The Hub News 2014

We value
Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

Julie Gallaher, Principal
Sarah Magnusson, Deputy Principal

Term 1 - Week 6

Reminder

Pupil Free Day: Tuesday, 11th March

Special Events

March 21st
Harmony Day

Principal Awards

Confidence

Getting Along

Organisation

Persistence
Nathan B, Mitchell T, Rai R, Lachlan S, Hen B and Brayden T

Resilience
Nathan H, Isaac McK, Tommy B and Michael H

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2014 Site Improvement Plan (SIP)

We are currently in the second year of our three year Mathematics and TIEL (Teaching for Effective Learning) focus. Even though Mathematics is our key focus, with the upcoming implementation of the new curriculum areas, Geography and the Arts, we are constantly developing ways to improve our planning and pedagogy and transfer our new understandings into all areas of our practice.

Every year, staff are involved in the formulation of an action plan to improve teaching and learning at our site.

Priorities in 2014 in Improving Mathematics Outcomes:

Teachers and leaders will be:

- Planning collaboratively with like year level teachers in Professional Learning Communities.
- Planning common assessment tasks and improving the quality of tasks to give every student the opportunity to reach an A.
- Collecting data for and participating in moderation to improve accuracy and consistency of teacher judgements.
- Using data to guide backward design planning and opportunities for differentiation.
- Receiving feedback on their practice from leadership and students.

Learners and classrooms will be:

- Using Natural Maths Mental strategies.
- Solving problematised situations.
- Using higher order thinking skills.
- Fostering explicit student voice and recording their reflective thinking.
- Transferring their knowledge and skills to new contexts.
- Completing assessment tasks for both summative and formative assessment collection.

We also have targets set for our online testing for each year level in reaching or exceeding year level expectations and are monitoring the growth between yearly testing.

Amanda Badcock endorsed: Julie Gallaher
Curriculum Coordinator Principal

Parent/Caregiver Interviews

Interviews of up to 15 minutes duration will be held during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. (Class teachers will be sending out interview time slot request forms.) Night Interviews will be held on a common night - Tuesday, 25th March. Specialist Teachers - Sophia Kerkvliet, Robin Cross, Lydia Callaghan and Scott Trenorden and Christian Pastoral Support Worker - Di Brinkworth will be available for appointments on Tuesday, 25th March.
It was great to see a number of staff and family members staying on for the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 12th of February. We have been fortunate to have most of our 2013 Governing Councillors re-elected for a further 2-year tenure, some serving their final year of their tenure and we have 2 new members joining the group.

Our 2014 Governing Councillors

2014 Governing Council Members and Officer Bearers: Graham Catt (Chairperson), David Clifton, Di Brinkworth, Kendra Dunning, Heather McFarlane (Deputy Chair), Chris Glass (Treasurer/Secretary), Glyn Roberts, Helen Roberts, Cindy Paton, Simone Morrison, Andrea Scrimshaw, Riki Duncan, Lee Steer, Sarah Magnussen and staff reps Annette Reid, Judy McCarthy, Lydia Callaghan and Jarrod Cowie who share the role, each serving 1 term.

Governing Council has the following committees that meet each term and if you are interested in joining any of these committees you are most welcome. Please contact me and I can provide further details as needed.

2014 Committees:

- Finance Advisory Committee meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
- Out of School Sports meets on Mondays at 7pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
- Fundraising Committee meets on a needs basis.
- Grounds and Facilities Committee meets on a Friday at 8:30am in Week 5.
- Out of School Hours Care Committee meets on a Monday at 6pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
- Canteen Committee meets on a Friday at 2pm in Week 6.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

BEE SAFE

- Hot drinks need to be out of reach of young children.
- Spend time teaching children basic kitchen safety.
- Let someone know where you are going and the time you will return when you leave the house.
- Keep exercise machines such as treadmills away from young children.

DI’S DIALOGUE

On Wednesday, 19th March there will be a Christian Option Program for Mrs Clack’s Year 4/5 class. The session is entitled ‘Elect to Respect’ and will be tackling this subject from the moral standpoint of Christianity. These sessions are often interactive and very informative and in no way ‘push’ one denomination over another. If you do not wish your child to be involved, please let Mrs Clack know in writing before the day.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

CONGRATULATIONS TO DI

Special congratulations to Di Brinkworth for achieving a very successful review last Thursday.

Pamela Thompson the Regional Manager for SMG wrote -

“Di, once again, what a wonderful review! Your commitment and capacity, sense of fun, compassion and caring nature are making an amazing difference in the lives of the Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School, students and families. So, congratulations, thank you, look after yourself… and keep it up.”

During 2014 Di will continue to work on the following goals:

- Focussing on the School Values – relationships and friendship, responsibility and respect.
- Programme Achieve, particularly with Reception to Year 3 classes.
- Supporting unreservedly students, families and staff to make a positive difference.
- Pursuing links with the wider community.

On behalf of Di I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The information received was overwhelmingly favourable to both Di personally and to her role within our school community.

Di can be very proud of her work and achievements here at the Hub. We are most fortunate to have Di as part of our staff.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

GREATSTART WEBSITE

The GreatStart website (www.greatstart.sa.edu.au) has been developed as part of the Department for Education and Child Development’s Numeracy and Literacy Strategy to provide ideas and activities for parents/caregivers to develop their children’s early numeracy and literacy skills. Using neuroscience research regarding the importance of children’s first years, the website provides parents/caregivers with possibilities to engage and make a difference in their child’s learning and development.

GreatStart is framed from a family perspective and is centred on everyday events: play, food, out and about, growing, getting ready and celebrations. Information is provided on why each activity matters and what it leads to in terms of literacy or numeracy development, along with examples of the language parents/caregivers can use when they engage in the activity with their child.
2014 MATERIAL AND SERVICE CHARGES AND EXCURSION LEVY PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS

Thank you to our families who have paid or part paid their child/children’s Material and 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 was due on Wednesday, 5th March.

If you have not paid your commitment of $120 per child for this first instalment as yet, we would appreciate payment at your earliest convenience.

The amount of $120 per child includes the excursion levy of $40 and $80 for the Material and Service charge.

Other payment dates for this year are:

- Wednesday, 7th May $90
- Wednesday, 25th 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 follow the directions given.

Thank you,

Heather Brown
School Finance Officer

PARKING/SAFETY

In the interests of safety, Rangers from the Onkaparinga Council have been patrolling outside our school (in particular, Jeannette Crescent) and have chatted with several people for:

- Parking on yellow lines.
- Double parking/parking illegally.
- Not obeying the road rules.
- Children running between parked cars.

We have been advised that Rangers will no longer be chatting with people but will be issuing fines. Rangers have also mentioned that they will be doing more patrols in an attempt to reduce the amount of road rules that are being broken outside the school.

WOODWIND TUITION

There is a great opportunity for children in Years 5, 6 or 7 who would like to take up flute, clarinet or saxophone. Places are still available with Catherine Davey from IMS (free lessons; cost of instrument hire only) and with Anthony Hansford (private individual tuition).

It’s pleasing to see so many children involved in the Instrumental Programme this year and this is a wonderful chance to enjoy the fun of learning a musical instrument.

Details and forms are available from the Front Office.

Robin Cross
Music Teacher

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2014 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. For the first time, 2014 will see nominations opened up to all DECD employees, recognising and rewarding the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders, support staff and also corporate and services staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional, care or protection worker within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

To nominate a school, preschool or corporate office employee, go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards.

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards: www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards.

Nominations close at 5pm on Thursday, 10th April.

For further information contact the Awards team:
Phone 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au.

FREE INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS HERE AT THE HUB

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA), will run free internet safety awareness presentations for parents/caregivers, teachers and students on Thursday, 10th April at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Presentations will provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations will cover topics including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies.
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity.
- Tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentations are thorough, non-technical and conducted by an accredited Cybersmart trainer. We strongly recommend that parents/caregivers attend the evening session. More information will follow re registering for parent/caregiver presentations.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

The basketball season has now begun with games being played on Monday and Tuesday nights at Morphett Vale Stadium and training after school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and also during lunch on Fridays.

Families are reminded that it is school policy that all Sports Fees must be paid and that all Uniform Notes and Codes of Conduct must be returned, signed, to the Front Office prior to playing games.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Hopefully every family will by now have received their book of tickets for the 2014 Grand Easter Raffle. Tickets are $1 each, with more raffle tickets available from the Front Office/Fundraising should you wish to give yourself more opportunity to win a big basket of Easter goodies! Donations of Easter gifts can be given to your child’s class teacher. Don’t forget to put your child’s name and class number on raffle tickets (and your phone number) to make it easier for us to locate you should you be a prize winner!

Our second fundraising event for Term 2 will see the return of the delicious Kytons Hot Cross Buns. More information is coming soon regarding how and when to order these.

Cindy and Helen
On behalf of the Fundraising Committee

OSHC NEWS

PUPIL FREE DAY TUESDAY, 11TH MARCH
Have you remembered 11th March is a Pupil Free Day and have you booked your child/ren in for this day? We will be doing cooking, craft and games and visiting Thalassa Park.

VACATION CARE - APRIL!!!!
Bookings for Vacation Care will be open from Wednesday, 12th March. With Easter and Anzac Day falling during the holidays, we will only be open for 7 days. Let us know your bookings ASAP and before the end of Week 10, 4th April.

Our programme over the next 2 weeks includes pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, an under-the-sea theme for Sea Week and Asian crafts. Please call in and see us if you have any queries or suggestions for our programme.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIARY DATES

MARCH
7th 4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm (Staff Room)
10th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
11th PUPIL FREE DAY
Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
14th R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
17th Sports Committee Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
19th Rooms 5 and 22 Maritime Museum Excursion
Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
21st R – 7 Assembly (Harmony Day) 10:50am (Hall)
SRC Crazy Hair Day – gold coin donation