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NEWS LETTER



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Thank you, to all who have found the time to respond to our survey over the last week or two. Your views are very important to us and we will be analysing the results of this survey to adjust (or continue) our plans to make this school a source of success and great pride in our community.

We have also completed student yard surveys and staff surveys. This information will be put together with the information that we have been collecting about the learning success of our children to guide how we manage and operate the school. It will also confirm that our impressions are correct or not – bit like looking at the dials on the dashboard of a car as one drives.

We expect to have the results of big tests such as the NAPLAN tests in the next couple of weeks. Every family will be given a copy of the results for their child. A summary of the school in these tests as well and the full results of the other surveys will be put together in time for publishing in the annual school reports. However in the meantime we will be working with the district, the staff and Governing Council to use all this information as above. If anyone would still like to return a survey could you do it as soon as possible to make sure that your feedback is included in there process.

Zoo Trip

Our zoo excursion is being held tomorrow. The weather looks perfect so we expect to have a beneficial and productive day. Continuing studies in real situations is a very powerful way of learning and children will have school lessons in a situation quite different from the day to day classroom. We all really look forward to this and thank all of you for your support in making all this possible.

Show Day

The school will be closed next Wednesday for the Annual Show Day. We have chosen this day to be congruent with other schools so families who would like to attend the show on “cheap day” and who have children in different schools can do so with minimal disruption to school. Hopefully things will be as normal as possible on the other days.

Cybersafety

This is a really important issue. As we have mentioned before we have had issues from time to time involving social networking sites such as “facebook”. A challenge of parenting in 2010 is being aware and monitoring children’s interactions “online”. We attach to this newsletter a pamphlet that has been provided to the school about this issue which we draw your attentions to. We do have a ‘cybersafety’ day which we will be inviting you to later in the year so this is one of a number of communications to draw your attention to this important matter.

Gym

Our gym is just about finished and we expect to get a certificate of completion this week. When this is done the hall will be ours to use. We are holding back a bit and will not be using it however as the lines are not yet marked and if we use it before this happens and the lines do not stick properly that it is our problem not the builders. There is only one line marking company that does this work and with all the halls they are a bit behind schedule but not far away. Because of this we will not be using the hall until completely finished – not long though. The kitchen gets its final clean on Wednesday when we have the day off for the show and then it is ours. The Children’s Centre will not be complete until November – but by 2011 school year everything will be finished and working!!

Sports Day

Just a reminder that our Sports Day will be held on the last Thursday of term. This will be a one day event with and emphasis on fun and participation. In response to parent request this will be a one day event and will be held on our bottom oval. We are planning a special lunch with the opportunity for families to join in and have an enjoyable day. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us – if not we do a have a “back up day” early next term but hope not to need it. If possible could you please put this day in your planner.

Transition

Transition for the new Reception children who are coming next term has begun. This is being coordinated by Karen and Ornella who will teach these children. Welcome to these delightful small children.



Rob

Solar Panel – Carbon Footprint

Green Tip



By recycling one aluminum can you save enough energy to run a television set for three hours.

School Photographs Reminder



School photographs will be taken by our photographer **School Memories Photography** on Wednesday 22nd September 2010 Envelopes have already gone home.

Cost of photographs are:

- \$15.00 Class Group with names** - 20cm x 30cm
\$15.00 Student Individual pack -
2 - 13x18cm photographs
2 - 10x15cm photographs
4 Wallet size photographs
- \$25.00 Full pack** –
Group (as above) plus student individual pack.
- \$15.00 Family** 2 - 13x18cm photograph
2 - 10x15cm photographs
4 Wallet size photographs

Show Day Care

3-11 SEPTEMBER 2010



Our school closure day for Show Week is Wednesday 8th September 2010.

If you require care for your child/children on this day, please contact Linda Ross on 0414 262 284.

Unless 15 children are booked in for the day our service will not be operating.

Bookings need to be made by 3rd September 2010. Charges will be the same as Vacation Care Day rates.

Zoo Tomorrow



Tomorrow is our big day. Please ensure that students arrive at school on time as we don't want to leave anyone behind.

The bus leaves at 9.00.

They will also need

- A hat
- A drink
- Recess and lunch in a disposable container
- Comfortable walking shoes/ parka jacket depending on weather conditions
- dressed in the school dress code

Onkaparinga North SAPSASA Trials



Cricket:

Year 6/7 players are invited to attend the SAPSASA cricket trials:

When: Tues 31st Aug, 7th & 14th Sept, 4pm – 5pm (Weeks 7, 8 & 9, term 3.)

Where: Cricket Nets, Bice Oval, Christies Beach.

Tennis:

Year 6/7 players are invited to attend the SAPSASA tennis trials. Year 5 players are welcome to contact the district convenor to discuss options.

When: Trials: Sundays 12th & 19th Sept (term 3) & 17th Oct (term 4), 12 – 1pm

Where: Southbank Tennis club, Hessing Crs, Trott Park.

Please see your SAPSASA representative or your class teacher for required notes and information.

Please contact the District Convenor with any further queries. Yvette Finae 0430 427 488

Drop-Off Zone Etiquette

It appears that some parents are having heated exchanges in the drop-off zone.

If you pull up in this zone please drive up to the car in front and not in the middle of the zone. Please don't sit behind cars and 'toot' and shout at the driver in front of you.

It seems that some parents have a need to do a 'u-turn' using Roopena Street, this practice is unsafe for everyone. Please think of others, it just may be quicker to drive forward and use the round-a-bout.

Election Day Fundraiser

Many thanks to the following volunteers, who worked tirelessly to cook pancakes, serve tea & coffee and produce excellent sausages and onions on Election Day.

