TERM 1 - WEEK 2

SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13th 2013 AGM/OPEN NIGHT/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

ADVANCED NOTICE

Pupil Free Days 2013:
Tuesday 12th March
Monday 20th May
Tuesday 11th June
Tuesday 10th September

Closed Day 2013:
Monday 9th September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to staff, students and families. The Hub is a great place to be because of our professional and dedicated staff, our exceptional students and our very supportive families.

During 2013 I am sure we will have many memorable times together as a Community; the upcoming Open Night/ Acquaintance Evening on the 13/2/13 followed by the Governing Council Annual General Meeting, many in/ excursions, Camps, Pedal Prix, Choir, SAPSASA, Instrumental Music, Out of Hours Sports, SRC activities, fundraising events, and much, much more!

We have started the year with 12 mainstream classes and 2 Special Classes.

We welcome the following teaching staff and Ancillary Staff who have joined The Hub for 2013:

- Jarrod Cowie class teacher for Room 5
- Annette Reid class teacher for Room 22
- Rilla McEvoy tandem teacher Room 17 on Wednesday
- Jane Summers Curriculum and Admin Support
- Marlene Scholz student support
- Jess Underwood student support

Both Sarah and I look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen the partnerships between home and school throughout 2013.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

STUDENTS STARTING AT THE HUB IN 2013

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. We hope that you enjoy your time at the Hub.

OPEN NIGHT/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Please look out for the special flyer that will come home this week.

Our Open Night/Acquaintance Night is next Wednesday, 13th February.

There will be a sausage sizzle available and the canteen will also be open providing coffee/tea/cake.

Come along, meet the staff, chat to your child’s teacher, have a tour of the school with your child and enjoy tea with the family at the same time.

5:30 - 6:30pm BBQ/Coffee/Tea/Cake available
5:45 - 6:00pm Opening in quad
6:00 - 7:00pm Visit Learning Areas
7:30 - 8:30pm Annual General Meeting (Staff Room)

N.B. Official Tours 6:00pm + 6:30pm (prior booking essential)

Julie Gallaher
Principal

STUDENT BELONGINGS

Please ensure that all belongings (especially clothing) are clearly labelled with your child’s name, including surname.

Each year we send to charity large volumes of unclaimed, unlabelled clothing.

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.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS 2013

Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School offers a range of options for children wishing to learn a musical instrument during school time.

Private tuition is available in keyboard, guitar, percussion, woodwind and brass.

Contact details for any queries:

- **Keyboard – Sam Liguoro** – 0409 692 944
- **Guitar – Alison Hansen** – 0419 825 517
- **Percussion, Brass & Woodwind – Anthony Hansford** – 0416 199 047

Instrumental Music Service teachers provide String and Concert Band tuition, at no cost. Expressions of interest have already been received, but there may still be places available – for forms please go to the Front Office.

All continuing students will have made arrangements directly with their tutor.

Robin Cross
Music Teacher

PARKING / DROP-OFF ZONES

The safety of our students is always of paramount concern.

Thank you to Parents/Caregivers who are using parking zones correctly before/after school - by pulling up, dropping off and leaving immediately. This avoids any congestion/safety issues.

In a “Kiss and drop” zone:
- The zone is for the drop off or collection of passengers only.
- Vehicles must not be in these areas for more than 2 minutes.
- Drivers must not leave a vehicle unattended in these zones.

If your child is not waiting when you arrive to collect them, drive off and leave the zone free for Parents/Caregivers whose child is waiting.

Everyone’s patience is appreciated during these peak times when space is hard to find. We ask that Parents/Caregivers park within the lines and, in the afternoons, refrain from using the drop-off zone as a park/stop for an extended time.

Remember too, that double parking/angle parking is illegal and unsafe and that local residents need to be able to have safe and unrestricted access to their properties.

For safety reasons, Parents/Caregivers should not use staff car parks.

For their safety students need to use the paths and small access gates and not walk through the car parks.

Everyone is asked to park safely and not obstruct the student’s path.

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Please remember that our Disability Car Parks located in the school grounds means there is to be NO pedestrian ACCESS in this area, as cars need to have clear space to reverse out. Parking in the Disability Parks is by permit holders only.

From time to time our local Council does send out Parking Inspectors and parking inappropriately can be a costly mistake.

MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGE 2013

The poll conducted in Term 4, 2012 seeking support from our families to enable us to legally collect the full amount of the Materials and Services Charge for 2013 was successful. Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School has sought and received approval from the Deputy Chief Executive Resources to collect the whole amount of the charge for 2013.

