Reminder
Term 4:
Friday, December 11th
EARLY 2:30pm Dismissal

Student Recognition Awards

From the Principal
TERM HIGHLIGHTS

The following are just some of the highlights and achievements during Term 4:
- R - 5 Swimming Programme
- Kindy to School Transition Programme
- High School Transition for Year 7s
- Footsteps Dance Lessons
- Odd Socks and Casual Day
- School Picnic
- Rooms 1 and 2 Excursion to Hallett Cove Conservation Park
- Rooms 14 and 16 Excursion to Cleland
- Water Management Study at Thalassa Park for Room 6
- Room 5 Excursion to the Museum
- Rooms 17 and 19 Excursion to the Art Gallery and Parliament House
- SAPSASA: Beach Volleyball; 7 students representing Southern Valley in Tennis/Cricket; 1 student winning a silver medal in shot put (State Athletics)
- 15 years as a SunSmart School, Sid Seagull
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- Walk-a-thon Fundraiser
- The Premier’s Reading Challenge - our school’s participation rate, 81% (some classes achieved 100% participation)
- Instrumental Music Recital Night
- Enthusiastic involvement with historic local Kaurna stories and sites
- Living Safely with Pets incursion
- Spanish intern, Laura, at our school
- Indonesian Teachers visiting our school
- 2nd Year Student Teacher involvement with Health and PE
- Work Experience Student in Room 14

- Visiting Indonesian Teachers
- I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their contribution during Term 4.

Julie Gallaher
Principal

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK
MR T

Scott has been teaching at the Hub for 10 years. When he joined the Hub staff he was one of the Year 6/7 teachers and also had the Coordinating role of Pedal Prix. Over the years Scott has taught in a Junior Primary class, worked 1 day a week in the Primary Special Class and been our Specialist Health and PE teacher working across R-7 taking all classes 2 lessons per week. During Terms 3 and 4 Scott has also been our School Counselor 1 day a week.

Scott has successfully been the SAPSASA Coordinator for both our site and for a number of District Teams. He has certainly made a difference to our students’ fitness levels since managing PE for the last 3 years.

Scott leaves at the end of this year to take up a full-time PE teaching position at Woodcroft Primary School. We all wish Scott the best for his move to his new school and for his future.
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
2015

The previous Education Minister, Ms Rankine, provided each site with a plaque to be used annually to acknowledge and recognise a ‘Volunteer of the Year’.

This is a huge ask, as we have so many fantastic people who volunteer their services to our school in countless ways – working in classrooms, attending camps and excursions, working in the Canteen and Resource Centre, coordinating and coaching sports, as part of our mentor programme, as members of Governing Council and Sub-Committees and so much more. Without the support from our families and community members we would find it difficult to maintain many of the activities currently available for our students. For this auspicious award we canvassed staff and members of our school community for nominations. Many valued volunteers’ names were put forward for consideration for this award.

Ms Andrea Thain was a stand-out candidate and has been awarded the 2015 ‘VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR’ for our school. Andrea was presented with her certificate at last week’s special Volunteers’ Morning Tea. The plaque has been engraved with Andrea’s name and will be displayed in our Front Office. Andrea has provided her service to our school for 10 years, working weekly in the school canteen.

Andrea’s community spirit and support for our school is greatly valued and appreciated. We look forward to Andrea continuing her association with the Hub for some time to come.

Special thank you and recognition to Andrea and to all of our amazing volunteers for their support of the Hub. We wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas with your family and friends. The Hub hopes to see you all back again in 2016.

Julie Gallaher
THANKS TREVOR FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HUB

I’d like to acknowledge and thank Trevor Langhans for his support and contributions to the Hub for many, many years. Trevor was a valued parent of our school in the past, with both his girls completing their primary years here. He has worked in our Grounds for a number of years as well as being a member of the Grounds and Facilities Committee.

After years of service, Trevor has decided to hang up the gardening gloves and pursue some much needed R and R and intends to travel parts of Australia. On behalf of the Hub Community I wish Trevor all the best for his future.

Julie Gallaher  
Principal

HUB GRUB STAFFING UPDATE

2016

I would like to congratulate Ms Trish Brewer who will be the Acting Canteen Manager for the first Semester of 2016, working Monday/Tuesday/Thursday and Friday. Trish will capably take on this role, continuing the quality service we have all come to expect.

I would also like to congratulate Ms Andrea Thain who will be the Acting Assistant Manager for the first Semester of 2016, working Wednesdays in the Canteen. Andrea will be a huge support to Trish and will assist with maintaining the success of our Canteen.

The Canteen Manager position will be formally advertised during Semester 1, 2016.

Julie Gallaher  
Principal

HAVE YOUR SAY

On Early Childhood Reform

The South Australian government wants to hear your ideas for improving early childhood education and support for families. Research shows that access to services such as preschools can reduce the effects of disadvantage, giving children a better start to schooling, creating benefits that continue into adulthood. It also tells us that it is more effective to support children’s development during their early years than attempting to ‘fix’ problems when they are older.

Share your views and ideas about before and after preschool care, services for disadvantaged children and greater flexibility and choice for families when accessing preschool. Have your say by visiting the YourSAy online consultation until December 4th, 2015 and go into the running to win one of three prizes.”

2016 MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES

Parent/Caregiver Poll Results

The recent poll of parents/caregivers responsible for paying this charge for 2016 closed on November 24th, 2015. There were 40 responses in total and of these 28 (70%) were in favour of the proposal, 12 (30%) against.

School fees for 2016 will be $280.00 and this becomes the prescribed sum and therefore legally recoverable in the event of non-payment. The Excursion Levy will be $40.00 per student for 2016.

Thank you to our families who voted in the poll.

Heather Brown  
Finance Officer

SCIENCE News

Science Material Donations

We are setting up Room 18 as a Science Room for next year and we are seeking the donation of household items for use in our science programmes. Please could you have a look at the list below and see if you can spare any of these items for 2016.

- glass jars
- long cardboard rolls (from wrapping paper)
- seeds
- cones
- shells
- small old toys (particularly wind-up ones)
- zip lock bags
- cotton buds
- old sieves
- old skateboard
- tubing
- small balls (marbles, squash, bouncy)
- corks
- cotton reels
- wool
- old cutlery

If you use, or see, any of these over the Christmas break/school holidays, could you please put them aside for your child to bring to school in Term 1 next year?

We appreciate any help you can give us with collecting these items and we look forward to teaching your child/children in 2016.

Thanks,

Charlene McGrath  
Teacher
STUDENT MEDICATION
End-of-Year
Please be reminded that any medication your child may have at school must be collected by 2:30pm on the last day of Term 4.

Notes have also been sent home with students as a reminder, along with new Medication Authority forms. These forms are to be completed and returned for the start of the new 2016 school year. If you are requesting that your child collect the medication, a signed permission slip or a signed note from a parent/caregiver must be provided. We ask that you take the time to update any health care plans and check that all medication is still in date. Medications must be prescribed by an Authorised Health Professional in an original pharmacy labelled container.

SAFE INTERNET USE
Social Networking
Chat and social networking are great ways to stay in touch and find new friends. However, there are some risks meeting people online, especially if you don’t know them in real life. When you share things online you may be sharing with other people you do not know or trust. Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you also won't be able to control where it goes.

What do I need to know about safe social networking?
• Limit your friend list — don’t ‘friend’ random people.
• Protect your privacy — don’t share your password and set your profile to private.
• Your personal details are valuable — don’t share them.
• Protect your reputation — keep it clean and ask yourself: would you want others to see what you upload?
• Be careful who you trust — a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
  • Don’t use a webcam with people you do not know.
  • Think before you post, chat, upload or download.

Cyberbullying and how to make a complaint
Block the person and talk to someone you trust
A complaint can lead to a formal investigation and so it's worth trying to resolving the issue before making a complaint. We recommend the following possible actions:
• talk to a trusted adult, parent or teacher first about the cyberbullying
• block or unfriend the person upsetting you.
If you don't feel comfortable talking with your parents or teachers, you can contact Kids Helpline.

Contact the social media service where the cyberbullying is taking place
Under new legislation, social media services are obliged to take down material believed to be cyberbullying. Most social media services will have a reporting area on their website.

