From the Principal

**WHAT AN AMAZING SCHOOL**

Week 4 has fast approached us and I feel so proud to be part of such a magnificent school community. Seeing our staff settle very quickly, supporting each other and establishing positive working relationships with our children, are keys to what makes a school successful. Enthusiasm is displayed at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School in the way staff approach their work, how our children engage with their learning and the wonderful support our parents/caregivers give. All this contributes to the heart of how our children attain high levels of success in activities they engage in, whether it be through learning, sport or the arts.

**Open Night**

Last week we held our Open Night and it was a great success. It was a pleasure seeing so many new parents/caregivers come to our school. As the year continues I am looking forward to speaking to each and every one. Our Governing Council members did an excellent job in cooking the BBQ. Thank you to all those parents who helped cook and clean.

Classroom visits were very busy and it is such a pleasure to see you all discover the learning journey that your child, grandchild, niece or nephew is about to take for 2016.

A special thank you also, to Trish Brewer, Andrea Thain and team for organising the food and helpers to make the night such a success.

**Governing Council**

I am pleased to announce that we have been able to fill our vacancies for our Governing Council to successfully contribute to the running of our school. During our first meeting we’ll be voting to fill the positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, along with various subcommittee positions. I look forward to working with everyone once we have filled these vacancies. Congratulations to all those who have been nominated for a further two years and to those who have a year left to run. In our next newsletter I will announce the make-up of our Governing Council.

**Pedal Prix**

Our school has a strong tradition of being part of Pedal Prix and we have had superb successes over the years. I was able to attend the first meeting of the Pedal Prix committee to learn what is involved in organising and setting up such an exciting extra-curricula activity for our children. The task that lays ahead is not an easy one as it involves organising training, setting up equipment, fundraising, travelling and organising accommodation just to mention a few things. The end result however is that our children have the opportunity to create some amazing memories that they will cherish and carry with them for the rest of their lives.

For such successful activities to continue in our school, the support of our school
Assisting San Pablo School

You may recall that late last year we had an extra casual day to help raise money for San Pablo School in the Philippines. At San Pablo School 280 students and their teachers, both male and female, shared only one toilet. We successfully assisted in raising enough money, together with other local schools, to have another toilet built. Thank you for the support from the school community.

Angela Thorburn
SRC Coordinator

Growth Mind Set

In our last newsletter I talked about Growth Mind Set. Our children have the opportunity to succeed with their learning by all of us supporting them. Listening to them read for five minutes, helping them do that one difficult maths problem, or taking that risk in their learning is what allows for our children to meet challenges and not be afraid of the perception of failure. It is not about getting something wrong, but rather giving something a go.

One way to look at Growth Mind is to take the analogy, ‘it’s not how good you are, it’s how good you want to be’.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal

2016 SRC Executives
Meet the Hub SRC leaders for 2016:


2016 Sport Captains
Special congratulations to the pictured students (Alyssa L, Sam L, Charlie D and Akash J) who have been chosen as our school Sports Captains.

HUB GRUB News
Weekly Specials
This year in the Canteen we are trying something new. There will be weekly specials available for purchase over-the-counter, at recess and lunch.

Week 5: Fruit Scones 50c
Week 6: Custard Cups $1

Keep an eye out in each school newsletter for the next two weeks’ specials.

Trish Brewer & Andrea Thain
Canteen Managers

HEALTH News
SunSmart
The Cancer Council advises us to “Be SunSmart and protect your skin in five ways when the UV index is 3 and above”.

- Slip on clothes that cover as much skin as possible.
- Slop on broad spectrum, water resistant SPF 30 or higher sunscreen and reapply it every 2 hours.
- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat or one that covers your head, face, neck and ears.
- Seek shade, particularly over the middle of the day when UV is highest.
- Slide on close-fitting sunglasses.

Use a combination of sun protection measures to keep safe from UV radiation, don’t rely on just one.

Check the ‘SunSmart UV Alert’ daily for local sun protection times anywhere in Australia. Find the SunSmart UV Alert online, in newspapers or on the free SunSmart app for smartphone/tablet devices.

For more information visit: http://www.sunsmart.com.au
### DIARY DATES: March

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### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. All children aged 6 to 16 years are required by law to attend school regularly and Parents/Caregivers have a responsibility to ensure children in their care regularly attend school between these ages. 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 school’s Front Office on 8270 5055 or notify the class teacher (in advance if possible). If your child is late they must come to the Front Office to be signed in.

Sarah Magnusson  
Deputy Principal

### OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

**Basketball and Cricket**

Games for both Basketball and Cricket have already begun. Please refer to your child’s 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 (signed) prior to the commencement of the first game.**

### Pedal Prix

We are registering one bike this year for both 6-hour Victoria Park races and the 24-hour Murray Bridge race. We are looking to expand on numbers for our team. Please contact the school if any other Year 6/7 students would like to participate in this fantastic opportunity. Remember that whole-family commitment is a must.

Sarah Magnusson  
Deputy Principal

### FAREWELL

**Pre-Service Teachers**

We say thank you and farewell to Kim Potter and Emily Turci who have been with us for the past two weeks as part of their first practicum.

They have not only learnt a great deal about school life, but also supported teachers with student learning. We wish them all the best with their studies.