SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST
26th Math's Strategies Workshop for Parents / Caregivers: 7pm (Multipurpose Room)

REMININDER
PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday, Sept 5th
CLOSURE DAY: Monday, Sept 8th

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NEW PLAN TO GUIDE OUR SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

Helping young South Australians to achieve their best and to be healthy and safe are the priorities of our department’s new strategic plan. The Department for Education and Child Development’s Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how we will make our public education system even stronger over the next four years.

The plan identifies six priority areas:

- Higher standards of learning achievement
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Improve and integrate child safety
- Engage children, families and communities
- Right service at the right time
- Build a better system

Our Chief Executive Tony Harrison says: “Our immediate priority is to lift the standard of service provided within our organisation and to the community. We will strive for excellence, to earn trust, to build and strengthen relationships – especially with children and young people, their parents, carers and the community. We will involve communities in decisions that affect them. Above all, we will listen,” Mr Harrison says.

Our school looks forward to working with you as we bring this new plan to life. For more information, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Have your say on how to strengthen and support governance in schools and preschools. Effective and inclusive local governance is essential for any successful school.

An independent review is currently being undertaken on the governance arrangements in our public schools and preschools and we are seeking your input, as community members and as parents/caregivers.

Education is a shared experience and there is considerable evidence that the active engagement of parents/caregivers and community members enhances the quality of teaching and learning of children and young people. This is a great way to get involved in how school’s governance in shaped for the future.

To have your say, visit: www.saplan.org.au/yoursay/shaping-our-schools-and-preschools.

Consultation closes Friday, August 1st.

Anne Millard
Executive Director, Preschool and School Improvement

STAFFING UPDATE

We welcome back Carol Clack, David Sickerdick and Judi Deer from their leave and Kylie Clark from parenting leave.

Welcome back also to:

- Michelle Horton who is tandem teaching (on Mondays) in Room 2 with Charlene McGrath this term.
- Cassie Anderson who is tandem teaching (on Wednesdays) in Room 9 with Angela Thorburn this term.
- Cassie will also be tandem teaching (on Fridays) in Room 1 with Amanda Badcock for the rest of 2014.
- Kelsey Conlin will be teaching in Room 5 for the remainder of the year.
- Kate Zampogna is working in the Resource Centre while Sophia is on leave this term.
CONGRATULATIONS MRS MAGNUSSON

We are delighted to inform you that Sarah Magnusson has won the Deputy Principal position at our school for a further 5 years, with the new tenure starting in January 2015. Sarah is a valuable member of our school team.

WELCOME KOREAN HOMESTAY STUDENTS

Welcome to Paul, Greg and Harry. Students arrived from South Korea on Tuesday, July 29th. They are staying with their host families – the Schunselaar, Taylor-Sinclair and Marshall families and will be accessing both the intensive English classes at Flagstaff Hill R-7 School, as well as attending school here at the Hub. Paul will be participating in the 3-week programme whilst Greg and Harry will both be here for 4 weeks.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS

Welcome to our 3rd Year Pre-Service Teachers: Emily Knapman, Emily Noble, Emma-Lee O’Dea, Jessica Burpee, Jessica McNevinney and Melissa Howard (all from Flinders Uni) who have now begun their 4-week practicum. We wish them a positive teaching experience here with us at the Hub.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

BEE SAFE

Teaching your children smart online surfing is important.

• Remain as anonymous as possible, keeping ALL private information private.
• Don’t add strangers as ‘friends’ on your personal profile.
• Be aware that GPS enabled devices such as mobile phones and digital cameras insert on to your picture the location details of where your photo was taken.
• Disable Facebook ‘Places’. Anyone can find out where you are in live time. Never ‘check in’ to Google Maps.
• We recommend that people keep online friendships in the virtual world.
• Use Skype or live web cam to ensure the person you are speaking to online is who they say they are in the real world.
• Never ever meet an online friend alone.

(This information can be found in “Network News” a newsletter of Safer Communities Australia Inc.)

DI’S DIALOGUE

Here we are more than half way through the year. Wow, so much has happened both in our personal lives (at least in mine) and in our school lives! I have a new granddaughter (my adopted Solomon family) and my youngest son is now taller than me (important milestone for him)!

