REMINDER: PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY 13th MARCH

DIARY DATES

MARCH
9th  1st Kindy transition visit 9:00-10:30am
    Parent/Caregiver transition meeting 9:00-10:30am
    Canteen Meeting 2:00pm
12th  ADELAIDE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
13th  PUPIL FREE DAY
    Finance Meeting 6:00pm
15th  R-3 Assembly 12:10pm (MPR)
16th  2nd Kindy transition visit 9:00-10:30am
    Yr4-7 Assembly (MPR) 10:50am
21st  Governing Council meeting 7:00pm
23rd  Harmony Day
    3rd Kindy transition visit 9:00-11:00am
    R/7 Assembly 10:50am
28th  Y6 Aquatics
29th  Woodend Cross Country
30th  Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation)
    4th Kindy transition visit 9:00-1:45pm

APRIL
5th  R-3 Lunchtime disco (gold coin donation)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

TEACHERS LEARNING AT THE HUB

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.--Chinese Proverb

Being in the business of teaching and learning, we are constantly evaluating our craft and working towards improving our practice to ensure that we provide the best possible service to our students and allow them the opportunities to achieve their best learning possible.

It is important to remember to model a learning attitude to our students so that they witness that learning is a life-long process. No-one ever fully arrives at the end of a learning journey – there is always a new adventure to embrace.

This year our staff learning program has been planned around the teaching and learning outcome for teachers to foster deep understanding and skillful action with our learners.

It has a deliberate focus on assessment and planning as we embark on implementing the new Australian Curriculum in Mathematics and Science.

Our pupil free days have been strategically focused to include sessions where we will have time to add to our repertoire of skills as we work through the curriculum with our students and report their learning progress to you.

We have guest speakers coming who will guide our learning process and provide us with up to date information.

Next Tuesday is our first Pupil Free Day for 2012. We have Rosslyn Shepherd representing the Primary Maths Association as our guest speaker.

She will be focusing on digging deeper into mathematical understanding. She will be using a planning focus with a strong emphasis on Assessment for Learning as we further investigate the Australian Curriculum Mathematics standards of achievement.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Getting Along  Edie D, Matthew T, Sarah B, Kerim M, Rehan P & Chris A
Persistence  Tysne S, Adomas N, Skye S, Jack F, Sankirth S & Room 5,
Resilience  Jared T
In addition, we are using the majority of our staff meeting time for further professional learning.

We have established Professional Learning Communities (teams) in which we are all investigating a question of interest centered on improving our teaching of reading in specific areas.

This follows our intensive focus on reading last year in which we had many guest speakers and training sessions to update our skills and learn about new resources.

The Professional Learning Communities approach allows us to continue our professional learning in an area of particular individual interest while corporately working towards our site goal to improve reading outcomes for our students.

As we participate in our learning, we will keep you informed of ways that you can support the learning journey of your children with us so that they might gather their learning treasures.

Wendy Lithgow  
Curriculum Endorsed  
Co-ordinator Julie Gallaher  
Principal

CAR PARKING

We are all very aware of the limited parking spaces available at both front and back entrances to the school. Please for the safety of your child/ren and courtesy to other vehicles, park in the allotted space provided at the front.

For those who choose to park in the back please be considerate, think carefully how to park which can allow others to also park in what is an already limited space.

Onkaparinga Council Golden rules for schools

A guide to help reduce parking congestion around schools

Rule 1: Walk (or cycle) with your children to and from school or park some distance away from the school and walk your children to and from the school gate. It's good for you and the environment.

SRC NEWS

Thank you to the families who have donated old mobile phones to our school as part of our fundraising efforts. We will be collecting them for the remainder of the year.

Upcoming Special events:
- R-3 lunchtime disco – last day of term, gold coin donation
- Casual Clothes day – Friday 30th March gold coin donation

Vicky Bashford  
SRC Co-ordinator

HUB GRUB NEWS

Thank you to the wonderful 21 volunteers for their support and assistance. We welcome Rosemary (Grandy to Reece and Amy) and farewell to Kirralee & Lachlan, thank you we shall all miss you.

St Patricks Day – 16th March
- Green Muffin Friday $1 each.

Please send your order form and money to the Canteen by March 9th.

Please Note: Due to health and safety reasons we will no longer heat up any food sent from home.

