

Aberfoyle

Hub News

R-7 School

2021
TERM 1
Week 4



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From the Principal

Advanced Notice:

Pupil Free Days

- * Term 2 — Week 7
Friday, June 11th
- * Term 3 — Week 8
Monday, September 6th
- * Term 4 — Week 4
Friday, November 5th

School Closure Day

Term 3 — Week 7
Friday, September 3rd

Sports Day

Term 1: Week 10
Thursday, April 1st
(Staff and students only)
Back-up Sports Day (in the event of inclement weather)
Thursday, April 8th

GOVERNING COUNCIL

I am pleased to announce that we have filled all vacancies for our 2021 Governing Council. An active Council supports our school community to build on past successes and future success with student learning.

2021 will be a busy year and one that will see some major changes to our school. We are preparing for the graduation and transition of our Year 6 and Year 7 students to high school. As part of those changes, we will need to also review and rename our school from 2022 onwards.

Our initial meeting (this week) involved the election of our Governing Council Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. 2021 Sub-Committees were also elected. Congratulations to all our 2021 members.

I look forward to working with everyone during the year.

Mobile Phones to School

Aberfoyle Hub has had a mobile phone policy for students which, by our community standards I believe has had a good balance in making sure our children's need for safety is met and it does not distract their learning when at school. As our policy currently stands, any student who brings a phone to school is required to hand it in to their teachers. School expectations on this are very clear. There are no grey areas around handing up phones. During school time students are not permitted to use phones for any reason.

At the end of 2020, the State government reviewed mobile phone policies for schools. As part of this evaluation, we will review our current policy to make sure we conform to government direction. The State government and the Education Department have made the following recommendation as quoted:

'The department's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. The department and

the school recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling so that parents can contact them outside of school hours.

During the school day students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices. Students must switch off or mute their devices before storing them at the beginning of the school day. They will not be able to access their device until the end of the school day.' If you have any queries about mobile phones, please do not hesitate to contact the school and seek further advice.

Staff Car Parks/ Double Parking Outside School Grounds

I would like to thank all families for making 2021 start such a positive and safe beginning. As part of a wonderful community such as ours, I would like to remind current and new families of some of the things we can do to keep our children safe.

During morning drop-off and after school pick-up, staff car parks are not to be used. By doing so we stop any occurrence where children are required to weave through cars to get to you. This also minimises any chance of them being hit. Please avoid double parking as we are putting children at risk. They cannot see through cars when trying to get to their respective mum/dad or family member. Park further down the road. While walking, this time could be used to talk about their day at school. It's the best time where you have no interruptions and you can just listen to them.

If we all work together we will ensure all children are safe when coming to and leaving school, we minimise any chance of car accidents and morning and afternoon traffic flow remains smooth. Please refer to traffic rules around schools on the next page.

Tas Ktenidis
Principal



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Deputy Principal:

Sarah Magnusson



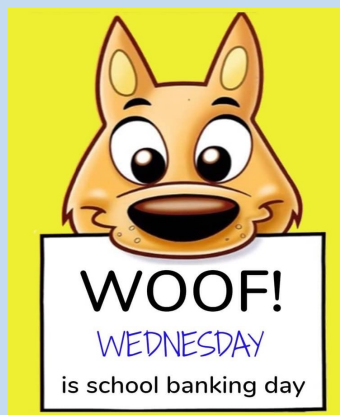
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SCHOOL BANKING

Commonwealth Bank

CBA School Banking will be returning to the Hub each Wednesday in 2021. There is a slight delay to it resuming, but more information will become available in the coming weeks. Watch this space!



LIBRARY News

Book Club

This year, the school will do Scholastic Book Club orders in Terms 2 and 3 (one issue early in each term). More information will follow in later newsletters.



MATERIALS & SERVICE CHARGE

Payment By Instalments

School fees for 2021 are **\$325** and this becomes the prescribed sum and therefore legally recoverable in the event of non-payment. Parents will pay per excursion or camp attended. Invoices and information letters have been sent home via students. Thank you to families who have submitted their school card applications.

So that you are prepared for the upcoming costs, please be aware that this year there will be classes attending camps,

I would like to remind families that there is the option of paying their accounts by instalments. A Payment Agreement form was enclosed with the invoices and can also be obtained from the front office.

We are happy to take cash, EFT or credit card over-the-counter at school or your credit card details over the phone, between the hours of 8:30am to 10am and 2:30pm to 3:00pm or through direct bank payment.

BSB 105-186 Account No 608245340.

Chris Godden
School Business Officer

FAREWELL

Pre-Service Teachers

Farewell to 2nd Year Pre-Service Teachers Abbey Thomson, Neeland Thompson and Danny Morgan who have now completed their 3-week placement. We hope they have enjoyed their time with us.



WELCOME

Welcome to Social Work students Hasantha DeSaram and Jessica Parker who will spend this semester at our school. We wish them all the best during their placement here.

Sarah Magnusson
Deputy Principal



ROAD RULES/PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS

The City of Onkaparinga has provided the following information about parking outside or near to schools during their hours of operation.

The 'Australian Road Rules' give direction on parking restrictions and that which drivers of vehicles are required to comply with. The rules that are most prevalent to school parking and those which our Community Safety Officers enforce compliance with are as follows:

- Vehicles must **not** stop in a **NO STOPPING ZONE**, even for a few seconds, to pick up your child.
- Vehicles **may** stop in a **NO PARKING ZONE** for three minutes or less to pick up a child who is waiting nearby. You must **not** park or leave the vehicle.
- Vehicles must **not** double park or stop in the line of traffic, to pick up/drop off a child.
- Vehicles must **not** stop in a bicycle lane.
- Vehicles must **not** stop in a Bus Zones.
- Vehicles must **not** stop within 20 metres before a crossing or 10 metres after a crossing.
- Vehicles must **not** stop within 10 metres of an intersection or junction without traffic lights.
- Vehicles must **not** park over driveways.
- Vehicles must **not** park on the verge.

Community Safety Officers recognise that vehicle movement around schools create high risks zones for pedestrian safety and will engage and educate drivers, along with issue fines for illegal parking if appropriate in the circumstances. The aim is for everyone to have a safe school year so parents should be mindful of their own behaviour around schools, whether in relation to where they park or the respect shown to Council Officers trying to ensure safety of others. For queries regarding road rules phone a **Community Safety Team Leader/Senior Ranger on 8384 0666**.

DIARY DATES: February/March



19/2	Year 6 Aquatics
26/2	Grounds/Facilities Meeting 8am (Admin)
5/3	Canteen Committee Meeting 2pm (Staff Room)
8/3	Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
9/3	OSHC Committee Meeting 6:30pm (Staff Room)
15/3	Sports Committee Meeting 6:30pm (Staff Room)
16/3	Finance Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm (Staff Room)
17/3	Governing Council Meeting 6:45pm (Staff Room)

Of Interest

DYSLEXIA SA: FUN PHONICS Fact 1 - Phonemic Awareness

Phonemic awareness is the sound structure of words (not the letters). It forms the basis of reading and is the best indicator of reading success. A great way to develop a child's phonemic awareness is by sounding out words and getting the child to tell you what the word is. This is a completely auditory process. It's a great thing to do in the car with your child - look at signs, sound out the word and have them tell you what the word is.

Start off with easy consonant/vowel/consonant (CVC) words and blends with a short vowel sound: c/a/t - d/o/g - d/u/ck -j/ u/g -sh/i/p- k/i/ck -s/p/o/t -m/i/n/t. It is also important to use nonsense words so the child is only hearing the sounds and not using their memory of real words: v/o/s/t - b/a/n/t - ch/i/s/ p - b/i/f/t.

As adults, we can see the letters in our heads and this can make the sounding out process more difficult. You only want to concentrate on the sound – even if the sound is not corresponding to the letter in which you know the word is spelt. This is especially important with long vowel sounds. Example (using a capital letter for a long vowel sound): ch/ee/z (cheese) – s/e/n/t (cent) – er/th (earth) – A/t (eight) – r/A/n (rain) -s/n/O (snow) – m/ou/th – b/ir/d – f/or/k – s/p/oo/n – n/l/f (knife) – l/l/t (light) – c/or/t (caught).

Give your child a word and get them to tell you the sounds, "Tell me the sounds in the word pig (p/i/g) or boat (b/o/t)". You can even use objects or different coloured pieces of paper to represent different sounds e.g. put a red, blue and green square of paper on the table. Point to each colour and say c/a/t, then get the child to do it. After a few repetitions take the red piece of paper away and replace it with a yellow piece and say, "I've taken the 'c' sound away and I'm putting a 'p' sound there. What does it say now?" As the child gets better with swapping sounds you can do this at the beginning, end and even change the vowel in the word. Remember you are not using any letter representations. Only sounds and objects/colours representing sounds.

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The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

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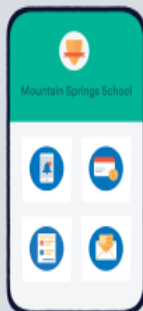
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