My focus, this term, is again on the importance of community and caring for the wider community. I was blown away by the support received from our school community when I had my hair shaved for ‘Shave for a Cure’. Soon I am going to ask for support for our annual soup day - more to come on that topic. A reminder about the community vegetable gardens around the school - please use herbs and greens that are growing (wonderful in green smoothies - yes, my breakfast).

I’ve just been to a conference for Christian Pastoral Support Workers and will share some of the information I have received through the School Newsletter in weeks to come. Thanks everyone for the support I have received from you and I encourage you to seek me out if you are in need of anything.

Di Brinkworth
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

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

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

On Tuesday September 16th, at 7:30pm, the Aberfoyle Hub R-7 Choir will be performing in the South Australian Primary Schools Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre, Concert 9.

Tickets can be purchased through Front Office, for $30 each, from August 4th until August 11th or alternatively, for $32 from August 18th via BASS (by phoning 131 246, across the counter, or by visiting www.bass.net.au).

Yvette Pinto
Music Teacher

POSTER COMPETITION WINNER

In Term 2 the students in Room 9 were given the opportunity to enter a poster competition with the National Railway Museum. The theme of the competition was ‘Circus Train comes to The Port’. Many students entered and the judges congratulated all entrants for their “colourful and inspiring art”. Arwen L’s poster caught the judge’s eye and was highly commended by the judges. They commented that it was “fun with lots of imagination”. A very big “congratulations” to Arwen for her fantastic work. In the holidays Arwen and her family visited the exhibition to view her winning piece on display. Here is a picture of Arwen beside her winning art.
OPAL COMMUNITY AWARD FOR OUR SCHOOL

Last term, Room 1 students were fortunate enough to participate in Onkaparinga Council’s OPAL programme that promotes healthy eating and how to have fun being active.

Natalie Von Bertouch, a former captain and Australian netball player for the Adelaide Thunderbirds and Australian Diamonds, worked closely with Miss Conlin in Room 1 to discuss how students can make positive choices and educate peers within the school community to eat well and stay active. The students went on a class excursion to our local Foodland supermarket and put up shelf wobblers on foods that were healthier options for people to purchase, by looking closely at the nutritional guidelines.

Our school was recently the recipient of a community award from the City of Onkaparinga for creating more opportunities for children to eat well and be active in partnership with the OPAL programme. Overall, the programme was a huge success in Room 1 and across the school. We will continually promote healthy eating across the school and wider community.

Kelsey Conlin

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book Week
We celebrate 2014 Book Week in Week 5 of this term. The Children’s Book Council of Australia informs us that the theme for this year, Connect to reading, is about enjoying the experience of exploring story and travelling to other worlds. The reflected slogan, Reading to connect, has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media.

This theme allows a wide scope for the dress-up parade on the Wednesday of Book Week, (August 20th). Classes will decide on how to interpret the theme – they may decide to dress up in the theme, to use one of the shortlisted books or allow the students to dress up as their favourite character. Whatever the decision, it is meant to be fun and not an onerous task for parents/caregivers or for students. The parade will start at 9am in the Hall. If you have a spare 30 minutes to stay on, please come and watch or join in!

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Thank you for encouraging your children to finish reading and filling in their sheets. It is good to see that so many have already handed in their sheets. If students have lost their sheets, another is available from the Resource Centre or from the Premier’s Reading Challenge Website. The Reading Time finishes on September 5th. Completed forms (with all relevant details entered) should be returned to class teachers as soon as possible and by Thursday, September 4th at the latest so that all data can be entered. We are now starting to enter data and would appreciate forms back as soon as possible (as this helps our checking process).

Thank you to Christine Glass in anticipation of her help with this.

Kate Zampogna
Teacher/Librarian

MATHS @ THE HUB

One of my favourite mathematical tools is a number line. They are great to help aid in counting up and back to solve simple calculations. A ruler provides an easy number line at home, but I like to encourage students to use an ‘open number line’, one they can create themselves.

