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Diary Dates:

3/4-7/4	3 Way Conferences: student, parents, teachers
5/4, 12/4	Small class swimming 11.30am-2pm
7/4	Assembly 2.30pm SRC hosting
10/4	Sports Day, including preschool
11/4	Footsteps Dance
13/4	Last Day of Term 1, Casual Day: come dressed in your sporting gear. Gold coin donation. Early dismissal 2.10pm
14/4	Public Holiday – Good Friday
Term 2	
1/5	Pupil Free Day- Staff Training
2/5	Term 2 commences for students
4/5	SAPSASA Cross Country

Principal's Report

Rebuild Update

Tenders for the rebuild and restoration of the Administration building are currently being assessed by DECD and there will be a short turnaround time for the successful builder to begin work.

We should see some building commencing soon! We will also now be able to display the plans for the rebuild which will be quite different and contemporary compared to what existed. We will all be excited to finally see some progress. As builders and trades will be on and off site at various times a reminder to the school community that there is to be **NO PARKING** in the access road to the admin area even if only dropping off or collecting children, including OSHC. This whole area has been, and will continue to be designated a no go zone for safety reasons.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day is next **Monday 10th April**. Children have been practising their events and house team chants and the excitement has been building.

We hope that many parents, caregivers and family members will be able to join us on the day. It always adds to the spectacle if students and supporters are wearing team colours.

Green Amaro
Blue Waringa
Red Toltarne
Yellow Karrara

Students should come prepared on the day with appropriate clothing and footwear (including jumper/jacket), hat, water bottle, sunscreen and recess and lunch (or money to purchase from cake stall, canteen or sausage sizzle.) If you are permitting your child to add hair colour or face paint in team colours please make sure this is applied at home.

A program has already been sent home to all families with the formal part of the day concluding by 2pm and students returning to classrooms.

There will be a wide variety of food and drinks available for purchase on the day:

The canteen will be open from 10am-1.45pm for a selection of food, drinks and ice-creams.

From 1.15pm there will be a sausage sizzle on the soccer oval with the Lions Club of Hallett Cove and Districts cooking this for us.

A coffee van will be located near the preschool.

A cake stall will be available near the preschool from 10.30am to 12pm.

Adults will be able to purchase during the sports day activities, however students will need to remain with their classes and will only be able to purchase during the recess and lunch break.

How can you assist?

We are seeking donations of **home-made** cakes, slices, muffins, biscuits for the cake stall –these can be delivered to the Front Office or the Preschool on Monday morning. Please ensure all ingredients are listed with your goods. We are not permitted to on-sell commercially produced items so please do not send in items from the supermarket to sell.

We are also seeking helpers to assist with serving on the cake stall and sausage sizzle. If able to assist please let a member of the fundraising committee know or the Front Office team.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

3 Way Student-Teacher-Parent Conferences

These important conferences have been occurring throughout this week and booking sheets were sent home with all students indicating times teachers are available to meet. If you have not yet booked a time this week or the times were not suitable it is not too late to arrange a meeting – please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time. We expect all parents/carers to take up this opportunity so that we can work together this year to maximise your child's progress and successes.

Community News and Events



Tennis Coaching

Southbank Tennis Club Hessing Crescent Trott Park
April School Holiday and Term 2 Program

Free Trial to place your child into the correct group

Contact: Just N2 Tennis 0415 289 733

Visit Just N2 Tennis Facebook for all the latest information on how to get your child into tennis

Starting from age 3.

Email: hotshots@justn2tennis.com.au

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.

Parenting after Divorce and Separation

Separation and divorce can be a stressful and challenging time for parents and children. It can put children at risk for emotional and behavioural problems, poor academic achievement, and ongoing relationship problems. Parents also may also experience increased depression, anxiety and stress.

It is important that families have access to evidence-based preventative interventions. Researchers at the University of South Australia and The University of Queensland are developing an online intervention to support parents during this transition. They are encouraging parents to have an input into what is important to go in the program and what their needs are.

Interested parents can learn more about the study and complete a brief online survey at <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pads>

Harmony Day Assembly

We had a fabulous assembly on 23rd March to recognise Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying. All classes presented an item and shared their classroom learning about the themes and many students and staff dressed in orange (the Harmony Day colour).

Items included a movie, songs and posters. Here are some photos from this special assembly.



Year 4/5 Harmony Day Posters



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Pupil Free Days- Advance Notice

The final date for a pupil free day (combined Partnership of schools day) has been set for Friday 1st September.

Our next 3 Pupil Free Days are therefore set 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)

Friday 1st September (Week 6, Term 3)

Please remember to make alternative care arrangements for your child on these dates.

We will also be having a school closure day which will either be a Show Day or a day related to the reopening of the administration building. This will be endorsed by Governing Council in the near future.

How to get the best from after school conversations with your child

Asking your child 'How was your day?', usually gives back fairly standard responses – 'fine', 'okay', 'great', 'boring' and so on which doesn't lead to a very fulfilling conversation.