The costs for 2013 are unchanged from last year being Material and Services $260 per child and Excursion Levy $40 per child. Tax Invoices will be posted to your home within the next week.

School card application forms for 2013 will be sent home with your Material & Services Charge and Excursion Levy Tax Invoices. If you believe that you are entitled to School Card assistance for 2013 and your income is below that stated on the application form, please complete the form and return to the Finance Officer as soon as possible.

If you believe that you are entitled to School Card assistance but your income is above that listed on the form, please collect the appropriate form from school as soon as possible.

It is important to note that School Card application forms must be lodged for each school year and at each school students attend. For example if you have a student in Primary School and a student in High School, an application must be lodged at each school.

Also included in the invoice package will be an application for payment by instalments.

This must be returned before the due date for payment if you wish to avail yourself of this option.

If you have any questions in relation to any of the above information please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Heather Brown
School Admin Officer

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during school time, send the labelled medication to school and we will supervise your child taking the medication.

Medication will not be given without a consent form (available from Front Office) being completed and returned with the medication in its original, chemist-labelled container including the child’s name and the dosage required.

Front Office Staff will ensure the medication is stored safely. Medication MUST NOT be kept in classrooms or school bags.

It may also be necessary for a Care Plan to be completed by the child’s doctor.
UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop Hours for Term 1 are:
Monday 9:00am – 9:45am
Wednesday 3:00pm – 3:45pm

The Uniform Shop is located in Unit 1 and is run by wonderful parent/caregiver volunteers.

HAT REMINDER

A reminder that the wearing of hats is compulsory during Term 1.

SCHOOL HOURS

Parents/Caregivers are requested to wait outside buildings when picking up their children at 3:20pm. This eases congestion and encourages children to collect their belongings and pack their own bags, thus becoming more independent.

Staff are on duty at front and back gates and in the courtyard from 8:30am each morning. Children on the school premises before 8:50am must be accompanied by an adult.

School starts at 8:50am. Similarly, children should not remain at school beyond 3:20pm, unless for the purpose of supervised sports practice.

Any child remaining at school at 4:00pm will be taken to Out of School Hours Care and families charged accordingly. Emergency care in our Out of School Hours Care Service is available upon request.

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

Registration forms for all sports (Basketball, Cricket, Football, Soccer, Netball and Pedal Prix) were due in last Friday, 3rd February.

Players will be notified soon with the details of the summer sports.

Basketball games will begin in Week 3. Information will be sent home by parents, code of conduct, practise, games location and times.

Any further queries please ring the school or the Basketball Coordinator: Neil Purvis - mob: 0407183184

CRICKET

Milo in 2CRICKET: socialising and learning basics, Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00am 9th February to 23rd March, Reynella Cricket Club, Old Reynella.

Programme costs $75 for newcomers, and covers Terms 1 and 4, Participation pack, all equipment and coaching.

Register and details online at: www.Miloin2CRICKET.com.au

Payment, manual and registration on 9th February at the ground.

Kanga Cricket: this Saturday 9th February
8:30 – 10:00am run by Parents/Caregivers at Reynella Cricket Club, Old Reynella for any interested Yr 2’s & Yr 3’s.

Any further queries please ring the school or Voluntary JP Cricket Coordinator: Trish Pinder
pinders@internode.on.net or mob: 0411 116300.

Yr. 6/7 Cricket training: commences this Thursday 7th February 3.30 – 4.30pm at the school cricket nets.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

The Coles Sports for Schools equipment has arrived.

A massive ‘thank you’ to the entire school community for collecting the Coles vouchers last year.

It was a great effort and certainly worthwhile, as you can see by the fantastic array of new sports equipment that we have received. I am sure that the students at our school will enjoy using it!

We received:
- 1 Bucket of High Bounce Balls
- 20 Scooter Hockey Sticks
- 2 Street Hockey Pucks
- 1 egg and spoon set
- 4 resistance running parachute
- 15 size 5 basketballs
- 15 size 6 basketballs
- 16 Airflow Softball S
- 4 Foam Barrel Bats
- 30 Spyda Balls
- 2 Rounders Bats
- 6 Foam Javelins
- 6 Gym Mats

Scott Trenorden
PE Teacher

PEDAL PRIX

On Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7:30pm there will be a meeting at the school, in the staffroom for all interested Parents/Caregivers and students.

