Happy New Year - Welcome to the new school year

The building works will be completed very soon. The furniture will be delivered in the next few days after which we will move in and the new front entrance will be opened. The new path will channel everyone from the school crossing on Collins Parade and hopefully this will stop children crossing dangerously in front of the shops.

The school looks fresh and modern with the painting of the old main building, the new Reception and offices, paths, fences and a magnificent sheltered walkway linking the library to the Castle/Penney Units.

Large Billboards of our Virtues are on the northern side of the gym as a constant reminder of the values we hope every member of our school community can develop as habits.

We welcome new staff:
Mrs Markeeta Roe Year 6/7 Mixed in Holly Unit
Mr Marty Letcher Year 4/5 Mixed in Stillwell Unit
Mrs Julia Drennan Primary Small Class SSO
Mrs Martyne Hamilton, Classroom Support SSO
Ms Gab Martin PE/Health teacher
Ms Claire McGarvey Reception teacher

Mrs Gail McAllister has had to bring her retirement forward. We will acknowledge and farewell her appropriately in the near future. Mr Drew Grieve has been appointed Primary Small Class Teacher.

We have received very positive feedback on the new school times. Parents no longer have to remember which day it is and whether it is early dismissal or not as every day finishes at 3.00pm. Parents have reported that finishing then makes collecting children from high school much easier. Children are expected to be in class by 8.45am when the second bell rings so that they are ready to start learning programs on the dot of 8.50am. Recess is now from 10.40 - 11.00am. Lunch is 12.40 - 12.50pm eating and 12.50 - 1.20pm play time.

We thank parents for waiting outside the units until the 3.00pm siren to avoid distracting students.

Too many children are arriving late to school. It is parents'/caregivers' responsibility to ensure that children are at school BEFORE school begins so that learning starts at 8.50am on the dot. The morning routines are extremely important for setting each child up for success. If children are late, they start the day at a disadvantage and they also disrupt the other children's learning. We want every minute at school to be spent in learning or consolidating what they have learnt. We want to minimize time off task. Children will not be permitted to go to the canteen once school has begun. If fruit is required, parents/caregivers can buy it from the canteen and place it in the child's bag. Modelling is the best way to teach. When children see their parents punctual and organised they will learn to be the same.

DIARY DATES

| Week 3 | Ms Lipczyk & Mr Cronin's classes at Aquatics 10/2, 11/2, 12/2 & 14/2 |
| Wed 19/2 | Acquaintance Night 5:30 to 7:30pm |
| Friday 28/2 | School Fees due for Earlybird Discount |

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It was good to see most children in Dress Code last week. Council’s policy is that children out of dress code without a valid excuse and note from their parent or caregiver will be dressed in second hand clothing for that day. It is essential that every child have and wear a school hat when outside after 10.00am.

The school abides by the Rite Bite Policy. We encourage children to have a water bottle at school and to drink plenty of water, especially in this hot weather. Water is the only beverage that can be drunk during class time.

Fruit is good “brain food” and is the only thing that can be eaten during learning time. Fruit is defined as what can be picked off a tree and taken from the ground. Sultanas and other dried or processed foods tend to be high in sugar or salt and are not to be eaten in class.

You are in partnership with the teachers in the education and wellbeing of your child. The teachers are keen to meet you face to face or through a telephone call. Any information that can be shared which will assist in meeting your child’s needs will be appreciated.

The Governing Council AGM is in week 4. Please seriously consider volunteering your time to assist the school to be even better.

Sally Slattery, Deputy Principal, Scott Megson, School Counsellor and I are available to assist you or your child with any issue.

We are looking forward to a very productive year fulfilling our Vision of “Creating a Community of Life Long Learners.”

Bob Thiele
Principal

EDITORIAL CONTINUED

UP TO DATE MEDICAL INFORMATION
Medical forms have been sent out to parents/caregivers this week for students with a known medical condition. Please arrange to have your family doctor complete these forms as soon as possible and return them so that we have up to date accurate information on how to treat your child when a medical situation arises.

Lee-Ann Clements
Front Office

ACCURATE STUDENT INFORMATION
Your child will bring home a Verification Report this week for you to check so we can ensure your child’s details are correct on our database. This report includes phone numbers, emergency contacts, your home address, medical conditions if any, plus other necessary information for you to double check.

If you find incorrect information on this report for your child, please cross it out and write in the change. This will help us to be able to contact the correct person in an emergency and also to maintain accurate records.

Thank you
Lee Clements

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Our thank you prizes have finally arrived from last year’s JRFH and should be distributed by the end of this week (7/2).

Our school raised $1547.30 which is an excellent effort. A special mention must go to Abby Keays in Mr Lord's class (Mrs Dowd's last year) who raised $400 - fantastic Abby. Shayarn Bosworth & Tyler Hibberd also raised over $150 each. A terrific effort you two.

Also a big thank you to the other 20 or so students who supported the Heart Foundation in raising donations to help fund research into heart disease.

Our school will receive 10% of the total which will go towards sports gear for our school.

Thank you everyone for your support.
Barb Beare
JRFH Coordinator

UP TO DATE MEDICAL INFORMATION

I would like to welcome the new students who started this term and their families to our school. Welcome back to the students, families and staff. I hope you had a good holiday break. I am looking forward to meeting with you throughout the term.

The Parent Room is located at the end of Easton Unit and you are welcome to drop in for a chat and a cuppa before picking up your children. I am at school each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and would be happy to meet you.

Julia Osborn
Christian Pastoral Support Worker
**DRESS CODE SHOP OPENING TIMES**
The Dress Code Shop, located at the end of Penney Unit is open at the following times:
- Monday 9:00-9:30am
- Tuesday 9:00-9:30am
- Thursday 2:45-3:15pm

**Dress Code Committee**

**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT**
On Wednesday 19 February the school will be holding an Acquaintance Night between 5:30-7:00pm. This is an opportunity for you to come and meet your child’s classroom teacher and to hear an overview of the curriculum and expectations of our school. Keep an eye on Facebook for more details.

**NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME**
Want to know about the National Disability Insurance Scheme? Come and join us for a FREE information session presented by Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston on Tuesday 18/2 from 9:45-10:15am at The Yellow Unit, Hackham West Primary School, 50 Glynnville Drive, Hackham West. Free crèche for children under 5 (bookings required). Ph Mel Collins on 0407791875 for more information.

**SPECIAL EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT OFFER – 2014 SCHOOL FEES**
Hurry… if you pay your school fees in FULL before Friday 28 February you will receive a 5% discount!
That is a saving of $10.95 per student. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS.
If you would like to pay online our bank account details are: BSB: 105-136  A/C No:  510448140 and please include your family code &/or child’s name. (eg SMIT00 J Smith schlfees)

**2014 SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS:**
School card applications must be filled out and submitted EVERY year. Spare applications are available at the front office and need to be handed in to our Finance Officer, Tracy Rowley ASAP.

**SCHOOL BANKING – Commonwealth Bank**
A reminder that school banking day is on WEDNESDAYS. If you would like to open a new account for your child(ren) please see Tracy for an application form.
**CROSSING MONITORS**

**Term 1, Week 3 (10/2-14/2)**

- **Morning:**
  - Clint Noble
  - Ajay Harris
  - Markus Blomshog

- **Afternoon:**
  - Jye Leake
  - David Conlon
  - Cody Pearce

**Term 1, Week 4 (17/2-21/2)**

- **Morning:**
  - Nadine Shugg
  - Nicole Coole
  - Kaitlyn Rossborough

- **Afternoon:**
  - Rhani Sinden
  - Nikita Broadbent
  - Kayla Crawford

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **Aboriginal Family Support Services**
  - The AFSS Wellbeing Program has initiated to service communities in the southern region a new office at Christies Beach (30 Taunton Parade). The Community Wellbeing Program is structured to work with parents/caregivers with children between 0-12yrs. The Community Wellbeing Programs include Family Support Work, Parenting Programs & Connection to Culture. For more information Ph Elizabeth 0408582178 or Sudha 0408444481.

- **Lesley Cox School of Music, Movement & Drama**
  - Music education through movement. Learning through listening, reacting, dancing and having fun. No competitions, no costume costs. Held on Wednesday afternoon and evening. For more information Ph Verelle on 83814535 or 0439833837.