To increase communication with your child and learn more about how they are managing and progressing there are some other questions you could ask to start a conversation such as:

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you showed/saw today?
- Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
- Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- What did you do that was creative?
- What is the most popular game at recess?
- What was the best thing that happened today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
- Who did you sit with and play with at lunch?
- What made you laugh?
- Did you learn something you didn't understand?
- Who inspired you today?
- What was the peak and the pit of the day?
- What was your least favorite part of the day?
- Did you ever feel unsafe?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- What is something you saw that made you think?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What is something that challenged you?
- How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
- How were you brave today?
- What questions did you ask at school today?
- Tell us your top two things from the day.
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- What are you reading?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- Teach me something I don't know.
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- (For older kids): "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?"
- What made your teacher smile? What made him/her frown?
- What kind of person were you today?
- What made you feel happy?
- What made you feel proud?
- Did you learn any new words today?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

If your child has had a long day and doesn't want to chat share some of your day with them instead,

or share an activity. It is important we also fill a child's needs rather than our own.

From Her View From Home website: Leslie Means

R-5 Swimming

Last week most Reception to Year 5 students participated in swimming lessons at Noarlunga Swim Centre. Qualified instructors, funded by DECD, teach students aspects such as swim safety and correct swimming strokes and techniques. The students really enjoyed the lessons and are to be commended on their behaviour and cooperation. Thanks must also go to the teaching and ancillary staff and parent helpers who ensured the week ran smoothly.



3-7 Small Class news

In Science lessons this term the students have been observing and discussing the living things we have in our class. The tadpoles we purchased last year from the Nature Education Centre have all turned into frogs. They are a species of native frogs from the Adelaide Hills. All the students watch these tiny creatures with great fascination as they eat baby crickets and hop around in the habitat we made for them. In the photo one frog can be seen looking up. To indicate the size of the frogs, they are about as big as a 10 cent piece.



The students all helped make a second habitat for some of the frogs as it was getting a little crowded for all the frogs in the old one.



Dogs on Oval/School Grounds

We have again received concerns from school community members regarding dogs being exercised on the oval and school grounds after school hours and on weekends.

If noticed, and you feel at ease to do so then please ask the owners to leave and remind them that it is an offence to have dogs on school grounds, including the large oval. Alternatively contact the council on 8375 6600 for a community safety officer to attend. The Marion Council has been notified of these concerns and we have been advised they will be monitoring the situation. Under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 a person who is responsible for the control of a dog (not being an accredited guide dog etc) is **guilty of an offence** if the dog is in the grounds of a school, kindergarten, child care centre or pre-school without permission from the Site Manager. This is to ensure student safety and to maintain yard hygiene.

Sports Report

Soccer- will commence in Term 2 and interested players can still collect registration forms from the Front Office.

Basketball – presently we have a mixed Year 6/7 team playing at Marion Stadium. New players are welcome.

Students who are interested in joining a school netball team or AFL team please contact me for details via the school office.

Lyn Stribley Sports Coordinator

Sports Day - not just winning and losing!

There are many different groupings of people that are becoming obvious as Sports Day draws closer. Those who are sports mad and those who are not. Those who are confident and those who are not. Those whose team won last year and those whose did not.

The most obvious grouping is the 4 house teams. I always find it curious watching best friends choose not to talk to each other all day just because they are in different teams. For many people the desire to win overcomes everything else.

I remember last year how excited people were to hear the score updates throughout the day. If people heard that their team was not winning they responded in 2 different ways. Either they gave up, if the team is not winning yet there is no hope, so why bother trying. Alternatively, they tried harder, finding a new personal best, and they encouraged each other all the louder.

It is such a good example of who finds it easy to have a growth mindset, and who needs extra support to develop their growth mindset. If you are coming along to Sports Day, I encourage you to watch how your child handles working in a team, and winning and losing. What happens on Sports Day is likely to be what is happening in social situations and in the classroom.

Model good sportsmanship for your child, and help them to develop the skills. Encourage fair play and following the rules. Stick to saying positive comments. Cheer for everyone, not just your child!

Joey, PASTORAL CARE WORKER at HCSPS on Wednesdays and Thursdays

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OSHC News

Monday 1st May (1st day of Term 2) is a Pupil Free Day. As the OSHC service and Front Office is not open during the school holidays it is essential that all bookings are made by next **Thursday 13th April.**

This is to ensure that adequate staffing is in place. If left to the first Monday morning next term we may not be able to provide care for your child.

A reminder also that we do not offer a Vacation Care service and if in need of care during the school holidays please speak to the friendly OSHC staff who should be able to provide some guidance on local services.

We would like to thank Brodie McGee for his support with the OSHC service this term. Brodie will be on a teaching placement for most of next term, though we do hope to see him back after that time.

We are currently seeking qualified and unqualified relief staff for our OSHC service. If interested or you know someone who may be then please send resumes to Principal Lyn Ferenci or OSHC Director Matthew Holmes.

Reminder:

**Term 1 ends next Thursday 13th April
Early dismissal at 2.10pm
Term 2 commences on
Tuesday 2nd May for students
All students should be accompanied by an adult if
accessing the school grounds during the holidays.
If in the vicinity of the school and you see any
suspicious activity please contact Crime Stoppers
on 131 444.**