Over the counter items –
- Lunchbox cookies (Amber/Green) 20c
- Tortilla Chips (Green) 50c
- Non-packet Jelly (Green) 50c

Janet Matthews  
Canteen Manager

DI’S DIALOGUE

Time is marching on! Next week, week 7, we will be talking about anti-bullying as a whole school.

Of course this subject is handled often along with being friendly, listening skills and a whole range of other behaviour type activity. Week 8 we will be celebrating Harmony Day with its focus on belonging.

As you can see these topics will blend into each other and flow on into our larger focus on Community.

We are seeking more ways of connecting to our wider Community and I would encourage you as part of the school community to communicate ways in which you feel we can all ‘belong together in harmony’.

One of the thoughts that is being pursued is a ‘Community Garden’ – what better way to explore harmony than experiencing the environment living harmoniously?

If you can help with this project in any way please let us know.

Di Brinkworth  
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

MATERIAL & SERVICE CHARGES & EXCURSION LEVY PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS

Thank you to our families who have paid or part paid their child/children’s Material & Service Charge and excursion levy.

I would like to remind our families who have taken the option of paying their accounts by instalments that the first payment is due tomorrow, Friday, 9th March. This amount of $120.00 per child includes the excursion levy of $40.00 and $80 for the Material and Service charge.

Other payment dates for this year are-:
- Friday 4th May - $90, Friday 29th June - $90.

We are happy to take cash, cheque or credit card over the counter at school or your credit card details over the phone. We also provide for your convenience a payment service on our website.

If you would like to use this on-line service (Bizgate) please go to our website www.ahs.sa.edu.au click on “pay your invoice now” and then follow the directions given.

Thank you
Heather Brown  
School Finance Officer

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This is a very special year for reading and the Premier’s Reading Challenge, as 2012 has been designated the National Year of Reading. The NYoR is a national campaign to promote reading undertaken by the Australian state and public library sectors, to take place throughout 2012.

Further information is available at www.love2read.org.au.

It would be great if you could support your son/daughter in completing their Reading Challenge to read 12 books before September.
This will be so that they can receive their Challenge award or medal, especially in the National Year of Reading. There are many NYoR activities for you to be involved in, with some outlined below. Also, for more ideas on reading, go to www.love2read.org.au

World Book Day – 1st March. Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, it is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. It is a partnership of publishers, booksellers and interested parties who work together to promote books and reading for the personal enrichment and enjoyment of all.

International Children's Book Day – 2nd April. Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday ICBD is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

Children's Book Week – 18th - 24th August. Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme for 2012 is “Champions Read”.

The Reading Hour – 25th August, nominally from 6 – 7 pm. You could also have a reading hour during the week, share a book with your child, and so forth.

Simultaneous Story – 23rd May 11am, National Simultaneous Storytime

We are hoping that reading features in Australia in many ways this year and that the Premier's Reading Challenge is completed by all of our students.

Yours Sincerely,

Sophia Kerkvliet
On behalf of Staff at the Hub and the PRC Team

RESPONSE FROM NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Thank you to the 11 parents/caregivers that responded to our recent newsletter survey. and also some areas which we will take into consideration. Some of the comments made were:

- The majority of the information given was found to be very useful
- The children like to see their name in print
- Outstanding student performances from individual classes could be highlighted
- Perhaps print in colour
- Include Summary of Governing Council meeting discussions and decisions

Look out for the flyer seeking email addresses to receive the newsletter on line via the school website: www.ahs.sa.edu.au

SAPSAZA CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country training begins on Tuesday 6th of March at 7:30a.m. It will be on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings at this time and will continue till state day in mid Term 2.

It is open to students born in 2002 and older who like to run 2 or 3km. Please see Ms. Fudge for further details.

Ann Fudge
Teacher

YEAR 7 AQUATICS

On the 28th of February the year 7s had Aquatics at Victor Harbor. The four activities that we had were: kayaking, snorkelling, wind surfing and sailing.

When we arrived in the morning we got put into our groups. There were 2 girls groups and 2 boys groups. Then the instructors showed us where we had to get our gear for our activities.

During the first half of the day it was very cloudy and grey but later the sun finally came out and it got pretty warm.

Most of the day there was wind. It was good for the wind surfing and the sailing.

Over all it was a good day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Kiara and Alicia

Room 6 Students

BULLYING & HARASSMENT AT SCHOOL

Addressing bullying and harassment in schools requires a whole school approach to prevention as well as effective interventions following an incident.

