THE HUB NEWS 2015

We value
Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

Julie Gallaher, Principal
TERM 1 - WEEK 4
Sarah Magnusson, Deputy Principal

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH
6th
Ride-A-Bike Family Information Session for R-2 families 9:00 - 9:45am (Multi-Purpose Room)

ADVANCED NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAY: Friday, March 20th
(please note the change of date to accommodate the availability of the interstate presenter for Staff Training and Development on this day.)

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2015:
Term 1: Friday, March 20th
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,

Annual Report: Highlights and Major Achievements 2014

• We continued to deliver quality teaching and learning programmes in all classrooms, including specialist learning areas of Spanish, Music and Physical Education.
• Outcomes were achieved in each of our Strategic Directions. We provided a range of Professional Development for staff in Australian Curriculum Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Health and PE and the Arts, maintained our focus on improving Reading Comprehension across R-7 and teachers collaborated in the Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).
• We had four successful training and development days for staff focusing on improving teaching and learning programmes using the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework and the Australian Curriculum, working on Quality Assessment Tasks and moderation of student work samples and a planning day using 2014 student data to plan for 2015.
• Student behaviour both in class and in the yard, continued to show positive development where students self-regulated and demonstrated our school values.
• We celebrated Harmony Day, Reconciliation Day and enjoyed our Community Soup Day.
• Our fantastic Wakakirri Team were both State and National winners, a truly magnificent achievement.
• R-7 SRC made a profit for 2014 of $4,000 after supporting our sponsored child in Peru, Beyond Blue and maintaining their ongoing self-sufficiency. Market Day was definitely the highlight again in 2014.
• Pedal Prix Teams 2014 HPV Super Series had another successful year with Category 1 placed 4th and Category 2 placed 2nd for the year. We also won the fastest lap times at Victoria Park and at the Murray Bridge Race.
• Senior Choir performed at the Festival of Music.
• Mr Cowie instigated the wonderful mural on the Wakakirri Room and Ms Reid finished it on his behalf.
• Instrumental Music students’ performed at the Term 4 Recital Evening.
• Over $5,000 was raised by the Fundraising Committee which will be donated to the school in 2015 for the staff and students to decide how to spend. The Walk-a-thon was again the most popular event with a different course being used at Thalassa Park.
• Many of our students participated in SAPSASA District/State Teams with some of our students being successful in representing our state in the National Competitions.
• Many students in Years 3-7 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS Competitions).
• Sustainability remained a focus across R-7 with recycling, conservation of energy, further development of our Magic Square Gardens growing a range of vegetables and the additions to the Bush Tucker Garden of Indigenous Art Work.
• Di shaved her head for ‘Shave for a Cure’ raising $1,702.05.
• The inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award for 2014 was presented to Mrs Shirley Booth.
Parents/Caregivers and Community supported in classrooms, on committees and on Governing Council.


Julie Gallaher
Principal

OPEN NIGHT/ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT/AGM

Thank you to all the families who attended the Open Night and Acquaintance Night on February 11th. This is a great time for friends, families and relatives to come and be a part of our HUB community.

A special thank you and acknowledgement to Janet for organising and co-opting helpers, many being Governing Council Members, to cook the sausage sizzle.

Thank you also to Janet, Trish and the canteen helpers for opening the canteen for over-the-counter sales.

Thank you to staff, students and families who joined in to make the evening enjoyable and successful.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – PRIVATE AND DECD

We welcome Ms Sandy Hosking, DECD Instrumental Music Teacher, who will be teaching stringed instruments to our students on Monday afternoons.

Sadly we did not have enough students interested in either continuing or beginning woodwind or brass instruments to retain the services of Catherine Davey or Garry Foot, both DECD Instrumental Music Teachers.

We welcome back Ms Alison Hansen who will be teaching guitar to quite a large number of students on Wednesdays.

Att this stage Sam Liguoro the Keyboard teacher hasn’t commenced instruction, but is expected to do so in the near future. It is anticipated that both continuing and new keyboard students will have their lessons on Tuesdays.

Mr Tony Hansford will continue teaching percussion, drums and some woodwind-brass students on Thursdays.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. All children between the ages of 6 and 16 years are required by law to attend school regularly. Parents/Caregivers have the responsibility to ensure children in their care regularly attend school between the ages of 6 and 16 years. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they often experience difficulties later.

The school day starts at 8:50am. It is expected that all students are at school just prior to 8:50am so that they have time to get organised for their day of learning.

At the Hub it is policy to notify the school before 9:30am if your child is away for any reason. Please phone the Front Office on 8270 5055 or notify the class teacher previously. If your child is late they must come to the Front Office to be signed in.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING

Volunteers at our school need a current Relevant History Screening Clearance (previously referred to as Criminal History Screening) from DCSI - Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. DCSI updated these application forms on 3/2/15 and will only accept new applications submitted on this LATEST version of the forms. Please note that if you are already volunteering at our school with a CURRENT DCSI clearance, you do not need to submit a renewal application until approximately 6 months before the expiry date on your current DCSI clearance letter.

