2013 has just flown by. It seems as if time is speeding up each year. **2013 has a series of firsts:** Hackham East Primary School (HEPS) began its first year as an amalgamated school.

It was the first time that the leadership team was reduced to 3 people.

“Miss Sally” Slattery began as Deputy Principal. Mrs Jacinta Wade began as School Counsellor, later to become pregnant and leave to be replaced by Mr Scott Megson in his first leadership role. Mr Megson has since won the position for the next 3 years.

It was the first year in 9 that the school did not have a French Co-ordinator.

It was the first year that the school had a Junior Primary and Primary Special Class with the establishment of Mrs McAllister’s Primary Small Class.

**2013 Highlights have included:**

- Clippers for Cancer and Mrs Haddad’s class’ amazing raffle and cupcakes.
- The School Choir’s performance at the Festival of Choirs at the Festival Theatre.
- The craft stalls during the year.
- Sports Week, Jump Rope For Heart & SAPSASA competitions.
- The magnificent School Concert.
- Further implementation of the 1:1 iPads into the school learning program.
- The Governing Council’s Function catering.

**Staff Professional Learning has been significant with highlights:**

- Staff trip to Melbourne to visit Monmia, University Park, Silverton and St Albans Meadows Primary Schools.
- Development of the Independent Reading and Classroom Library Program.
- Australian Curriculum.

**2013 will also see a number of lasts:**

The last of the old Reception and Administration area with 2014 beginning with the upgrade due to the amalgamation.

Mr Jarrod Lamshed will leave to take up a Senior Leader position at Woodend Primary School after 8 years of outstanding service to the school community. Mr Lamshed was instrumental in establishing Single Sex education in the school. His Boys Class has raised about $20000 through Clippers For Cancer. He has run the School Choir and played a big part in running the Festival of Music Choir at the Festival Theatre. His impact on the school’s digital learning has been profound. He will be a huge loss to our entire school community. We wish him all the best for his future at Woodend Primary School. We are confident that the partnership with him will continue at his new school.

Ms Josephine Stirna retired at the end of Term 3 after being on Long Service Leave this year. We wish Jo well in her retirement and thank her for her valuable contribution to our school.

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Barb Beare
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Best wishes to our year 7 Graduates. A Guard of Honour will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 13/12 to farewell them from Primary School.

Thank you to all who have supported the school this year. The school community should be very proud and acknowledging of all the staff at this school who work tirelessly to make a positive difference for every student. I cannot thank my leadership team of Sally Slattery and Scott Megson enough for their dedication, innovation and support. The school would not function as well as it does without the superb Administration staff consisting of Lee Clements, Tracy Rowley, Jean Bradshaw and Marie O’Brien.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and holiday break and look forward to working with you in 2014.

Bob Thiele
Principal

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Reminder
School Finishes at 2:15pm on Friday 13 December 2013

Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child/children as staff have end of year duties to attend to. OSHC is available, please contact Jacky Smith if you require care for your child/children.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year

CANTEEN NEWS
On Friday 13 December there will be a Sausage Sizzle available for students and staff instead of lunch orders. Please make sure you have placed your order.

No recess or other lunch orders will be available on the Friday 13/12 as Canteen staff need to organise the end of year clean up and make sure there is minimal wastage of food items. This may result in not all items being available this week. If an item is not available we will speak with students to arrange an alternative for lunch.

Thank you for supporting the Canteen in 2013 and please consider being a volunteer in 2014.

Coralie Goodman
Canteen Manager

LIBRARY BOOKS
All Library books were due to be returned at the end of last week.

Notices have been sent out for Library books that were not returned or damaged. Please speak with me regarding payment before Friday 13/12/13.

During the holidays students can continue to read by borrowing books from their local Library.

Jonathon KAESLER
Librarian

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES
Learn a language, improve your literacy, improve your employment prospects and explore the world through language.

In 2014 primary programs will be offered in the following languages: Chinese, French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean and Spanish. Courses introduced in 2014 are outlined in a flyer available from the Front Office.

For more information Ph Karmen Petric on 83014800 or visit www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au.

SCHOOL WATCH
Can neighbours and community members please watch the school carefully for any sign of trespassers, vandals or anyone acting suspiciously in or around the school grounds over the holidays. Please call Police Patrols on 131444.

Thank you for caring for our school.

Bob Thiele
Principal

WANTED - PLANT POTS
If you have any spare plastic plant pots could you please leave them at the Front Office before the end of this week. Over the holidays I will be planting cuttings and would like to have established plants for the school Fete in March 2014.

Thank you for your assistance.

Julia OSBORN
C.P.S.W.

HELP SOMEONE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS
Thank you to the parents, students and staff who have generously donated food to people in need over Christmas. Boxes are located in each Unit as well as the Front Office for donations of non-perishable food eg canned food, pasta, rice, packaged food with expiry dates beyond December 2013.

Donations can be made until 13 December 2013. Thank you for your generosity.

Julia OSBORN
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

AQUATICS FOR YEAR 6/7 STUDENTS IN 2014
Year 6/7 students will participate in the Aquatics program at Port Noarlunga either in Week 3 or 8 of Term 1, 2014.

We would like to advise parents the approximate cost will be $35.00, depending on the number of students attending. A note with the exact cost will be sent home to students at the beginning of Term 1, 2014.

Reminder
Change to School Hours at Hackham East Primary School in 2014

School Commences at 8:50am

School Finishes at 3:00pm

Monday to Friday
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

- **VACSWIM** VACSWIM is a water safety and swimming program funded by the government of South Australia for students aged 5-17yrs. Held from 6/1-14/1/2014 at a location near you. Enrol online at www.vacswimsa.com.au or Ph 82002525.

