**Hub News**

**ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL**

We value

Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

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**REMOINDER: END OF TERM 1 THURSDAY 5TH APRIL; 2:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL**

**DIARY DATES**

**ADVANCED NOTICE**

4th MAY PUPIL FREE DAY
11th MAY SPORTS DAY
15th, 16th, 17th MAY NAPLAN TESTING
18th NAPLAN CATCH UP
25th MAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY

**APRIL**

2nd O.S.H.C. Meeting: 7pm in the staffroom
5th R-3 Lunchtime Disco: in the Hall – Gold coin Donation
24th District Athletics Day
24th Anzac Assembly 10:50am
25th PUBLIC HOLIDAY (ANZAC DAY)
27th Yr4-7 Assembly 10:50am

**MAY**

4th PUPIL FREE DAY
7th O.S.H.C. Meeting: 7pm in staffroom
7th Sports Committee Meeting 7pm
8th Finance Committee Meeting 6pm
9th Choir Assessment
10th Athletics Metro Championships
10th R-3 Assembly 12:10pm
11th SPORTS DAY
15th NAPLAN TESTING
16th NAPLAN TESTING
16th Governing Council Committee Meeting 7pm
17th NAPLAN TESTING
18th NAPLAN CATCH UP
18th R-7 Assembly in the Hall 10:50am

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

- Confidence: Haylie S, Tia T & Keira C
- Getting Along: Harley M
- Organisation: Edie D & Summer H
- Persistence: Daniel K, Harry S, Nikita S, & Ben J
- Resilience: Sakura D & Ryan C

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS TERM 1**

The following is just a sample of some of the highlights and achievements during Term 1. There is certainly always a great deal to acknowledge and celebrate here at Aberfoyle Hub School.

- The successful “First Weeks” programme focussing on the Sedako story and the paper cranes – a community activity
- Paper cranes – community activity
- Acquaintance Night and Open Night
- SRC Executive and SRC Reps election
- Less talk- more action - Mime
- Parent/caregiver, teacher, student interviews
- Student teachers
- Excursion to the Endeavour
- Team Teaching in rooms 17 and 19, 5 and 6
- Year 6/7 Aquatics programme at Victor Harbor
- SRC Executive and SRC Reps elections
- Enthusiastic SRC executive and team
- Harmony Day Celebrations
- R-3 disco
- What’s the Buzz program

A very special thank you to staff, students and families who continue to work as a team to ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved for everyone.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to our ongoing partnership in Term 2.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
2012 NATIONAL TESTS IN NUMERACY & LITERACY (NAPLAN)

All students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The national tests assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as has been done in the past.

The test formats and the type of questions will be familiar to students. National tests provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests.

Their children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

The 2012 NAPLAN Tests will be held early Term 2 on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May, with the only catch up day being Friday 18th May.

If you do not want your child to participate in the NAPLAN Testing then you need to complete the required exemption form that will be available from the Principal early Term 2 and the form needs to be completed and returned by 2nd May.

2012 GOVERNING COUNCILLORS

Following is a list and photo of our newly elected Governing Council members for 2012 to make the school community aware of who they are. Please feel free to approach any of them if you wish to discuss any school related matters.

Across the Top: Julie Gallaher, Kerry Fagg, Lydia Callaghan and Angela Thorburn

Left Side: David Clifton, Deb Mc Mahon, Glyn Roberts and Diana Luff

Top Row: Helen Roberts, Cindy Paton, Sarah Magnusson, Kerry Southby, Graham Catt, and Di Brinkworth

Front Row: Kendra Dunning, Judy Smith, Robin Van Der Wielen, Chris Hird, and Rebecca Gordon

Julie Gallaher
Principal

PARENT/CAREGIVER COMPLAINT POLICY

Parent/Caregiver guide to raising a concern or complaint

We all expect quality and expert care and teaching for your child in order that they achieve their potential. Working together will give us the best chance of solving a problem that may arise during your child’s years in preschool and school.

We also recognise that at times things may go wrong. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It’s important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child’s experience and learning, and also improve processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child’s teacher, and then the director or principal if you still are not happy.

You can find on our school website a copy of the school/preschool’s Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint brochure. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure.

Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

About complaints or concerns

This information may be helpful in explaining what a complaint is:

A complaint may be made by a parent/caregiver if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of services
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you’d like more information please contact either the Principal/Deputy Principal or visit the department’s website at www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint or email DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au.

There is also a Free call number 1800 677 435.

7/8 TRANSITION 2012

The 7/8 Transition to High School packs are being sent home tomorrow Thursday 5th April.

The forms must be returned by FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012

Charyn Vigants
Front Office
OSHC NEWS

Term 1 seems to have flown by and another Vacation Care is upon us. The children are looking forward to the fun at Challenge Hill and Semaphore foreshore, Dance and Basketball clinics, as well as cooking, sewing, painting acting and many more interesting activities.

