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WEEK 7, TERM 1
Friday, 17th March, 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 24th March, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Ms Lang & Mrs Dobson's
classes.



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Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521
Student Absences: 0412 089 811

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Book Club
 - Botanical Gardens Excursion Year 3/4s
 - Bring Own Utensils
 - Courtyard Access
 - Dogs
 - Easter Raffle Donations
 - Library Books
 - Mother's Day Stall Donations
 - Mr Huff Incursion R-1 classes
 - Parking
 - Scholastic Book Club
 - Sports Teams
 - Vacation Care Forms
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DIARY DATES

23 Mar	Mr Huff Incursion – JP classes
6 April	SAPSASA District Cross Country Day
6 April	Botanical Gardens Excursion
13 April	Last day to pay school fees
13 April	Last day of Term 1
1 May	Pupil Free Day
14 May	Mother's Day
12 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
30 June	Indonesian Day

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*** EXCELLENCE * FRIENDSHIP ***

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a number of challenges at the beginning of the year with the bitumen being replaced, the vandalism and the asbestos incident things have returned to relative 'normal'. I would really like to thank the students, teachers and parents/carers of students in the primary unit for their patience and understanding last week while the unit underwent a deep clean to remove any residue that may have been left in the carpets and ceilings from the vandalism. The teachers from the primary unit have told me that it is now the cleanest it has ever been.

On the Pupil Free Day last Friday, the staff participated in some important professional learning and planning for 2017. The day commenced with all staff being involved in a presentation by one of the regional behaviour coaches on strategies for managing abuse related trauma. This was followed by professional learning on using 'Brightpath' which is a research based method of judging and assessing children's writing which leads to improved teaching and learning in writing. The final part of the day was devoted to developing the Site Improvement and action plans for Literacy, Numeracy, Wellbeing and ICT. These plans will be finalised and uploaded to the school website by the 31st March.

As the term gets away from us very quickly the time is coming for our first round of parent teacher interviews. These interviews will be held in Week 10 of this term. Further information regarding the interviews will be provided next week which will include information about an online booking system we will be using for parents or carers to book their interview times with teachers.

All the best.

Ken Smith
Principal



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SPORTS TEAMS

Is your child interested in playing Team Sports in 2017?

This year we plan to offer the following sports:

- Basketball for Year 2-7 students
- Netball for Year 3-7 students
- Soccer for Reception – Year 7 students

We would like to organise our school sports teams early to ensure we have enough coaches, team managers and coordinators. The seasons for each sport are run over Terms 2 and 3. A note with a registration form has been sent home this week detailing days and times of play, what the players will need to provide and the costs.

Please note: The number of teams that we can field will be determined by the number of parents who volunteer to be coaches and team managers.

All coaches and team managers must have a DCSI Child Related Employment Screening clearance, and have undertaken Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RAN-EC) volunteer training before they can coach or manage a team. Please see Front Office Staff for information about how to get the appropriate clearances and training if you do not already have them.

Please complete a registration form **for each sport** that your child wishes to play. Additional copies are available from the Front Office.

Registration forms and Volunteer Availability tear-off-slips are due to be returned **by today, Friday, 17th March.**

PARKING

Parking seems to be an ongoing issue for our school community. Please be aware, NO parking is allowed on school grounds at any time.

In the morning when students are being dropped off at school please DO NOT drop them off in the car park – the kiss and drop zone is the ideal place for students to be dropped off and collected each day and it is supervised from 8:30am to 8:50 and in the afternoons from 3:10 to 3:25pm.

In the interests of the safety of our school community, please make sure you drive slowly in the kiss and drop zone and parents please also remind your children not to run and take care whilst crossing the road.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are holding our annual Easter Raffle. Thank you to the many families who have generously donated Easter eggs and goodies. We still need more items to make up the baskets and prizes so please bring any donations of Easter eggs or any other Easter items to the Front Office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Each child has been given a raffle book containing 10 tickets, tickets are 50c each. For every book you sell you have one chance to win the Jumbo Easter Basket. Should you require more books, they are available from the Finance Window in the morning or the Front Office after school.

All sold books must be returned with the money by **Friday, 7th April.** Any unsold books also need to be returned. The raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on **Tuesday, 11th April at 2.30pm.**

DOGS

We appreciate that many people walk their dogs when dropping off or picking up their children from school. We would ask that you do not bring your dog onto school grounds.

The entrance gates would make a great drop off and pick up meeting point but please do not leave your dog unattended. Some people find it intimidating to walk past unattended dogs, particularly children.

We understand that you may not consider your dog a threat and therefore, the request does not apply to your dog. However, this does apply to **ALL** dogs, no matter how cute or cuddly.

Some children and adults are very afraid of dogs while others may be allergic. Please, in the interests of all of the students and parents in our community, do not bring your dog onto school grounds.

BRING YOUR OWN UTENSILS

Often students bring food to school which they need to eat with a spoon or fork or have cut up. In the past we have provided plastic spoons or forks, and on occasions we have even cut up fruit, however, this is no longer possible.

Please review what food you send to school with your child and make sure it is in a format they can easily eat and that they have any utensils they may require.

MR HUFF INCURSION (Reception – Year 1)

There will be a "Mr Huff" Incursion on Thursday, 23rd March for the Reception to Year 1 classes – Mrs Lang, Mrs Ryles, Mrs Dobson, Ms Sims & Ms Howlett's classes.

Students will have the opportunity to attend a live performance of Mr Huff, and see the wonder of story-telling and the magic of real actors as they unravel this story.

The cost of the incursion is \$5 per student and can be paid online by today, **Friday, 17th March**.

BOTANICAL GARDENS EXCURSION (Year 3/4s)

Mr Branson, Mr Wheatcroft and Mrs Lewis' Year 3/4 classes will have the opportunity to attend the Adelaide Botanical Gardens on Thursday, 6th April, 2017.

Students will investigate a range of plants used by Indigenous Australians and their varied uses including food, medical, shelter, tools and ceremonies. The scope covers plants from across Australia.

The cost is \$10 per student which can be paid online or to the Finance Window **by Friday, 31st March**. Spare forms are available from the Front Office.

IMAGINATION – YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Congratulations to Kayla P, Emily R, Jude Y, Jordan M, Thomas C and Aiden M have been successful in applying to attend the Imagination – Young Leaders Day annual event

Each year at this inspiring event, up to 5 successful people talk to the students about their journeys and successes and what they think makes a great leader.

The students will write an article about their experience in the next newsletter.

VACATION CARE FORMS

Vacation Care forms for the April school holidays are now available from POSHC as well as the app and website for your convenience.

Please contact Hazel Godfrey at POSHC for bookings and further information on 0413 482 521 or email to Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The last day to lodge your Scholastic Book Club Orders is **Thursday, 30th March**. Orders are usually dispatched to go home with the students in approximately 2 weeks from the due date. If you would like to order books without your child's knowledge eg for birthday or Christmas presents, please write this information on the order form if paying at the school or advise the Front Office staff if paying by LOOP. Books will then be available for collection from the Front Office. Please note we are unable to store any items at school.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL DONATIONS

Mother's Day is on Sunday, 7th May. We are seeking donations of new items to sell at our Mother's Day stall. Please bring any donations to the Front Office by Wednesday, 3rd May.

Thank you for all the wonderful Mother's Day Stall donations we have already received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Volleyball SA have a new Spikezone 'mini-volleyball' program commencing at the Hub Recreation Centre. This modified version of Volleyball provides a great introduction to the sport in a safe and modified environment.

They are offering Free Come & Try sessions later this term (Tuesdays in weeks 9,10,11) from 4-5pm before the season proper starts in Term 2. For students in Years 4-7 (7-13 year olds).

Morphett Vale Football Club are looking for both girl and boy players. They now have girls teams and also require boys of all age groups. For more information please call 0419490263 or email morphettvalefootballclubsecretary@live.com.au.

Southern Stars Netball Club need netball players. Southern Stars has a great player culture and supportive coaches who focus on player development. Training and games are at SUNA. All ages are welcome. Registrations close on Monday, 20th March. For more information, please contact southernstarsnc@gmail.com or go to www.ssnc.sa.netball.com.au

#MakerTech Meetups each Monday after school until 5pm at the Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale. Come along for complete modules, challenges, workshops, to share ideas, listen to guest speakers, view new technologies and to borrow equipment. Phone 83840050 for more information.

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