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

DIARY DATES

MARCH
23rd  HARMONY DAY (add something orange to your uniform)
   3rd Kindy Transition Visit: 9am -11am
   27th  Common Night Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
   28th  Yr 6 Aquatics
   29th  Woodend Cross Country
   30th  Casual Day – Gold coin donation
        4th Kindy Transition Visit: 9am – 1:45pm

APRIL
2nd    O.S.H.C. Meeting: 7pm in staffroom
5th    R-3 Lunchtime Disco: Hall – Gold coin donation
       LAST DAY OF TERM: 2:30pm DISMISSAL GOOD FRIDAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

THINKING MATHEMATICALLY

The ability to think mathematically is an essential skill for success in everyday life. In our lives being able to understand mathematics enables us to:

- solve problems and make sound decisions
- explain how we solved a problem and why we made a particular decision
- use technology (for example, calculators and computers) to help answer problems
- understand patterns and trends in the world around us
- make predictions
- manage time and money
- and handle everyday situations that involve numbers

HOW WILL MY CHILD LEARN MATHEMATICS?

Children learn mathematics best through activities that encourage them to: investigate; think about what they are investigating; gather information, organise it, and act on it; use information from a variety of sources to work out problems and explain how they reached their solutions.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS

Getting Along Brianna D, Kane L, Allie G, Jayse B, Kieran F, Kymmie C, Loci S & Emma A
Resilience Bien M
Children learn more easily when they can connect mathematics concepts and procedures with their own experience. By using common household objects (such as measuring cups, bathroom scales, a deck of cards) and observing everyday events (such as weather trends over the course of a week), they can understand the ideas that are being taught. An important part of learning mathematics is learning how to understand and unpack problems. Children are encouraged to use trial and error and a variety of other strategies to develop their reasoning and to learn how to go about problem solving. They learn that there are many ways to solve problems and there is often more than one solution to any given problem. They also learn to communicate clearly as they explain their solutions. At school, children learn the concepts and skills identified for each year level in the Australian Curriculum in the areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

WHAT TIPS CAN I USE TO HELP MY CHILD?

Be positive about mathematics – talk about the ways you use maths everyday as part of your working and home life, encourage your child to be persistent, praise your child when they make an effort and share in the excitement when they experience success. Make mathematics part of your child’s day – point out that mathematics is all around us and show them the household objects that you use e.g. measuring jugs, timers, timetables. Encourage your child to give explanations – share your thought processes and encourage them to do the same when solving mathematical problems and treat errors/mistakes as an opportunity to develop new skills and ideas. Overall have fun with maths and remember that understanding and knowing how to do mathematics makes our day to day lives easier.

Vicky Bashford
Maths/Science Cluster Teacher Facilitator

DI’S DIALOGUE

Although we may have come from different cultures we remember that we are all Australians. With this in mind, tomorrow Friday 23rd March, we celebrate Harmony Day with an R-7 assembly. The students must wear their uniform but can add to it by wearing something Orange or something Australian. All families are welcome to join us.

This is the day that we focus on the fact that we all belong.

DI Brinkworth
Pastoral Care Worker

MANAGING BULLYING AT THE HUB

It is important for our school community to continuously look at ways to monitor and improve procedures to reduce harassment and bullying incidents. Research shows that bullying can have a significant impact on learning and relationships if not dealt with effectively. To further strengthen our work in ensuring that our school is a safe, happy and harassment-free environment for students, staff and families, we will again be conducting a Bullying Audit R - 7 next week and again in Term 3.

What is a Bullying Audit?
The audit involves students completing a series of questions asking them if they have been bullied recently, including what and where it happened, with support of their class teachers.

What happens with this information?
Class teachers collate the information that the students provide on a tally sheet. Conversations will be had with any students that are identified through this process. Discussions will centre on what needs to improve/change to support positive behaviour. Sometimes students can be involved in bullying without realising that their actions are affecting others. The data that is collected will be used to inform and improve our practice to keep The Hub a safe place for everyone.

Will families be notified?
Families will be contacted to inform them if their child has been identified through the process and a meeting arranged where applicable.

For more information – Please read the letter that will go home tomorrow to all families explaining the Bully Audit process.

For further information please contact your child’s teacher, Julie Gallaher or Sarah Magnusson.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

We would like to remind you that the closing date for The International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) is Thursday 5th April 2012.

We will not be able to take payment for any of the five competitions on offer after that date.

If your child/children are interested in taking part in any of the competitions please complete the tear off slip on the bottom of the flyer sent out to you earlier this term.

Heather Brown
Finance Officer

EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

If you are planning a holiday outside of the Term times please come to the front office and you will be given a family travel exemption form.
MATERIAL AND SERVICE CHARGES AND EXCURSION LEVY - REMINDER

Thank you to families who have paid this year’s Material and Service Charges and excursion levy or have paid the first instalment of these fees. However, there are some families who have yet to pay their instalment commitment and we ask that this is paid as soon as possible.

The first instalment of $120.00 consists of the excursion levy $40.00 and M&SC $80.00 per child. We also remind our families who have not signed the instalment agreement or who are waiting for School Card approval, that full payment of the Material and Services Charges and the excursion levy are now due. Statements will be issued to outstanding invoices shortly for payment by the end of this term. We would appreciate your consideration of this payment as soon as possible.

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 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
Finance Officer

COLES VOUCHERS

Our Sports for schools items have now arrived.

Thank you to all the families and friends who collected these for us last year. Students will enjoy using them during PE lessons.

Vicky Bashford
Teacher

SAPSASA NEWS

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Chloe L. from Room 17 who has made the Southern Valley Swimming Team. Chloe will compete in backstroke, butterfly and relay events on Tuesday 27th March. Good luck to Chloe and the team!

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Selection Trials for Year 6/7 boys interested in being a part of the Southern Valley Football Team commenced on Wednesday 21st March at Hallett Cove R-12. There will be another trial on Wed 28th March. See Ms. Fudge if you’d like a form providing further details.

Ann Fudge
SAPSASA

REMINDER

Please be aware that Department for Education and Child Development policy does not allow dogs or smoking on their sites at any time.

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 Unit 1 corridor. To avoid loss of clothing and items it is important to have your child’s name on all of their possessions that come to school.

SPORTS DAY ADVANCED NOTICE

Please note that our school Sports Day is scheduled for next term, Friday 11th May. Please put this date in your diary as we would love to celebrate it with you and your family.

SPORTS RESULTS

BASKETBALL

5/3/2012
Team: Hub Hawks 6/7 (Green)
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 21 def Happy Valley 8
Scorers: Haeleah J 8pts, Olivia D 2pts, Zac S 8pts, & Bradley H 3pts
Best Players: All played well. Very Good team effort, we are starting to show some good signs of playing together as a team. I look forward to continued improvement as we all get used to one another.

6/03/2012
Team: Hub Hawks 2/3
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 44 Hub def Campus 4
Scorers: Tyson D 10pts, Bailey O 10pts, Brooklyn M 10pts, Stephani M 10pts, & Sam J 4pts
Best Players: Very good team effort, with all our young Hawks playing their part.

20/3/2012
Team: Hub Hawks
Coach: Mark Donovan
Results: Hub Hawks 36 Def Coorarra 0
Scorers: Tyson D 14pts, Bailey O 10pts, Brooklyn M 2pts, Stephani M 2pts, & Sam J 8pts
All played well.
CRICKET
10/3/2012 – Round 4
Team: Hob Hornets
Coach: Terry Jenke
Results: Hub 1-130 def Calvary 9-63
Scorers: Kobe T 28 retired, Matthew H 15 N/O Bradley H 13 N/O, & Jackson P 1-2
Bowlers: Jake H -1, Tyler D 1-2, & Jackson P 1-2
Great all round performance, in batting, bowling, & fielding all excellent.
Player of the Match: Jake H

17/3/2012 - Round 5
Team: Hob Hornets
Coach: Terry Jenke
Results: Hub Hornets 4-132 defeated Moana 6-458
Scorers: Matthew H 28 retired Bradley J 27, & Tyler D 13
Bowlers: Jackson P 1-5, Tyler D 1-5, & Jake H 1-14
Another excellent team performance, in batting, bowling & fielding.
Player of the Match: Tyler D

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT / PRINCIPAL TOUR TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Blackwood High School Open Night
Wed. 28th March
4:00pm - 8:00pm
Principals Tours
Tues. 3rd April, Mon. 30th
Tues. 1st May, Wed. 2nd May
9:00am – 10:30am

Urrbrae Agricultural High School Open Night
Information sessions
Tues. 3rd April
2.00pm & 6.00pm
Farm Tours
1.00pm, 4.00pm & 5.00pm

Brighton Secondary School Tours
Wed. 9th May
9:30am-10:30am, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, 5:30pm - 6:45pm
Principals Address
7:00pm - 7:30pm

Mitcham Girls High School
Mon. 7th May
9:00am 11:00am, 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Pasadena High School & Pasadena Unit
Tues. 8th May
11:30am - 1:00pm

Reynella East College
Sun. 6 May
1:30pm - 4:30pm

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 spaces provided.

GOLDEN RULES FOR SCHOOLS

RULE 3 Be a positive voice and a good role model for your children-promote road safety around the school.

OSHC NEWS

Children have been enjoying a variety of games and activities each day, and on Pupil Free Day they had a lot of fun participating in the wheelchair sports.
Please be aware that sun smart hats must be worn in OSHC and Vacation Care.
We are now taking bookings for Vacation Care and have a lot of exciting excursions and activities planned.
Please book into Vacation Care before 30/3/12 to assist us with excursion bookings and staff rosters and to avoid the $10 late booking fee.
All outstanding fees need to be paid before any further bookings are accepted.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

ABERFOYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
1 Jessica Street
ABERFOYLE PARK, S.A. 5159

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS ART WORKSHOP

A creative workshop to introduce children to mixed media artworks.
Each participant will use a combination of pencil, paint & collage to create their own artwork to take home.
All art materials provided.

To enrol call :82705377
Dates : 10 April & 3 July
Time : 11.30am – 1.30pm
Ages 8 – 14
Cost : $10.00
Children may like to bring a smock/old t-shirt, as art can be messy.
Bring a drink and snack.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal