Advanced Notice

Acquaintance Night/Open Night/AGM
Wednesday, February 17th

Pupil Free Days
* Term 1 — Week 7
  Tuesday, 15th March
* Term 2 — Week 6
  Friday, 10th June
* Term 3 — Week 7
  Monday, 5th September
* Term 4 — Week 8
  Monday, 5th December

School Closure Day
Term 4 — Week 4
Monday, 7th November

From the Principal

NEW BEGINNINGS

Welcome back to a new school year. I am looking forward to being part of the wonderful Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School community. It is a great honour being given the opportunity of joining this great school community and I look forward to seeing the excellent work and achievements that this school has built a reputation for.

A Little about Me

Prior to joining Aberfoyle, I was at Jervois Primary School for the last three years. I have spent a great deal of time in Whyalla, Port Augusta and Coober Pedy and various other schools around outer Adelaide. I have taught both secondary and primary students. Positions I have held have been class teacher, ESL Coordinator, Deputy Principal and Principal.

Please feel free to come and say hello or make a time to see me. I am looking forward to working with all of you as we strive as a team to create the best opportunities to help your child be as successful as possible at school.

Staff for 2016

Many of you would be aware of your child’s teacher. Notes would have been sent home informing you of classes and teachers. Now that we have filled all vacancies, I am pleased to inform you of our classes and teachers.

- Reception/Year 1 Classes: Judy Smith, Nicole Ellis and Judy Gum
- Year 1/2 Classes: David Sickerdick, Kate Williams and Kylie Clark
- Year 2/3 Class: Annette Reid
- Year 3/4 Classes: Amanda Badcock, Janet Parkinson and Angela Thorburn
- Year 5 Class: Carol Clack
- Year 5/6 Class: Kelsey Conlin
- Year 6/7 Classes: Charlene McGrath, Brad Edwards and Kate Zampogna
- Primary Special Class: Tiffany King
- Junior Primary Special Class: Helen Nicholas
- Spanish: Lydia Callaghan
- R-7 PE: Brad Walters
- Arts: Janet Parkinson
- Teacher/Librarian: Sophia Kerkvliet

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ring and make a time to catch up with your child’s teacher.

Growth Mind Set

As the New Year begins I cannot stress how important it is that we all approach learning as a ‘Growth Mind Set’. What this means is that intelligence can be developed. It does not matter what obstacles we face in life, whether it be reading, writing, fine motor skills or doing maths.

What is important is that we always give something a try, take risks without caring if we fail or not. Trying and getting something wrong is not failing. What is failure is not trying or not taking a risk. By not taking that risk you tend not to have a ‘Growth Mind Set’.

Relationships and Friendship ● Responsibility ● Respect
So as learners what should we all be striving for? Embracing challenges however difficult things may feel, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from criticism and find inspiration from others. These positive learning characteristics remain fixed as part of our lives. We never stop learning, as learning is a life long journey. We can choose to highlight the difficult traits we may have to explain to ourselves why someone cannot achieve a particular goal. However, we all achieve goals at our own pace and level. It is important to recognise this, build on that success and never give up in trying.

Here at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School we encourage our children to do their utmost to achieve success in learning. This is done through encouragement, supporting, showing, taking risks and most importantly giving it a go. I ask that the same encouragement is continued at home. Listen to them read for ten minutes a night. Have them practise their writing, do that one maths problem they find hard. Listen to their concerns, but always encourage them to give it a go.

As a nation we do all of this in our children’s sporting activities and hobbies. They become successful because they practise, apply themselves, build confidence and are always supported. Learning requires the same effort as we do for our sporting endeavours.

Carol Dweck has written some excellent papers on the Growth Mind Set. Please Google her to find our more on what I have presented here.

We are in a new year with exceptional opportunities to achieve great things. When you send your child to school, remind them or ask them, “Are you going to school with a positive Growth Mind Set?” This will be something you will begin to hear more of from your children as class teachers begin to engage ‘Growth Mind Set’ in their classes.

Regards
Tas Ktenidis
Principal

NEW STUDENTS
Starting in Term 1
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.

STUDENT TEACHERS
From Flinders Uni
We welcome Final Year Pre-Service Teachers who began here at the Hub last week - Alana Hayes, Natalie Sarris, Natasha Paffett, Steph Kneebone and Stefanija Dimich. They will be completing 8 days in Term 1 and their 6-week placement in Term 2.

We also welcome Kim Potter and Emily-Rose Turci who are Second Year Pre-Service Teachers, visiting our school for the next three weeks learning through both observation and working with students.

From Korea
We also welcome 18 student teachers from Korea: Hyein Mun, Naram Gwak, Nagyeon Jeon, Yoonsil Chang, Daeyong Kim, Sohee Park, Chaewon Kim, Jae-yeon Jung, Hyejun Choi, Daijijun Jeong, Jisu Yoo, Soomin Hong, Dohee Kim, Wonwoo Seo, Seyun Im, Songri Kwon, Inha Park and Jinyoung Song. Everyone will be completing a 1-week practicum with a Teacher as their mentor and will have the opportunity to work in many classes across R-7.

We wish all of our student teachers a positive teaching experience at the Hub.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

SAFETY
Car Park
Many of you would be aware that here at the school we have a couple of car parks. I would like to remind our school community that the car parks are for staff. During the mornings and afternoon those who are trying to access the car park are putting our children at risk by trying to drive in there. Please avoid doing this as I would not wish under any circumstances to ring families informing them that their child was hurt due to a car accident.

We do have a number of car parks set aside for those individuals who are in wheel chairs or have some physical issue that may require them to access those particular parks. Please be mindful of this and leave those parks free at all times for those members of our school community. Parking in the Disability Parks is by permit holders only.

One dangerous practice also is the double parking that I have seen occurring.

MUSIC News
Instrumental Music Lessons 2016
Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School gives Year 3-7 students an opportunity to learn a musical instrument, taught on a weekly basis during class time, either through the Instrumental Music Services (IMS) or private providers. This year Sam Helps will be teaching Strings for IMS on Mondays for Violin, Viola and Cello at no lesson cost. Instruments are available for hire for $180 for the year, once Heather Brown, Finance Officer has given a receipt. Sophia Kerkvliet in the Resource Centre will then be able to issue a string instrument. Private tuition is available in Keyboard, Guitar, Percussion, Brass and Woodwind.

Music Tuition forms were sent home on February 3rd and needed to be returned by February 10th to the Front Office. Additional Music Tuition forms are available at Front Office.

Should you wish to contact any of the private providers regarding options for instrumental lessons, they are happy to answer your queries.

Keyboard: Sam Liguoro 0409 692 944
Guitar: Alison Hansen 0419 825 517
Drums, Brass, Woodwind: Tony Hansford 0416 199 047
Janet Parkinson
Music, Drama, Media Teacher
NEWSLETTERS
Class
Families will receive a class newsletter a minimum of once a term.

School
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. The email addresses of parents/caregivers previously receiving the school 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. You’ll be added to our email list and emailed with a link to the current newsletter each fortnight.

If you change your address or no longer wish to receive the School Newsletter, contact us/unsubscribe on the Safe Newsletter website.

We realise that not all of our families have access to email, so we are happy to send some school newsletters home with a child as a hard copy on request (in writing).

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

Again, I cannot stress how dangerous this is for children who have to dodge cars to get to their car. Please refrain from doing this and always look to park safely for your child. We also ask that parents/caregivers park within the lines and refrain from angle parking. Remember too, that local residents need to be able to have safe and unrestricted access to their properties.

Parking/Drop-Off Zones
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, please drive off and leave the zone free for parents/caregivers whose child is waiting. Recently (during rainy weather) we had parents/caregivers with no choice but to double park to drop children off in the morning, as others remained parked in the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone at the front of the school. This then becomes a safety issue. Everyone’s patience is appreciated during peak times when space is hard to find.

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

Safety Assist
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 an emergency Mobile App useful which provides help for everyone covering all kinds of personal emergency situations. Visit: www.danielmorcombe.com.au/app.html

HEALTH News
Medication
It is a requirement of the Department for Education and Child Development 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/school bags.

