



Aberfoyle

Hub News

R-7 School

2018

TERM 4

Week 2

Special Events

CASUAL DAY

(Sports theme) Week 3

Friday, 2/11/18

Gold coin donation



Advanced Notice:

Instrumental Recital

Evening (Hall)

Week 7

Thursday, 6pm

November 29th

Pupil Free Day

Week 8

Monday, December 3rd

Final Assemblies (Hall)

R-2: 6/12/18 1:40pm

Yr 3-7: 7/12/18 1:40pm



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Principal:

Tas Ktenidis

Deputy Principal:

Sarah Magnusson



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From the Principal

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contribution they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in over 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on October 5th but, as the day usually falls during school holidays, South Australia celebrates it on the last Friday of October each year (October 26th this year).

Thank you to all teachers for the wonderful contribution they make in our children's lives on a daily basis.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Just a quick reminder that we are now planning for the new school year. If you are intending to enrol children at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School, can you please hand in your enrolment forms as soon as possible. If you know of any families who are looking to enrol their children at a school, please ask them to come and visit us.

NEW STAFF

Business Manager

A warm welcome to Chris Godden who has won the position of Business Manager at the Hub and comes to us with a wealth of experience. We hope your time at the Hub is a long and successful one.

SURVEY for 2018

At the end of each school year we conduct a review of the year, looking at things that we have worked on and areas where we can improve in. For the review to be informative in helping us collect credible data, we always seek feedback from our students, staff and parents/caregivers.

An email with the link to the survey has been sent out to all families. If you have a chance, please complete the survey by **Friday, November 16th**. Your responses will be completely anonymous if you choose to participate. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal

QUICKSMART News

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

- Improve the speed, accuracy and understanding of basic mathematics of students in the primary years.
 - Facilitate students' active engagement and participation in class.
 - Provide a sound foundation for further classroom instruction.
 - Enable students to perform at levels comparable to their peers.
- Students love it. We love it. The results are fantastic.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

VOLUNTEERS

Online Screening Applications: General Information

Relevant History screening applications are done **online**. Volunteers are unable to start an online DCSI screening on their own - an organisation must initiate an application on their behalf. Please contact the school's Front Office if you would like to volunteer at our site (and do **not** already have a current DCSI 'Child-Related' screening clearance). 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 and you will then **not** be able to change the 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.

Should you need assistance with the online screening application process, contact the helpful **DCSI staff (phone 1300 321 592, then press 2 for online help)**.

It is important that online applications are completed in a timely fashion. When you receive your clearance letter from DCSI, please bring the **ORIGINAL** into the Front Office so that we can sight it.

Clearances are valid for 3 years. **Keep your original clearance safe** as **neither DCSI nor the school issue replacements for/copies of lost or misplaced letters**. The onus is on you as a volunteer to take steps to start a new application **prior to** any existing (DCSI) clearance expiring.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please be aware that 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.**

Tas Ktenidis
Principal

MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES 2019

At a meeting of the Governing Council held on September 12th, 2018 it was proposed that the school's **2019 Materials and Service Charges would be \$310 and the Excursion Levy \$40**. The charge will be ratified at a Governing Council meeting to be held at **7:00pm on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 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 Materials and Service Charges 2019 outlined in the notice sent to parents/caregivers on October 19th, 2018. 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 Materials and Service Charges, you may do so **in writing prior to Friday November 2nd, 2018** addressed to either the Governing Council Chairperson, Glyn Roberts, or to the Principal, Tas Ktenidis.

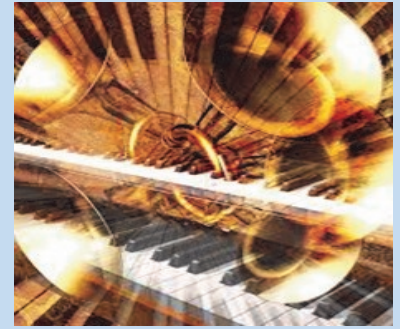
Chris Godden
Business Manager

MUSIC News

Music Recital Evening

Our Instrumental Music Recital Evening will be held at 6pm on **Thursday, November 29th** (Week 7) in the Hall.

Applications to perform will be available from the student's Instrumental Music Teachers for parents/caregivers to sign.



Dance Day

On Dance Day (the last day of Term 3) R-7 students participated enthusiastically, guided by specialist dance teacher, Emily Grimmer. Dances were performed to the whole school and parents/caregivers in a spectacular presentation after lunch in the courtyard. Congratulations to all students. It was an amazing whole-school event!

Janet Parkinson
Arts/Choir Teacher



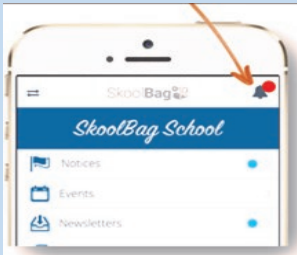
IT News

Skoolbag App

Our school has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent/student community. To install our Skoolbag School App, just search for our school name (Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School) in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For Windows users, search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find our school. **Please note:** it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device.

App users will be prompted to register with a username and password. This will enable users to save their Group Subscription settings across devices. Users will be sent an email address to verify their account, however you will not be prevented from logging into the app. Once users login, they will be able to personalize their group and notification preferences.

All recent, unseen notifications can be found by clicking the bell icon in the top right corner of the app.



Notices sent to the whole school via Content Categories will still appear in the 'Home' section. However, information published to Content Groups will appear in the Groups Tab. Users will be able to modify their Group Subscriptions at any time.



To receive newsletters/notices or to report student absences use this link:

<https://skoolbag.com.au/webplugin/?schoolid=2415>

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!



Dyslexia is a language based learning difficulty which is neurological in origin. It has nothing to do with vision or intelligence. Dyslexics find reading and spelling very difficult, they are often years behind their peers. Working memory, organisation, concentration and sequencing of

tasks are also challenging. There is no cure and it affects 1 in 5 people. Some people can have mild dyslexia while others can be severe.

Unfortunately, school failure can also cause anxiety, behavioural and school avoidance issues. Helping a student with dyslexia requires a collaborative and multi-disciplinary approach between parents, teachers, tutors (dyslexia specialists or speech pathologists) and psychologists. The great news is, dyslexics can achieve success in literacy with the right intervention and professional help.

Doctors or behavioural optometrists cannot assist with a dyslexia diagnosis. An educational assessment is needed from an accredited Educational Psychologist or Speech Pathologist. SPELD SA has a wealth of information to assist parents and students, including the Understanding Learning Difficulties Parents Guide which is available on their website (speld-sa.org.au).

This year I have set up an information display in the staff room for teachers to learn more about dyslexia and share resources. Other great sources of information for parents and teachers include:

- * Code Read Dyslexia Network - Facebook page
- * SPELD SA - speld-sa.org.au/
- * AUSPELD - auspeld.org.au/
- * Learning Difficulties Australia - ldaustralia.org/
- * Australian Dyslexia Association - dyslexiaassociation.org.au/
- * Five from Five - fivefromfive.org.au

Code Read Dyslexia Network is a recently established national charity. We have had great success in South Australia through our advocacy which has resulted in the introduction of the Year One Phonics Check and the Literacy Guarantee Unit in the Department for Education. Literacy coaches are currently being rolled out in all public schools and workshops are taking place across the state for teachers and parents.

If you would like more information or are interested in being involved in Code Read, please leave your email address at the Front Office and I will contact you.

Leanne James
Code Read Dyslexia Network



DYSLEXIA SA: FUN PHONICS

Fact 20: Compound Words

A compound word is two smaller words joined together. For syllable division we always split between each word. There are usually 4 consonants between vowels in compound words e.g. dish/cloth, grand/child, with/stand, match/box, grand/slam, crank/shaft.



ONLINE Ordering & Payment Procedure

Orders and payment for the Scholastic Book Club are only done via 'Book Club LOOP for Parents', a system which enables parents to order and pay online.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORDERS OR PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL.

Should you need help with the online process or registering, please contact Scholastic's friendly customer service staff by phoning 1800 021 233.