We do this by annually reviewing our ‘Keeping Everyone Safe at the Hub’ policy, conducting Bully Audits twice a year, students completing a ‘Bully Report’ and practising ‘Restorative Practice’.

Every family will receive an updated copy of the revised brochure Bullying and harassment at school: Advice for parents and caregivers with this newsletter. Please contact the school if you have not received your copy.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

OSHC NEWS

Wow! Half the Term has gone already and we are planning for April Vacation Care! Bookings will be open from Week 7, Wednesday March 14th.

Bookings will only be accepted from families whose accounts are up to date. Please ensure that you book your children in early to avoid disappointment and to assist us with booking excursions and rostering staff appropriately.

PUPIL FREE DAY, March 19th, OSHC will only be available if 15 children are booked in. Contact the OSHC staff if care is needed on that day.

The children in OSHC have been enjoying the activities we plan everyday as well as being able to do their own games.

SAPSAZA SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Ocea C. from Room 2 who has been selected to be a part of the Southern Valley Softball Team. The team will participate in the state carnival in Week 8.

Good luck to both Ocea and the team!

Ann Fudge
Teacher
OSH C is all about meeting children’s developmental and recreational needs, so we do our best each day to talk to the children and assist them with their activities. If you have any suggestions for activities, craft, games or cooking that your child would love to do in OSHC, please contact the OSHC staff.

Kathy Strapps
O.S.H.C. Director

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

13.2.12
Yr. 6/7
Hub Hawks (Green Machine)
Name of Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks Green 28 Hub Hawks Blue 18
Best Players: both teams played well.
Our first game of basketball tonight for all our 6/7 teams, our game was played in good spirit and with good team work from both teams.

27.2.12
Yr 6/7
Hub Hawks (Green)
Name of Coach Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 26 Coorarra 22
Best Players: a very good team effort.
We had 3 players who couldn’t play for different reasons, thanks to Bradley P (Hub Purple) & Tyson D (years 2/3) for helping us out and contributing to a great team effort. Well done to all.

14.2.12
Yr 2/3
Hub Hawks
Name of Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 25 Woodcroft 10
Goal/Run Scorers: Tyson D 8pts, Brooklyn M 6pts, Bailey O 8pts, Aiden M 2pts, & Stephanie M 1pts
Best Players: All played well.

21.2.12
Name of Team: Hub Hawks
Name of Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 40 Woodcroft (2) 6
Scorers: Tyson D 10pts, Brooklyn M 10pts, Bailey O 8pts, Stephanie M 6pts, & Sam J 6pts
Best Players: All played well.
Good to see the continual improvement shown by our 1st year youngsters, and the great team spirit showed by our 2nd year players.

CRICKET – Round 1
18.2.12
Hub Hornets
Name of Coach: Terry Jenke
Results: Hub 0 -93 Calvary 2-55
Scorers: Matthew H 14 & Jackson P 8
Bowlers: Jake H 2 for 3
Player of the match Jake H
Comment: Excellent results for 1st game of the year

CRICKET – Round 3
3.3.12
Hub Hornets
Name of Coach: Terry Jenke
Results: Hub 6-115 Woodcroft 4-96
Scorers: Bradley J 23 retired, Matthew H 23 n/o, Tyler D 9 n/o
Bowlers: Kobe T 1-6, Matthew H 1- 7, Jake H 1-8 & Chris A 1- 8
Players of the match: Bradley J
Great run chase after loosing 4 quick wickets.

ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday: 21st March 2012
Tours will leave from the marquee every 10 minutes between 6.00pm & 7.30pm
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 Open Night.

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2013 HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL ENTRY ROWING PROGRAMME 2013
Unley High School has introduced a specialist rowing programme with our first Year 8 class beginning in 2012. Interested parents of students in Year 7 in 2012, both from outside the Unley High School zone, and within the zone, are encouraged to apply for selection in this programme for 2013. Details of the selection procedures and an overview of the course are available now.
Rowing Come and Try sessions will be held on March 18th and 25th 2012, for interested students. Please email Helen Jones to register for the Come and Try session sat helen.jones@uhs.sa.edu.au or ring UHS on 8272 1455.
Details of the time of the sessions, directions to the UHS boathed and what to wear and bring will be sent by return email.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal