THE HUB NEWS 2015

We value
Relationships and Friendship, Responsibility and Respect

Julie Gallaher, Principal
TERM 1 - WEEK 6
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).
Presented by Lee-Anne Flemming

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

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GOVERNING COUNCILLORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was great to see a number of staff and family members staying on for the Annual General Meeting held at 7:30pm on February 11th.

Fortunately we have many of our 2014 Governing Councillors re-elected for a further 2-year tenure which supports continuity for our Council and on-going business. Some existing Councillors will be serving their final year of their 2-year tenure that started in 2014. We happily welcome a number of new members who have elected to join our Governing Council for the first time. Being a Governing Councillor is a rewarding and valued role for our whole school community.

Our 2015 Governing Councillors

2015 Governing Council Members and Officer Bearers:
Julie Gallaher, Sarah Magnusson, Staff Reps – Term 1
Annette Reid, Term 2
Lydia Callaghan, Term 3
Judy G, Term 4
Charlene McGrath, Chris Glass, Helen and Glyn Roberts, Di Brinkworth, Heather McFarlane, Kendra Dunning, Cindy Paton, Lee Steer, Simone Morrison, Adam Stone, Danielle Jeffries, Leanne James, Kate Georg, Scott and Kathy Smith, Andrea Scrimshaw and Riki Duncan.

Governing Council has the following committees that meet each term and if you are interested in joining any of these committees you are most welcome. Please contact me and I can provide further details as needed.

2015 Committees:
• Finance Advisory Committee meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
• Out of School Sports meets on Mondays at 7pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
• Fundraising Committee meets on a needs basis.
• Grounds and Facilities Committee meets on a Friday at 8:30am in Week 5 except in Term 4 when it’s Week 4.
• Out of School Hours Care Committee meets on a Tuesday at 6:30pm in Weeks 2 and 6.
• Canteen Committee meets on a Friday at 2pm in Week 6.

Julie Gallaher
Principal
PARENT/CAREGIVER INTERVIEWS

Interviews of up to 15 minutes duration will be held during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. (Class teachers will be sending out interview time slot request forms soon.) Night Interviews will be held on a common night - Tuesday, March 24th. Specialist Teachers - Sophia Kerkvliet, Lydia Callaghan and Scott Trenorden and Pastoral Care Worker, Di Brinkworth, will be available for appointments upon request on the common night.

2015 MATERIAL AND SERVICE CHARGES AND EXCURSION LEVY PAYMENT BY INSTALMENTS

Thank you to our families who have paid or part paid their child/children’s Material and Service Charge and Excursion Levy. I would like to remind our families who have taken the option of paying their accounts by instalments that the first payment was due on Wednesday, March 4th.

If you have not paid your commitment of $130 per child for this first instalment as yet, we would appreciate payment at your earliest convenience.

The amount of $130 per child includes the Excursion Levy of $40 and $90 for the Material and Service charge.

Other payment dates for this year are:
- Wednesday, May 6th $90
- Wednesday, June 24th $90

We are happy to take cash, cheque or credit card over the counter at school or your credit card details over the phone. We also provide, for your convenience, a payment service on our website. If you would like to use this on-line service (Bizgate) please go to our website www.ahs.sa.edu.au, click on ‘pay your invoice now’ and follow the directions given.

Heather Brown
School Finance Officer

MATHS @ THE HUB

Last year I wrote each week about the ‘Natural Math Strategies’ we use here at the Hub. We have now got the parent booklets available to borrow from the school library, to help you understand each of the strategies. You can also purchase a digital or hard copy of this booklet yourself at http://naturalmaths.com.au/Products/Search/19/Mental-Computation

Subtraction Skittles/Bowling

The other day my daughter had out a set of skittles and was playing with them in the lounge room. As she played, I heard her say ‘2 down, 4 left’. She only had 6 skittles but this got me thinking about an activity for Receptions and Year 1s using skittles.

Rainbow facts are the different combinations of numbers to reach ten e.g. 2+8, 4+6, etc. If you start with 10 skittles and count how many are knocked down and therefore how many are ‘left’, this starts to develop the inverse relationship of addition-subtraction! The language used here is essential. If we started with 10 and took 4 away, how many skittles are left? Just like my daughter was doing above, you could further extend this with the remaining 6. If they don’t all get knocked down, discuss how many are left.

These are the natural maths opportunities where students can play and manipulate number without even realising what they are doing. It’s fun!

