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Principal: Lyn Ferenci

Diary Dates:

22/3, 29/3	Small class swimming 11.30am-2pm
24/3, 31/3	Footsteps dance
24/3	Assembly 2.30pm Year 3-7s hosting
27/3-31/3	R-5 Swimming
3/4	Preschool Photos
4/4	Canteen: Easter special recess
3-7/4	3 Way Conferences: parent; student; teacher
10/4	Sports Day, including preschool
13/4	Last Day of Term 1, early dismissal 2.10pm
14/4	Public Holiday – Good Friday

Principal's Report

Governing Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council was held this **Tuesday March 21st**. At this meeting the 2016 Annual and Financial report were presented and the 2017 council elected.

Ms Wood also gave an interesting presentation on growth mindsets and the importance of executive functioning skills. Many thanks to all who attended and nominated for Governing Council for 2017.

The elected Governing Council members for 2017 are:

Lyn Ferenci ex officio

Kelly Peterson

Maree Askeil

Gwen Sgobino

Anne Marie Hiskey

Louise Russo

Kathy Moulds

Welcome to all new and continuing members and we look forward to a successful year. There are still vacancies on council so if you are interested in joining please contact the office or a member of council for further information. We will also be moving our council meetings to Monday evenings twice a term as it is more suited to our current council members, which may be more convenient for those too who have considered joining.

Sports Day

Please keep **Monday 10th April** (Week 11) free for this annual event as your child will really appreciate your attendance and parent support adds greatly to the atmosphere. It is being held on this day so that we can also include our Preschoolers and their families. Please let your

child's teacher know if you are able to assist on the day with scoring and other duties.

Congratulations to the elected House Captains and Vice Captains who will support staff to make this event a success.

Amaroo (**Green**) Captains Heath K, Hailey K
Vice Cpts. James Mc, Amber T

Waringa (**Blue**) Captains Cameron, Jacob C
Toltarne (**Red**) Captains Kaylah K, Lynton D

Karrara (**Yellow**) Captains Brodie, Lachlan
Vice Cpts. Grace, Jayden D, Noah

We look forward to seeing you on Sports Day and a program of events will be sent home soon.

The canteen will be open on the day for a selection of food, drinks and ice-creams. We will also be doing some fundraising on the day with a sausage sizzle and cake stall. If you are able to assist in any way with preparation or serving please contact the Front Office.

Harmony Day/Anti – Bullying Assembly

There have recently been two very important days on the National calendar:

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 17th March and Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st March. Classes have been learning about the themes and reasons for these days of significance and participating in a range of activities to build their understandings of the need for tolerance, inclusion, and kindness.

This learning will culminate in a special assembly this Friday 24th March at 2.30pm in the hall, hosted by the Year 3-7 small class.

Children (and families who attend the assembly) are encouraged to dress in **Orange**, the Harmony Day colour or a national costume on Friday.

We hope you will be able to come along and share this assembly with us.

Pupil Free Days- Advance Notice

There are 2 Pupil Free Days planned for Term 2 and Term 3. Please add these dates to your diaries:

Monday May 1st (Week 1, Term 2)

Thursday 27th July (Week 1, Term 3)

Please make alternative care arrangements for your child on these dates. There will also be a Partnership (group of local schools) Pupil Free Day in Term 3. We will advise you of this date as soon as it is confirmed.

Community News and Events



Brighton Secondary School

Year 7 - Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials

The Initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 (Term 2, Week 1) at the following times:

Girls 9:00 and 10:15am

Boys 1:00 and 2:15pm

Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the

Final Trial on 18th May 2017 at an advised time.

If you would like to attend the trial, you must ring Brighton Secondary School Ph 8375 8200 and request an application pack.

Applications must be received before Friday 28th April.

Make a French connection

Bring a part of France home and experience French culture, language and traditions, by becoming a volunteer host family!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is welcoming short-term French exchange students to our part of the world in May, and we are looking for families to invite a host brother or sister into their home and community.

Hosting an exchange student is a unique and rewarding experience, that allows your family to learn about another culture, share your Australian way of life, and support a student on a life-shaping journey.

For more information on becoming a host family and the flexible volunteering options please contact Jenny Hanson on 8323 0973, 0409 890 184 or jenny.h@scce.com.au

1800 500 501 www.scce.com.au scceaustr@scce.com.au

3 Way Conferences

We will be holding our 3 way student/parent/teacher conferences from Monday 3rd April to Friday 7th April in Week 10.