Application forms, if needed, can be obtained from the Front Office. Once you’ve completed and had Section C (100 point ID check) verified, return the form to the Front Office and we’ll send it to DCSI. Processing of applications by DCSI can, if additional checks are needed, take several months, so don’t leave it too long to lodge (so that you are cleared to help in 2015). When you receive your DCSI clearance (valid for 3 years), bring the ORIGINAL clearance letter to Front Office for us to sight. Keep your original clearance letter safe as DCSI no longer issue replacements for lost or misplaced letters.
Special congratulations to the pictured students who have been chosen as SRC Executive members:

Co-Chair: Kurt M and Haley J  
Treasurer: Jayden D  
Secretary: Annika L  
Community Liaison: Kristy T and Jessica H  

These students will be attending a 2-day leadership training course later this term.

Congratulations to all the students who have been elected by their classes to represent them at SRC meetings throughout the year.

2015 SRC Representatives


Special congratulations to the pictured students (Josh T, Sammi A, Taylah J and Kelly C) who have been chosen as our Sports Captains.

HUB GRUB NEWS

A huge “thank you” to Trish Brewer for making, baking and decorating 300 Valentine’s Day cookies. Many thanks also to her support crew – Andrea T, Melissa P, Ewa W, Linda R, Vithya K and Lee C.

Addition to the Canteen Price List:  
Banana milk and vanilla malt - $2.20. Please adjust your price list.

New Items for Sale over-the-counter:  
Home-made banana bread – 60c  
Cornflake cookies – 50c

Harmony Day will be celebrated at the Hub on Friday, March 13th. Order forms (orange coloured) for a Harmony Muffin for $1.50 each, will be sent home this week.

Janet Matthews  
Canteen Manager

OSHC NEWS

What a busy start to the year we have had. While our numbers have stayed pretty much the same as last year for After School Care, we have been inundated with bookings for Before School Care. As we only had 35 CCB places up until now, we have applied to increase that to 45 places to accommodate everyone’s needs. Please, please remember to cancel any bookings you do not require to ensure that we have the correct number of staff and can fit in any casual bookings.

You will all have noticed that the outside gate is permanently closed and latched. This is to ensure the safety of children, so please make sure the latch works each time you come through. We appreciate your help in this matter.

The new Advisory Committee will meet in Week 6. Several of our long standing members have resigned as their children have left OSHC, so we are asking for your help. If you can spare an hour twice a term at 6:30pm to join our committee and you have an interest in how OSHC works, please come and see me.

Kathy Strapps  
OSHC Director
**R-2 RIDE-A-BIKE RIGHT PROGRAMME**

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

All children are encouraged to be involved with the exciting programme which will teach them 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

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**OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT**

Games for both Basketball and Cricket begin this week. Please refer to your Coaches re details of games and fixtures.

A reminder that, as per our school sports policy, all fees must be paid and Codes of Conduct forms must be returned prior to the commencement of the first game.

Any interested Year 4/5 netballers who have not yet registered please collect a registration form from the Front Office.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

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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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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*Want to have fun learning to play tennis?

**FREE** Introductory Lesson*

**Where:** Flagstaff Hill Tennis Club
Coromandel Street, Flagstaff Hill

**When:** Sessions available most days at various times

**Cost:** From $70– per term

**Contact:** Tim Vogt (Club Coach) 0402 262 934

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*Mid-Week Hot Shots Tennis*
Is your son or daughter taking up the Challenge in 2015??

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person before: Friday 4 September.

The Challenge is to read a minimum of twelve books in total.

- Reception to Year 7: eight of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and four of their own choice and these can include class novels and research texts.
- Years 8 and 9: students read four books from the Challenge lists and eight of their own choice and these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their research or studies.
- Years 10 to 12: students read twelve books of their own choice, and these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their research or studies.

Student reading records are available from your child's teacher, from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child's teacher) or download from the website.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, by reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us. A winner wins a book prize every month and their first name and school are posted on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for both primary and secondary students to post and share thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your son/daughter to have a go.

You can see what other students are reading, by looking on the booklist at the Top 10 Likes for each reading level.

We have updated the website to address: students, teachers and staff and the families page. Check it out for some great ideas.

Don't forget the GreatStart website, developed to support families with ideas and activities to help make the most of everyday learning and events, especially important in the first five years of their life:

"We know families are busy so we have ideas for activities that you are already doing, ideas that may be new and will only take a few minutes and others that will take longer. We have also included extra information for you if want to learn more about the literacy and numeracy that your child will be developing and how this will link to learning in later life.

We will continue to add new ideas and activities, including ideas to connect to particular events or occasions. We are also keen to hear from you on the site; now you went, what worked or other ideas that we can share with other families."

Enjoy the Challenge.
Yours Sincerely,
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