THE HUB NEWS 2015

We value
Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

Julie Gallaher, Principal
Sarah Magnusson, Deputy Principal

TERM 1 - WEEK 10

SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

10th R-3 lunchtime Disco (Gold coin donation) - Hall

REMINDER

EARLY DISMISSAL (2:30pm)
Last day of term: Friday, 10th April

ADVANCED NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015:
Term 2: Tuesday, June 9th
Term 3: Friday, September 4th
Term 4: Monday, November 30th

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY 2015:
Term 3: Monday, September 7th

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS TERM 1

The following are some of the highlights and achievements during Term 1. Aberfoyle Hub is always an exciting place to be.

- The successful ‘First Weeks’ Programme
- Startsmart Programme
- QuickSmart Training and Programme is underway
- Unit 4 Literacy Workshop
- Early Years Dance Programme
- Buddy Classes
- Acquaintance Night and Open Night
- Parent/Caregiver, Teacher, Student Interviews
- Election of SRC Executive and SRC Reps
- SRC Executive 2-day leadership training course
- Sports Day
- Ride-a-Bike Right Programme

- Clean Up Australia Day - Thalassa (Rooms 21 and 22)
- Picnic at Thalassa Park (Rooms 14 and 16)
- Year 6/7 Aquatics Programme at Victor Harbor
- Year 6/7 Camp
- Going to the High School for Science (Room 17)
- Easter Picnic (Rooms 10A and 20)
- Harmony Day Celebrations and Assembly
- Valentine’s and Harmony Day muffins

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

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to a dynamic Term 2.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

PARENT/CAREGIVER INTERVIEWS

Interviews have been held during the last few weeks of this term. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come along to share the learning journey and individual achievements with their child/ren.

THE HUB CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN 2016

Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School will celebrate its 30th Birthday in 2016. I am establishing a planning committee to work on the celebrations for 2016. If you would like to be on the committee or have some suggestions/ideas to share, you can contact me by either emailing (Julie.Gallaher185@schools.sa.edu.au) or phoning the school (8270 5055). I will be aiming to co-ordinate the first meeting mid-Term 2.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

LOST PROPERTY

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.
SCHOOL TIMES AND STUDENT SAFETY

Please be reminded that students should not be on school grounds prior to 8:30am or after 3:30pm unless participating in a scheduled programme i.e. sports training or attending Before/After School Care. Teachers are on duty supervising our school yard from 8:30am to 3:30pm, Monday to Friday during term time. It is not safe for students to be on school grounds unsupervised.

Our OSHC Unit offers an exceptional programme and is open to care for your child during term time from 7am to 8:30am in the morning and again from 3:10pm to 6:30pm. Please contact the school or our OSHC service for more information.

2015 NATIONAL TESTS IN NUMERACY AND LITERACY (NAPLAN)

All students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

The national tests assess student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy in much the same way as has been done in the past. The test formats and the type of questions will be familiar to students. National tests provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Their children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

The 2015 NAPLAN Tests will be held early in Term 2 on Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May and Thursday 14th May, with the only catch up day being Friday 15th May.

If you do not want your child to participate in the NAPLAN Testing, please complete the required exemption or withdrawal form that is available from the Principal.

The form needs to be completed and returned by FRIDAY, MAY 1st.

NAPLAN 2015

BULLY AUDIT RESULTS

For the purpose of the audit that was conducted last week, ‘bullies’ are those students identified 3 or more times on the individual class summary sheets.

Students identified as ‘bullies’ from the whole school bully audit were mostly from R-2. These incidents occurred at break times and after school in the playground, on the oval involving rough play, name calling and ‘Chasey’. Staff are aware of these students; and are working in partnership with them and their families to be successful with everyone at school and for other students to feel safe around them.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT TRAINING: 2nd VOLUNTEER SESSION TERM 2

It is a DECD requirement that ALL volunteers, including mentors, Sports Coordinators/Coaches/Team Managers not only complete a Volunteer Pack and have a CURRENT Relevant History Clearance, but also complete a 2-hour ‘Responding to Abuse and Neglect’ (RAN) training session.

We offered the first RAN training a few weeks ago in the evening which was well attended with 40 participants. In Term 2 we are offering a second session for those who couldn’t make the first one.

The session will be held in our Resource Centre on WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th (9 – 11am). Please contact Jane at the Front Office to book in (by Friday, May 1st) to attend.

There will be one more opportunity late in Term 2/early in Term 3, during the afternoon, for those who haven't managed to attend earlier sessions. The date is yet to be confirmed with the presenter.

Please make sure you attend a training session to avoid the disappointment of not being able to volunteer to assist our students at the Hub. We appreciate and value the support of all of our volunteers and want to make sure each and every one of you can contribute to our school community.

If you need further information please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING

As you would be aware, volunteers at our school need a current Relevant History Screening Clearance (previously referred to as Criminal History Screening) from DCSSI - Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (and we need to have sighted your original clearance letter). Please ensure that you keep your original clearance letter in a safe place. The onus is on you as a volunteer to take steps to ensure that you renew your clearance before it expires.

Prior to starting to volunteer at our school, volunteers should also have collected a Volunteer Information Pack from the Front Office (and completed and returned the relevant forms contained in the pack).

SRC NEWS

During Term 1, the SRC Team has been working hard to make sure this year would be different and enjoyable at the Hub. Classes have brainstormed, voted and reported back ideas to the Executive team about Casual Day, foundations/charities that we could support and different Special Days. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for when these different events will take place throughout 2015.

