From the Principal

CHILDREN’S WEEK 2015

Children’s Week is celebrated annually in Australia during October. 2015 Children’s Week will be celebrated from October 23rd to November 1st. The theme this year is “Children’s Rights are Human Rights”, celebrating the 25th anniversary since Australia signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

There is always a range of events and activities organised at National, State and Local levels. These focus the attention of the wider community on children, their needs and achievements. The week also provides an opportunity to facilitate, support and encourage children and their families to play, learn and grow together.

Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. It is a time for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities. Universal Children’s Day calls society to a greater response to the plight of many millions of children around the world who are denied the basic necessities of a happy childhood and the education to develop their capacities. Here in Australia we need to consider what we can do to ensure that the lives and future of our own children are positive and fulfilling.

Classes at the Hub will celebrate 2015 Children’s Week by participating in a range of activities within their classrooms and with their buddy classes.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

MATERIAL & SERVICE CHARGES 2016

At a meeting of the Governing Council held on September 9th, 2015 it was proposed that the school’s 2016 Material and Service Charges would be $280 and the Excursion Levy $40.

The charge will be ratified at a Governing Council meeting to be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday November 4th, 2015 in the Staff Room. If approved we will be polling all Parents/Caregivers to seek permission to legally recover (where applicable) the full amount of the Material and Service Charges 2016 outlined in the notice sent to Parents/Caregivers on October 14th, 2015.

All Parents/Caregivers of Reception to Year 6 students are invited to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to comment on the Material and Service Charges you may do so in writing prior to Monday, November 2nd, 2015 addressed to either the Governing Council Chairperson, Glyn Roberts, or to the Principal, Julie Gallaher.

Heather Brown
Finance Officer
DI’s DIALOGUE

We have hit the ground running here at the Hub for the last term of 2015 - wow, where does the time go? Hopefully everyone enjoyed their holiday and is looking forward to the long summer break.

I visited the Solomon Islands again last holidays and was struck by how much we have compared to some nations. It makes me want to pare back to more basic needs, but it is hard after being surrounded by so much for so long. We’ll see how I go!

It is nearing the Christmas Season and the local churches will be presenting a whole-school Christian Option Programme around Week 7. R-3/4 will be on November 26th, Year 4-7s will be announced shortly. If you do not wish your child to participate in any of these programmes, please let their class teacher know in writing as soon as possible.

MUSIC RECITAL EVENING

The Aberfoyle Hub R-7 Instrumental Music Recital Evening is fast approaching (Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm in the Hall). The Instrumental Music Teachers are currently preparing their students for their Recital performance.

This is both an opportunity for parents/caregivers to hear their children perform in a public setting and for children to develop their performance skills. Also, it is a chance for those who are considering learning a musical instrument to see and also to hear first-hand, so that they can make an informed choice.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools: Mathematics

Congratulations to the following students who participated in this year’s recent Mathematics Competition.

Participation:

Merit:

Credit:
Alesha B, Bree H, Darcy L and Jacinda S.

Students will be presented with their certificates at a Levels of Schooling Assembly.

HEALTH/MEDICATION News

Safe Storage of Medication

Our school is required to ensure safe storage of student medication. This is accomplished by student medication:

- Being securely stored (locked) and easily identified when required.
- Access being limited to staff involved in administration of the medication.
- Not being stored in students’ bags/lunch boxes.
- Where required, being securely stored at room temperature/refrigerated or protected from light.
- Being checked for expiry dates and not being administered if beyond this. Parents/Caregivers will be promptly notified of expired medication and the need to collect/rectify this.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us should you need further clarification.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

QUICKSMART News

What is it? It is a programme offering students a second chance to become active and confident learners in the classroom and aims to:

- Improve the speed, accuracy and understanding of basic mathematics and or literacy (reading, vocabulary and comprehension) of students in Years 5 to 8;
- Facilitate students’ active engagement and participation in class;
- Provide a sound foundation for further classroom instruction; and
- Enable students to perform at levels comparable to their peers.