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

BELongINGS
Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child’s name (including surname). We send to charity large amounts of unclaimed/unlabelled clothing. Please regularly check the lost property bin (in Unit 1 corridor) and general-use areas within the school for lost items.

SCHOOL HOURS
Parents/Caregivers are requested to wait outside buildings when picking up their children at 3:10pm to ease congestion and encourage children to collect their belongings and pack 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 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.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal
PAYMENT OF MONEY
De-Commission of BIZGATE
The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has recently advised that Bizgate, the online payment facility used by our school, will be decommissioned. The decommissioning of the Bizgate facility is occurring across the SA Government and will impact all government departments. The link for Bizgate has now been removed from our website.

For the convenience of our families I am in the process of determining whether a similar service is available to replace the popular Bizgate online payment system used by many to pay various accounts.

Materials & Service Charge
The Tax Invoices for the 2016 Material & Service Charge and Excursion Levy and other relevant information will be distributed to families by the end of this week. In the past we have posted the Tax Invoices through the postal system. In light of the recent stamp price increase to $1.00 per item, we have decided to send the invoices home in a sealed envelope with your child. You should receive the envelope no later than Friday of this week. Please contact the school if you do not receive the package from your child.

Heather Brown
Finance Officer

VOLUNTEERS

Relevant History Screening: Changes to Screening Policy
As you may already be aware (from recent news/media articles), the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) has updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time. The changes are consistent with the recommendations outlined in the Working with Children Checks Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. DECD has informed us that as of Monday, January 25th 2016, parents/guardians volunteering in schools/preschools to support their own child’s education will no longer need to undertake relevant history screening. However, the need for a DCSI (Department for Communities and Social Inclusion) child-related employment screening will continue to apply to most people, including:

- All DECD employees
- Families SA volunteers and those working closely with children with disabilities
- People attending overnight camps and school sleep-overs
- Hosts of billets or homestay students
- Some contractors/third-party providers
- Sports coaches who are not parents/guardians of a child in the team.

As has always been the case, people attending a single event/activity at a school/preschool, such as a concert, fundraising events, swimming week or sports day do not need to be screened.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
Please be aware that, as most volunteers at our school assist in multiple ways/areas, including assisting many different children, it is the policy of Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School that:

- All volunteers at our site need a DCSI ‘child-related employment screening’.
- Exceptions will only apply if agreed to by the Principal, Mr Ktenidis.

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Online Screening Applications

Relevant History Screening Applications are now being done online. All online screening applications MUST be initiated by an organisation. Volunteers will be unable to start a DCSI screening on their own - an organisation must initiate an application on their behalf. Please contact the school’s Front Office to initiate an online screening application if you would like to volunteer at our site (and do not have a current DCSI screening approval).

To start your application you will need to provide us with your full name, date of birth and a current email address. You will also need to indicate where/how you will be volunteering in our school. This information will pre-populate your application form. You will then NOT be able to change this information without consulting with the school.

When the school has successfully initiated an application on your behalf, you will receive the first of 2 emails from the DCSI Screening Unit advising that an application has been initiated on your behalf. Click on ‘Activate My Account’ in your email. You’ll then receive a second email from DCSI with your personal account login details, username and password and further information so that you can proceed with your application.

If you have any questions about the survey, or would like to contribute to this Science focus in 2016 (either through volunteering, donating supplies or talking about the Science in your job) then please contact Ms McGrath.

Charlene McGrath
Year 6/7 Teacher

SCIENCE News Blog

Have you checked out our Science Blog?
You can access it from the school’s website under the share tab or click on the link: http://scienceatthehub.edublogs.org/

Science Survey

This year at The Hub we are focusing on improving the quantity and quality of Science being taught across the school, as well as lifting the profile of Science within our community. Before we begin we would like your feedback on Science at The Hub as this will help us to direct our focus to the areas of most need and also give us a benchmark that we can compare with at the end of the year. The survey is online using SurveyMonkey and will not take long to complete. Thank you in anticipation.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHHMJ35

You will also be receiving the link via email as we would like as many parents/caregivers as possible across the school to respond. This is important to ensure that we are giving everyone a voice and so that we receive a clear picture of your, or the family’s, perspective across the site. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this. Your help is very much appreciated.
Once you’ve received your approval from DCSI, bring in your ORIGINAL clearance letter/email to the Front Office so that we can sight it. Clearances are valid for 3 years. Keep your original approval safe as DCSI no longer issues replacements for lost or misplaced letters.

RAN Training

Screening is just one measure used to help keep children safe. DECD requires all who work with children to be responsible for child safety, including knowing how to recognise and report inappropriate behaviour. All volunteers at our site must have undertaken RAN (Responding to Abuse and Neglect) training.

Details of RAN training opportunities will be made available in a subsequent newsletter. Please ensure that you attend a training session to avoid the disappointment of not being able to volunteer to assist our students at the Hub.

We appreciate and value the support of all of our volunteers and want to make sure each and every one of you can contribute to our school community.

RESOURCE CENTRE News

It is good to be back. I had fun sharing with students what they’ve read during the holidays. I discussed with each class the benefits of reading and why continuing reading through holidays is so important. Some of the student responses:

Reading helps you to learn new words.
Reading helps your brain to grow. It has to work, to work out the words and imagine the pictures in your head.
Reading helps you learn about people, places and different times in history.
The more you read the better and faster you get.
Reading is fun.

We also discussed the idea that reading helps you develop empathy because you can put yourself into a character’s place and experience situations that you might never go through.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Last year our completion rate of the Premier’s Reading Challenge was down by a couple of percentage points. In an attempt to lift our percentage this year, we have made an early start and encourage students to finish the Challenge as soon as possible. We appreciate your help in encouraging your children to read their quota and complete the forms. Please sign off the students’ books completed on their form.

Resource Based Learning

I am looking forward to working with the Early Years section of the school on a cultural aspect of history this term.

Volunteers

If you have some time to spare this term and you would like to volunteer in the school’s Resource Centre, please come and see me and we’ll work out a mutually suitable time.

Parent Library

If you have any questions about your child’s reading or borrowing or about the Resource Centre generally, please see me before or after school while we are available during ‘Borrow and Browse’. We have a small parent library. If you wish to borrow from this section or from the student collection, come in and we will organise a borrower card for you.

Sophia Kerkvliet
Teacher/Librarian
OPEN NIGHT
Followed by AGM
Our school's Open Night/Acquaintance Night is next Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00pm. At the end of this page we have included a copy of the special flyer that is displayed around the school.

There will be a sausage sizzle available and the Canteen will be providing coffee, tea and 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 6:15pm and 6:30pm for families looking to move to the Hub in the future.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal

Hub’s 30th Birthday 2016 Celebrations
As the Hub is officially 30 years old, we are intending to celebrate during 2016. We have a Committee that has had regular meetings during the last 2-terms of 2015.

There are a number of events planned throughout 2016 and the Committee will keep you posted.

One of the main events that will wrap up the year’s celebrations will be a Fair on Sunday, November 6th from 10am to 3pm.

We will need the support of our school community, so if you can offer help in any way, can you please contact the Front Office. Any support would be most welcome.

DIARY DATES: February

16th
Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
17th
Acquaintance Night/Open Night/AGM
19th
R - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)
22nd
Pedal Prix Meeting 7:00pm (Resource Centre)
24th
Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm (Staff Room)
26th
R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)

DIARY DATES: March

4th
4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room)
SPORT News

Soccer
More players are required. Please complete a registration form from the Front Office for any Year 5 student who is interested in playing soccer for our school.

Netball
We are seeking more players who are interested in playing for the Hub. Games are played on Saturday mornings. Registration forms are available from the Front Office.

Coaches also required for sport to commence.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

HUB GRUB News

Volunteers
Welcome back to our wonderful volunteers. We very much appreciate the time you give us. We are still very short of volunteers for all days, but especially Fridays, so if anyone has some spare time and would like to come and help, please let us know.

Please note: you do require a relevant history screening clearance and RAN volunteer training.

Canteen Price List
The 2016 price list has been distributed (via class teachers). If your family has not received one, please call into the Canteen to collect a copy.