Report cyberbullying to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner
If the social media service fails to remove the material, you can make a complaint to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner.

Reporting inappropriate or illegal content
Please also note the legal age of joining social sites is generally 13 years of age and that photographs need the express consent of all persons involved before they be posted publicly on the internet.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

DI’s DIALOGUE
The Year’s End
The year is nearly over! Where oh where did that time go? Well, school has been a busy place and this term certainly flew by. Some of the changes you may have seen around the place this term have been: the vegetables and flowers in the vegie patch outside Unit 2, (please help yourself to any produce you may find in the patch as it has been grown for our community) and the Friendship Bench has been painted and decorated by our Year 7 students.

All the best for the rest of 2015. Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season from me and I’ll see you all next year.

Di Brinkworth
Pastoral Care Worker
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.

RESOURCE CENTRE News
Thank You
A huge thank you to our volunteers - both the weekly regulars and those who drop in when they have a little time to spare. We are reliant on and most appreciative of your help. Thanks to Allison Spry for her work with the Scholastic Book Club - many families and the school have benefitted from her work. Thanks to our student Library and Audio Visual Monitors, especially those who come in each time they are rostered on. We appreciate you giving up your time to help with various jobs.

Returns
All items were due back for our end-of-year stocktake at the end of last week. Please encourage your children to return anything from the Resource Centre as soon as possible. The public Hub Library has a fabulous collection and service, so you can borrow from there throughout the summer break. They run a popular summer reading programme (as detailed in ‘Community News’ at the end of this newsletter).

Help
If anyone (with a DCSI Relevant History screening clearance and Responding to Abuse and Neglect volunteer training) has time to pop in during the next week to help with the stocktake, please come along at any time for any length of time. You will be most welcome. (Tea, coffee, water and biscuits supplied.)

Acknowledgement
I would like to acknowledge the influence that you have over your children in regards to reading. It is gratifying to see so many of our students enthusiastically embracing the new books, waiting eagerly for their turn to borrow the reserved books. It is a joy to listen to them discussing the books they’ve read and encouraging their friends to read them too. Please keep up the good work and keep them reading over the holidays. Your role-modelling and participation with their reading plays a key role.

Best wishes to you all for a relaxing holiday, snuggled up with some good books for at least 30 minutes per day. I look forward to working with you again next year.

Sophia Kerkvliet
Teacher/Librarian

HUB GRUB News
2016 Price List
The 2016 price list will be distributed, via the eldest child in the family, in Week 1 of Term 1, 2016.

Thank You
Thanks to Melissa P and Ewa W for making the Xmas cookies. They were a big hit with the students. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted Trish and I throughout the year. We certainly could not run the Canteen without you. Also thanks to all the Year 7 Canteen Assistants for helping us out at recess and lunch-time by serving over the counter. You are all to be congratulated on a fabulous effort.

Sincere thanks must go to Shirley Booth who, after many years of service to the school and the Canteen, is hanging up her apron. Throughout her time with us she has made countless batches of beautiful scones and thousands of muffins. Thank you Shirley for your dedication.

I’d also like to thank Trish Brewer for her support, great ideas and doing a fantastic job running the Canteen. A big thank you to Andrea Thain for always being available to assist at late notice, for making the delicious soup in Terms 2 and 3 and for helping me with special catering events.

I am also hanging up my apron in the Canteen. It will always be with happy memories that I recall staff, students, parents/caregivers and my volunteers at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School. I have loved working at the Hub Grub for the last 12 years and will miss you all.

Thanks,

Janet Matthews
Canteen Manager
SPORT News

Thanks
A special thank you to Neil Purvis for his contribution to Basketball for the last 7 years. We have appreciated his commitment and active role as Coordinator, Coach and member of the Sports Committee.

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank all the families who have volunteered to take on a role in support of our school sports’ programme. In particular, I would like to acknowledge those parents/caregivers who have taken on a co-ordinator role, coaching role or a team managers’ role. Without your time dedication and enthusiasm, school sport would not be successful.

A very special thank you to Neil Purvis for his contribution to basketball over the last 7 years. We have appreciated his active role as Basketball Coordinator, coach and member of the sports committee.