The Hub has been successful in trialing the programme for the next two years. Students love it. We love it. The results are fantastic.
**HOST FAMILIES WANTED**

**International Students**

**Bring the World Home:** Be a host family to an international student.

We are searching for willing families to host international high school students commencing studies in a South Australian government school in Term 1, 2016. You can choose to host a student for a period of time that best suits your family:

- 1-4 terms (short term Study Abroad students).
- 1-5 years (longer term Graduate Program students).

**What does it take to be a homestay?**

You can be single/a couple/family with children/empty nester/retiree. Whoever you are, what’s important is that you take care of our students.

**What will your family learn by hosting a student?**

Every family gets something different from the experience. There is no doubt you will learn a lot about a new culture, food, language, customs and traditions, but you will also have the chance to:

- participate in activities and meet other host families.
- be a tourist in your own town/State as you show your student around.
- make lifelong friendships with your student and their family.

**Caring for someone else’s son/daughter is a big responsibility but we will provide you with:**

- a personalised home visit and information session.
- a homestay allowance ($250 per week).
- homestay newsletters/handbook.
- an invite to homestay workshops covering relevant topics.
- an invite to our annual homestay picnic for families and students.
- an exciting range of homestay activities and giveaways.
- ongoing support via our homestay accommodation team.
- 24 hour emergency telephone support service.

*Visit our website to complete an application form/register interest.*

Department for Education and Child Development

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**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS**

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month! Dyslexia causes difficulty in the skills needed for learning to read, spell and write. There’s no single type of dyslexia. It covers a wide range of difficulties and is unique for each individual. It is more common than you might think with 1 in 5 people having some level of difficulty ranging from mild to severe. It is also the most common cause of students struggling to learn basic literacy skills. Dyslexia can also cause lots of other difficulties such as being disorganised, finding it difficult to follow instructions in order and having problems memorising things like times tables or sight words. Dyslexia is a neurological problem with the way the brain processes information. It is neither a visual problem nor a disease. Many people believe dyslexics see words on the page moving around or turned backwards. Although this can sometimes happen in a small amount of cases, it is not the main problem.

I have set up a display in the library for Dyslexia Awareness Month with the aim of empowering kids who find it difficult to read. Many students believe that they are dumb, stupid or lazy because they just can’t grasp reading. However, the opposite is true. Dyslexics are highly intelligent and excel in other areas such as sport, music, the arts, problem solving and building things. In fact many of the world’s leading entrepreneurs/inventors are dyslexic, which gives them the ability to see things in a completely different way to the rest of us. Richard Branson, Jamie Oliver and Albert Einstein all had the gift of dyslexia.

Early identification and intervention is important. Problems with reading will be evident in Year 1. It is important to get the fundaments checked first, like vision and hearing. If these are normal a comprehensive learning assessment by a child psychologist is needed to diagnose dyslexia - particularly what area of learning the child struggles with - so the most effective strategies can be used to manage the problem. Issues can range from problems with working memory, phonological awareness, auditory processing or sensory processing to name a few.

A big impact of dyslexia is low self-confidence. Children don’t understand why they find reading so hard when others in the class find it so easy. When you can’t seem to do the things other people find easy, then you start to believe it when people tell you you’re lazy or stupid. Dyslexic students may avoid reading, avoid school by “being sick a lot” or develop behavioural issues. Dyslexia awareness month is about making kids understand that they can succeed with a different approach to learning. Dyslexics are not lazy or stupid, but when you stop trying there is no hope of success!

Students with dyslexia can achieve success by using different learning methods. They learn best using all their senses such as sight, hearing and touch. This is called multi-sensory learning. Unfortunately, there is no funding for intervention in both public and private schools for dyslexia. However, dyslexia needs a collaborative approach from the teacher/school, the parent/caregiver and the student. Create an ongoing dialogue with your child’s teacher to discover the learning styles that work best for your child. A learning assessment will give the teacher more information on ways to teach your child better. There is also assistance available by private (dyslexia) tutors and online resources.

A dyslexia resource for parents/caregivers handout is available from the display in the Resource Centre. This outlines information sources that you can use to understand dyslexia and also helpful checklists for assessing if your child may have dyslexia and require further evaluation.

Dyslexia is a learning curve for parents/caregivers, students and teachers alike. By working together we can all find the learning approach that works best for the dyslexic child. Visit the Resource Centre to see how many other famous people you know that have the gift of dyslexia. You might be quite surprised!

**Leanne James**  
**Governing Councillor**
SPORT NEWS

**SPANISH INTERN AT THE HUB**
Laura Torra Anguera

My name is Laura Torra Anguera. I’m 22 years old and I’m from Barcelona, Spain. I arrived in Adelaide at the beginning of October and I’ll stay in Australia until the end of April. I’ll be working with teachers at The Hub for this term and first term next year.

Earlier this year I completed my university degree in primary teaching, specialising in English language and then looked at programs abroad that could offer me the opportunity to do an internship in a primary school. I want to learn how other cultures manage education, learn new methods and also share some of those I have learnt. One of my aims is to improve my fluency, accent and pronunciation so that I can be a good teacher of English when I go back to Spain. I look forward to working with teachers and students here.

**SPORT News**

**Pedal Prix 2015**
Murray Bridge Results

Primary - Category 1 bike (Flying Hubcaps) came 6th for the category and 116th overall for the race.
High School - Category 3 bike (Raging Hubcaps) came 12th in the category and 58th overall for the race.

**Final Results**

For the series, the Primary school (Flying Hubcaps) bike came 64th and the High School bike (Raging Hubcaps) came 34th.

**From the Team Captains**
Throughout the year the team raced in 4 events: 1 in Loxton and Murray Bridge; 2 at Victoria Park. Each race lasts 6 hours. The team doing the most laps in their category win that race. Points are totalled at the end of the series with an overall winner for each category. Pedal Prix is fun. You should try it next year if you can - you get to work as a team and if you like bike riding then you should do it. In 2015 we came 4th overall and were just 9 points away from coming 3rd. The Murray Bridge race is popular. We have a longer time to race/ride and more turns to ride. The only down-side is having to cook the BBQ. Your contribution was bike (Raging Hubcaps). Special thanks to Diane Bray and Trish Brewer who volunteered to cook the BBQ. Your contribution was very much appreciated.

We had 2 Hub bikes racing in the 3 races during the year, but at Murray Bridge we all rode in 1 bike as it is a much harder track/race. Our bike had Sammi A, Emma A, Ajit K, Jayden D (Captains), Sam J, Riley W, Keely W, Kane F, Calvin K, Christian B, Thomas B and Jessica B. We also had an Aberfoyle Park High School Hubcaps bike. Overall we had a very successful year.

**OSHC News**

**Welcome to new OSHC Director, Nicola Bury**

Hello everyone. My name is Nicola Bury and I will be your new Out of School Hours Care Director. I started on Tuesday of the second week of Vacation Care and have really enjoyed my time here so far. I have worked in OSHCs for the last 10 years and absolutely love it. I have completed my Diploma in Out of School Hours Care and have had a couple of Director’s positions at other schools previously. I am currently completing my Bachelor of Education R-7 (Special Education) and Bachelor of Disabilities studies part-time. I am a local of the Aberfoyle Park/Happy Valley area and could not think of a better place to live and work. I am looking forward to a long career here at the school and to building strong partnerships with Aberfoyle Hub School families. Please don’t hesitate to come and say hello to me at OSHC and ask me any questions you may have. I look forward to meeting you all.

**Vacation Care**

We have had yet another very successful September/October Vacation Care with students getting an opportunity to experience a wide variety of excursions/activities. These included excursions to Adelaide Zoo, Bowling, Movies, Swimming and Laser Tag, multi-cultural days, circus day and much more. We’ve already started planning the next holidays (December/January). We value feedback from families regarding the school holidays and ideas for future activities so that we can better suit the needs of the school community. Looking forward to seeing you next holidays and throughout the term.

**SPORT News**

**Fundraising**
Thanks to the community who supported the BBQ at the Hub Woolworths on September 27th. Special thanks to Diane Bray and Trish Brewer who volunteered to cook the BBQ. Your contribution was very much appreciated.

Please help support Out of School Sport’s last fundraising event for this year by ordering yoghurt from ‘The Yoghurt Shop’ (see flier in this newsletter).

**Cricket**
Cricket training has begun - Mondays 3:15pm-4:30pm at the school cricket nets. First game of the term is this Saturday.

**Summer Presentation**
Details of the Basketball and Cricket presentation will be advised in the next newsletter.

**Sarah Magnusson**
Deputy Principal
Website
Visit [http://www.sachildrenswEEK.org.au](http://www.sachildrenswEEK.org.au) to find out what is in store for Children’s Week in 2015. Details will include the central program of events.

UNIFORMS
A1 APPAREL
Shop 4, Aberfoyle Hub Shopping Centre,
Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park.
Phone: 8270 3333
Email: info@a1apparel.com.au

RETAIL SHOP HOURS

During School Term:
Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm;  
Friday 9am - 3pm  
Saturday - Open 1 or 2 Saturdays a month 10am to 1pm

School holidays: Open reduced hours.

Please check the shop window, or phone/email us for more information about Saturdays and school holidays. We close for the Christmas School Holidays from 19th December, 2015 to 24th January, 2016.

We are open for order collection and retail sales:
Monday, 14th Dec - Friday 18th Dec (reduced hours).  
Monday, 25th Jan 2016 - Friday 29th Jan (reduced hours).

Normal trading hours resume Monday, 1st February.

Pay by cash, cheque, eftpos and credit card in the shop. Credit cards incur a 1% - 2.5% fee depending on card type.

Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School Pricing
(as of 25th September, 2015)
Prices are GST inclusive

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OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS IS BRINGING
THE YOGURT SHOP
TO ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS FUNDRAISER DATES:

Monday, October 26th: Order forms go home.

Wednesday, October 28th from 3pm: Free tasting in the courtyard.

Wednesday, November 18th: Orders must be in to the school.

Wednesday, November 25th: Orders should be collected from the Multi-Purpose Room.

REMEMBER:
THE CLASS THAT SELLS THE MOST YOGHURT GETS A FREE YOGHURT MORNING TEA FOR THEIR CLASS.
DIARY DATES:

October
23rd  R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)
26th  Hallett Cove Excursion for Room 2
      OSHC Committee Meeting 6:00pm (Staff Room)
      Sports Committee Meeting 7:15pm (Staff Room) - note change in date
27th  Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
30th  4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)

November
2nd   Hallett Cove Excursion for Room 1
4th   Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm (Staff Room)
6th   Odd Socks and Casual Day (gold coin donation); School picnic (oval) - details soon
      R - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)

COMMUNITY News (continued)

BUSHFIRE ACTION WEEK 2015
Happy Valley Country Fire Service

WHEN: Sunday, 25th October, 2015
WHERE: Happy Valley CFS, Glory Court, Happy Valley

11:00am to 2:00pm - Sausage sizzle and drinks available
- Come and meet the CFS members who volunteer in your local community.
- Examine the fire appliances
- Check out the station
- Learn about the role of CFS volunteers and how to join them
- Pick up some information to prepare you for the fire season

All members of the public are welcome

www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Free parenting seminar
The wonderful world of toddlers

Are you the parent or carer of a 1-3 year old? Want to understand their feelings and behaviour?

Come and learn how you can connect with your toddler and help them thrive by:
- Seeing things through their eyes
- Helping them manage strong feelings
- Guiding their behaviour.

Register to attend in person:
Online: http://parenting.sa.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parenting@health.sa.gov.au

Register for the webinar:
Online: http://parenting.sa.eventbrite.com.au
When you register you will receive login details

Wednesday 4 November
When: 7:15-9:00pm
Where: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide

Helping parents be their best

Presented by Parenting SA
For more information about caring for your toddler go to www.parenting.sa.gov.au or www.cfs.sa.gov.au

For the benefit of all participants unfortunately we are unable to admit babies and children

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