SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

11th | OPEN NIGHT / ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT / AGM

ADVANCED NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015:
Term 1: Monday, March 23rd (please note date change)
Term 2: Tuesday, June 9th
Term 3: Friday, September 4th
Term 4: Monday, November 30th

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to staff, students and families. The Hub is a magnificent place to work because of our professional and committed staff, our outstanding students and our very supportive families.

During 2015 I’m sure we will have many amazing and fulfilling times together as a community. The upcoming Open Night/Acquaintance Night on February 11th, followed by the Governing Council Annual General Meeting, many in/excursions and camps, Pedal Prix, Choir, SAPSASA, Instrumental Music, Out of Hours Sports, SRC activities, fundraising events and much, much more are among the events to look forward to.

We have started the year with 12 mainstream classes and our 2 Special Classes.

We welcome the following staff who have joined or returned to the Hub in 2015: Annette Reid teaching Year 2/3 in Room 6, Kate Williams teaching Year 1/2 in Room 10 (Wednesdays to Fridays) Brad Edwards teaching Year 6/7 in Room 19, Tiffany King teaching our Primary Special Class in Room 20, Kate Zampogna teaching Year 6 in Room 21 and Kelsey Conlin teaching Year 5/6 in Room 22. Our Temporary SSOs Marlene Scholz, Jane Summers, Natasha Murray and Edd Allen have returned to work at the Hub this year supporting both staff and students.

Both Sarah and I look forward to continuing to develop and build upon the partnerships between home and school throughout 2015.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

STUDENTS STARTING AT THE HUB IN 2015

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. We hope that you enjoy your time here with us at the Hub.

WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS

We welcome 2nd Year Pre-Service Teachers Kelly Rennie (from the University of Tasmania) who began here this week and next week Brooke Heath, Candice Hoad, Charlotte Kemp, Chim Brusnahan, Janice Davidson, Joanne Boots, Lucy Hobbs, Matthew Appleby and Natalie Andrioli (from Flinders Uni). Everyone will be completing a 3-week practicum with a Teacher as their mentor and will have the opportunity to work in many classes across R-7. We wish them a positive teaching experience here at the Hub. You may also see some 4th Year student teachers visiting our school from time to time this term. This is in preparation for their 6-week practicum next term.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

OPEN NIGHT/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT/AGM

Our Open Night/Acquaintance Night is next Wednesday, February 11th. At the end of this week’s newsletter we have included a copy of the special flyer that is displayed around the school. There’ll be a sausage sizzle available and the Canteen will be providing coffee/tea/muffins. Come along, meet the staff, chat to your child’s teacher, have a tour of the school with your child and enjoy tea with the family at the same time.

Please note: Prior booking is essential for Principal Tours at 6:00pm and 6:30pm for families looking to move to the Hub in the future.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
SCHOOL HOURS

Parents/Caregivers are requested to wait outside buildings when picking up their children at 3:10pm. This eases congestion and encourages children to collect their belongings and pack their own bags independently.

Staff are on duty at the front and back gates and in the courtyard from 8:30am each morning. School starts at 8:50am. Children on school premises before 8:30am must be accompanied by an adult. Similarly, children should not remain at school beyond 3:10pm, unless for the purpose of supervised sports practice.

Families will be contacted if any child remains on the school grounds unsupervised after 3:30pm. Where practical, they will be taken to Out of School Hours Care and families charged accordingly. Emergency care at Out of School Hours Care is available on request once an enrolment has been lodged.

Students arriving late to school should ideally be signed in at the Front Office by a parent/caregiver.

PARKING / DROP-OFF ZONES / SAFETY

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 peak times when space is hard to find. We ask that parents/caregivers park within the lines and refrain from double parking/angle parking.

For safety reasons, parents/caregivers should not use staff car parks unless they have a disability permit. Students should be encouraged to use the paths and small access gates and not walk through the car parks. There should be NO pedestrian access in Disability Car Parks located in the school grounds, as cars need to have clear space to reverse out. Parking in the Disability Parks is by permit holders only.

At times our local Council sends out Parking Inspectors and parking inappropriately can be a costly mistake.

CHILD SAFETY

As our school is a ‘Safety Assist’ school, we continually focus on issues around cyber safety, road safety and personal safety at the Hub. We encourage parents/caregivers to assist us in the task of keeping our students safe by reminding them of safe behaviours e.g. stranger danger and road safety. In sharing information with your children, where appropriate, you may find useful an emergency Mobile App which provides help for people of all ages covering all kinds of personal emergency situations.


HAT REMINDER

Just a reminder that it is compulsory for students to wear school hats when outside during Term 1.

MEDICATION

It is a requirement by DECD that all student medical conditions be documented using relevant medical forms/care plans. If they are not signed by the child’s doctor and parent/caregiver, then this does not meet our legal requirements. If your child requires medication during school time, we will supervise your child taking their medication. Medication will not be given without a consent form (available from Front Office) being completed, signed and returned with the medication in its original, chemist-labelled container (including the child’s name and the dosage required). It may also be necessary for a Care Plan to be completed by the child’s doctor. Front Office Staff will ensure the medication is stored safely. Medication must NOT be kept in classrooms or school bags.

CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING: NEW FORMS

ALL volunteers at our school must have a current Relevant History Screening Clearance (previously referred to as Criminal History Screening) from DCSI - Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. Application forms can be obtained from the Front Office. Please note that DCSI updated these application forms on 3/2/15 and will only accept applications submitted on this LATEST version of the forms.

Once you have completed and had verified Section C (100 point ID check), return the form to the Front Office and we’ll send it off to DCSI for you. The processing of applications by DCSI can take several months, so don’t leave it too long to lodge (so that you are cleared to assist in 2015). Once you’ve received your clearance from DCSI, bring in the ORIGINAL clearance letter to the Front Office so that we can sight (and copy) it. Clearances are valid for 3 years. Keep your original clearance letter in a safe place as DCSI no longer issue replacements for lost or misplaced letters.

NEWSLETTERS

Families will receive a class newsletter a minimum of once a term. Our school newsletter is produced fortnightly in even weeks, on Thursdays.

Newsletters will be emailed via www.safenewsletters.com.au from Week 4 onwards when the database has been updated. Email addresses of parents/caregivers previously receiving the newsletter by email have been added already. If you’d like to receive the newsletter by email please visit our school website www.ahs.sa.edu.au and click on the Inform tab and Newsletters. Complete the ‘Subscribe to our Newsletter’ box and you’ll be added to our email list. You’ll be sent an email with the link to the current newsletter each fortnight. If you change your address or no longer wish to receive the School Newsletter, please contact the school or unsubscribe on the Safe Newsletter website. We realise that not all families have access to email so we are happy to send some school newsletters home with a child as a hard copy upon request.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
STUDENT BELONGINGS

Please ensure that all belongings (especially clothing) are clearly labelled with your child’s name, including surname. Each year we send to charity large volumes of unclaimed, unlabelled clothing.

Please regularly check the lost property bin (in Unit 1 corridor) and general-use areas within the school for any items that may have been misplaced during the term.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

It is always a delight to come back to the Hub to see the friendly faces and to find out what the students have been reading during the holidays. 2015 is the International Year of Light and of Soil, so our theme and displays will centre around plants and photosynthesis this term.

The students seem keen to start recording the books they have read for the Premier’s Reading Challenge, so please encourage and help them to do so. We aim to beat our 2014 83% participation rate and also the 2013 89%. Your support will help.

We are always looking for volunteers in the Resource Centre – even 30 minutes at the beginning or end of the day are worthwhile if that’s all you can spare.

It was very heartening to see that the renowned children’s author and Children’s Laureate was awarded the Senior Australian of the Year this year. It is worthwhile watching her acceptance speech – she is a great advocate for the benefits of reading and of engaging with books.

I look forward to working with your children in Reading and on Resource Based Learning this year. Please feel welcome to pop in before or after school if you have queries or would like us to help your child choose appropriate reading material.

Sophia Kerkvliet
Teacher/Librarian

OSHC NEWS

Welcome back to OSHC for 2015. We had a very busy and fun-filled Vacation Care throughout December and January and, thankfully, not too much hot weather. The hall was very popular with regular cricket matches and cubby house building. Excursions included swimming, movies, water slides, the Whale Centre and Amusement park and the beach – all very summery!

Several new children and families have enrolled in OSHC this year, so we are hoping that they all settle in well. All children require a new enrolment form for 2015 to ensure that health information and contact details are up to date. Thank you to all families that have already supplied these forms. If you have not picked up a form yet, please do so this week. Also, a reminder that fees are due weekly and that you can pay on-line if you prefer.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

HUB GRUB NEWS

A big “thank you” to the following students for volunteering to be Canteen Assistants – Sammi, Jessica, Cameron, Taylah, Kelly, Jayden, Kurt, Kristy, Mackenzie and Haley.

Also, thanks to our returning volunteers and welcome to new volunteers – Melissa, Nadine, Meghan and Kathy.

The 2015 Canteen Price list has been distributed (via classroom teachers). If your family has not received one, please call into the Canteen to collect a copy.

Don’t forget to order the Valentine Day Cookie, for Friday, February 13th. Orders are due back by Wednesday, February 11th.

Janet Matthews & Trish Brewer
Canteen Managers

R-2 RIDE A BIKE RIGHT PROGRAMME

Rooms 6, 9, 10, 10A, 14 and 16 will be participating in the popular Ride A Bike Right programme starting in Week 7 - Wednesday, March 11th.

Information re the programme was sent home earlier this week. All children are encouraged to be involved with the exciting program which will teach them the skills they can use in their daily activity to stay healthy and safe.

A Free Family Information session will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, March 6th 9:00am-9:45am. We encourage all families from Reception to Year 2 to attend.

For more information on cycling programmes please contact: Lee-Anne on info@rideabikeright.com.au or 0413 120 802

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

Basketball

Teams are currently being sorted and players will be informed shortly of their teams and when the season commences.

Cricket

We almost have enough players to field a Year 3/4 team. Please collect a registration form from the Front Office if your child is interested in playing. Forms must be back in by Monday, February 9th.

A reminder that Code of Conduct forms and payment of each sport must be returned and paid prior to players commencing games (and before Basketball uniforms can be distributed on Thursday, February 12th from the Multi-Purpose Room at 3:15pm).

Pedal Prix

An Information Night for all parents/caregivers of students who have registered an interest in Pedal Prix will be held on Monday, February 16th at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

(Please note that it is important for all of those who have entered an expression of interest to attend this meeting.)

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
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 recurrences.

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

SA DENTAL SERVICE

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided. All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying.

Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions:

Monday, February 16th
Marion Bowling Club,
262 Sturt Road,
Marion SA 5043

For more information or bookings:
Call Linda on 8131 3456
or visit www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care

KANGARILLA FOOTBALL CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION AND FAMILY DAY

Come along for a free footy clinic with stars from the ADELAIDE CROWS, STURT FC and KANGARILLA.

Meet our 2015 coaches
Receive an exclusive goody bag on registration
Enjoy a free sausage sizzle
Dual club registration available

DATE: Sunday 15th February
TIME: 12 - 3pm
VENUE: Kangarilla oval

HAPPY VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB
NEW PLAYERS WANTED FOR 2015 SEASON

Happy Valley is part of the Southern Football League and has Sub-Junior/Junior/Senior Squads. If you would like to be a part of our fantastic Club, come along on Sunday February 8th 11am – 2pm. You can view our facilities, talk to coaches and players and join in with our “Family Fun Day / Registration Day” at The Happy Valley Clubrooms – Taylors Road Aberfoyle Park.

For further details please contact Kevin 0421 069 771

GIFT Dance at Mitcham

The GIFT Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With trained and skilled coaches our participants are able to perform in a variety of dance styles. We also have a dynamic and creative staff who love to be a part of the programme.

For more information, contact us on 8372 0266 or visit our website at www.mitchamgirls.sa.edu.au

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Reception - Year 1:

Cricket Australia’s national beginners programme in2CRICKET.

Saturdays: 9:00-10:00am for 6 weeks
from Feb 7th - March 14th

Programme costs $77.75 for newcomers, covers Terms 1 and 4, 2015 and includes a starter pack, all equipment and coaching.

Returning players $15.

To register and for details visit www.in2CRICKET.com.au or just turn up on Feb 7th

Year 2/3s:

SACA-supported school teams play Kanga cricket against other schools.

Saturdays: 8:15-10:00am
Feb 14th - March 28th

Girls only SUPER 6 SMASH:

Coaching competition for girls Years 2-7.

Saturdays: 9:00-10:15am for 6 weeks
from Feb 7th
Cost $30, payable at the oval, includes trophy and women’s coaches.

Contact for any of these programmes:
Trish Pinder
pinders@internode.on.net
or Mobile: 0411 116 300

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

10th  Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
11th  Open Night/Acquaintance Night/AGM
13th  R-7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)
16th  Pedal Prix Information Night 6:30pm (Multipurpose Room)
18th  Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
20th  4-7 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)
24th  Year 6/7 Aquatics
26th  Year 6/7 Aquatics
27th  Grounds and Facilities Meeting 8:30am (Admin Meeting Room)
Pick Up and Drop Off Zone (Kiss and Drop Facility)

What is a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone?
This is a designated area that is usually located near pedestrian exit gates on the school side for drivers to pick up children or drop them off.

What does a Pick Up and Drop Off Zone look like?
- It can be located as an indented bay or along the school’s kerb side.
- A Red, Black and White sign will clearly identify the designated zone.

How does it work?
During school “Start and Finish” times, this area is for dropping and picking up of students only and not for parking for longer periods.
- “No Parking” signs apply at the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone (see definition).
- NO PARKING: The driver of a vehicle must not stop in a NO PARKING area, unless stopping for the immediate purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers or goods. The driver must remain with the vehicle and take no more than 2 minutes.

Hints for drivers parking around schools:
- Slow down near schools, shops and parked cars as there is a greater chance that a child could run out from between parked cars.
- Ensure your children enter via the safety door. This is the door on the left-hand side next to the pavement away from the traffic.
- Avoid double parking:

How you can help:
- Teach your child to wait on the footpath within the Pick Up and Drop Off Area, and enter the vehicle when the vehicle is stopped.
- If someone else picks up your child, please explain the Pick Up and Drop Off Zone procedure with them.
- Talk to your child about what to do if you are not there.
- Children take notice of what you do, so set a good example by behaving safely – obey the parking signs and restrictions around schools.
- Consider the safety of other children as well as your own.
## Open Night and AGM

**Wednesday 11 February 2015**

If you're a current or prospective student or parent/caregiver, come along to see our specialist and classroom programs.

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**Book Principal Tours 6:00pm + 6:30pm**

Please ring to register your interest

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