This is a time when you will be able to meet with your child and his or her teacher/s to discuss progress made this term, and discuss areas of strength and areas for development.

A letter indicating your teacher/s meeting time availability will be sent home in the next few days. Please return with the times that are most suitable for you as soon as possible. Once received teachers will then confirm the conference time with you. Meeting with all parents/carers at the beginning of the year will help us to together set realistic goals and build successful partnerships.

R-5 Swimming

A reminder that R-5 swimming is next week from Monday 27th March to Friday 31st March at Noarlunga Leisure Centre. All forms and payment should by now have been returned. Please ensure your child comes prepared each day with the following and please ensure all items are clearly named.

- Bathers, swim t-shirt if needed (white only), towel and bag for wet clothing
- Thongs (for pool only) not to be worn to school
- Goggles
- Medication – health care plan must be provided.

If assisting as a volunteer or visiting the pool as an observer we need to remind you that photographs cannot be taken inside the centre.

Year R-2 classes leave the school at 11.15am and return at approx. 1.00 pm.

Year 3-5 classes leave the school at 12.30pm and return at approx. 3.00pm

Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any further questions about the swim programme.

Money at School

It has come to our attention that some of our students are actively 'encouraging' and 'pestering' friends and other students to buy them items from the canteen. Carolyn in the canteen and staff members are aware of the students involved and are monitoring activities around the canteen. We have spoken to students who we believe are asking others to provide them with food/money and told them that it is not acceptable behaviour. If these students continue to bother other students, consequences will be applied. If your child/children bring money to school to spend at the canteen, can you please reinforce the message that you have provided it for **your** child. We discourage sharing of food due to allergies and hygiene and the same applies to purchases at the canteen. If your child mentions any further recurrence of this type of behaviour from others, can you please let us know and encourage your child to say 'no' to the requests. Thankyou

Noarlunga Leisure Centre will be holding a 'Come and Try' Sports event on Saturday 22nd April, 10am-12pm. There will be a chance for all children to try 3 sports: Basketball, Netball, Soccer. This event will be free of charge. Our aim is to connect the community to leisure and engage the younger generation to get up and get active.

There will be a sausage sizzle and bouncy castle to entertain younger siblings and parents while the children play their sports.

NHONGO NEWS

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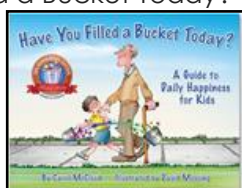
This term in Japanese the R-2s and Year 1/2 class have been learning about Japan including how they greet each other, what they eat and wear and how their homes are different to ours. We also learnt that Japanese people use hashi (chopsticks) to eat with. We then had a go using chopsticks to pick up popcorn.

Sayonara, Alysha Milani



Preschool News

This year's preschool children have settled in well and to help them with this process, we have been reading and discussing the book, "Have you filled a Bucket Today?"



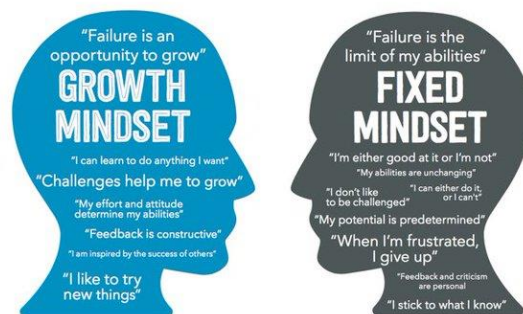
It encourages positive behaviour using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation, and love by 'filling buckets'. It suggests that we all carry an invisible bucket that's purpose is to hold good feelings and thoughts about ourselves and we fill each other's buckets by showing kindness, sharing and caring. The most important message is that by filling other's buckets we fill our own and by dipping into buckets by being unkind or hurting others, we empty our own buckets.

The book's ideas will become the language that will be used when helping the children navigate friendships and conflict to support them to relate to each other with care, empathy and respect (EYLF Outcome 1) as well as express their feelings (Outcome 5 to become effective communicators).

In this photo, the children are displaying the buckets they made to remind them of their own 'invisible' bucket of feelings.



FIXED VS GROWTH MINDSET : which one are you?



Carol Dweck is a world-renowned psychologist working at Stanford University. She specializes in the field of achievement and success, and has created a psychology of success based on Growth Mindset.

