As the new school year begins it is a good time to get into the routine of reading at home with your child or encouraging their “at home” reading, which is a requirement of the school's homework policy.

Every class now has a Classroom Library as a focal point of the classroom. The classroom library has a large range of age appropriate books, including many different genres that have been borrowed by the students from the school library.

Students have been involved in helping to sort, categorise and organise the books to encourage ownership of this space. This helps to build understanding and discussion about books, authors and genres.

Teachers also use reading assessments to guide students to choose a selection of books from the coloured Broadband Boxes, which contain leveled books that we encourage students, staff and parents to refer to as ‘just right’ books.

Each night your child will bring home a ‘Just Right’ book. This should be a book that they can read easily and interests them. At school children choose a selection of books that they will keep for about a week, and younger children are encouraged to re-read shorter books so that they build their fluency and comprehension.

If you have any questions about your child's reading please talk with their teacher, and we hope to see many of you at our Parent Reading Sessions that we will be running throughout the year.

Tips to support your child with reading:
- Encourage your child to look at the pictures.
- Tell your child what the book is about before they start reading. This helps them to make meaningful guesses and understand what they are reading.
- Be excited when your child reads a book really easily. Easy reading is good for children and encourages them to read more and more.
- Read the book to them if they are finding it really hard.
- Talk with your child about what is happening in the book.
- If they have had ‘a try’ at a word and they still don't know it, just tell them the word and then keep reading.
- Pause or wait when your child stops at a word, give them some time to think about what the word could be before you jump in to prompt them.
- When they have stopped to figure out a tricky word, ask – does that make sense? Does that look right?

Happy Reading.

Sally Slattery and Melissa Thiele
Deputy Principal and Reading Support Teacher
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
We have a reported case confirmed in Holly Unit.

This disease is a virus which is contracted through contact with the fluid in the blisters, most likely to occur when the virus becomes airborne during coughing and talking. Contact with faeces can also spread the infection.

Symptoms include a slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear.

Condomences
Our sincere sympathy and thoughts go to Trey, Dylan, Hayley and Adam after the death of their mother Rebecca Slater from a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their wider family. The whole school community is here to support you.

Bob Thiele
Principal

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.

We look forward to seeing as many parents/caregivers as possible during the evening.

Bob Thiele
Principal

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)
Families live very busy lifestyles.
Are you...
- Juggling work commitments, study or looking for work to coincide with school opening and closing times?
- Need a break to enable you to go shopping, clean the house or take a much needed rest?
- Having an emergency and cannot get to school in time?

If the answer is yes - Do you
- Want a safe, supportive environment where your child/children can make friends, have fun and learn new skills?
- Want your child/children supervised and supported by caring and trained staff?

Affected children may refuse to eat or drink.

The infectious period is as long as there is fluid in the blisters. The faeces can remain infectious for weeks.

The blisters should not be deliberately pierced or broken as the fluid within the blisters is infectious. The blisters will dry naturally. The Students are to be excluded until all blisters have dried.

Following good hand washing techniques and keeping areas clean will aid in prevention.

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

Reducing Lost Property
It is strongly recommended that all items of clothing or items brought to school by your child/children are clearly named. Please check regularly to ensure the name is still visible.

A few minutes spent in labelling items will help to reduce the number of items found that cannot be returned as it is not known who they belong to.

Aquatics
Year 6/7 students in Mr Clements’ and Ms Roe’s classes will be attending Aquatics at Port Noarlunga Beach on 17/3, 19/3, 20/3 & 21/3.

The Aquatics program is an essential part of the curriculum so that all students learn safety skills associated with water activities.

Please ensure all notes are returned and payment of $35.00 is made before Friday 7 March, 2014.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)
SCHOOL FETE
On Saturday 15 March this year, our school is holding a Fete.

Come along and be involved as a volunteer on the day, help with class projects or just bring the whole family and enjoy the great day out.

Classes will be deciding soon how they would like to be involved, so see your child's teacher if you can help in anyway.

It will be a great opportunity to showcase our amazing school to the wider community. Check out our Facebook page for updates before the event—there will be a link on the school Facebook page.

With your assistance we can make this a spectacular event, we look forward to you being involved.

Governing Council

NO PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Please note that it is DECD Policy that only authorised staff and service providers working with DECD employees are permitted to park on the school grounds, including the Kindy car park.

We thank all parents/caregivers for observing this regulation by not parking on the school grounds.

There is a drop off/pick up zone located at the front of the school for parents/caregivers to use before and after school.

Bob Thiele
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist in the Canteen.

Help is still needed on a Friday. If you can assist please speak with Coralie Goodman, Canteen Manager.

All help is appreciated so that we can continue to provide our students with healthy and affordable food at recess and lunch time.

AUTISM SA
Autism SA will be facilitating an information session for families and carers at the O'Sullivan Beach Children's Centre, 51a Galloway Rd, O'Sullivan Beach on Monday 3 March 2014 from 1:00-3:00pm. Come along and hear more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme, SDM-V, Medicare, and Carer Support and how they affect you and your children.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION AT HEPS
The leadership team of Sally Slattery (Deputy Principal), Scott Megson (School Counsellor) and I will offer a Q and A (Question and Answer) session on Friday 7 March at 2.30pm in the Penney Unit.

