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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2011
AASC Coaching clinic 4-8pm  Thursday 10th
Henley Beach SLSC  Friday 11th
Parent Information sessions 5-6 pm  Monday 14th
Governing Council AGM 7:30pm  Tuesday 22nd

MARCH
Regional Leaders’ Days  Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th
Clean up Australia Day  Friday 4th
Aquatics 9:30-12:30  Monday 7th
Stansbury/Edithburgh Sports Day @ Edithburgh  Wednesday 9th
Impact Leadership  Thursday 10th
Student Free Day  Friday 11th
Adelaide Cup  Monday 14th
Aquatics 9:30-3  Tuesday 15th
SYP Interschool Sports Day  Thursday 24th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was great to see everyone return from their holidays with smiles on their faces ready for a big year of learning.

Yesterday we welcomed Declan Pisani into Reception and his parents Michelle and Andrew. We also welcomed the return of Braden and Kyran Spencer into the Seahorse class and their dad Jamie. We hope their association with Stansbury Primary School is a long and productive one.

This year we will run three classes in the morning and two in the afternoon. We were lucky enough to have Steph return to teach the Seahorses (R-3), Kelly and I will teach the Dolphins (4-5) in the mornings and Josh will teach the Sharks (6-7). In the afternoons the Year 4s will join the Seahorses and the Year 5s will join the Sharks.

We were able to move into our new building during the last couple of weeks so we could begin the school year in our new offices. Thanks to all of the staff who helped in the moving and especially to Janet for her fantastic effort once again. She devoted many unpaid hours to ensure we began the year with an organised office and library. Thanks also to John Carter who happened to pass by and ended up with a job helping Michael put up the library shelves. Thanks also must go to Wendy Rushbrook and Lynda, Marg, Bronwyn, Georgina and Jessica Farrow. We really appreciated the time you were able to give to help us get the job done. Drop by and visit us in our fantastic new space.

If you are in the school grounds take a look at our vegie garden. I’m sure you’ll be impressed with the healthy plants. You may even be lucky enough to pick a lettuce. Thanks to the Volk family for taking care of the watering during the holidays to ensure we’ll have a valuable crop of lettuces, tomatoes, butternut pumpkins, carrots, watermelons, parsley and basil.

Our OSHC service began again yesterday. We would suggest that everyone completes an enrolment form as you never know when you may need to use the service if you get caught up in a meeting or at an appointment or your car breaks down. If your child is already enrolled it only takes a phone call to book them in and you will have until 6pm to organise to pick them up. Deb and Leah will continue in their roles as Director.

Our Governing Council AGM will be held on the 22nd February at 7:30pm. Please consider nominating for this very important role. We have a few committee members from last year retiring as their children have left SPS so we will be looking for new members.

Put Monday 14th February in your diary as this is the date planned for our Information sessions. The sessions will be held between 5 and 6pm. (Just in time to go out for your Valentine’s dinner!)

All students are encouraged to bring along Brain Food for our Brain breaks. Ask your child about the foods suitable to improve their learning and concentration. Our policy which includes a list of acceptable foods during Brain break attached.

This year we have decided not to start the day with fitness. We made this decision so we can make the most of the time we have to teach English and Maths in our three classrooms in the morning. Each class will have their fitness times when it will be most beneficial for that class.

Swimming lessons for the R-4 students has been cancelled for the moment. The Port Vincent Aquatic centre is short staffed and is trying to put something in place. We will keep you informed when we know anything else.

A survey about your child is attached for the Dolphins and Sharks parents. The Seahorse parents received theirs yesterday. Please return these as soon as possible as it helps us plan to make your child’s learning relevant to them.

ATTACHMENTS

• M&S Fees invoice (white)
• OSHC Invoices for some
• OSHC enrolment form (white)
• School Card Application form – for some (white)
• Consents 2011 (blue)
• Student Image consent (yellow)
• Medication Authority Form information sheet (pink)
• Blue Lime Price List 2011 (green)
• Parent Survey 2011 (purple)
• Computer print-out of your child(s) details on file at school (buff)
• Governing Council Nomination form (white)
• Brain Food policy (orange)
• Book club (Issue 1) Due Date 9th Feb
• School Uniform Order Form

Please complete the above forms and return to school asap. Thanks.

FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

Welcome back everyone. It was certainly a rude start to the term yesterday with the exceptional heat. Already it feels much cooler today... phew. We hope you all had a beautiful relaxing break over Christmas and New Year all though it all seems so far away at the moment.

This term we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Out and About’. We plan (subject to the weather of course) to make some trips out of the kindy this term. Local walks, a trip to the beach and to other kindergartens. We will begin the year with a short focus on the ‘Feeling Safe’ part of the Child Protection Curriculum. In terms of literacy we will be continuing our focus on oral language and developing our children’s vocabulary. In maths the focus will be on collecting and sorting.

We will also be continuing to reflect on our work as early years practitioners. This is part of our everyday practice. This term we will be looking at how we can encourage children’s initiative and develop
a more equal partnership and how we can encourage children to express themselves in an increasing variety of ways, asking ourselves such questions as:

…”in what ways do we encourage children to make decisions about their own learning?

…”how do we promote the generation of imaginative ideas and responses from all our children?

We start this term with only 2 children enrolled at kindy and Brakyn leaving for school at the end of this term. We have no predicted new enrolments until the beginning of next year. We do have 2 occasional care children at the moment. So, pickings are very very thin at the moment.

Finally we include a brief quote from the Radio National program, ‘The Philosophers Zone’ aired last week from the American philosopher and psychologist Alison Gopnik, who argues that in some ways young children are actually smarter, more imaginative, more caring and even more conscious than adults are.

Alison Gopnik: ‘Well I think there’s quite a lot of reason to believe that the kind of wild, freeform exploratory play that’s so characteristic of babies and young children, is actually a kind of experimental research program, that children are actually using that play to work out the causal structure of the world around them.

Now, when babies get to be about 5, there does seem to be a shift, and after 5 babies start to become more like adults, they start to get to be better at constraining what they do, and I should emphasise that that’s really a good thing. We wouldn’t really want to live among babies any more than we would want to live among say, romantic poets. But there’s a lot of pressure now to make for example, preschools look more and more like school, to try to get children to have what’s sometimes called executive function earlier and earlier and earlier, and I think there’s good reason to believe that although that may be a very good idea for 8 and 9 year olds, it’s a terrible idea for 2 and 3 and 4 year olds.

She has a lot more to say on the capabilities of young children and how they are different from adults. The full transcript of this fascinating conversation can be found at:


**HENLEY BEACH SLSC**

On Friday 11th February the Henley Beach SLSC will train the Sharks class in resuscitation and then take the whole school for beach activities. The following day the SLSC members will be rowing across the gulf to raise money for their new club rooms. I know they would appreciate any donations. Last year our students raised a small amount of money for the cause.

**OSHC ENROLMENT FORMS**

Attached to this newsletter is an enrolment form for Outside School Hours Care. If you would like to utilise this service your child/children must be enrolled. Even if you filled out a form last year, we would appreciate you re-submitting a new form, so that we may check our information.

Parents can book in by ringing or visiting the front office. Activities include art, craft, games, computer games, cooking and sports activities. Changes to bookings need to be advised to office staff by 10.00am on the day of the booking, otherwise bookings will be charged.

The fee for OSHC is currently $13.00. If you have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) you may receive a government rebate to assist.

We aim to provide quality recreational care for children of primary school age in a warm, safe and comfortable environment. The service is available to children of working or training parents, children with special needs and also children needing emergency and occasional care.

Please return the enrolment form to school as soon as possible.

**STUDENT DETAILS ON FILE**

Attached to this newsletter is a computer print-out of your child(ren)’s details kept on file at this school. Please check that all information is current, make any changes necessary, sign & date and return the form to school as soon as possible. If there are no changes, please sign & date this form and return it to school. Please check carefully your emergency contacts as these can change quite frequently.

**XMAS RAFFLE RESULTS**

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

1st prize (Chrsissy Hamper) – Linda Farrow

2nd prize (Bottle of wine) – Heather Bertoldi

**AASC**

We will continue to offer Active After School sessions this year. We are interested in involving community members in our program. If you are interested in coaching a 3 or 4 week block then come to the coaching clinic next Thursday 10th February between 4 & 8 pm at Stansbury.

**MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES**

Invoices are attached to today’s newsletter. Please assist us by forwarding your payments by the due date. If you wish to pay by instalments please see Janette in the front office to fill out an instalment card. The last instalment is requested by the end of term 2. For those of you who qualify for School Card there is relevant information in the section ‘School Card 2011’.

**SCHOOL CARD 2011**

The School Card Scheme provides financial assistance towards the educational expenses incurred by families at government and non-government schools and who meet the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility for the School Card is generally dependent on the parent, guardian or adult student being able to produce to the enrolling school the relevant documentation attesting to their income level, for example, Parenting Payment, Single Pension card or other evidence as determined from time to time by the department.

Applicants wishing to be considered for School Card assistance must apply EACH YEAR.

If you were approved for School Card last year, you must fill out another form to be approved for 2011. If you think you may be eligible for School Card as determined by the income scale (see below), please contact the school office for an application form.

Attached to this newsletter is a new form for students who were approved in 2010 and to others who have requested it. Please fill out as soon as possible and return to school.

**LUNCHES**

The new 2011 Price List for Healthy lunches is attached. Please make sure you have the correct money in your child’s bag, as it makes the process much easier. If your children have any allergies to certain foods, please make sure you advise the Deli.
LIBRARY BOOKS

Many thanks to those students who returned Library Books found at home during the holidays. We still have many books that have not been returned, so if you could continue to check your bookshelves at home, it would be appreciated.

Janet

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

We still have navy blue backpacks available. The cost is $32 (incl. GST) without logo. Some families were interested in the plain bags for high school students.

HEAD LICE GUIDELINES

Attached to this newsletter is a Head Lice information sheet. Please read and be aware of the procedures of head lice detection, which will take place. Sign and date the reply slip.

The local Hairdresser, IGA and Chemist stock Head Lice Treatments and if you have a School Card you can collect a bottle from the office.

UNIFORMS

It was wonderful to return to school and see so many in navy and white uniforms. Please note that the royal blue Stansbury basketball shorts are not part of our uniform nor is the Stansbury windcheaters available from the Information Centre at Stansbury. All shorts need to be navy.

A reminder that we have wide brim and bucket hats that comply with our “No hat, no play in the sun” policy, available for sale in the office for $8.00 each.

This term’s uniform order form is attached. Please fill out and return by this Friday, Feb 4th so the order can be sent in asap. You do not have to pay until you collect your order which should arrive in a couple of weeks.

The school has a second hand/lost property box with items available for sale at $2.00 each. If interested please ask at the office.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The 2011 AGM is scheduled for February 22nd at 7.30pm. Attached to this newsletter is a nomination form. We hope you seriously consider nominating for a position on this important decision making body and return the nomination form attached.

The following councillors have a year of their term left: Di Nankivell, Wendy Ault, Sarah Peckover, Wendy Rushbrook, Ian McQueen and Lisa Stephenson. Michelle Varricchio, Fabienne Dee have completed their term but are eligible for re-election. Linda Goody and Andrew Modra are retiring from Governing Council.

OUR NEWCOMERS

Declan Pisani, Kyran and Braden Spencer all have joined the Seahorse Class

NEWSLETTER ENVELOPES

Please ensure you return the plastic envelope that is sent home each week with the notices and newsletters. It is much easier if they are returned the next day with any supply slips.

Julie

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SYP Fitness Classes start 31st January:
- Minlaton Uniting Church Hall, Mondays 7:15pm
- Warooka Town Hall, Tuesdays 9:30am
- Yorketown Town Hall, Thursdays 9:30am

Hi/Low Impact Mix - 1 hour session will be a variety of Zumba, aerobics, step, pump, kickboxing, boxing and pilates.

Hi/Low Impact Mix is for everyone regardless of fitness level or age as you work at your own pace.

Gym and Personal Training also available.
Info. ph Leanne 8853 2300 or 0408 857 750
www.sypfitness.com.au

Australian Red Cross Blood Service
Yorketown – Weaners Reserve – Car Park
Tuesday 22nd Feb - 1:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 23rd Feb -11.00 am – 7.00 pm

Minlaton – Minlaton Uniting Church – Main Street
Thursday 24th Feb 11-30am – 7.30 pm
Friday 25th Feb – 9.00 am – 2:00 pm

For further information or to make an appointment please call 13 14 95