Trish Brewer & Andrea Thain
Canteen Managers

CRICKET AT REYNELLA OVAL
Old Reynella

Reception - Year 1:
Cricket Australia’s 10-week national beginners program for boys and girls, Milo in2CRICKET, commenced last October and returns for the final 5 weeks.

Saturdays: 9:00-10:00am for 5 weeks
from Feb 20th - March 19th

Contact Trish Pinder (details below) for all enquiries.

Year 2/3s:
SACA-supported school teams play Kanga cricket against other schools.

Saturdays: 8:15-10:00am
Feb 13th - March 19th
All equipment supplied by schools or SACA. Girls may play up to Year 5.

Register interest through Mrs Magnusson (via our school’s Front Office).

RCC Girls Only:
Coaching/Games for girls Years 2 - 5.

Saturdays: 9:00-10:15am for 6 weeks
from Feb 13th

Cost $30, payable at the oval. Includes trophy, all equipment and A-grade player woman’s coach.

Contact/Further Information for any of these programs:
Trish Pinder
pinders@internode.on.net or Mobile: 0411 116 300

SA DENTAL SERVICE
Dental care is FREE for all preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Noarlunga GP Plus Super Clinic
2 Alexander Kelly Drive,
NOARLUNGA SA 5168

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Call 8384 9244 for an appointment.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

10-Year-Old Participants Wanted for Flinders Sleep Study
Are you interested in finding out more about your child’s sleep? We are too! Investigators at Flinders University are investigating how boys’ sleep and biological rhythms change as they enter their teen years, starting at age 10. We are looking for healthy, good sleepers. This landmark study will occur over 3.5 years and will involve your child attending a ‘sleep camp’ twice a year at our fun and comfy sleep lab. Participants will receive a payment every 6 months for taking part in this study.

If you are interested in finding out more, email us at sleepcamp@flinders.edu.au
Australia’s #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2-12. Starting in Week 2!

Grasshopper Soccer starts SOON at 7 locations:
- Thursday afternoons - Bellevue Heights PS
- Friday afternoons - McLaren Vale PS and Noarlunga Leisure Centre
- Saturday mornings - Reynella East College and Seaford Rise PS
- Sunday mornings - Hallett Cove School and Brighton Oval.

For more information:
visit www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au OR facebook.com/GrasshopperSoccerSouthernAdelaide OR contact Daniel by phoning 0433 422 347 or emailing, daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

FURTHER DETAILS:
For further information please contact,
CF/3 Community Engagement Officer, Laura Gemmell 0457103477 or email l.Gemmell2@sa.gov.au

Community News

THE ABERFOYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

BUSHFIRE READY MEETING

This meeting could save your life!

TOPICS INCLUDE:
- Bushfire behaviour & warnings
- Property preparation
- Keeping safe
- Where to go and when
- Your bushfire plan

WHEN & WHERE

FREE INFO SESSION Thursday 18th February
7:30-8:30pm
The Aberfoyle Community Centre, 1 Jessica Street, Aberfoyle Park
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE from 7pm
Bookings with the Community Centre: 82705377

2016 KANGARILLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL
INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
11-2PM

Inviting all current, past and new players for our U9, U11, U13, U15 teams

Join us on 21st Feb at the Kangarilla Oval as we kick start the 2016 footy season

- Meet your coach and team members
- Enjoy a free sausage sizzle
- Take part in the football clinic with Kangaroo Seniors
- Parent Information Session
- Merchandise for sale
- Goody bags

For further information, please contact your coach or Belinda Marsh, Junior Football Director on 0430493335

Pink Panthers

Come & Try Session

South Adelaide Panthers Women’s Football Club (Soccer) is holding a

Come and Try Session

For girls born in 2005 or after in preparation for the 2016 season.
Pink Panthers are looking for girls that want to play in an all-girls team. Pink Panthers are the only club in the Southern Suburbs that fields teams in all age groups - Junior Girls through to Senior Women.

Saturday 21st February from 9.00am

Our club is located on Galloway Road, O’Sullivan Beach. No previous experience necessary - beginners are more than welcome.

For further enquiries please contact:
Lars Petersen 0433 062 809 or Darren Clay 0415 526 021