Please make sure your accounts are paid before the holidays.

Vacation Care has a lot of overheads to cover and the Parent Fees are our only source of income. Booking forms are required for all children to confirm your OSHC booking for next term.

Please come and see us if you have any queries, comments or suggestions to maintain quality care for your children.

Kathy Strapps
Director

DI’S DIALOGUE

A few weeks ago I attended a social skills enrichment programme called “What’s the Buzz?” Parents can log on to the website and see for themselves what the programme offers. Basically it is a Sequenced (follows a logical break down of each skill); Active (uses role-play); Focused (dedicates time solely towards teaching a specific skill); Explicit (teaches a specific social/emotional skill each session).

Those classes who do “Circle Time” with me will be learning in this specific way. The programme is also designed to work in much smaller groups as well so as a parent if you think your child would benefit from this type of specific teaching please talk to your teacher or me. Hoping all of you have a safe and blessed Easter and holiday.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 29th March, 31 runners from the Hub School competed against several other schools at Woodend Primary School. Those born in 2002 ran 2 km while the older runners had to complete the 3km course. ALL runners did a fantastic job in hot conditions with the end of the race being particularly tortuous.

Special mention should be made of our three medal winners – Hannah D achieved gold in the girl’s 10yr old race, Emily J also achieved gold in the girl’s 12 yr old race and Matthew R earned bronze in the boys 11 yr old competition.

Sincere thanks to the many family members who transported the runners and those who came along to give support.

Special thanks to Trevor L who no longer has children at the Hub but still transported the marquee to and from the school.

Ann Fudge
SAPSASA

Matthew, Emily and Hannah

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Week 8 was when I did my softball SAPSASA. It was hard work getting up at 6 o’clock every morning to do training. Altogether we played 10 games; we won 7, lost 2 and drew 1.

I was mostly the catcher but I played first base too. When I was batting I got two home runs out of 10 games and my friend Montana got 3.

At the end of it all we had presentation. We came third but we did not get a medal only 1st and 2nd get medals. I had I great time playing for Southern Valley.

by Ocea C

SAPSASA SWIMMING

On Tuesday 27th March I went to the SAPSASA swimming carnival and I represented our district, Southern Valley. It was at the Marion Swimming Centre. I came 21st out of 24 people in backstroke and I got 53 seconds of a 50 metre pool.

In freestyle relay our group came 5th out of 8 groups. I enjoyed swimming for Southern Valley.

by Chloe L

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

26/3/12
Team: Hub Hawks 6/7
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks (Green) 30 def Hallett Cove 10
Scorers: Olivia D 10pts, H Jones 6pts, Zac S 4pts, & Amber O 10ts

All played well. Great game by our players tonight, our team has welcomed Amber for the remainder of the year.

27/3/2012
Yr 2/3
Team: Hub Hawks
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 28 Woodcroft 15
Scorers: Tyson D 14pts, Bailey O 10pts, Brooklyn M 2pts, & Sam J 2pts

2/4/12
Team: Hub Hawks
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks (green) 55 Hallett Cove 12
Scorers: Olivia D 2pts, Rebecca J 9ts, H Jones 16pts, Zac S 16pts, Amber O 11pts

Best Players: all played well

CONGRATULATIONS to our young Hawks Basketball team who competed in a carnival held at Noarlunga leisure centre on Saturday 31st March.

Our young Hawks played and won all 5 games, successfully winning the carnival for our age group of 6-9 year olds.
ABEOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL TOURS 2012
9.15am – 10.30am

Thursday 26th April
Tuesday 1st May
Friday 11th May
Monday 14th May
Wednesday 23rd May

Bookings are essential.
Please phone or email to reserve a place.

Come and meet our great students and teachers, be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

I look forward to meeting you at a tour.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

RSL ANZ YOUTH VIGIL IN THE SOUTH

The RSL ANZAC Youth Vigil is held every year at the Onkaparinga Memorial Gardens, at the corner of Main South Road and Flaxmill Road, Morphett Vale.

On Tuesday 24th April local Youth Organisations in collaboration with the RSL-Morphett Vale and Districts Sub Branch will participate in the 2012 Youth Vigil.

The Youth commemorative Ceremony begins at 8:15pm on Tuesday and is followed by a Hat Laying Ceremony, when representatives from each of the Vigil groups lay a hat at the Eternal Flame Monument, and schools and multicultural groups each lay a token of Remembrance.

Youth cadets aged 14-18 will then stand guard overnight at the Memorial, taking turns between 6pm on Tuesday 24th April and the Dawn Service on Wednesday 25 April.

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE

You are invited to attend the ANZAC Dawn Service at 6:00am on Wednesday 25th April at the Memorial Gardens and the Gunfire Breakfast (gold coin donation) cooked by the Rotary Club of Noarlunga and served at the RSL Hall, 8 Robertson Ave, Morphett Vale.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal