THE HUB NEWS 2014

We value
Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

Julie Gallaher, Principal
Sarah Magnusson, Deputy Principal

TERM 3 - WEEK 10

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REMINDER

EARLY DISMISSAL (2:30pm) - last day of term: Friday, September 26th
TERM 4 starts Monday, October 13th

ADVANCED NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAY: Monday, December 1st

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The following are some of the highlights and achievements at Aberfoyle Hub during this term.

- International Competitions and Assessments for school: Mathematics and English Competitions
- Book Week Parade, performance and celebrations
- Maximum Power – OPAL Presentation
- Memorial Service for Mr Cowie, Mural and Plaque
- Celebrating Di’s 10 years at the Hub
- Father’s Day Stall
- Cool Capoeira Performance
- Indigenous Band Performance, ‘Konncected Acoustic Roots’
- Cluster Students Indigenous Excursion to Tandanya
- SAPSASA District Athletics at Santos Stadium
- Rugby Tag for Years 5/6/7
- Orienteering in P.E. (R-7)
- Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’
- Pedal Prix Race 2 and Final Race at Murray Bridge
- Hub’s Got Talent
- 3rd Year Student Teachers
- Early Years Lab on Legs
- Early Years attending Aberfoyle Park High School Year 12 Drama Production (‘The Small Poppies’)
- Wakakirri winning Division 1 for SA
- Market Day
- Festival Choir

Thank you to staff, students and families for continuing to support our magnificent school.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to a dynamic Term 4.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

STAFFING UPDATE

Thanks to Kate Zampogna for her efforts in the Resource Centre while Sophia has been on leave this term. Kate will be working in Room 6 for the first 5 weeks of Term 4 while Andy Polis is on leave. (We hope Andy enjoys his leave.) Thanks also to Yvette Pinto for stepping into the Music Teacher position for the last few weeks of Term 2 and all of Term 3, during which time she also kept the Choir on track. All the best to Yvette for her next posting.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

R-5 SWIMMING: TERM 4, WEEK 1

As part of the Health and PE curriculum, Reception to Year 5 mainstream students will be involved in a 1-week daily swimming programme in Week 1, Term 4.

Further details about swimming times, requirements and timetables were sent home yesterday. All volunteers registered to help with supervision of children at the centre must have returned consent forms, have a current criminal history clearance and will be identifiable by wearing a school badge obtained each morning of supervision from the Front Office. Please contact the school for any further enquiries.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
October 17

Please check the lost property bin (located in Unit 1 corridor) and general-use areas within the school for misplaced items. Labelled items will be returned to students via class teachers’ pigeonholes.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2015

The class placement process begins early next term in readiness for 2015.

As always we aim to arrange class groupings to meet the learning needs of students and the skills and teaching styles of our teachers. When planning classes, consideration is given to estimated enrolments, Reception intakes, class numbers and gender balance. When allocating students to classes, teachers take into account friendship groups, special needs, learning styles and balance of class groupings. Every effort is made to place students with at least one friend.

Parents/ Caregivers are able to provide information that may be useful during the class placement process if they wish. While we cannot accept parent/caregivers requesting a specific teacher, we are happy to receive comments regarding your child’s specific learning needs, friendship groups, social and emotional needs and any other information which could have an impact on your child’s future class placement here at the Hub. It is important not to indicate to your child that you have provided information thereby leading her/him to assume the information provided will necessarily be the outcome.

Information will only be considered if it is in writing and received by the Principal by the due date of Friday, October 17th (Week 1, Term 4). Please include your child’s current class teacher and their 2014 year level with the information you provide.

You can be assured that we will spend a great deal of time and effort in placing children into appropriate class groups. Please note that it is the Principal’s responsibility to make final decisions on classes and student placement.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

As we are already starting to look at class configurations for next year, please advise us as soon as possible if you wish to enrol your child in 2015. Enrolment forms are available in the Front Office.

Also, if you think that you could be leaving our school at the end of this year, please inform the Front Office as soon as possible.

This information will help us to make informed decisions about class placements for next year.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

PARKING / DROP-OFF ZONES / ROAD SAFETY

The safety of our students and their families 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 follow directions on signage, park within the lines, observe the no parking on yellow lines rule and, in the afternoons, refrain from using drop-off zones as a park/stop for an extended time (particularly at the back gate). 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.

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 for permit holders only.

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

Julie Gallaher
Principal

RESULTS OF TERM 3 BULLY AUDIT

Our students have participated in the second bully audit for the year. ‘Bullies’ are those students identified 3 or more times on the individual class summary sheets. 6 students were identified as ‘bullies’ from the whole school audit. Similarly to the Term 1 audit, these incidences occurred at break times in the playground and on the oval, involving name calling/teasing and rough play. None of these students from this audit were identified in the Term 1 audit.

Leadership and staff were previously aware of the identified ‘bullies’ and are working with them, their families and teachers to modify their behaviour and provide positive strategies for them to be successful and for other students to feel safe around them.

Please remember that it is always best to talk to us as soon as possible should any issues arise so they can be dealt with as they occur.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

CASUAL DAY

Last Friday we held a Casual Day which raised $361.20. This money is being donated to Beyond Blue.
MARKET DAY

Market Day in Week 8 proved to be very successful, with $2,029.35 being raised on the day. Students had a fantastic time with many great activities enjoyed and bargains bought. We had a great variety of items for sale at the stalls and this added to the experience.

A special thank you goes to the adult volunteers who gave support both before and during the event and also to Vicky Bashford, staff and students for their efforts.

The money raised will go towards a school improvement project which will be discussed and chosen by next year’s Student Representative Council.

FESTIVAL CHOIR NEWS

On Tuesday, September 16th the Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School Choir performed in the Festival of Music. We enjoyed the rehearsals as we sang with lots of other school children. All of our hard work was rewarded as our performance was superb.

Thank you to Mr Cross and Mrs Pinto for all their hard work.

Cara B and Taylor F

DI’S DIALOGUE

This term has been a very busy one for me at school with my involvement in the Southern Valley Indigenous Programme. You may have noticed the poles placed near the entrance of the school by the Resource Centre. These are an example of the work the students have done within the group. We also enjoyed a trip to Adelaide, visiting Tandanya and participating in a lunch together afterwards.

School holidays are nearly upon us. I hope that you will all have a safe and happy time with your children and everyone will come back eager to continue their learning.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

COMMUNITY ART MURAL

As you may be aware, Jarrod Cowie had a vision for the old transportable building, otherwise known as the Wakakirri Room. Together with the Aberfoyle Park High School he used his inspiration and designed an image that he thought would identify aspects of our school. The Tree of Life was created on paper and Jarrod and his team of students started work on it.

Unfortunately Jarrod was unable to complete this project. It was an honour to be able to finish the project and pursue his vision, with the help of his team of students. I am happy to report that it is now completely finished.

Our school has dedicated the 2014 Community Art Mural to Jarrod and a plaque has been laid in memory of him.

Annette Reid

OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care bookings have been taken from Week 7 and so far we still have vacancies for most days. We have an exciting program planned, so come and see the OSHC staff to ensure your child’s place is booked.

Due to our Food Safety Guidelines and staff time management, we would appreciate it if parents/caregivers would not pack food for their child/ren that needs to be heated. In particular, noodles, as they pose a safety and danger risk to the children. We thank you for your support in this manner.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

R - 3 LUNCHTIME DISCO

On the last day of term there is an R - 3 Disco. Entry is by gold coin donation. Come along and have some fun.
OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS

Thank you to all who supported the recent Soccer and Netball presentations. Much fun was had by all in participating in fun games throughout the day, slurping on slushies and students receiving their trophies and certificates.

TERM 4 KANGA CRICKET

Held at the Reynella Oval. Games commence in Week 2, October 25th (Milo for R-1s and Girls Only Years 2-7 commence the week before – Oct 18th) and finish December 6th including Christmas Pageant Day.

Please contact the school to register your child’s interest and for further information.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS FUNDRAISER

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS IS BRINGING THE YOGURT SHOP TO ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS FUNDRAISER DATES:
Monday, October 27th: Order forms go home.
Wednesday, October 29th from 3pm: Free tasting in the courtyard.
Wednesday, November 19th: Orders must be in to the school.
Wednesday, November 26th: Orders can be collected from the Multi-Purpose Room.

REMEMBER:
THE CLASS THAT SELLS THE MOST YOGHURT GETS A FREE YOGHURT MORNING TEA FOR THEIR CLASS.

IN-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELLING SERVICE

A psychologist is now available at our school. Counselling is a very effective way of helping children and adolescents who are struggling with some aspects of their lives, from feeling anxious or depressed, to experiencing bullying or having difficulties controlling their anger. It can help them to recover and also help prevent reoccurrence.

To access this free counselling service you will need to:
1. Complete the GP information form provided to you by us.
2. Take the letter along with your child to your local GP and obtain a Mental Health Care Plan referral from your GP.
3. Complete the In-School Psychology consent form and return it to the school together with the GP referral.

We will then be in contact with you as to when they will start working with your child. For further information contact the school.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE Tennis Coaching Clinics at Happy Valley Tennis Club for Students with disabilities during each school term.
Contact: Simon Longhurst for any enquiries
Mobile: 0412 196 574

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER
26th Term 3 ends

OCTOBER
13th Term 4 starts
21st OSHC Committee Meeting 7pm in Staff Room