This is an opportunity to ask and questions on any school or educational matter. Personal questions regarding individual students will be handled privately in another forum.

Please feel free to come along and ask a question.
Bob Thiele
Principal

HEAD LICE
With students returning to school unfortunately head lice can become an issue.

Please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice. If you detect head lice (live lice or eggs) treat the hair immediately. School Card families can see staff at the Front Office for shampoo.

Remove the eggs - you cannot assume all the eggs are dead. Removing them with a fine toothed comb and, if necessary, by hand, confirms your child’s hair is egg free.

ALL eggs need to be removed from the hair before your child can return to school. Please advise office staff if you have treated your child’s hair for head lice.

Parents/Caregivers will need to sign a declaration stating their child’s hair has been treated and no live lice or eggs are visible.

With your help by regularly checking your child/children’s hair we can reduce the incidence of head lice.

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 schfees)

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.
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 stress. Held on Wednesday afternoon and evening. For more information Ph Verelle on 83814535 or 0439833837.

• Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY)  Hippy supports families to teach children, to see learning everywhere and anytime and is fun for the whole family. Join HIPPY and you will get a tutor who is also doing HIPPY visiting you at home or in the community, receive activity packs and storybooks and group gatherings to get to know other families doing HIPPY. For more information or to register Ph Jo Lee 81858900.

• South Adelaide Panthers Football Club  Players wanted both boys and girls. For more information visit www.sapanthersfc.com.

• Movies in the Park  Outdoor cinema under the stars. Bring the family and picnic along to watch Monsters University on Saturday 22/2 at Weymouth Oval, 442B Main Road, Coromandel Valley. Starts at 8:00pm. $2.00 donation encouraged.

• Be Active  Tennis coaching on a Saturday. 9:00-10:00am hot shots, modified tennis for 5-10yr olds. 10:00-11:00am advanced tennis. Ph Lyn Hann 83841065 for more information.

• Playgroup  FREE  Come meet others and spend some quality time with your child while they grow and learn in a friendly environment. Children aged 0-school age welcome. Held each Friday 10:00-11:30am in the Yellow Unit, Hackham West R-7, 50 Glynville Dr, Hackham West. Ph 83826161 for more information.

• Student Exchange  Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home. Ph 1300135331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au.

• Saturday Fun Days  The O’Sullivan Beach Children’s Centre is open for families with children aged birth—8yrs to come along and enjoy a supported space. Held from 9:30am-1:30pm at 51a Galloway Road, O’Sullivan Beach. Ph 83822850 for more information.

• Money Matters  FREE  6 week course in mastering your money. Starts 20/2 from 9:30am-12:30pm at 887 Marion Rd, Mitchell Park. Ph 82770304 to register.

• Blue Light  Held on Friday 21/2 from 7:00-10:00pm at Noarlunga Leisure Centre, David Witton Drive for students 11-16yrs. Come dressed in blue. Tickets $5 from Colonnades Info Desk or at the door.

• Skate & BMX  The next comp to be held on Sunday 23/2 from 12:00 noon at Seaford. Prizes and giveaways, street art demo, bands and DJs. Ph 83840597 for more information.

• Clear Space  Would you like to avoid chaos and organise your family? Are you running a busy family schedule? Come along to Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, Bains Rd, Morphett Vale on Tuesday 25/2 from 9:30-11:30am for a free information session. Ph Jodie 83923170 for bookings.

• Managing Children’s Behaviour  This is a short one evening workshop that explores various methods of discipline for your children aged 2-10yrs. Held on Thursday 20/2 from 6:30-9:00pm at Woodcroft, Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale. Gold coin donation. Ph Alison 81868900 to register.

• Solid Foundations  A FREE 3 part information session on building solid foundations for positive relationships with family, friends and partners. Held on 25/2, 4/3 & 11/3 from 6:00-8:00pm at Hackham West Community Centre, 2 Majorca Rd, Hackham West. Free crèche available. Ph 83841065 to book.

• Kickstart your Fitness in 2014  Come along and learn how to use outdoor fitness equipment to improve your health and wellbeing. Free personal trainer present and workout sheets available. Open to adults of all abilities and fitness levels. Held on 26/2 & 28/2 (9:30-10:30am), 1/3 (9:00-10:00am), 1/3 (10:00-11:00am) & 4/3 (5:30-6:30pm) at 86 Esplanade, Pt Noarlunga. Bookings essential. Ph 83017344.

• Cinema in the Park  FREE entertainment for the whole family. Come along and watch Despicable Me2 on Friday 28/2 from 5:30pm at Community House, Christie Downs. Ph 83846894 for more information.

• Caring for Kids  FREE First Aid course for parents and carers of infants and children conducted by St John. Held on Friday 7/3 from 9:00am-3:30pm at Hackham West Community Centre, Majorca Rd, Hackham West. Bookings essential. Ph Jodie 83923170.

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