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Karen Knox

Deputy Principal:
Rachael Courtney

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Scott Whitters

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WEEK 9, TERM 1
Friday 1st April, 2016

The next assembly will be on
Friday 8th April, 2016, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Mrs Egglestone and Mrs Lang'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?

- Aberfoyle Park HS – IGNITE program
- Adelaide Zoo Excursion
- Canteen volunteers
- Credit Union SA – Win a Trip to Italy!
- Kindy Garage Sale
- NAPLAN
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Purple Casual Day
- Soccer
- Vacation Care
- Volunteer Workshops
- Wonggayerlo –Footprints in the Sand
- Year 7/8 Transition
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DIARY DATES

6 April	Volunteer Workshop 7pm
8 April	Howlett/Sims Excursion
12 April	Wonggayerlo Incursion
15 April	Purple Casual Day
15 April	Last Day of Term 1
	Early Dismissal 2:15pm
2 May	First Day of Term 2

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EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY 15th APRIL – 2:10PM

During this week we have had the fabulous opportunity to meet parents and carers of our students through the sharing of student progress via interviews. This face to face communication is so important to make sure that we share strengths and areas of development about student learning. Through this partnership we can develop strong links between home and school, and work together to enable students to learn and progress to their full potential.

Another partnership that is really important in the 21st century is concerning keeping children safe in the digital world. The emergence of social media sites has seen the cyber impact go to a new level. Messages and images can now spread like wild fire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or send a message.

Parents, carers and teachers have the same responsibility to help children stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. 'Stranger danger' and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world. The Australian Curriculum supports teachers to plan for learning around internet safety through the ICT General Capability.

'Students develop knowledge, skills and dispositions around ICT and its use, and the ability to transfer these across environments and applications. They learn to use ICT with confidence, care and consideration, understanding its possibilities, limitations and impact on individuals, groups and communities.' ICT Capability, The Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner provides a large amount of information and resources for both parents and education sites. Please go to <https://esafety.com.au> to access this invaluable source of information.

The internet is truly an amazing resource and makes learning engaging, relevant and purposeful. Together, with a partnership between home and school, we will develop students who will be responsible, active and informed digital citizens.

We welcome Scott Whitters as our new School Counsellor. Scott will take a pro-active role in the wellbeing of our students and school community.

Karen Knox
ACTING PRINCIPAL



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YEAR 7/8 TRANSITION

As part of the Year 7/8 transition process, information packs will be sent home to parents usually by the end of Week 11 of Term 1. Parents are required to complete the ED176 form indicating their preference of high school for their child and return the form to the Front Office.

Students are guaranteed a place at their zoned high school only, but may apply for positions at out of zone schools including special interest schools. (Please note: if you are considering a Special Interest Course you should contact the high school directly as soon as possible for entry criteria).

It is a good idea to visit any schools you may be considering and for this purpose all high schools including non-government schools, have a designated open time where they display what they have to offer. Opening dates and times are available from individual school websites. Further information is also available on their websites.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interviews took place during this week and it was a great opportunity for parents to find out their child's progress at school.

If you have not been able to see your child's teacher this week, please schedule a time to meet them, before the end of this term. It is important to find out how your child is progressing, so you can celebrate their successes as well as find out ways to help them improve.



SOCCER

Players have been advised of their practice night and time, their coach and team manager. Training will start when all coaches and team managers can comply with the DECD volunteer requirements of DCSI clearance to work with children and RAN training. We are looking forward to a very exciting season for all our teams. Matches will start on Saturday, 7th May.

Thanks to all our volunteers. The students appreciate the opportunity of playing soccer which they wouldn't be able to do without you.



VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

We will be running one more RAN training for volunteers this term. If you have not undertaken the training, you will not be able to volunteer in school or coach or manage sports teams until it is completed.

Please book into the final session this term at the Front Office:

- **Wednesday, 6th April, 2016 at 7:00pm**

PURPLE CASUAL DAY

Don't forget our **Purple Casual Day** on Friday, 15th April to celebrate Epilepsy Awareness Day. Please bring a gold coin donation to participate.

We want you to wear purple on Purple Casual Day as purple is the designated colour of Epilepsy.

The day will incorporate fun activities including making links to create a whole school purple paper chain and there will be face painting (purple butterflies and purple ribbons) throughout the day. Students from Year 6/7 will also provide a PowerPoint presentation about epilepsy.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Epilepsy Centre. Thanks for your help in supporting a great cause and one close to a number of members of our school community.



WONGGAYERLO – FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

Reminder: On Tuesday 12th April, students from Pimpala PS will attend the performance "Wonggayerlo - Footprints in the Sand" presented by the Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) at school. This performance tells the story of how both Aboriginal and European cultures have interacted with the coastal environment of Adelaide.

