



NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Year 3&4 Class page
- Auskick reply slip
- Term 2 Saturday Morning School Sport reply slip
- Parent Teacher Interview booking sheet
- Head Lice brochure
- Parent Club Minutes
- Parent Club Movie Night flyer

Dear Families,

Our internal sports day is being held tomorrow and whilst there is some rain forecast, we are anticipating the day will go ahead. If the weather is poor and the day is cancelled students will have their usual classes.

Congratulations to the following students who will be team captains:

Boronia: Isabella Lamb and Jordan Millard.
Banksia: Eliza Harding and Brad Scanlon.
Wattle: Emily Smith and Harry Robinson.
Bottlebrush: Tallara Davies and Jacob Opperman.

The presentation at the end of the day concludes at approximately 2.30pm from which children can go home with their families, otherwise they will be supervised until 3.30pm. Good luck to all students.

A fantastic addition to our student resources in the past week has been the purchase of new laptops in the Upper Primary class. All students now have an individual laptop to use for their class activities. Students have been actively involved in the setting up of the computers and will now be responsible for their care and upkeep. The students were very excited to get access to these devices and we look forward to seeing the application of this technology in their learning. We have also increased the number of iPads to ensure that there is a class ratio of one iPad to two students.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed feedback to our proposed school vision and values. Over the past few weeks many families and all students have been involved in providing input as to what they would like to see reflected in these areas and based on this feedback, there will be some adjustments to the initial information sent home earlier in the term. These adjustments will be discussed at our next Governing Council meeting and following this, the revised school vision and values will be published in the newsletter.

Regards,

Stephen



Sports Day Team Captains: Harry, Jordan, Isabella, Emily, Eliza, Tallara, Brad, Jacob.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Friday 18th

Mil LeI Sports Day.

Monday 21st

Issue 2 Book Club closing date for orders.

Friday 25th

Heat Ups Roster – Nicole Forrest.

Monday 28th

Good Friday.

Wednesday 30th

Easter Monday.

Thursday 31st

Finance Committee meeting 6:30pm.

Governing Council meeting 7:15pm.

SAPSASA Athletics Day.

April

Friday 1st

Heat Ups Roster - Naomi Mitchell.

Parent Club meeting 1:30pm.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

In Week 10 of this term parent teacher interviews will be held. Interviews are an important foundation of home-school partnerships and provide an excellent opportunity to discuss student progress. All families are encouraged to make a time to meet with their child's class teacher. A booking page has been sent home in today's newsletter, if the dates in Week 10 are not suitable, please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternative time. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, students in Yrs 3-7 will be participating in 3-way interviews.

For parents of Yr 3-7 students there is an opportunity to indicate if you wish to speak with the teacher without your child being present; providing this information prior to the interview will help teachers manage the allocated time effectively.

EASTER DISMISSAL TIME

Next Thursday, March 24th, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. This will be consistent with other schools in the area and align with changes to bus runs on this day.

REMINDERS

- **Growth and Development Parent Information Sessions.**

Monday March 21st at Suttontown Primary School.

Session 1: 6.40pm – 7.30pm 'Where Did We Come From' (suitable for parents of Rec – Yr 4 students)

Session 2: 7.40pm – 8.30pm 'What's Happening To Us' (suitable for parents of Yr 5-7 students).

No cost is involved for attendees.

Families are welcome to come along to one or both sessions and school aged children are also allowed to attend with their parents. A crèche service will be provided; please contact the front office if you wish to access it.

- **School Assembly**

Our next school assembly will be in Week 10, Tuesday April 5th commencing at approximately 3pm. The Year 1 and 2 class will be providing comperes.

- **Governing Council**

The next Governing Council meeting will be held in Week 9, Wednesday March 30th commencing at 7.15pm. A Finance Committee meeting will be held beforehand at 6.30pm.

DISTRICT SPORTS DAY

This event will be held Week 10, Friday April 8th. Further information regarding the organisation of this day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

AUSKICK

Auskick (AFL coaching sessions) will be offered in Term 2 for students in Reception – Yr 2. The success of our Auskick program relies on parents being prepared to run and manage the sessions. If you are interested in helping out, please indicate on the reply slip. If we have no nominations then it will be expected that parents of participating students will be rostered to assist during the term. If this does not occur then the school won't be able to run the program. To get an idea of interested students and parent volunteers, please fill out the reply slip in this week's newsletter. Once this

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information is confirmed, information will be provided on how to formally register your child for Auskick.

SATURDAY MORNING SCHOOL NETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Yr 3-5 school netball and football will be played in Term 2. Games are played on a Saturday morning at various school locations.

For **football**, there are 2 competitions – a nine-a-side competition for year 3's and a 15-a-side competition for year 4/5's. If there is not enough numbers to run separate competitions we will combine 3,4,5's and play 15-a-side.

In **netball**, there will be two grades if numbers allow. These will be group A (year 5 and experienced year 4's) and group B (for year 3 and inexperienced year 4's). If there is not enough numbers the two groups will combine.

For both sports, if we do not have enough students to make our own school team we will combine with another school.

If your child/children wish to nominate for one of these sports please fill out the reply slip in the newsletter. School sport relies on parents to help out with coaching/managing/umpiring so if you are able to assist in any of these roles that would be appreciated; if we do not get any parent helpers then we cannot nominate a team.

MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES REMINDER

Thank you to the families who have paid swimming and school fees. We request that outstanding accounts be paid by the end of term. The following payment options are available for your convenience:

- Cash/cheque
- EPTPOS
- Direct bank deposit
- Instalment plan (please see Stephen to arrange this).

The School Card Scheme is also available to support families who may be entitled to apply.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately some cases of head lice have occurred at school this week. An updated brochure from SA Health that includes Head Lice prevention and treatment information has been included with the newsletter. We thank you for your support in helping us with this issue.

MEDICATION

On occasions parents request that children take medicine during school hours. To meet DECD Policy requirements parents are reminded that a Medication Authority form will now need to be completed by the parent (for an interim 24 hour period) or a medical practitioner for both long term and short term administration of medication at school. Please contact the front office for further information. If this form is not completed then staff will be unable to administer the medication.

SCHOOL VALUES AWARD

Kimberly Opperman, Jorja Mitchell and Charlotte Stafford for showing care and initiative.

CERTIFICATES

Georgi Grace for being willing to stick with something until she is successful.

Alice Mitchell for showing me a wonderful procedure she wrote at home by herself.

Jobe Harten for his fantastic job at getting on with his work in Maths, Science and Art.

Caelin Hayman for her fantastic explanation of the lifecycle of a butterfly.

Macy Breen for consistently demonstrating that you are trying your very best.

Angus Work for always demonstrating that you are putting in your best effort.

Zac Shanks for excellent "Getting Along" skills in your partner work at swimming – rescuing practice.

Harry Robinson for using specific language and questioning to support his peers.

Jorja Mitchell for making excellent improvements in exposition writing.

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PARENT CLUB NEWS

Parent Club Hot Dog Day

Thank you to Liza Kirby, Sandie Oehms and Kylie Walkom for volunteering their time for a wonderful hot dog day.

Thank You

The Robinson Family would like to thank all parents who helped in any way at their family reunion on Sunday. We really appreciate the work and effort you all put in. What a wonderful school community we have!

Sports Day Coffee

The Parent Club will have available two coffee machines on Friday from 10:20 to 11:00am. Thanks to Sara Harfull and Mark Robinson for providing this service.

Easter Raffle

Raffle books are due back tomorrow, sold or unsold, to be included in Easter raffle.

Movie Night

Please return the reply slip included in the newsletter if you wish to attend the Movie Night that has been planned by Parent Club for Friday 15th April.

Next meeting - Friday 1st April at 1:30pm in the Library.

Hostess: Lyndal Johns and Sandie Oehms.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board, by phone contact numbers or visiting websites provided.

COME 'N' TRY HOCKEY SESSION with Cavaliers Hockey Club on 22nd March 2016 at 4pm at Blue lake Sports Park Hockey Centre. Phone: Andrea 0448 872 327 or 8723 2718 or Ross 0400 155 714 or 8725 8125.

Clean Up Australia Day

"When I went to the Railway Lands on Clean Up Australia Day I found an old railway peg. I also found some rubbish. In the rubbish there was a piece of glad wrap. We had lunch under the shelter at the Railway Land before we went to swimming."

Bradley W



"I found an old railway peg in the rocks too. I also found some rubbish. There was some paper and plastic rubbish. We saw some ducks around the pond. Then we went to swimming on the bus."

Patrick

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