Annette Mumford
Melissa Ross-Masters
Brenton Rowe
Jodie Gee
Jo Brien
Jenny Power

Tara Cunningham
Darren Masters
Leigh Rowe
Darrell Freeborn
Jake Ross-Masters

Lorna Rowe (Coordinator)

We raised a total of \$423.95 on the day.

St Johns Ambulance Australia



If you would like to your children to learn Basic First Aid and enjoy completing for badges e.g. Fire Fighting, Home Safety, Anzac Heritage, Home care, Cyclist, Computer and Environmental and Animal Care plus others.

Cost is \$12 per term and uniform shirt is provided. Junior Cadet Division is for ages 8 to 11.

Contact Gillian Morrissey 0422 178 116
Sheila Hayes 0409 681 896

Father's Day Stall



Father's Day is this Sunday 5th September. Our parent group will be holding a Father's Day trading table on Friday 3rd September. Students will be able to purchase gifts for their dad, step-dad, grandfather, pop, granddad and any man who is special in their life.

Gifts will range from \$0.50 - \$5:00

Lucky Book



Final day for orders of Lucky Book Club is Wednesday 1st September 2010. Please ensure all orders are at the Front Office by 9:00 am.

Big Sister/Big Brother

Take home an international big brother or big sister.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Carefully-selected students arrive in early February 2011 from Europe, the U.S.A., Japan and Canada. Check out our brochure BRING THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME on the Southern Cross Cultural Exchange website www.scce.com.au.

If you want to seize this opportunity, contact S.C.C.E. on 1800 500 501 (we may have a representative in your area), fill in the Host Family Application Form (also on our website). Students will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money. The February students are being matched now!

Value Awards



Congratulations to the following students who have shown our school values.

Learning

Jared Stanley	Madison Phillips
Maddison Ryan	Jayde Sayers
Chloe Hall	Saul Jones
Christina Fontanot	Kian Mumford
Daniel Emblem	Amber Goodwin
Caleb Rehtai	Kieran O'Loughlin
Jordan Alexander-Irvine	

Respect

BJ Foale	Mitchell McGorm
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Responsibility

Devlin Love	Caleb Rehtai
Chloe Hall	Christina Fontanot
Tyson Holberton	

Working Together

Chloe Hall	Amber Goodwin
Kian Mumford	Kieran O'Loughlin
Jordan Alexander-Irvine	Nathan Sable

Honesty

Maddison Ryan	
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Gardening Requirements



Our school is taking part in gardening and we need bits and pieces so we can stop the birds from eating our vegetables like:

Nuts, Bolts, Screws

Chicken wire

Boxes

Wooden stakes

Tins/cans

Old Cd's

Bells

Pans, pots

Shade cloth

String

Metal lids

Old wire

Old coat hangers

Small pieces of wood



If you have any of these items please drop them off and place them in the boxes in the Front Office.

Community Soft-Ware

A catalogue for computer software has gone home with this newsletter.

Parents wishing to purchase any items must return payment to the Front Office by the 17th September 2010.

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - leading parenting educator



Facing up to Facebook



If you have a pre-teen or a teenager, you need to become familiar with Facebook and other technologies they are using. Ignorance is no excuse these days.

You can tell a person's generation by the questions their kids ask. Parents of the 1950's thought long and hard over issues such as the age their kids left school and when to get them their first bike. Parents raising their kids in the 1990's pondered the age at which kids should receive regular pocket-money and their children's use of video games.

In the noughties issues surrounding communication technology keep many parents guessing. The age when kids start using Facebook and other social networking media is a burning issue for many parents of pre-teen and early teenage children.

Kids know more than their parents when it comes to the Internet and social media according to recent research. The Optus Family Communication survey reveals that over half (55 per cent) of Australian children outsmart their parents in technology knowledge before they are 13 years old. A further 30 per cent of parents admit they are behind their children by the time they are 15 years old.

Facebook, MSN and other forms of social networking media are here to stay, so my advice for parents is to learn about social media, even if you don't want to embrace it. It can be confronting when your child knows more about technology than you, but smart parents these days let their kids teach them what they know about technology.

So if you have a pre-teen or a teenager you need to become familiar with Facebook and other technologies they are using. Ignorance is no excuse these days.

Facebook doesn't permit kids under the age of 13 to access the site for reasons of personal safety. It doesn't require proof of age to access the site, so it's a guideline only. Facebook's recommendations however, may be useful reference points if you are involved in negotiations with your child over using social networking sites.

More importantly, if young people are using Facebook and other networking sites, they need to fully understand the rules of safe use. Here are some tips:

1. Go through the **set-up phase** with your child, including establishing a personal profile. Check out the homepage

of Facebook and other sites, and use their help sections to answer your questions.

2. Help your young person adjust the **privacy settings** so they suit their level of comfort. Review them often.
3. Reinforce with your child the importance of **never sharing their password**, not even with their best friend, a boyfriend or girlfriend.
4. Discuss other **safety tips** such as the types of information and pictures that should and shouldn't be placed on their pages, as well as what to do if someone sends inappropriate information or initiates unsolicited communication.
5. **Monitor** your child's use by making sure the computer they use at home is in a common area of the house.
6. It's reasonable to expect that you should know your child's **password and log-in** details so you can keep a check on their friends from time to time. This type of monitoring is age-related and may well not be suitable for older teens.
7. Consider getting **your own Facebook page** and use it as a way of communicating with your child. This has the added bonus of enabling you to keep one eye on what's happening on your child's Facebook.

Parents of past generations did their best to keep their kids safe as they negotiated a wider world. I recall teaching my kids stranger danger, drilling safety tips into them as they gained more independence.

As a parent you need to help kids navigate safely and securely in an online world, just as you do in an offline world. Know what kids are doing; spend time teaching them common sense, safety lessons and limit their use of technology so that they stay connected to you and others in your family.

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