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WEEK 9, TERM 2
Friday, 30th June, 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 7th July, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Mr Sboro.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Casual Day
 - Children's Book Council of Australia – 2017 Short Listed Books of the Year
 - Congratulations
 - Cooking Volunteers – Term 3
 - Father's Day Stall Donations
 - Food Donations
 - Parent Teacher Interviews/ Student Reports
 - Parking
 - Road Safety
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DIARY DATES

7 July Casual Day
 7 July Last day of Term 2
 Early Dismissal 2:10pm
 24 July Term 3 Commences
 7 Sep Student Disco
 8 Sep School Closure Day
 28 Sep Sports Day
 29 Sep Casual Day
 29 Sep Last day of Term 3

Feedback

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FOR 2018**

**EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, 7th JULY - 2:10pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I would like to thank all of our students and staff for the effort they have put into teaching and learning this term. This term has been much more settled and calm as we haven't had any of the unexpected incidents of Term 1, which has been a great relief.

I had the opportunity to visit the Year 6 /7 classes at their camp at Shiloh Hills for a few hours on Tuesday and was impressed by the behaviour of our students and their enthusiastic participation in the team building activities that were taking place while I was there. Thank you to Ms Power and Ms Seyfang for organising the camp. Thank you also to Mr Sboro, Jenny (SSO), Mr Collier (pre-service teacher), Simon (PSW) who along with Ms Power and Ms Seyfang supervised the children over the duration of the camp. I'm sure they all slept very well on Wednesday night.

Reports

Over the past few weeks our teachers have been writing student reports which is a lengthy process and done mainly out of school hours so thank you to the teachers for the time and effort spent on preparing reports. Reports will be handed out during parent-teacher interviews next week. If you haven't already booked an interview I encourage you to do so.

Below is some information from a government website www.learningpotential.gov.au with some good ideas regarding talking to your children about their report:

Stay positive

When reading your child's report, try to emphasise the positive. Praise your child for their improvement and achievements – and try to be specific with your praise. For example, "I'm really pleased with your progress in science. You have been working so hard and have improved so much since the beginning of the year".

Focus on effort, not grades

Try not to focus too much on the grades your child receives. When children are too focussed on their marks they can develop a 'grade orientation' rather than a 'learning orientation' – and can become less likely to enjoy learning and to challenge themselves. Recognise your child's hard work even if it is not reflected in their marks. The teacher's comments can often tell you more about the effort your child is making at school than the results. For example, "Your teacher says you have really been concentrating in maths this term. I'm proud of you."

Every child is different

Try not to compare your child's report to that of an older sibling or friends. Your child is unique and shines in their own areas. Boost your child's self-esteem by concentrating on the things they have excelled in, where they have tried hardest and where they have shown the most improvement.

Talk about it

It is a good opportunity to use your child's report to talk to your child about how they are feeling about school. Ask your child what they think about school, their subjects and their report. If your child raises any concerns, offer your support to help make a plan to address them. For instance, if your child wants to improve their maths skills, you can help them to set realistic weekly goals, like setting aside 10 minutes a day to focus on maths revision.

Valuable learning tool

Your child's report is a great indicator of academic areas your child is excelling at and where they can improve. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report or their progress at school, or if there are any areas where your child needs some support, contact their teacher – they can tell you what they can do at school to support your child's learning and how you can help at home.

As mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter this is the last one for the term so I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe school holiday break when it comes around after next Friday.

Have a fantastic weekend.
Ken Smith
Principal



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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Kyal Bacon, one of our highly valued SSOs, who has been recognised as a winner of the Performance Through Values program.

The aim of the program is to highlight the excellent work happening within DECD, spread good ideas and celebrate and support those who reflect the public sector values in their achievements.

Kyal will receive a signed certificate from the Chief Executive and his achievement will also be featured in DECD Update and on the intranet.

He is now shortlisted as a finalist for the Performance Through Values category in the Public Education Awards which are announced later this year in October. We wish him every success with the awards.

ROAD SAFETY

How scary! Imagine this. Just after dropping your child off at the kiss and drop zone, and driving slowly along Vanstone Avenue, a little child about 2 years old runs onto the road in front of you from the school carpark, followed by a slightly older sibling, forcing you to brake suddenly, with only millimetres between you and the youngest child, who then continues running across the road against traffic coming in the opposite direction.

This recently happened. We have regular concerns expressed by our community about this issue. Please make sure you hold your child's hand when crossing any road but particularly at the front of the school when a large number of our school community uses the kiss and drop zone to drop off and pick up their children. It is just about impossible to see little children walking between parked cars if no adults are with them.

Our number one aim is to keep the children safe so help us to do so by supervising your children closely near a roadway.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / STUDENT REPORTS

In Week 10 you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school and be given their Mid-Year Report at a parent teacher interview. The "School Interviews" website will be closed to new bookings from Friday, 30th June at the end of the day.

However, if you have not scheduled a meeting time with the teacher and would like an interview, please contact the Front Office staff who will make the appointment for you. Please note: you must attend the parent / teacher interview to get your child's report.

CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA – 2017 SHORT LISTED BOOKS OF THE YEAR

BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD

Title	Author
<i>Go home, cheeky animals!</i>	Johanna Bell
<i>All I Want For Christmas Is Rain</i>	Cori Brooke
<i>Snow Wombat, The</i>	Susannah Chambers
<i>Nannie Loves</i>	Kylie Dunstan
<i>Chop</i>	Kylie Howarth
<i>Gary</i>	Leila Rudge

BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS

Title	Author
<i>Rockhopping</i>	Trace Balla
<i>Within These Walls (My Holocaust Story)</i>	Robyn Bavati
<i>Most Magical Girl, The</i>	Karen Foxlee
<i>Dragonfly Song</i>	Wendy Orr
<i>Mrs Whittam</i>	Bruce Pascoe
<i>Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade</i>	Kate Temple

THE EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS

Title	Author
<i>Spellbound: Making Pictures With The A-B-C</i>	Mare Coote
<i>A-Z Of Endangered Animals</i>	Jennifer Cossins
<i>Gigantic Book Of Genes, The</i>	Lorna Hendry
<i>Fabish: The Horse That Braved A Bushfire</i>	Neridah McMullin
<i>Amazing Animals Of Australia's National Park</i>	Gina Newton
<i>William Bligh: A Stormy Story Of Tempestuous Times</i>	Michael Sedunary

PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Title	Author
<i>One Photo</i>	Ross Watkins
<i>Mechanica: A Beginner's Field Guide</i>	Lance Balchin
<i>Home In The Rain</i>	Bob Graham
<i>My Brother</i>	Dee Huxley
<i>Patchwork Bike, The</i>	Maxine Beneba Clarke
<i>Out</i>	Angela May George

FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you so much to our generous community for the wonderful soup donations. We are still collecting soup and the following non-perishable items which can contribute to the food hampers we give to school families in need: breakfast cereal, rice, two minute noodles, spaghetti/pasta and pasta sauce, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, UHT/long life milk, instant coffee, tea bags, soap, shampoo, or deodorant.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PARKING

Thank you to everyone who does the right thing and is parking adjacent to the school or using the kiss and drop zones. We really appreciate the level of respect you pay to school staff by doing this and we regret having to raise the parking issue again.

However, there are still parents who are parking in the staff car park. The car park is available for **staff and official visitors only between 8:00am – 4:00pm** each day. Please DO NOT use the staff car park as a drop off or collection zone.

Parents dropping their children to POSHC are able to park in the loading zone-strictly for 5 minutes in the mornings and are able to use the staff car park after 4:00pm to collect their children in the afternoons.

Parents or caregivers who have a Disability Permit are able to access a Disabled Car Park. Please note the Disabled Car Park is only to be used by those exiting the vehicle and is not to be used as a private car park option.

We understand the kiss and drop zone is a great way to drop off and collect your children each day but please do not park in this zone to wait for your children to come out from school. If you are not able to see your children, please go around the block to give them time to come out from class. This way the traffic keeps moving, making it more efficient for everyone. Thank you.

CASUAL DAY

There will be a casual day on the last day of term, Friday, 7th July, 2017 to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please bring a gold coin donation to participate.

COOKING VOLUNTEERS – TERM 3

We need your help! We plan to run a cooking program for the Year 3/4 classes - Ms Lewis, Mr Branson and Mr Lohmeyer/Mr Wheatcroft, however, we do not have enough volunteers for any of the classes at this time.

If you have a DCSI clearance to work with children and have completed the RAN-EC training (Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care), we would love to hear from you.

If you do not have these and would still like to volunteer, please speak to the Front Office staff as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Kaylene Langton for organising the giant chess set. We appreciate and value your generosity and are sure the students will get lots of enjoyment playing with it. Thank you.

FATHER'S DAY STALL DONATIONS

Father's Day is on Sunday, 3rd September. Although it may seem a long way off, we are seeking donations of new items for our Father's Day Stall.

Please bring any donation of new items to the Front Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next term is going to be very busy so please put these dates in your diary!

- Disco – Thursday, 7th September
- School closure day – Friday, 8th September
- Sports day – Thursday, 28th September
- Casual Day – Friday, 29th September

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD CREDIT UNION SA



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Parents and children - here are some **July School Holiday programs** being offered at Wardli Youth Centre Christie Downs:

GIRLS BIG NIGHT IN (Pajama Party!!) on Friday 7 July, 6-9pm. Free entry for ages 8-14 years.

BALLOON TWISTING on Tuesday, 11 July, 10-11.30am. Cost is \$5 for 8-14 years.

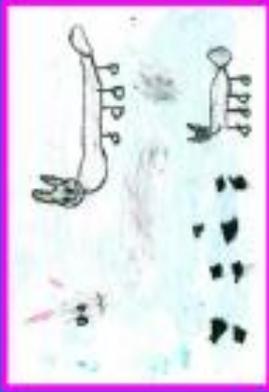
HIP HOP WORKSHOPS on Wednesday, 12 July, 2-2.45pm for 8-12 years and 3-3.45pm for 13-16 years. Cost is free.

SWIM SLIDE AND SWING (Noarlunga Swimming Centre), on Tuesday, 18 July from 12-3pm. Cost is \$7 for 8-14 years.

MOVIE MARATHON (Superhero theme!) on Wednesday 19 July, 10am-3pm, \$5 (for lunch) for 8-14 years.

Get in quick as there are limited spaces! Please contact the centre for further questions or to secure your booking! **Wardli Youth Centre, 13 McKinna Rd, Christie Downs**, Ph: (08) 8186 5133 or Fax: (08) 8326 2813

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By Ms Kaye's Year 2/3 class