You may be wondering what Pedal Prix is, well, read on:

Pedal Prix bikes are a recumbent (lie down) bike. Pedal Prix is a great way for the students to get fit and be involved in a truly unique team event. Our school has a long and proud tradition in the sport of Pedal Prix, and our commitment, professionalism and successes have gained the team respect and admiration amongst the entire Pedal Prix community.

Over the past 15 years our Pedal Prix teams have had amazing results and won numerous awards across Australia. In 2012, the Flying Hubcaps, one of our primary bikes, came second in the series in Category 1.

This year again, our teams will be involved in 3 races during the year with the first one being a 6-hour race on the 2nd of June, followed by another race on the 28th of July, both at Victoria Park and then the 24-hour event at Murray Bridge on the 21st and 22nd of September.
Pedal Prix is not all about being the fastest; it’s also about being consistent & getting the most laps.

All Pedal Prix families, whether it is your first year or your 10th, are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting, where the Pedal Prix year will be explained. There will also be time for questions, and opportunities for interested Parents/Caregivers to sign up for the many different roles and responsibilities that are absolutely vital for the team to continue its success into the future.

Kerry Southby
Pedal Prix Convenor

GIFTED AND TALENTED (IGNITE) PROGRAM AT ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
Parents of Year 7 students are you interested in the IGNITE program?

Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers an Ignite program for Gifted and Talented students. This program provides interaction with likeminded students in a safe, nurturing environment where they can achieve their personal best.

How do I know if my child is gifted?
Gifted children possess an outstanding degree of a demonstrated ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

- General intelligence
- Specific academic areas
- Visual and performing arts
- Psychomotor ability
- Leadership
- Creative thinking
- Interpersonal and intrapersonal skills

Current Year 6 students are encouraged to apply for entry to the 2014 program.

Selection is based on performance in the ACER assessment, which will be held on Saturday 23rd February 2013 at Aberfoyle Park High School.

Applications forms can be downloaded from www.aphs.sa.edu.au and are also available from Aberfoyle Park High School on 8270 4455.

OSHC NEWS

Welcome back to school and OSHC everyone!

We had a very busy Vacation Care over December and January, with 2 excursions a week and lots of different activities. The Gym Jamming and Swimming were the highlights for the children as well as our lovely day out at Cleland Wildlife Park.

The costs of running Vacation Care are very high and currently we have a lot of outstanding fees due from families. Please endeavour to pay any fees ASAP to assist us to manage our expenses and accounts.

The start of the year is a time when we get to know the children all over again as well as getting to know the new children. We will be doing an About Me theme over a few weeks to find out about the children’s needs and interests so that we can then program activities that they will enjoy and learn from. Please let us know if you have any interesting ideas that we could use in OSHC.

Kathy Strapps
OSHc Director

NEWSLETTERS

Families will receive a class newsletter a minimum of once a term.

Our school newsletter is produced fortnightly on even weeks, on Thursdays.

In 2013 the emailing of the school newsletter will take a new format. We are now emailing our newsletters through www.safenewsletters.com.au. Email addresses of Parents/Caregivers previously receiving the newsletter by email have been added already.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please go to our school website www.ahs.sa.ed.au and click on the Inform tab and Newsletters. Just complete the “Subscribe to our Newsletter” box and you will be added to our emailing list. You will be sent an email with the link to the current newsletter each fortnight.

If you would like to change your address or no longer wish to receive the Newsletter please contact the school or unsubscribe on the Safe Newsletter website.

We realise that not all families have access to e-mail so we are happy to continue to send some school newsletters home with a student as a hard copy.

Please fill out the tear-off slip below and return it to the Front Office if you do not have access to email and would like a HARD COPY of the school newsletter sent home via the eldest child in the family.

Attention Front Office Staff
☐ I would like to have a hard copy sent home via my eldest child.

Parent/Caregiver name:................................................
Student’s name:..........................................................
Room Number:.................................
SIGNATURE:...........................................................

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

11th  Ride-a-Bike Right – Yrs 2, 3, 4
12th  Finance Committee Meeting 6pm
13th  2013 AGM / Acquaintance Night and Open Night
15th  Yr 4/7 Assembly 10:50am
18th  Ride-a-Bike Right – Yrs 2, 3, 4
20th  Governing Council Meeting 7pm
22nd  R/7 Assembly 10:50am
25th  Ride-a-Bike Right – Yrs 2, 3, 4
26th  6/7 Aquatics Victor Harbor – Year 6
28th  6/7 Aquatics Victor Harbor – Year 7

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