The latest catalogue (Issue 7) was sent home via classrooms this week.

Please note:

Catalogues are for reference only - orders should not be written on them).

Book Club Books will be distributed to students via class teachers.

Scholastic Book Club orders are done once a term (by our school), with the final order for 2018 soon due (as indicated below).

Reminders are provided in our school newsletters about the latest catalogue issues and Book Club ordering.

REMINDER:
Orders for this issue are due: **WEDNESDAY, October 31st** (Week 3) via the **online** process.

Help Wanted: Stocktaking

We are asking for help with our annual stocktake on Mondays or Fridays from Week 4. You will need to have a current DCSI screening clearance, RAN training and have also completed volunteer information forms (available from our Front Office staff). Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Please leave your name, contact details and the times that you are available (on Monday or Friday) at the Library, so that we can organise a roster and notify helpers. It is very easy and we appreciate any help with this huge task. Unfortunately young children will not be able to come with you because of occupational health and safety.

Debbie & Julie
Resource Centre Staff



CANTEEN News

Fringe Night

A big "thank you" goes to Adriana G and Kendra D for cooking the BBQ and also to Melissa P, Natalie and Alesha for helping in the Canteen.

Halloween

We will be selling special items over-the-counter at recess and lunch for Halloween. These will include jelly, cupcakes and biscuits. Prices range from 50c to \$1.50.



Special

Details of the next Canteen Special will go out in the next couple of weeks. Please look out for the forms - if you don't receive one, please collect one from the Canteen.

Trish Brewer & Andrea Thain
Canteen Managers

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 re-occurrence.

To access this **free** counselling service you will need to:

- Complete the GP information form provided to you by us.
- Take the letter along with your child to your local GP to 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 please contact the school.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

DIARY DATES: October / November

26/10	3 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall); World Teacher's Day
31/10	Rooms 14 & 16 Botanic Gardens Excursion; OSHC Committee Meeting 6:45pm (Staff Room)
2/11	R - 2 Assembly 10:50am (Multipurpose Room); Casual Day (sports theme) - gold coin donation
6/11	Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
7/11	Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
8/11	Year 6/7 Beach Volleyball
9/11	R - 7 Assembly: Remembrance Day 10:50am (Hall)
12-16/11	PE Week
15/11	Grounds & Facilities Meeting 8am (Admin)
16/11	1 st Kindy Transition Visit & Info Session 9-10:30am; 3 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)

SPORT News COORDINATORS 2019



We are urgently seeking **2019 Coordinators** for Uniform, Canteen and Basketball. If anyone is interested, please contact the school as soon as possible. We will be inviting all new 2019 Sports Coordinators to the next Sports Committee meeting on 26/11/18 at 6:30pm in the Staff Room.

Cricket Presentation

This year's Cricket presentation will be held at the last game for the season. (More information to follow in a later newsletter.)

Membership Forms 2019

Membership forms for all Outside School Hours Sports (Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Soccer and Pedal Prix) will be distributed during Week 7 (commencing Monday, November 26th). Information will be provided to students at their levels of schooling assemblies. More information will also appear in the next school newsletter.

Pedal Prix Fundraiser

Please refer to the adjacent flyer for details about our upcoming Halloween Bingo Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 17th at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal

Of Interest

Dress Up Encouraged!

PEDAL PRIX FUNDRAISER HALLOWEEN BINGO

Prizes! *FUN!*

Arrive 6.30pm - FUN STARTS AT 7 PM
ADULTS \$15 - KIDS \$8

PURCHASE TICKETS via RECEPTION @ ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL APHS
or BEC 0417-083-738 & MANDY 0433-781-653

FLAGSTAFF HILL GOLF CLUB - MEMFORD WAY - FLAGSTAFF HILL
SATURDAY - 17th NOVEMBER - 2018

Bake Sale! *Lucky Dip!* *Lucky Ticket!*
BINGO! *Games!* *BEST COSTUME!*
Cocktails & Mocktails!

DETAILS PHONE BEC: 0417-083-738
AND MANDY: 0433-781-653