



Aberfoyle

# Hub News

R-7 School

2019

TERM 2

Week 2

## Special Events

Growth & Development  
Family Life Sessions

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

6:40-7:30pm Year 2-4;

7:40-8:30pm Year 5-7

(MultiPurpose Room)



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## Advanced Notice:

### Pupil Free Days

\* Term 2 — Week 9  
Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

\* Term 3 — Week 6

\* Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

\* Term 4 — Week 3

\* Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

### School Closure Day

Term 3 — Week 6

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

### R-5 Swimming

Term 2: Week 6

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

## YEAR 8 HIGH SCHOOL

### Registration of Interest

A reminder that the Year 8 High School Registration of Interest forms are due back to Front Office by **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. If you have lost your child's form, please contact staff at our school's Front Office as soon as possible.



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Principal:

**Tas Ktenidis**

Deputy Principal:

**Sarah Magnusson**



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

## From the Principal

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope everyone has had a wonderful and restful break. This term will be very busy for us with upcoming NAPLAN testing and school camps just to name a few highlights for this term.

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just **one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process** - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

This year our students will sit NAPLAN online. Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance. Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider

range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. Both Sarah Magnusson and I are able to assist you with more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Parents also have the option to request to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Again, as above, I would ask you to meet with your child's teacher or ask to speak to either Sarah Magnusson or myself.

**Tas Ktenidis**  
Principal



## HEALTH News

### Asthma

We know that asthma can be triggered by a range of factors, including pollutants in the air we breathe. To minimise your risk, you should consider indoor air quality and the significant impact it can have on your health and wellbeing. Poor indoor air quality and exposure to indoor pollutants can trigger asthma attacks, especially for those who are more susceptible like small children.

#### Common pollutants

Common indoor pollutants you might be exposed to include:

1. Pollen.
2. Pet dander - tiny particles of skin that have been shed by your pet, like dandruff!
3. Mould.
4. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) – chemical compounds found in paints, furnishings and building products.

If you have asthma, it is important to always be aware of indoor air quality wherever you spend your time. It's best to make choices for your home that minimise your exposure to the pollutants that trigger your asthma.

#### AusPollen Apps

When pollen monitoring data is readily available we know people with asthma and hay fever are empowered to better manage their condition. Asthma Australia has partnered with AusPollen ([@pollenforecast](https://www.auspollen.com.au)) to provide a quality solution to pollen monitoring and accessibility. The AusPollen Partnership is building Australia's first standardised national pollen monitoring network. It aims to assist allergy and asthma patients with accurate, localised pollen information based on robust data collection.

*(Information supplied courtesy of Asthma Australia.)*

## OSHC News

Welcome back from the holiday break to all of our OSHC families! As you would know, our OSHC Director Nicola is taking a well earned break and preparing for the arrival of her little baby before taking some time off for maternity leave. In the meantime I am thrilled to join the Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School and OSHC community as Acting Director. I have been able to meet many of you since I began at the start of Vacation Care, but I would like to give you a brief introduction about my professional experience and tell you a bit about me, so you can get to know me a little bit better.



My name is Megan Steele and I have been working in the education sector for over 20 years in various settings, and with all age groups ranging from birth to 13 years. I hold a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and have previously been employed as a teacher (both in Australia and the UK), held leadership roles within child care centres including Assistant Director and Acting Director, been the child services co-ordinator in a home services agency helping families and children who are at risk and the OSHC Director of a number of other services.

I am passionate about caring for children and I love the happiness and laughter they bring into every little moment in life. I am particularly drawn to the role of OSHC Director as I love the challenge of providing the home away from home environment for those children who have to arrive at school earlier or stay later, then applying my knowledge of child development and learning to fun activities, which I can disguise as just 'having heaps of fun!' No day is ever the same!

Outside of work I'm a bit of a home body and love nothing more than sitting on the couch and watching a movie or one of my favourite TV shows. I am a massive lover of dogs (my friends call me the crazy dog lady!), so you'll often find a dog (or two) cuddling with me on the couch. I have previously fostered dogs through a charity called Safe Pets Safe Families, but I am currently caring for 2 Labradors while my sister and her family do some travelling. When I am not soaking up doggie cuddles you'll often find me at Adelaide Oval cheering on the Crows. I am a massive fan and have been a member since their beginning.

I am a really happy and friendly person and I can't wait to get to know all of the families in the Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School community. My office door is always open if you have any queries or even if you just want to pop your head in and introduce yourself. I look forward to the coming 12 months and the exciting times ahead.

## Vacation Care

We had a wonderful Vacation Care and hopefully the children who attended went home with lots of wonderful feedback and stories from their time over the 2 weeks. While it seemed like a very short couple of weeks with all of the public holidays, we certainly packed a lot into the time that we had. We were so lucky to have great weather for the days we went out, especially our swimming day on the first Tuesday of week one. We couldn't have asked for a better April day than 32 degrees for swimming and waterslides. (There were some VERY tired children on the bus that afternoon!). We had a couple of picnics, started a garden that we are continuing on with so that we can begin to use the produce in our cooking, etc. and we also teamed up with Reynella East OSHC for an excursion which was a great success. The children were able to make some new friends and staff were able to share thoughts and ideas. We will be looking to do this more in the future.

We take regular formal and informal feedback from the children so that we can continually improve the program we offer during Vacation Care (as well as during the term). However, it is also good to hear family feedback about our programs, so please do not hesitate to share this with us so that we can provide a service that best suits your needs. You can either do this verbally to me (or another staff member), via an email, or even a note into the accounts box.

Please enjoy these few photos from Vacation Care.

**Megan Steele**  
Acting Director



## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS



### Book Club

### ONLINE Ordering/Payment Procedure

Orders and payment for the Scholastic Book Club are only done via 'Book Club LOOP for Parents', an online system which enables parents to order and pay online. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORDERS OR PAYMENT TO SCHOOL.**

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

The latest catalogue (Issue 3) has been sent home via classes. Please note: catalogues are for reference only - orders should not be written on them).

#### REMINDER:

Orders for issue 3 due: **THURSDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>** via the **online** process.

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

Scholastic Book Club orders are done **once a term** (by our school).

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

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

AVAILABLE AS AN APP!

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

Log-in to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)  
For assistance either click on 'HELP' or  
phone **Scholastic customer service on 1800 021 233 233**

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### Premier's Reading Challenge

We are encouraging students to continue with their reading challenge.

Reading for the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

PRC awards are given out in Term 4.

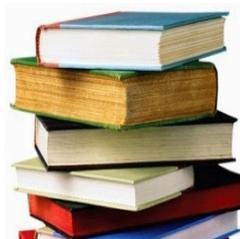
**Debbie & Julie**  
**Resource Centre Staff**

### PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Welcome back to Leah Cocks and Silia Kantzos, from Flinders University, who began their 6-week practicum with us last week. They visited their classes last term in preparation for their current teaching block and are already very much part of the staff.

We wish them a positive teaching experience here with us at the Hub.

**Sarah Magnusson**  
**Deputy Principal**



### Materials & Service Charges/Excursion Levy 2019

Thank you to families who have paid or part paid their child's/children's Materials and Service Charge and Excursion Levy. I would like to remind families who have taken the option of paying their accounts by instalments, that the **third and final payment (\$100) was due on:**

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

We are happy to take cash or credit card over-the-counter at school or your credit card details over the phone, or through direct bank payment.

BSB 105-186

Account No 608245340.

If there are any queries or concerns, please see me.

**Chris Godden**  
**School Business Officer**

### Di's DIALOGUE Kirby

Welcome back everyone. Hopefully the holidays were enjoyable. Here is another picture of one of the 'friends' which may come home for a short visit with your children.



Shortly, I will be away with my husband in Europe and so will be missing from school until the second week of June.

**Di Brinkworth**  
**Pastoral Care Worker**

# ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL COMMUNITY PLANNER ~ TERM 2, 2019

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> 6/5				G & D Family Life Sessions (MP Room) 6:40-7:30pm Yr 2-4 7:40-8:30pm Yr 5-7	10:50am 4-7 Assembly
<b>3</b> 13/5	6:30pm Sports Committee Meeting	NAPLAN Online 6:30pm OSHC Meeting			10:50 R-3 Assembly Walk Safely to School Day 18/5 Election Sports BBQ (Hall)
<b>4</b> 20/5	NAPLAN Online	5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:15pm Gov Council Meeting		10:50am 4-7 Assembly R-5 Swimming payment due Yr 8 High School Transition forms due
<b>5</b> 27/5					8am Grounds/Facilities Meeting 10:50am R-7 Assembly (Reconciliation; R-7 items)
<b>6</b> 3/6			R-5 Swimming		10:50am R-3 Assembly 2pm Canteen Committee Meeting
<b>7</b> 10/6	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> Queen's Birthday	6:30pm OSHC Meeting	Illawonga Camp LOV Excursion Rooms 5 & 6 (Adelaide Convention Centre)		10:50am 4-7 Assembly JP 'Bop 'til You Drop' Disco 5-6:30pm then Pizza. Pick-Up by 7pm Room 9 Sleep Over Round 1 Pedal Prix Vic Pk
<b>8</b> 17/6	6:30pm Sports Committee Meeting	School Photos - Class + Individual + Groups + OSS + Sports 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	7:15pm Gov Council Meeting	School Photos Catch Up	10:50am R-7 Assembly
<b>9</b> 24/6	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>				10:50am R-3 Assembly
<b>10</b> 1/7			*Semester 1 Reports go home*		Casual Day PJs (gold coin) <b>2:30pm Dismissal</b>

**N.B. Dates are subject to change and additions**

School Newsletter even weeks on Thursdays (most families have the link emailed)

## DIARY DATES: MAY



9/5	G & D Family Life Sessions: 6:40-7:30pm Year 2-4; 7:40-8:30pm Year 5-7 (Multi-Purpose Room)
10/5	4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)
12/5	Mother's Day
13/5	Sports Committee Meeting 6:30pm (Staff Room)
14/5	OSHC Meeting 6:30pm (Staff Room)
14-24/5	NAPLAN Testing (Online)
17/5	R - 3 Assembly 10:50am (Multi-Purpose Room)
18/5	Federal Election — Sports BBQ (Hall)
21/5	Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
22/5	Governing Council Meeting 7pm (Staff Room)
24/5	4 - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall); Year 8 High School transition forms due; R-5 Swimming payment due
31/5	Grounds/Facilities Meeting 8am (Admin); R - 7 Assembly 10:50am (Hall)

## SPORT News

### Soccer

Good news! — we now have coaches for our 3 teams. Team details/information and fixtures will follow soon.

Contact **Mark Dempsey, Soccer Coordinator**, for more information (**Mobile: 0450 018 317**).



### Soccer Fees

Families are reminded that fees will soon be due for Soccer — invoices will be coming home shortly.

**Sarah Magnusson**  
Deputy Principal

## Of Interest



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