Sport Registration Forms
Registration forms for Out of School Sports – Basketball, Soccer, Netball, Cricket and Pedal Prix were distributed to interested, eligible students this week. Please feel free to collect a form from the Front Office if you haven’t yet received one.

All registration/code of conduct forms/uniform notes are due in to the Front Office next Monday, December 7th, to help us in sorting teams for next year.

Sports Coordinators/Coaches 2016
As per Out of School Sports Policy, we require Coordinators to manage each sport and Coaches for each team. Please ensure that you have clearly stated on your child’s registration form if you are interested in a Coordinator/Coaching role in 2016. (Please note that a DCSI Relevant History Screening clearance and Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) training for volunteers are mandated for these roles.)

End-of-Year Procedures for Coordinators/Coaches
Could any outstanding keys and first aid kits please be returned to the Front Office by Monday of Week 9, Term 4 2015. Sports bags/kits also need to have been returned by the end of the season.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

SAPSASA
Volleyball Carnival
On November 19th, our school had 4 volleyball teams that participated in the SAPSASA Beach Volleyball Carnival at Glenelg Beach. There were more than 150 teams involved in this ‘round robin’ event. The Year 4/5 boys and girls did exceptionally well and had a chance in the quarter finals, but sadly lost. Unfortunately the Year 6/7 boys didn’t make it to the quarter finals, winning 2 of 4 games. The Year 6/7 girls also didn’t make it to the quarter finals, winning 1 and drawing another. It was a fun and successful day, but very hot. We’d like to thank Mr T and Ed for making this day happen and also the parents/caregivers who helped transport or coach on the day.

Team members were:

Year 6/7 Boys:
Ajit K, Cooper G, Jayden D, Jayden L, Ryan C, Tyson D

Year 6/7 Girls:
Alex M, Alyssa L, Hayley J, Kelly C, Taylah J, Tiahna K

Year 4/5 Boys:

Year 4/5 Girls:
Bree H, Brianna O, Chloe K, Edie D, Jazmin Morrall, Madison R

Ajit and Haley
Summer Holiday Activities

There's a lot happening during the Summer holidays at the Hub library. Many of these activities are part of the Summer Reading Club which is aimed at encouraging young people to continue reading over the long school holiday break. The Summer Reading Club launch and finales take place at Thalassa Park. Other activities are being held in the Hub library on Hub Drive, Aberfoyle Park. Bookings can be made on 8384 0100, at the library or by visiting www.onkaparinga.sa.gov.au.

Summer Reading Club Launch at Thalassa Park
Wednesday 2 December, 3:30-4:30pm, Thalassa Park.
Collect a Summer Reading Club passport to begin your adventure. Explore Storybook Walk and have fun with treasure hunt BINGO. 5 y.o. and over. Bookings essential.

Fireballs in the Sky: Hub library, Hub Drive.
4 December, 2015 to 10 January, 2016.
The Australian Desert Fireball Network are tracking meteors and need your help! Find out how at the Hub library during December and January. Discover the awesome science, technology, engineering and maths going on in our backyard. Have fun with meteor tracking and space themed activities. For all ages. Bookings not required.

Christmas Storytime: Hub library, Hub Drive.
Saturday, 19 December 2015, 11am-12:30pm
Suitable for families. Enchanting Christmas songs and stories. Create a snow globe or Christmas masterpiece. Book: 8384 0100 or www.onkaparingacity.com/libraries

Make A Digital Christmas Greeting: Hub library, Hub Drive.
Tuesday, 15 December, between 1-6pm. Create your own Christmas greeting movie in our movie studio. Children under 8 must have parent participation. For all ages. Bookings essential.

Mini-golf @ the Hub: Hub library, Hub Drive.
Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 & Friday 15 January.
Create your own mini golf course. Materials supplied. All ages.

Stop Motion Animation: Hub library, Hub Drive.
Tuesday 19 January, Thursday 21 January (2-3:30pm)
Create an animated Jurassic World using props and stop motion technology. For 8-15 y.o. Bookings essential.

Summer Reading Club Grand Finale Celebration
Friday 12 February, 3:30-4:30pm Thalassa Park. 5 y.o.+
Join the fun as we celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club and pick up your prize. Bookings essential.