From the Principal

READING
Every day your children come to school and return home expected to engage in the exercise of Reading. Reading forms the foundation for your children to become ‘lifelong learners’. This skill helps children to understand and immerse in text, look for meaning, infer, make connections with the world around them, activate prior knowledge, predict what is going to happen next, make connections, summarise and visualise things. These skills then are carried over into maths, science, history, the arts and sports.

Reading is an essential skill and we all have a responsibility to ensure our children will be successful in life. We need to invest our time, resources and energy to help them become confident and proficient readers. As parents, caregivers and teachers we are all aware of the daily challenges we face at work, home or at shops. In all the exercise we do there is always a component of reading. Reading that label on a product, completing that one report at work, following simple instructions on how to set up that toy for your child are just a few examples of how reading is integrated in our daily routines. As you are ‘lifelong learners’, the skills that you have attained to be successful in what you do has been achieved by hard work, people investing time in you, listening to you read, teaching you sounds (phonics), decoding skills and word recognition has helped you to become fluent readers which allows you to understand text. We are all at the stage that when we read text, we read it for a purpose that connects to an outcome, being a desire to read a story, solve a problem, or learn something new.

I always encourage and ask families to make the time to listen to your child read. We all live in a world that is busy and other commitments do take us away from family for various reasons. However making the time to listen to them read for just five minutes does make an enormous difference. You could listen to them read while you are cooking, preparing the wash or doing the dishes. Please keep this in mind, as when we all work together we are able to achieve and celebrate amazing learning outcomes with our children.

GROWTH MIND
Having a positive Growth Mind when it comes to reading allows our children to try, make mistakes and take chances while they are developing their skills to become comprehensive readers. Please always encourage, persist and never give up because through ‘learning struggle’, that is when we see our children go farther than we ever thought possible. I would like to finish off by quoting Dale Carnegie who was an American writer on Self Improvement.

‘Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed no hope at all.’
GOVERNING COUNCIL
2016
It was great to see a number of staff and family members staying on for the Annual General Meeting held on February 17th at 7:30pm (after Open Night).

Congratulations to our 2016 Governing Councillors and Committee members. Fortunately many of our 2015 Governing Councillors were re-elected for a further 1-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 2015). We happily welcome 2 new members who have elected to join our Governing Council for the first time. Being a Governing Councillor is a rewarding role, one which is valued by our whole school community.

2016 Governing Council Members and Officer Bearers: Tas Ktenidis; Sarah Magnusson; Staff Reps - Judy Smith (Term 1), Annette Reid (Term 2), Lydia Callaghan (Term 3), Charlene McGrath (Term 4); Di Brinkworth; Jo Elliott, Cindy Paton, Simone Morrison, Kathy Smith, Glyn Roberts, Andrea Scrimshaw, Danielle Jeffries, Stephen Dash, Adam Stone, Riki Duncan, Leanne James, Heather McFarlane, Kendra Dunning, Lee Steer and Kate Georg.

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.

2016 Committees:
• Finance Advisory Committee meets on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in Weeks 3 and 7.
• Out of School Sports Committee 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 3 and 7.
• Canteen Committee meets on a Friday at 2pm in Week 6.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal

2016 MATERIALS & SERVICE CHARGE/EXCURSION LEVY Payment By Instalments
Thank you to our families who have paid or part paid their child/children’s Materials 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 is due on Wednesday, March 16th.

The amount of $140 per child includes the Excursion Levy of $40 and $100 for the Materials and Service charge.

Other payment dates for this year are:
Wednesday, May 18th $90
Wednesday, June 29th $90

We are happy to take cash, cheque or credit card over the counter at school or your credit card details over the phone, or by arrangement through the EFT facility.

I would also like to remind our parents/caregivers who have used ‘BIZGATE’, previously available through the school website, that it has now been decommissioned. The decommissioning of the Bizgate facility has occurred across the SA Government and has impacted all government departments.

Heather Brown
School Finance Officer

INTERVIEWS
Parent/Caregiver/Teacher
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 29th. Specialist Teachers, Janet Parkinson, Sophia Kerkvliet, Brad Walters and Lydia Callaghan and Pastoral Care Worker, Di Brinkworth, will be available for appointments upon request on the Common Night.

START SMART
We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Reception to Year 7 students. Delivered in-class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank’s Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia’s young people.

Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit:

www.startsmart.com.au

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
Performance Troupe
Do you like to sing, dance or act? Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?
Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you! Everyone is welcome!