Educators all over the world are helping students to learn the language and develop the attitudes to have a 'growth' mindset. Having a 'growth' mindset creates motivation and productivity and it enables students to see failures as a learning opportunity. People can have different mindsets towards different aspects of their lives, e.g. a fixed mindset towards their ability to do maths, but a growth mindset towards their ability to spell.

A person with a Fixed Mindset believes that intelligence is fixed. They avoid challenges as they are fearful of getting things wrong or making mistakes. They place little emphasis on the effort put in, focussing more on the result or grade. Getting things wrong and receiving feedback is often taken personally or seen as criticism or negatively.

Students with a Growth Mindset believe that they can develop their skills and mastery through perseverance and hard work. Challenges are embraced as a chance to improve at a task. Effort is valued more so than a right or wrong answer / winning or losing. Getting things wrong and receiving feedback is a constructive way to further improve.

You can help us to develop a growth mindset in your child/children by using some of the language below. Help change disappointments and failures into learning opportunities and foster an attitude of persistence, determination and resilience with your child.

Vicki Mangelsen – Student Counsellor

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Bullying – No Way !

Sadly bullying can be an issue for some students and finding positive solutions to bullying involves **everyone**. As a school community, we are committed to actively trying to reduce the incidences of bullying and striving to skill our students to make a stand against any bullying they see occurring. All classes regularly discuss this issue and strategies to prevent and stop bullying. The National Safe Schools framework defines bullying as having 3 main features –

- a misuse of power in relationships
- it is ongoing and repeated,
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.

It is important to differentiate between 'falling out', disagreeing and conflict with friends and bullying.

The Bullying – No Way website has a parents page that offers tips and advice about bullying and how to identify if your child is being bullied or bullying others.

The "Take a stand together" free app is available from the App Store and Google Play. Both resources are very useful in identifying bullying and providing possible solutions and actions to take.

If you think that your child is being bullied, observing bullying behaviour from others or even acting as a bully, please raise the issue with your child and the class teacher so that we can work together to find a positive solution.

STEAM Electives

The mural on the planter box outside the Yellow Unit is beginning to appear with the elective group from the Year 3-7 classes. We look forward to seeing it transform into a feature of the school yard designed and produced by students with support of teacher, Vicky Mangelsen. The design chosen for the mural was by Jacob Cunningham.



SAPSASA Sports

We are seeking interested parents to coach the following school SAPSASA Knockout teams.

Games begin in early Term Two

Boys soccer 4-7

Girls soccer 4-7

Girls netball 4-7

Please see Liz Graham to register interest.

Sports Report

Soccer The Hallett Cove South & Hallett Cove Schools combine to form the COVE SHARKS registered with the NDJSA. Games commence in Term 2 and on Thursday of this week teams will be arranged. Could any last minute registration forms please be returned to the Front office by Thursday morning?

Netball School netball is played Tuesday afternoons at the SUNA Courts, Morphett Vale. Netball is for all girls/boys Years 2-7. Please contact the front office to collect information.

Football The Hallett Cove South, Hallett Cove and Hallett Cove East schools combine for the football season. The games are played on Saturday mornings for all students Years 2-7. Please contact the front office for more information.

Cricket

This is the last week for cricket for Term 1 and the season will continue in Term 4. The Hallett Cove South, Hallett Cove and Hallett Cove East schools have combined for cricket. I would like to thank the coaches from the 3 schools for their assistance with coaching the students.

Kanga 18th March Hallett Cove South 42, St. Teresa's 51. Best game so far, considering we had 6 players and the opposition had 10 players. Best bowling by all the team players.

25th March BYE Jason (Coach)

Lyn Stribley Sports Coordinator

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum

Parents or carers of children or young people with a disability are invited to the next in a series of ongoing forums hosted by the Department for Education and Child Development.

The forum is an opportunity to further build the relationships between families and the Department for Education and Child Development by listening to your voices and engaging with you about the services and support available for children and students with a disability.

Wednesday 29 March 2017

Education Development Centre

Rooms G 11A & B

4 Milner Street, Hindmarsh SA 5007

9:30 am – 10:00 am Meet and greet Ian May Director, Disability Policy and Programs (tea & coffee)

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Parent Forum

A light lunch will be provided.

Please register now to book your seat and notify us of any dietary requirements by emailing your RSVP to Julie.Cakebread68@schools.sa.edu.au or phoning (08) 8235 2871 by Friday 24 March 2017. A detailed agenda will be forwarded on confirmation of your booking.