Hawks (32) def Scorpions (10)

FOOTBALL
Yr 6/7: 10/5/08 Hub (48 pts) def by Black Forest (82pts)
Goal Scorers: Kai O, 4
Best Players: Ashley L, Bradley H & Bradley L

SOCER
U9s: 17/5/08 Hub (1) tied with Belair (1)
Goal Scorers: Jordan P
Best Player: Jacinta T
1st match performance by all players. Well done!
U11s: 17/5/08 Hub (3) def Dover Gardens (0)
Goal Scorers: Brady C, Jordan S, Keegan J
Great team effort after just one training session.
Senior Girls: 17/5/08 Hub (2) def Glen Osmond (1)
Great start to the season. Go girls!