Audition bookings opened on Monday, February 15th.
Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 30th.

Weekly rehearsals are held from 4:15pm to 5:45pm at 3 locations:
• North: Parafield Gardens Primary on Tuesdays
• Central: Gilles Street Primary on Wednesdays
• South: Darlington Primary on Thursdays

There will also be a few Sunday workshops.
Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances, accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between September 12th and 23rd.

Please see Mrs Parkinson for details/expression of interest forms.
You can also check out the Festival of Music website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for information.

Janet Parkinson
Music, Drama, Media Teacher

SRC News
Harmony Day
Harmony Day is on March 18th and we are holding a Casual Day. Wear orange accessories and orange clothing. Bring a gold coin donation. All donations will be going to the Australian Refugee Association. This organisation helps refugees find homes and gives them food and a safe environment to stay in.

Thanking you in advance.
Angela Thorburn
SRC Coordinator

DI’s DIALOGUE
School Fair
Sunday 6th November, 2016 - mark the date in your diaries! This will be the date of our official 30th Celebrations for the school, in the form of a Fair.

We are in need of volunteers, young and old, whatever your gifting, but there are some individual skills that we are particularly in need of - the first being an Electrician to help on the day of the Fair. If you can help in this area please leave you name and phone number at the Front Office, marked ‘Attention DI’. We will still need many more volunteers and ideas for stalls, etc. and you would have heard from your child’s teachers by now that they are in need of Parent Reps to help liaise with other parents in the class to ensure the success of each classroom’s stall/activity. Of course we are also looking for people who can help with the normal fair activities like baking/making goods to sell, etc. Thank you to all of you who put your name down at Open Night to help in some way with the Fair in Term 4 (and also to those already on the lists). Everyone’s assistance will be valuable. Please see your child’s class teacher or get a message to me via the Front Office if you can help in any way. This article will be a regular feature in the newsletter from now on, so please watch out for updates.

Di Brinkworth
Pastoral Care Worker

RAN Training Sessions

Responding to abuse and neglect
Education and care training

Mandated Induction for VOLUNTEERS
Including Governing Councillors, Sports Coordinators, Coaches and Team Managers, Mentors and anyone volunteering in our school.

R.S.V.P. BY WEDNESDAY, March 16th
PHONE 8270 5055 TO BOOK A PLACE

Thursday, March 17th 7pm-9pm (Week 7, Term 1)
in our school’s Resource Centre
## COACHING WORKSHOP

A FREE ‘Essentials for Coaching Children’ workshop is being held on Wednesday, April 6th. This workshop (facilitated by the Office for Recreation and Sport) aims to give new or aspiring coaches the basic skills, knowledge and tips needed to provide an effective, enjoyable sporting experience for the children they coach.

**Topics covered:**

- Coaching Children – why children play sport, why they quit.
- Your Coaching Philosophy – why you are coaching, what sort of coach you want to be, what a great coach looks like.
- Creating a Positive Environment and Experience – emphasis on winning/losing, modelling respect for officials, keeping kids safe, working with parents.
- Making the Most of Your Time – importance of planning.
- Getting the Best from Your Players – providing great feedback, managing kids.
- Where to from Here – how to keep improving your coaching.

There will be plenty of delicious food and time for you to network with others.

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### SPORT News

**BASKETBALL Results: 23/2/16**

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<td>Our first game was a pretty warm one! The coach, being new, almost forgot to sub players and call for time-outs because she was too wrapped-up in watching the kids having so much fun! We didn’t score a goal, but everyone tried their hardest and had a great time and we can only go up from here! An awesome game played by Hudson, followed closely by Aimee, Harley, Ruby, Maddy and Sarah. Couldn’t be more proud. Well done Hub Hawks!</td>
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<td>Well, our first game wearing our uniforms and looking fantastic! Practice has paid off as we won, 14-13! Fantastic team game! Brilliant effort from Ruby, using her great shooting skills. Tayah definitely deserved the “Pocket Rocket” nickname her family have for her. Hudson played another great game, while Harley was awesome in defence. Fantastic improvements and brilliant game by Maddy, Aimee and Sarah. You guys make me love my job! Go Hub Hawks!</td>
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### SPORT News

**Basketball**

Unfortunately we have had to withdraw one of the Year 4/5 teams from competition due to there being not enough players, but we are hopeful of re-commencing next term.