According to the MDC, our students will "*get an amazing insight into Aboriginal cultural science and western science knowledge of our marine and coastal life*".

This story will be presented by acclaimed performers Karl Telfer and Michael Mills, and will be followed by a Q&A session. This performance also gives us the wonderful opportunity to link with learning in the classroom in such curriculum areas as Literacy, Science, History, Geography and the Performing Arts.

The cost for the performance is \$6 per child, and is due to be paid by **Friday, 8th April**.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We would love your help in the canteen. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist between 10:30am and 1:00pm on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays please see Trish in the canteen or let the Front Office staff know.



VACATION CARE

There are still a few vacancies left for Vacation Care. Please make bookings directly with Hazel Godfrey (POSHC Director) on 0413 482 521, or by emailing Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au

ABERFOYLE PARK HS - IGNITE PROGRAM – SECOND OPPORTUNITY

A second opportunity to sit the IGNITE test for a place in the 2017 Year 8 cohort has arisen.

Aberfoyle Park High School is the designated DECD Ignite Secondary School for the southern Adelaide area. The IGNITE program offers a tailored curriculum to suit the needs of identified gifted and talented students.

How do I know if my child is gifted?

- Does your child have a high level of intelligence?
- Did your child show curiosity from an early age?
- Is your child's imagination vivid?
- Can your child solve high level problems?
- Is your child able to elaborate on complex ideas?
- Do you marvel at your child's amazing memory?
- Does your child have a highly developed sense of humour?
- Does your child maintain a strong sense of social justice?

Selection is based on performance in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Gifted & Talented Assessment.

Application forms for this program can be obtained by:

- Downloading from the Aberfoyle Park HS website at www.aphs.sa.edu.au
- Phoning: 82704455
- Emailing: ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au

The closing date is Monday, 4th April, 2016.

Testing for a place in Year 8 Ignite for 2017 will be held at Aberfoyle Park High School at 8:45am on **Monday, 11th April.**

NAPLAN

In Week 2 of next term the Year 3, 5 & 7 students will participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. It is expected that all students participate, however, if you have any concerns about this can you please see Karen Knox as soon as possible. The timetable will be sent home early next term.

KINDY GARAGE SALE

The Morphett Vale Preschool Kindy is closing at Venning Street, and is holding a Garage Sale on **Saturday, 16th April** from 9:00 - 11:00am. All unwanted equipment is for sale (for a donation) - old tables, easels, climbing frames, anything inside that can be dismantled (bring a screwdriver), even plants from the garden (bring a shovel).

Shelley Mair

Director, Morphett Vale Preschool Kindergarten

ADELAIDE ZOO EXCURSION – MS SIMS & MS HOWLETT

This term our classes are learning about animals, their classification and features. As an important part of our learning we are visiting the Adelaide Zoo on **Friday, 8th April**. All children are expected to take part.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in the following activities:

- Visiting a range of animals and habitats including reptiles, giant pandas, orangutans, birds, tamarins, Australian animals, meerkats, hippopotamuses, large cats, etc.
- A 45 minutes session with an Adelaide Zoo Education Officer about animal features with a focus on Australian animals.

The cost is \$17 per student which includes transport by bus and admission to the Zoo. Payment is due by today, **Friday, 1st April.**

CREDIT UNION SA – WIN A TRIP TO ITALY!

Win tickets to the 2016 Italian Grand Prix and a Lake Como experience by taking out a new Allianz car, home or landlord insurance policy through Credit union SA and you could win. Call your School Community Representative Mark Kohler 82027675 or visit creditunionsa.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The O'Sullivan Beach / Lonsdale Football Club is currently running programmes to suit you! Auskick: Ages 5 – 8 (4 year olds turning 5 between Jan & Sept 2016 are eligible to play). Training – Thursdays 3.45 – 4.45pm

Under 8 / 10 / 12 Training – Fridays 5 – 6pm. Matches – Sundays.

Under 14 Training – Tuesdays & Thursdays 4.30 – 6.30pm - Matches – Sundays

Under 16 Training – Thursdays 5 – 6pm. Matches – To be advised.

So give them a call or drop by the clubrooms and find out how you can get started! Sherriffs Road, Morphett Vale (Next to Morphett Vale Primary School). Anthony Bernhardt (Vice President) 0419 476 436 – Shane Clark (Junior Director) 0419 816 804 – Toni Proctor (Junior Secretary) 0430 901 051

Life be in it! Come 'n Try Sport program will be held during the School Holidays from Monday 18th until the 22nd April in the CBD & Park Lands. There are 12 sports and activities available.



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