- **Zumba**
  - An exciting way to get fit, whilst having fun and enjoying a salsa beat. Held on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00pm at Hackham West Community Centre. $5.00 per session. Free Creche. Ph 83841065 for more information or to register.

- **Yoga**
  - Strengthen your body, increase your wellbeing and learn how to relax. Held on Mondays from 1:00-2:00pm at Hackham West Community Centre. Cost $5.00 per session. Free Creche. Ph 83841065 for more information or to register.

- **Fun N Friends Together**
  - Are you looking for a group for your child/children from 3-9yrs to make friends, learn new skills and connect with other families who have children with a disability or chronic health condition? Held on Tuesday from 4:00-5:00pm at O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre, Cnr Roopena & Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach. Ph Sue O’Brien on 83822850 or 0458416334 for more information.

- **Weaving Wellness**
  - Community Sisters will take a creative and gentle journey, using weaving as a therapeutic tool to look more wholly at who we are, and how we can weave more wellbeing into our experiences. Weaving wellness means exploring small and manageable ways to weave self compassion, self understanding, mindfulness and coping strategies into our everyday lives. Held on Tuesday 4/2, 18/2, 4/3, 18/3, 1/4 from 9:30am-12:00noon at Southern Women’s, Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga Centre. Ph 83849555 for more information or to register.

- **Get Your Learners Permit for Driving**
  - Learn all you need about road signs, rules and driver responsibilities. Gain the skills and confidence to pass your written test. Held on Thursdays starting on 6/2 from 10:00am-1:00pm (10 week course) at Mitchell Park Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Cumbria Court, Mitchell Park. Cost $2.00/week (written test at your own expense). Ph 8371139 for more information.

- **MILO in2Cricket**
  - MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia with the aim of introducing students Rec to Yr 2 to the game. Children will learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, interactive environment. Held at Reynella Cricket Club, Reynella Oval on 8/2 at 9:00am. Log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and enter your postcode to register or find out more information.

- **Edible Gardening Course**
  - Learn basic garden development and create your own edible garden. Held at Trott Park Neighbourhood Centre, 34 Hessing Crescent, Trott Park each Friday, starting 7/2, from 9:30am-12:30pm (10 week course). Cost $5.00 per session. To book Ph 83711139 or email jane.brzezinski@marion.sa.gov.au.

- **Junior Swim Clinic**
  - Come and try Junior Swim Clinic. Quality coaching, under the direction of the head coach of the Fleurieu Swimming Club as well as demonstrations. Held on Saturday 8/2 from 12:30-2:00pm at Fleurieu Swimming Club, Sherriff’s Rd, Reynella for ages 9+. Free. Ph Liesl Mounfield 0414604296 to register or for more information.

- **The Dad Factor**
  - A FREE 7 week course for dads, step dads, grandads, uncles and other male carers with tips, tools and tactics to help you develop your own style of parenting. Held at Hackham West Community Centre, 2 Majorca Rd, Hackham West on Mondays from 10/2-24/3 from 6:00-8:00pm. Ph 83841065 to register.

- **Put Your Best Face Forward**
  - A fun, FREE, interactive workshop. Learn how to do a quick makeover and look your best. Held on Tuesday 11/2 from 9:30-11:30am at Hackham West Community Centre. Free Creche. Ph 83841065 to book a place.

- **Infant Massage**
  - Massage for babies has been shown to reduce crying times, improve sleep and reduce levels of stress hormones in babies. Held on 13/2, 20/2, 27/2, 6/3 & 13/3 from 10:00am –12:00noon at Taikurrendi Children & Family Centre, 8 Price St, Christies Beach. Babies need to be under 9months old in March 2014 to attend. To register Ph 83775400. Free.

- **Love Your Heart Valentines Walk**
  - Couples and singles of all ages are welcome to participate in a beach walk, starting from Christies Beach Surf Life Saving Club on 14/2 from 6:00-7:00pm. To register Ph 83840039.

For further information relating to some of the above events there is a folder in the Front Office with flyers.