Amanda Badcock
Maths and TfEL Coordinator

SCIENCE IN ROOM 6

In Room 6 we have been very fortunate to see the life cycle of the Monarch Caterpillar. We stored the caterpillars in a vented top fish tank with some branches from a Milk Weed plant. First the caterpillars ate the leaves for about 10 days and then the caterpillars made their way to the top of the tank. They shed their skin and stayed within their Chrysalis for about 2 weeks.

On Monday morning I arrived at school and one of the butterflies was sitting at the bottom and the other hadn’t made its way out YET! 5 minutes later I walked past and I was VERY fortunate to see (and video) the other butterfly come into our world. Later that morning we watched the video and released both Monarch butterflies. This was a great experience and one the students have been using as a part of their learning journey. They have been showing their understanding of the processes through Drama and many other ways.

Annette Reid and Room 6 Students
SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club has had a great start to the term as we learn about how fun science can be together at lunchtime. The students have also received a science badge for their participation in the club. We have been busy making lava lamps, learning about static electricity, growing crystals, burning tea bags and looking at the best conditions for growing beans. Students are also working on their listening and measuring skills, as well as their understanding of fair testing, as we learn about science.

Science Test

Last week (end of Week 5) a form was sent home with your child promoting the ICAS tests. These International tests are held every year at the school in a number of subject areas. This year the Science test will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd and it might be a good way of seeing how your child is progressing in this subject area. There is a small cost of $8.80 to sit the test (as well as receive a certificate and the results). The results will show you in what area of Science your child excels and what area they need to work on. The certificates will be awarded at a school assembly this year. If you would like another copy of the International Competitions form that was sent home, please collect one from outside Room 18.

Charlene McGrath

OSHC NEWS

It is Week 6 already and we are planning our next Vacation Care programme. Bookings will be taken from Week 7 (March 10th). Please get your bookings in early to ensure your spot and to assist us with excursion bookings.

OSHC will be open on the Pupil Free Day, March 20th, if we have 15 or more children booked in by the end of Week 7 (March 13th). Please let us know ASAP if you require care on this day.

Kathy Strapps
OSHC Director

SPORTS RESULTS

CRICKET

27/2/2015
C GRADE Coached by Mark Dempsey

Results
Aberfoyle Hub scored 85 runs to Aberfoyle Park’s 82.

Scorers
Lachlan S was top wicket taker with 2.

Best Players
Noah and Alwin were our best partnership pair (of 18 not out).

Comments
Special mention to Isaiah who got a wicket on his first ever game of cricket.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

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<td>Special Interest Music 2016 Auditions for current Year 7s 8/5/15: Round 1 applications close. 16/5/15 Audition Round 1: 9am-1pm Year 7 pre audition assessment. 28/5 &amp; 29/5/15 Round 2: Audition (attended by invitation only). Enquiries to Pam Parsons - phone 8375 8215</td>
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<td>Urrbrae Agricultural High School Tuesday, 17/3/15 (9:30-11:30am, 1pm-3pm and 6pm-8pm). Telephone 8372 6955 or visit <a href="http://www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au">www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au</a> Focus on agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment.</td>
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YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS

The Year 6s and 7s had Aquatics at Encounter Lakes in Week 5 of this term. There were 2 long days of sun, water and fun! With lots of sunscreen and wetsuits on, we kayaked across the lake, snorkelled with fish, laughed as we attempted to sail and wind surf and learned about surf education and iron men and women. Here are some photos of our fun times on and in the water.
Aberfoyle Park High School
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday
17th March

Tours will leave from the marquee every 10 minutes between 6.00pm & 7.30pm

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 Open Night.

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KEEPING TEENS AND PRE-TEENS SAFE ONLINE

Parenting SA is providing a free seminar for parents and carers of children and young people aged 10-15 years.

Internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist will discuss how teens connect online, how to talk about safety, make agreements and set limits and how to deal with cyberbullying.

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For more information contact Senior Health Promotion Officer,
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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DIARY DATES

MARCH
6th 4-7 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)
Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm (Staff Room)
8th Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm
(Staff Room)
11th Ride-A-Bike Right Programme for R-2
12th ACEO Indigenous Students’ Excursion
13th R-7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall) - Harmony Day
16th RAN Training Session for Volunteers 7-9pm
18th Ride- A- Bike Right Programme for R-2
19th Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
20th PUPIL FREE DAY