Subtraction can be a little tricky as the numbers get bigger and it gets harder to count back in your head. A number line can assist with this, but many students feel more comfortable using addition skills to solve subtractions. That’s right - addition! This is called complimentary addition and is best understood as counting what is ‘left’. For example, if you were calculating 64 – 47, the 47 has been taken away from the 64, so you can count up from 47 to 64 to see what is left. The jumps made are recorded and added together to give the final answer. Sometimes I record a zero at the beginning of the line and cross out what has been taken away to give a better visual representation of the amount taken away.

Many of the previous addition skills I have written about have come into play here. A rainbow fact is needed to get to the next ten (friendly number), then counting on in multiples of ten and finishing off with a count on from a friendly number. I use this language when working with students on this to help remind them of the jump to take.

A few more examples;

Students then progress to recording only the jumps made without drawing out a number line. Eventually they will perform the calculation mentally by counting up in their head.

If you would like to find out more about these methods so that you can assist your child more easily at home, keep an eye out for the upcoming Mental Strategies Mathematics Parent/Caregiver Workshop.

Amanda Badcock
Maths and TfEL Coordinator
OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care has come and gone and we experienced some very cold weather. That didn’t stop us participating in a variety of activities. We visited the Maritime Museum and saw the play Gory Stories, then climbed the Lighthouse. It was very windy up there! We also went to Marion Recreation Centre for Gym Jamming and Roller Skating which was very popular with the older group. A company called Games 2 U visited with their Hamster ball, bumper balls and laser tag which was hugely popular with all age groups despite the freezing temperature out on the oval!

Can you please ensure that you have filled in a booking form for Term 3 to confirm your booking requirements?

We are now emailing more than half of our accounts and many families are paying on-line. If this option suits you, please let us know and we can provide you with the necessary details.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

HUB GRUB NEWS

This week we celebrate ‘Canteen Week’ where we acknowledge the fantastic work of our Hub Grub Canteen volunteers. Events have included the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation by our Year 7 canteen assistants and a colouring competition for students. The Canteen will be decorated with posters, balloons and flags. Please, if you visit the Canteen this week, extend your thanks to our wonderful volunteers – Shirley Booth, Andrea Thain, Liz Paxton, Lee Steer, Deb Harrison, Jodie Schunselaar, Cheryl Gower, Neisa Neocleous, Diane McSalley, Linda Rodda, Nikki Gerasolo, Trudy Evreniadis, Vithyavathi Karthigesu, Kathy Baldacchino, Allison Spry, Heather Sloan, Nicki Mortler, Kendra Dunning, Carol Purvis and Vicki Norris.

We will be offering a different hot food choice, throughout this term at recess time until sold out. These include hash browns, fruit scones, cheese/ham toasties and potato nuggets (each item 50 cents). So check out what’s new when you come to the Canteen. It will also be advertised on our blackboard.

Next Special Munchie Lunch, ‘Read the Labels’, will be in Week 5 (Book Week).

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager

PEDAL PRIX RACE 3: VICTORIA PARK

Over the weekend, the Hubcaps Pedal Prix Team competed in Round 3 of the HPV Pedal Prix Super Series at Victoria Park on Fullarton Road near the city. We had 3 bikes representing the Hubcaps: in Category 1, bike 79 ‘Flying Hubcaps’; in Category 2, bike 167 ‘Raging Hubcaps’ and in Category 4, bike 197. Throughout the day we faced many challenges such as larger and better equipped teams, more experienced teams and a having a lack of riders. Everyone tried their best and gave it their all and in the end we had great results. In Category 1 we finished in 5th place and 77th overall. In Category 2 the team finished on the podium in 3rd place and 25th overall and our Category 4 bike finished 18th in its group and 27th overall. It was a long, hard day, but also a lot of fun.

I would like to thank to all my team mates for trying their best and putting in a great effort. Thank you to Queen Kerry and Shrek for co-ordinating and to all the rider managers and parents/caregivers as well. Ooh-rah!

Shelby B
Pedal Prix Co-Captain

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIARY DATES

AUGUST
1st R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
4th Sports Committee Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
6th Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
8th 4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
12th ICAS Maths Competition
13th Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
14th Wakakirri Performance 7pm (Adelaide Entertainment Centre)
15th R - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)