We would also like to report that last Friday’s Casual Day raised $287.50. Thank you for your support. We would like to remind everyone that on casual days, appropriate footwear is to be worn (e.g. no thongs) and shoulders still need to be covered to be sun smart.

Kurt M and Haley J
SRC Co-Chairs
ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS)

We would like to remind you that the closing date for the International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) is Friday, 10th April 2015.

We will not be able to take payment for any of the five competitions on offer after that date. If your child/children are interested in taking part in any of the competitions, please complete the tear-off slip of the flyer sent home earlier this term, together with the entrance fee/s and return to the school before the close-off date.

Heather Brown
Finance Officer

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

THANK YOU
A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who have come to help on a regular basis and to those who have popped in when they have had time.

HELP
We are desperately in need of people to cover books. If you have a strength in that area, or are handy with those sorts of tasks, please come and lend a hand.

HOLIDAY READING AND PRC
Please make sure that your children continue reading over the holiday break. It’s even better if you can join them and show your own enthusiasm and enjoyment.

We are encouraging all students to finish their PRC reading as soon as possible, while ensuring that they read according to their ability (and are not choosing books below). Thank you for your support in this – we are all working towards full participation this year.

Best wishes for a relaxing and fun holiday.

Sophia
Teacher/Librarian

OSHC NEWS

Vacation Care bookings are now open. Please ensure that you get your bookings in before the end of this week to avoid paying the $10 late booking fee. This assists us to confirm numbers for the bus and excursions and to make sure we have the correct staff:child ratio.

Booking forms are ready for Term 2. All families are required to fill in a booking form each term to confirm their OSHC requirements and to keep us up-to-date with phone numbers and health information.

From Week 11, Paula Files will be Acting Director until a new director is appointed. Paula is a qualified teacher and has worked with us for 4 years, so knows the children well.

This will be my last week at Aberfoyle Hub OSHC. I would love for everyone to come and say goodbye before Thursday.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

HUB GRUB NEWS

Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their help on Sports Day, either in the Canteen or the Café. A big thank you to Andrea Thin for cooking the BBQ and a HUGE thank you to Trish Brewer and Melissa Perkins for organising the Hub Grub Café (always a busy and successful venue).

Thanks also to Kristy, Hayley, Jayden, Kurt and Mackenzie for assisting in the Canteen - an awesome job by you all.

Finally, thanks for all the donated, yummy, home-made goodies. We sure have some wonderful bakers at the Hub.

NEW ITEM:
Ic Tea (Lemon, Mango or Peach) - $2 each.

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

Just a reminder that Winter Sports’ Code of Conduct forms, uniform notes and fees are due in to Front Office before the start of games in Term 2.

NETBALL
We are seeking players to make up numbers in the Year 3/4 Netball team. Please collect a registration form from the Front Office as soon as possible if you are interested in playing this year.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Last week teams from across the state competed in the SAPSASA Softball Carnival at West Beach. Southern Valley and Onkaparinga North merged to form a team to enter the competition with 4 out of the 9 girls having never played softball before. Our school had 2 representatives (Alex M and Stephanie M) in the team.

The girls and the team had a very successful week with everyone scoring runs and fielding brilliantly and were undefeated going into their last game. The last game of the week was against Port Pirie and they had also gone undefeated all week. The girls put in a great effort and came close to taking out the game, but unfortunately went down by one run. Both Alex and Stephanie were great representatives for the school. The team finished the week Division 2 runners up. Congratulations to all the girls for a great effort and attitude and a fun week.

Southern Valley Softball Team 2015
SPORTS RESULTS

CRICKET
29/3/2015
Hub Year 3/4 Coached by Mark Dempsey

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<td>Ben J fielded with great technique.</td>
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<td>Thanks to Steve Dash who scored every week. Bring on Term 4 as we showed great improvement.</td>
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IN-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELLING SERVICE

A psychologist is 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 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

ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS ACADEMY

Applications are now open for the 2016 Aberfoyle Park High School Tennis Academy. The program provides student athletes access to a high quality, personalised tennis and education program from years 8-12. It delivers a flexible, supportive and “athlete friendly” academic environment. The academic program covers all essential learnings in the Australian Curriculum and leads to a number of pathways at Senior School.

Application Packages for 2016 are available NOW from your Year 7 teacher or by contacting the Tennis Academy Manager Mr Terry Ellis.

Email: Terry.Ellis@aphs.sa.edu.au
Phone: 8270 4455
Address: Taylors Rd East, Aberfoyle Park 5159

Note: Applications are due no later than May 8th, 2015

Principal Tours 2015

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Bookings are essential. Please phone or email to reserve a place.

Come and meet our great students and teachers, be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

I look forward to meeting you at a tour.

Liz Mead
Principal

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Child & adolescent sleep clinic

Does your child have a sleep problem?

Does your child:
- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents’ bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day

The child & adolescent sleep clinic in the School of Psychology at Flinders University provides treatment for children & adolescents of all ages.

For more information please call 8201 7587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

DIARY DATES

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Wednesday, 6th May 9am-11am (Week 2, Term 2)
in our school’s Resource Centre

Mandated Induction for VOLUNTEERS
Including Governing Councillors, Sports Coordinators, Coaches
and Team Managers, Mentors and anyone volunteering in our school.

R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, MAY 1ST
PHONE 8270 5055 TO BOOK A PLACE