THE HUB NEWS 2014

Relationships and Responsibility and Respect

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CLOSED DAY 2014:

| Term 3 | Monday, 8th September |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Annual Report: Highlights & Major Achievements 2013

- Ongoing quality teaching and learning programs in all classrooms, including the specialist learning areas of Spanish, Music and Physical Education.
- Outcomes achieved in each of our Strategic Directions – Providing Professional Development for staff in Australian Curriculum Mathematics, continuing to focus on improving Reading Comprehension across R-7 and teaching using the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics, English, Science and History. Four successful staff training and development days focusing on improving teaching and learning programmes using the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework and the Australian Curriculum, 2 days Natural Mathematics with Ann Baker with our Cluster Primary Schools and Quality Assessment Tasks.
- Ongoing verifiable improvements in both class and yard behaviour from our students.
- Student Wellbeing - celebrations such as Harmony Day, 40 Hour Famine, Mentor Programme involving 12 Mentors, Community Soup Day provided in collaboration with the Christian Pastoral Support Worker.
- R-7 SRC’s successful 2013 profit of $2,900 after supporting our sponsored child in Peru, other charities and maintaining their ongoing self-sufficiency. Market Day was definitely the highlight. SRC have combined their 2012 and 2013 profit totalling just over $8,000 to buy new basketball poles and backboards early in 2014.
- Pedal Prix Teams 2013 HPV Super Series having another successful year.
- Senior Choir performing at the Festival of Music with 2 students performing solos. One soloist was asked to sing with the Southern Troupe and another played the cello in the Southern Orchestra.
- Music Celebration at Assemblies – songs from our Choirs and Instrumental Music students’ performances at the Term 4 Recital Evening.
- Maintenance Funding for Schools 2013/2014 – We received $23,616 for 2013 and $23,616 for 2014. Both grants were expended during 2013 on internal painting of Units 1/2/3/4 internal classroom walls and hallways, painting of the Resource Centre and Multi-Purpose Room, carpet for the Resource Centre and new vinyl for the hallways of Units 1/2/3/4/8.
- Over $5,800 was raised by the Fundraising Committee which will be donated to the school in 2014 for the staff and students to decide how to use. The Walk-a-thon was definitely the most popular event.
- Successful transition for 2013 Reception students starting school for the first time and our Year 7’s who are off to High School in 2014.
- Involvements by many of our students in SAPSASA District/State Teams with some of our students being successful in representing our state in the National Competitions. One of the achievements was coming 1st in the SAPSASA District Athletics Day.
- Sustainability focus across R-7: recycling, conservation of energy, further development of our Magic Square Gardens and establishment of a Bush Tucker Garden.
- Senators Penny Wright (Australian Greens) and Bill Shorten (when he was Federal Education Minister) visited our school.
- Many Year 3-7 students participate in the ICAS Competitions, with a number of students achieving Distinctions in a range of competitions. One male student received a High Distinction in Writing and a female student a High Distinction in Spelling.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
OPEN NIGHT/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT/AGM

Thank you to all the families who attended the Open Night and Acquaintance Night on 12th February. This is a great time for friends, families and relatives to come and be a part of our HUB community.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to the Governing Council Members for organising and running the sausage sizzle. Thank you also to Janet, Trish and the canteen helpers for opening the canteen.

Thank you to staff, students and families who joined in to make the evening enjoyable and successful.

SCHOOL VALUES/PROGRAMME ACHIEVE REVIEW

We are currently reviewing our school values of Relationships and Friendship, Respect and Responsibility, as well as Programme Achieve which is taught in the Early Years but used across R-7 when giving out certificates at assemblies. SRC, Governing Council and Staff have had input and now we invite our school community to contribute to the review process. Please follow the link below and take a few minutes to complete the online survey by Friday 28th February, 2014. The outcome of the review will be shared later in the term. Thank you in anticipation.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hubschoolVPA

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Our 2014 SRC Executive

Daniel P, Fraser O, Laura W, Ashlee S and Molly-Eve D

Congratulations to all the students who have been elected by their classes to represent them at SRC meetings throughout the year.

Special congratulations to the pictured students who have been chosen as Executive members. These 5 students will be attending a 2-day leadership training course in Week 6.

VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers in our school (both new and existing) will need to come in to the Front Office to collect a Volunteer’s Pack. The pack contains information and forms which should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

BEE SAFE

- Orbit: This Safety Computer Game is a free, interactive computer game for students aged 8-10 years. It is a fun way to get across serious messages about how to stay safe. This program has sections to help parents/caregivers learn more about child sexual abuse prevention. www.orbit.org.au
- Be alert, walk confidently and keep to well-lit and populated areas when walking.
- Over 75% of severe burns happen in the home, so please be vigilant.
- Remember Sun Smart behaviour.

DI’s DIALOGUE

One of my roles within the school community is to help the students focus on their community, whether within the school or within their suburb or even within the world as a whole. We are affected by many things which happen outside of our own families.

Harmony Day, 21st March, is one of the celebrations we have within our school to help us remember that we all count. No matter what background we have come from, what our religion, age or health status is, we belong. On this day I am shaving my hair for ‘Shave for a Cure’ and I am seeking sponsors. You can go online and sponsor me or give a donation directly to me. Thanks for your support.

Di Brinkworth
CPS Worker

SPARE CLOTHING/UNIFORMS

We are in need of spare shorts, skirts and T-shirts, in smaller sizes, for the sick room. If you can help, we would be grateful if you could send these items to Front Office.

CLASSROOM OPENING TIMES

Please note that classrooms and teaching areas are not open until 8:40am daily. Prior to this time staff are engaged in preparation for the school day and attending early morning meetings as required.

NO student should be at school until 8:30am unless they are attending Before School Care. We have minimal yard supervision in and around the quad, back and front gates starting at 8:30am until 8:50am.

All students should be in class ready to start the day by 8:50am.

PARKING/SAFETY NEAR THE SCHOOL

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone using the roads around our school, we would appreciate parents/caregivers driving and parking carefully in the immediate vicinity of our school.

We have recently had instances of parent’s/caregiver’s cars being damaged by other motorists, as well as some near misses. Surrounding streets can be quite congested at times and your patience and consideration of other drivers is appreciated.
### SCHOOL SIGNAGE

For quite some time Governing Council and I, with the support of Dr Bob Such, have been following up with Onkaparinga Council re better signage, including our school’s name, to be put up on the surrounding streets to show where our school is located.

The official word from the Council is as follows –

“Directional signs are not intended to be a form of advertising for any particular business or facility. Onkaparinga Council’s approach is consistent with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Guidelines.”

In my conversation with Council personnel all new signs will have “School” only. They have acknowledged that there are some signs in the area that are old and do have specific school’s names. They assure me that over time these will be changed as funds permit.

The Council has put an additional directional sign “School” at the intersection of Hub Drive and Windebanks Road. I requested to have a further sign at the corner of Windebanks Road and Happy Valley Drive, however this was rejected.

Julie Gallaher  
Principal

### RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

#### Premier’s Reading Challenge

The forms for this year’s Challenge are currently being handed out. Please encourage your children to start recording the book titles and authors they have read from the beginning of the school year.

Please ensure that the books have actually been read, as you will be signing the form.

Sophia

### OSHC NEWS

The first Pupil Free Day for this year will be on Tuesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} March. OSHC will be open on this day if we have 15 or more children booked in by 3\textsuperscript{rd} March. Please let us know by this date if you require care on the 11\textsuperscript{th}.

Our program so far has incorporated Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day, but the main activities have been based around our new Dinosaur Garden. Children have been making dinosaurs out of clay, paper and plaster and have also made fossils to decorate the garden next to the steps. The big green dinosaur will be living in this garden and the children will place footprints, fossils and dinosaurs over the next week.

Over the next few weeks we will be encouraging the children to decorate the OSHC room in a way that reflects their families and cultures. If you have any family photos, pets or cultural artefacts at home that we could display in the OSHC room, please do not hesitate to bring them in.

Kathy Strapps  
OSHC Director

### HUB GRUB NEWS

A new price list was sent home to all families in Week 2. Please note there are price changes, so please check before you send your child’s order to school.

Thank you to all of our returning volunteers who have generously put up their hands again for 2014. Also, we have 20 Year 7 students who are volunteering this year. These students have been doing an outstanding job, especially considering the trying conditions of our recent heat wave. Thank you to all of the families and staff who supported our Valentine’s Muffin Day. We managed 260 muffins on the day! Thanks also to our 3 new volunteers.

We are always pleased to welcome new helpers to the Canteen roster, so if you are interested please pop into the Hub Grub for a chat.

Janet Matthews  
Canteen Manager

### OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

#### Cricket

Unfortunately we were not able to field a team. Any interested players are encouraged to contact Trish Pinders Voluntary Coordinator, Southern Area, Milo in2CRICKET, Kanga and Girls Only S6S Cricket.  
Mobile: 0411 116 300  
pinders@internode.on.net or www.cricketsa.com.au

#### Basketball

We have 5 teams registered to play at Morphett Vale stadium – 2 x Year 6/7, 2 x Year 4/5 and 1 x Year 2/3. Games commence next week – Mondays Year 6/7, Tuesdays Year 4/5 and Year 2/3. Basketball uniform tops were given out to all players after school today in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please contact Di Bray or the school if your child has not received a top. Training sessions are held after school.

Netball  
More Year 2/3 players are needed for Netball (played in Terms 2 and 3). Could parents/caregivers of interested students please leave a note (with contact details) for the Netball Coordinator at the Front Office.

Sarah Magnusson  
Deputy Principal

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### CYBERSMART – FREE SAFETY AWARENESS SESSION HERE AT THE HUB  
Thursday, 10\textsuperscript{th} April 2014

‘Cybersmart’ will be on site in the Multi-Purpose Room. A free Internet Safety Awareness presentation for parents/caregivers, students and teachers to encourage a consistent approach to cybersafety education between school and home. These sessions are informative, non-technical and important to attend.  
More information to come re registering for parent/caregiver presentation.

Sarah Magnusson  
Deputy Principal
Challenging Behaviours

Dealing with ‘challenging behaviours’ typically represent just a fraction of the people we interact with each day, but they have a profound impact on people’s performance and motivation. This informative and fun workshop explores the skills required to respond to challenging situations.

Tuesday 25 February 2014
Where: Coromandel Community Centre
Coromandel Valley
Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm
Cost: $20 per person
Bookings and pre-payment essential
Contact the Centre on 8370 6899

Skills for All

ITALIAN LESSONS (R-7)
The School of Languages is introducing Italian lessons
For: Primary School students
At: Thiele Primary School
On: Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:00pm
Cost: $50 for whole year
Contact: Anne Reuter Phone: 8301 4800
Email: Anne.Reuter81@schools.sa.edu.au

Zanshin Freestyle Karate
“At your school since 1992”
CHILDREN’S SPECIALIZED SELF DEFENCE CLASSES
CONTACT:
82705189
0404017328
ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL HALL,
JEANETTE CRESCENT, ABERFOYLE PARK
MONDAYS 5:30-6:30 PM
Intermediate and Adult classes also available,
see Web page for details
For more information please visit
our webpage at:
zanshinfreestylekarate.com.au

Hi my name is Brett Harrison. I am a 5th Degree Black Belt and Head Instructor/Co-founder of the Zanshin Freestyle Karate system. I have been teaching martial arts in the Aberfoyle Park area for the past 22 years and have taught self-defence at Blackwood High School, Sacred Heart College, Craigburn Primary School and Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School. I’ve also been involved with the schools in many other facets e.g. Coaching, Committees and as a Liaison Officer. As with all my instructors I am an Accredited Instructor/Level 1 Fitness Coach, with MAIA (Martial Arts Industry Australia), MA1016.

Who can get involved with children’s karate?
Children can start from as young as five. If children start young they will learn more.

Why karate for children?
Self-confidence for many children is developed over time. Our curriculum for children has great success in this area.

Learning Skills!
Our karate program has a positive effect on learning at school. Gaining skills such as following directions, paying attention and participating in class activities.

Co-ordination goes up!
Our program challenges the entire body, developing balance, agility and poise. These are the building blocks of all sports.

Self-defence
Children’s self-defence is today very much on parent’s minds! The program teaches children to identify risks, maintain awareness and to select the most appropriate response when required.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
21st 4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
25th Year 7 Aquatics - Victor Harbor
27th Year 6 Aquatics - Victor Harbor
28th R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)

MARCH
4th OSHC Committee Meeting 7:30pm (Staff Room)
7th 4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm (Staff Room)