- **School Holiday Fun at Aberfoyle Park** Gymnastics for Senior Girls held on 17/12 to 20/12 and 7/1 to 24/1 from 11:00am-3:00pm on Tuesday to Friday and Junior Boys & Girls from 10:00-11:00am Tuesday to Thursday.

- **Ride Your Bike Right** School holiday activity to be held at Hackham East Primary School on Thursday 9/1/14 from 10:00am to 12:00noon. Ready to Ride for students Reception to Yr 2 and Riding Right for students aged up to 12 years. Please bring your bike and helmet. Limited bikes and helmets available for children without a bike. Ph Jodie on 83923194 to register.

- **Santos World Tour Down Under** To be held from 19/1 to 26/1/2014. If you would like to ride the same circuit as your cycling heroes students aged 6-12 yrs can register to be part of the final stage of the 2014 Santos Tour Down Under. Visit tourdownunder.com.au for more information.

- **Adelaide Metro** School bus services in the North South, Outer North East and West areas will be renumbered to be more consistent with bus route numbers in these areas. To find out if you will be affected visit www.adelaidemetro.com.au from mid January or Ph 1300311108.

- **International Day of Disability Family Event** Junction Australia invite families with children 0-12yrs with special needs or disabilities to attend on Friday 13/1 from 2:30-5:30pm at Take Heart Impact Church, 104 Pimpala Rd, Morphett Vale. Ph 81866944 or email tgalbraith@junctionaustralia.org.au to attend.

- **Evolution School Holiday Program** Angilcare are offering a school holiday program from 14/1 to 17/1 and 21/1 to 24/1. More details on events and costs available on flyer in Front Office.

- **On the Same Wave** Free events for new arrivals, migrants and international students aged 12-18yrs on Thursday 19/12 from 10:00am-3:00pm at Brighton Surf Life Saving Club. Ph 83840535 to register.

- **Family Gathering** Come along and join us to share a meal to celebrate our inclusive multicultural community on Friday 13/12 from 6:00-9:00pm at Christie Downs Community House, Morton Rd, Christie Downs. Ph Rosalind Clarke 83840739 for more information.

- **Noarlunga Uniting Church Combined Choir and Jazz Bandits** present Christmas Carols in Ramsay Place, Colonades, Noarlunga Downs on Thursday 19/12 from 5:00-7:30pm. Sausage Sizzle, Santa, Art & Craft Stall, Face Painting and lots more for the whole family.

- **BMX Tour** Check out the best track in the Onkaparinga area. Held on 19/12 from 9:00am-5:00pm for 12-18yr olds. Cost $10.00 (lunch provided). All participants must have their own equipment and helmets must be worn. Ph 8557555 to register or for more information.

- **Aussie Hoops** Holiday Clinics Summer sessions to be held on 18/12, 14/1 & 22/1 at Morphett Vale Stadium, 2 Sports Park Dr, Wilfred Taylor Reserve for students aged 5-12yrs from 9:00am-3:00pm. Book online at www.basketballsa.com.au.

- **School Holiday Science Fun** Looking for something to do in the holidays. Why not come to the O’Sullivan Beach School Gym, Galloway Rd, O’Sullivan Beach on Thursday 16/1 from 10:00-11:30am and enjoy a fun session of astrology and rockets. For more information Ph Sue O’Brien on 83822850 or 0458146334.

- **State Swim** State Swim Seaford are offering a Swim Vac programme during the school holidays. A full week of lessons, consecutive days with the same teacher, great results. 30 minute lessons between 9:00 & 11:00am. Ideal for new and existing customers. Enjoy a free swim every day. Held at Seaford State, Swim, 3-5 Cascade Dr, Seaford. Ph 83863338 for more information.

- **Fairy Wings & Pirate Things** Looking for something fun and exciting for the kids to do during the school holidays. Book them in for one of our 3 hour sessions full of games, craft, dancing and lots of fairy and pirate fun. Held at 9 Gawler St, Port Noarlunga. Ph 83268862 or visit www.fairywingspiratethings.com.au for more information.

- **Adelaide Strikers MILO T20 Blast Holiday Clinics** These clinics are for 7-12yr olds boys and girls of all abilities, with a focus on participation while increasing skill levels. Run over 2 days, cost $99 per child. Centres will be held at include: Adelaide Oval, Marion, Brighton, and Reynella. To register online T20BLAST.com.au or Ph 83003803 for more information.

- **School Holiday Program** provided by Community House, Cnr Flaxmill and Morton Roads, Christie Downs. Free events include Kahurna Water Slide on Tuesday 14/1 from 10:00am-1:00pm, Disco Dolphin Cruise on Thursday 16/1 from 8:30am-1:30pm and Drumming Workshop on Thursday 23/1 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Ph Karen 0415768359 or Allison 0406998917 to register or for more information. Bookings essential.

- **Play With Clay** Come and learn new skills and use your imagination to create a unique masterpiece from clay with our local artist Brigeen. Held on Tuesday 15/1 from 12:00-2:00pm at Onkaparinga Youth Services Reynella, 10 Main South Rd, Reynella for 8-18yr olds. Ph 8375577 to register or for more information.

- **Taste Teasers** Come along and share in the celebration of Christmas. Taste the delicious treats made by young people in the Taste Teaser cooking program. Held on Wednesday 18/12 from 4:00-5:00pm at Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, 175 Bains Rd, Morphett Vale. Free. Ph 83875577 to register or for more information.

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