Please see Sarah Magnusson if any Year 4/5 students are interested in playing Basketball for the school.

**Sarah Magnusson**

**Deputy Principal**

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### SPORTS DAY 2016

Sports Day 2016 is being held on **Wednesday, April 6th** with students taking part in a wide range of events and races. A program and invitation with further details will be emailed to families by the end of Week 9 at the latest.

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### HUB GRUB News

**St Patrick’s Day Special**

Green choc chip muffins (at $1.50 each) are available on **St Patrick’s Day (Thursday, March 17th)**. Orders went home last week and were due back to the **Canteen** by **Thursday, March 10th**.

**Specials**

**Week 7:** Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls 50c

**Week 8:** Hot X Buns $1

With Sports Day fast approaching, the Canteen is seeking donations of cakes and slices to sell in the café and is also seeking volunteers to help us on the day (Wednesday, April 6th). Any help would be very much appreciated. Please contact canteen staff.

**Trish Brewer**

**Andrea Thain**

**Canteen Managers**
OSHC News
Meet the Team
With all the changes to our OSHC team over the last year, I thought it would be nice for you all to know a little about our wonderful team. I will be profiling a different staff member each newsletter so you can get to know each and everyone of us. We also welcome all parents/caregivers to come along and say hello to us any time.

Nicola Bury
OSHC Director

Paula Barr

Paula, who is a qualified Teacher, has been working at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School OSHC for the last 5 years.

Last year she stepped up into the role of Assistant Director and has been doing an amazing job. Paula is responsible for planning all the fun activities that the children love to participate in.

Obsessed with Dr Who, Paula has almost every season on DVD. She also loves dogs and wants cuddles and pats from every dog she sees. Most importantly, Paula loves working with children and is an irreplaceable member of our team.

ABERFOYLE HUB SCHOOL PEDAL PRIX TEAM FUNDRAISER

Friday 8th April 2016
6:30pm start 8:30pm finish

2 HOUR EXCLUSIVE LOCK-IN!

Tickets can be purchased from the Front Office

ONLY $26pp
UNLIMITED - INDOOR HEATED WATER SLIDES, DODGEM CARS, BUMPER BOATS
MINI GOLF, ARCADE GAMES, CAROUSEL, TRAIN AND PLAYCASTLE

ALL ON FREE PLAY!
(excludes Ferris Wheel and Prize/Ticket Games)

SPECTATOR ENTRY $10pp
valid for entry only & includes small hot beverage

The BeachHouse
Collar Tr, GLENELG · 8295 5753 · www.thebeachhouse.com.au
Aberfoyle Park High School

**OPEN NIGHT**

Tuesday 22nd March

Tour s 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.

Liz Mead, Principal

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**Principal Tours 2016**

9.00am – 10.30am

Friday 1st April
Wednesday 6th April
Thursday 5th May
Monday 9th May
Friday 20th May
Wednesday 25th May

Bookings are essential. Please phone or email to reserve a place.

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I look forward to meeting you at a tour.

Liz Mead, Principal
DIARY DATES: March

11th  R -3 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room); Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm (Staff Room)
13th  Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15th  PUPIL FREE DAY **
15th  Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room); OSHC Committee Meeting 7:00pm (Staff Room)
17th  RAN Training Session for Volunteers 7-9pm (Resource Centre)
18th  R - 7 Assembly (Harmony focus) 10:50am (Hall)
21st  Sports Committee Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
23rd  Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)

Community News (continued)

IN-SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELLING SERVICE

A psychologist is available at our school. Counselling is a very effective way of helping children and adolescents who are struggling with some aspects of their lives, from feeling anxious or depressed, to experiencing bullying or having difficulties controlling their anger. It can help them to recover and also help prevent reoccurrence.

To access this free counselling service you’ll need to:
• Complete the GP information form provided to you by us.
• Take the letter along with your child to your local GP and obtain a Mental Health Care Plan referral from your GP.
• Complete the In-School Psychology consent form and return it to school together with the GP referral.

We will then be in contact with you as to when the psychologist will start working with your child. For further information contact the school.

Yesterday we farewelled Psychologist, Rachel Crossley (who is moving interstate with her family). We thank her for her wonderful contribution to the wellbeing of our school community. We will all miss her and we wish her (and the family) all the very best for the future. We warmly welcome Psychologist, Donna Hosford. We hope that you enjoy your time with us at the Hub, Donna.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal