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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Shearing Course
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April

Working Dog Trip
Monday 10th April

Primary End of Term
Assembly
Tuesday 11th April

Uni SA Connected
Education Yr 12 PE
Tuesday 11th April

SASSSA Athletics
Wednesday 12th April

End of Term 1
2.20pm Early Dismissal
Thursday 13th April

Term 2 Commences
Monday 1st May

Crash Science Investigation
Parent Session
Tuesday 2nd May



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 2017

From the Principal

I simply cannot understand how quickly we have arrived to near the end of Term 1! The business of each day has been incredible and our achievements many, from exciting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) lessons in Ms Schmidt's class, to learning with the 3D printer in Mr Cock's class, or swimming and sporting excellence, whether as a team or as an individual. No one can ask more when students are trying their best! Right down to the support they show one another in their wellbeing to get them over the line.



Recently a couple of items have been placed on our website which may be of interest to you, particularly if you were unable to attend the AGM. On the parent information page you will find a copy of our Annual Report and also the findings from the External School Review (ESR) team. In reading the ESR you will find four directions which will form the basis of our new site improvement plan. These directions are to be worked on over the next four years. To have a four year turn around is a positive affirmation of where we are at and with the directions, where we need to head. The site improvement plan will be developed this year to inform how we get there.

A point of staff discussions this week has been around a few items of non-uniform appearing. School uniform guidelines encapsulate sun safe practices with good reason. The incidences of skin cancer increase when not wearing broad brimmed or legionnaire hats. Our guidelines do not include caps because they do not provide enough protection. It has been noticed by staff, that students are wearing caps at school and when asked to remove them, the students comply but once out of sight of the teacher pop them back on. Please assist us and ensure your student/s are not coming to school with a cap but with a sun safe broad brimmed or legionnaires hat. Thank you.

This week at our Governing Council meeting it was agreed for a Student Free Day on Thursday June 8th as all Flinders Partnership sites are meeting together with primary and secondary curriculum consultants to work through the moderation of student tasks to ensure that grades assigned reflect the intent of the Australian Curriculum



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Yesterday I met with all Partnership chairpersons and Education Directors and today with leaders from the Flinders Partnership and all leaders from across the state to work with Michael Fullan, a noted leader in education, who DECD has engaged for our professional development.

Jenny Stringer
Principal

Primary School

Thank you to all parents who came in this week for parent/teacher/student interviews. The response this year was again outstanding and it's great to see so many parents playing such an active role in their child's education. This year we trialled three way conferences which have had a lot of positive feedback. It's great to see our children setting their own learning goals and being so active in striving to achieve these.

Next Thursday 13th April the Primary SRC will be holding an Easter Day at school, selling Hot Cross Buns for \$1.50 and Zooper Doopers for 50c at recess. The R-6 students will also participate in an Easter egg hunt on the oval on Thursday afternoon. A big thankyou to the Governing Council for supplying the eggs for this.

Finally, all parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend the end of term Primary assembly on Tuesday 11th April at 2.20pm in the gym.

Paul Arthur
Primary Leader

Senior School

This week five of our students have been busy in the shearing shed, learning the basics of shearing and wool classing. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the course. The school would like to sincerely thank Andrew Bastian, Graham McCallum and Howard Bastian for the loan of their sheep and the time they spent delivering them to school shearing shed; without these the course would not have been possible.

The school's numbers not only increased with sheep in the yards this week, the Ag classes also began to grow Meat Birds and Laying Hens. 24 cute little chicks are busily growing under the heat lamp as part of the Year 7/8 Ag Science class.

Mrs Arbon's Year 10 Home Economics class has been busy preparing lots of yummy treats, some sheep inspired, for the Booleroo Sheep races this weekend. Be sure to pop in and see the students and purchase some homemade goodies.

Next Wednesday a number of students will be travelling to Adelaide to represent MNSEC at the SASSA Athletics Carnival. We wish them luck.

Next Thursday school will finish at 2:20pm for the Easter Holiday Break; reports will be handed out during afternoon home group on this day.



Renae Kretschmer shearing a sheep



Darcy Scholz, Thomas Pole & Tom Glayde classing the fleece.

Leanne Opperman, Chloe Clarke & Kathy Kupke Senior Leaders

School News

Year 12 Badminton and Volleyball Coaching Clinics

Last Monday the Year 12 Physical Education class travelled to Adelaide to participate in a badminton and volleyball coaching clinic. Both clinics were held by highly accredited coaches; we attend these clinics to help improve our skills for two of our major practicals.

We attended the volleyball clinic with Chris Madden at the Marion Fitness and Leisure Centre. He provided a quick refresher of the basic skills of volleyball including blocking, digging, serving, setting and spiking. He was impressed with not only our students skills level, but their willingness to participate and give everything a go.

Chris was that impressed he extended an invitation to any of our Year 12s moving to Adelaide next year to come join his club the Henley Hawks. It was a great experience for our Year 12s and were provided with an excellent skill development opportunity. They appreciated it and made the most out of the experience.

After the volleyball clinic we travelled to Lockleys to the Badminton South Australia facility. It is the only building that is purely set up for only badminton gameplay. Chris Thirlwell was the coach running this session, he is a highly skilful and accredited coach. He goes into several private schools in Adelaide and teaches their Year 12 badminton classes.

We clearly do not have the luxury of having Chris come into our school each week, but each student gained something from attending this clinic with him. He covers everything from handgrips through to each potential return of serve in doubles to help create your attack. His understanding of the game and its tactics is first class.

Chris said that we had several students in the A grade band and no one below the B grade band. He said they were the most athletic class he has had this year. Chris doesn't just make comments like that, he truly meant it. It is a credit to our students and their work ethic, it was fantastic to see the Year 12s in at lunch practicing and trying to replicate what Chris had taught them.

If our Year 12s keep up the great work they should be achieving some outstanding practical grades. Thanks to Kate Fitzgerald for attending the camp; I'm sure she learnt a few things as well from the coaches. Another successful trip, we are hoping to maintain our good relationship with Badminton South Australia and Volleyball South Australia to keep being able to provide this excellent opportunity for our students.

Alby Nicholls
PE Coordinator

3/4 Science "Crime Scene"

The 3/4 and some of the 5/6's had to put on their thinking hats to solve who stole Miss Schmidt's prize winning succulent in Science. Students were given soil samples of different teachers at the school and had to use their Scientific knowledge to prove who was at Miss Schmidt's house the night of the disappearance. Students looked at the pH of soils, their texture, colour, foreign objects in the soil and a wet test to solve the mystery. Students were able to find the wrong doers (Miss Opperman and Mrs Clarke!).



5/6 Cooking

Last Friday the 5/6's ventured over to the Home Ec Centre and cooked burritos. We worked in small groups to cut and prepare the salad; we browned the mince and added the yummy seasoning. Finally, we all sat down together to enjoy our burritos. In Literacy, we created our own burritos procedures to add to our 5/6 recipe books.



Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all students about school uniform expectations: the school colours are based on Royal Blue and Maroon. Black shorts, short shorts, skins and black track pants are not part of the Governing Council approved school uniform. A reminder to get behind your house team and purchase a Rogers or Dunstan sports shirt which may be worn for PE lessons as well as carnivals.

R-6 SRC Easter Day

Next Thursday the 13th of March the primary SRC will be selling hot cross buns and Zooper Doopers at Lunch. All classes will participate in Easter crafts/ activities and an Easter egg hunt with the chocolate eggs kindly donated by Governing Council.

Hot cross buns \$1.50 each

Zooper Dooper \$0.50 each



Careers Expo

The Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo Adelaide (TSCEA) will return again on April 9 and April 10, 2017 at Adelaide Convention Centre.

Careers Expo parent session

Based on a number of requests we have received from some school groups to have a dedicated **Parents Information Session**, we have scheduled a 30 minute time slot for 11.45 am on the Sunday in view of holding a panel discussion for the following topic –

“A Parent’s Guide: Application processes demystified for prospective students at Universities in SA and NT.”

Mark this date in your calendar and meet with a number of SATAC - member institutions who will participate in an informative discussion that will provide parents with many answers to Frequently Asked Questions including but not limited to the following –

1. SATAC application timeline and key dates
2. How ATAR cut-offs are calculated (e.g. what does it mean if a course has a high ATAR cut-off?)
3. Pre-requisite and assumed knowledge subjects
4. Additional entry requirements (e.g. UMAT for medicine; portfolios or auditions for Creative Arts degrees)
5. TAFE/VET to Uni and alternate pathways
6. uniTEST
7. Scholarships/ Uni fees/ HECS HELP
8. Transition from school to Uni
9. Accommodation/ moving to Adelaide (if relevant)

Community News

BMW Football Club Minis and Sub Minis training will commence at Wilmington school oval this Thursday the 6th April at 4.30pm. All welcome. Please contact Lachlan McCallum 0418 848 516 or David Prosser 0427 672064 for more information.

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Booloroo Sheep Races 2017 April 8th



Gates open at 11am with a gold coin donation going towards Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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