A note from the Principal - Adam Wilson

Meeting the Governor

It was a great honour to have His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and his wife Mrs Le visit Stirling North Primary School. I was extremely proud as they made their way around the school, meeting students and asking them questions. His Excellency was impressed by the way that the school looked and the friendly nature of the staff and students. He said that it was a professional looking school that seemed to have high standards in place. I was able to talk about our ICT infrastructure and also the challenges of retaining good teachers to the area. He was extremely pleased with the amount of young teachers who have returned to the country and are teaching at SNPS. I would also like to say a big thank you to Deegan and Macee for representing our school so well and assisting His Excellency and his wife with a tour around the school.

Uniform

I don’t grizzle in newsletters too much, but I would like to respectfully remind families that we have a strict uniform policy. We have this because it ensures that all students have a feeling of belonging when they attend the school. It also demonstrates the professionalism and consistency that we have at SNPS. Therefore we request that your child has a school polo shirt, blue or black pants and either a plain navy blue jumper or our school jumper. If you have any issues in purchasing these items; please contact the front office.

2017 Material & Services Charge

It has been authorised by Governing Council that the school fess for 2017 be increased by $10 to $280.00 for the year. If there are any objections to this price increase by the school public then you are encouraged to attend the next Governing Council meeting that will be held in Term 4, Week 4 (7th November) to voice the objection.

PAT tests

Recently the year 1-7 students participated in an online test that gives us an indication on where they are academically in Maths and Reading. Last year a form was sent home with your child’s score however this confused many parents. If you would like to know your child’s score then please contact me and I would be happy to explain it to you.
OFFICE NEWS:

**Thermomix:** Have you bought your ticket yet? Tickets are available from the front office, $20:00 each.

**Lost Property:** Last chance to look through the Lost Property bin this week - it is overflowing with jumpers. At the end of the school term all remaining items will be donated to a charity.

**Kyton’s Fundraiser:** Please keep a lookout for order forms which should be coming home by the end of this week or early next term.

**School Fees** - As we head towards the last term of the school year it is necessary that all fees that are being paid off by instalments now be paid off in full. Your options for payment are Direct Debit, Credit Card or Cash. Payment of fees ensures the continual upgrade of our school and the services we provide. Please contact Kylie Brazell for further information.

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**T20 CRICKET CARNIVAL**

T20 cricket was held at Chinnery Oval, there was four teams in total that went on the day, of those four teams these two teams pictured were undefeated on the day. These students have a chance now to go to Adelaide and participate there for a chance to play on the MCG.

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**Interested in Junior Tennis?**

Suitable for all interested aged 5 to 18

8 week Hot Shot program for beginners (suitable for ages 5+) - $30
Intermediate Coaching and Competition Matches - $50 for season

Registration Night
Monday 26th September 6pm – 8pm
Tennis Clubhouse, Augusta Terrace
Fees to be paid at registration or use a Sports Vouchers and Medicare Card
Season commences Saturday 22nd October

Phone: Carmel - 0424 006 635 (a/h)
Or visit “Port Augusta Junior Tennis Association” on facebook
Counsellor’s Corner

COMMON PARENTING CONCERNS
Below are some useful websites parents can access for more information on common concerns such as: School Refusal, Parent /Carer separation, friendship difficulties, bedding difficulties, bullying, Anxiety, ADHD & ASD and Social/Emotional Learning.

Kids Matter - FAMILIES
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

Women & Children's Health Network
www.cyh.com

Parenting SA
www.parenting.sa.gov.au

Raising Children Network
www.raisingchildren.net.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Term 3 Wednesday
Specials
Weeks 10:
Lasagne

Term 4 Specials
Monday’s: Roll & pkt chips/Hotdogs
Tuesday’s: Nacho’s/Ham & Cheese Croissant
Wednesday’s: Week 1 Tuna Mornay
Week 2: Yiros Pack
Week 3: Quiche
Week 4: Baguettes

Library News

142 OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS!!!!!!!
Please help your child to look for the missing books. Under the bed, on the cupboard, in the toy box or in their bag! We spend thousands of dollars replacing the library books so that every child has plenty to choose from during their library borrowing time. Please let us know if you can’t find a book or it is damaged.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.” -Dr. Seuss

Maths during the school holidays

School holidays are all about relaxing, enjoying a well-earned break and having a good time with family and friends. But, believe it or not, school holidays can also be a great opportunity to practice maths skills with your child. Here’s some great activities if you’re on the road, and all you need is license plates. You can adapt the following to your child’s math level.

- Children can find which numbers are odd and which ones are even. As an extension, they can point out which ones are prime.
- Another way to play is for children to try to make up the largest number from a license plate by rearranging the numbers.
- According to math level, children can add, subtract, multiply, or divide all numbers in a license plate. If you have more than one child, see who can do it faster.
- For an extra challenge, ask them to use the numbers in a license plate to make a pre-determined number (eg 24) by using any combination of the orders of operation.

Happy holidays!

Lisa Hardbottle
TfEL Coordinator

Student Leaders

A proposal by the student leaders was to finish the term with a special day that the whole school could enjoy.

They proposed a ‘Footy and Sports Colours’ day where students can come to school wearing their favourite football, soccer, basketball or netball colours. Really, any sport colours they want. Remember to be Sunsmart: hats must still be worn and no sleeveless tops.

This isn’t a fundraiser and won’t cost students any money to participate, it is just a fun way to end the term.

Walk-a-thon

We also want to take this opportunity top sincerely thank all our fantastic community members for their very generous contributions to our Walk-a-thon fundraiser that happened back in week 8. We / you managed to raise just over $3,000.00 which was a massive effort. Considering we had classes only a week away from camp and another class preparing for a trip to the zoo in Adelaide, we are grateful for all your help!
DMC Proposals

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<td>Digital Technology Expo - Bill from digital careers will set up an expo with lots of Dig Tech learning experiences. To be held in gym &amp; will be lesson 5 &amp; 6. Years 4-7</td>
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<td>Year 4/5 Sleepover and parent breakfast the next morning.</td>
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<td>Race which stops a nation - Melbourne Cup Fun - 3pm</td>
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"SA Water VACSWIM, SA’s most iconic aquatic safety program has opened for registrations with organisers encouraging all families to sign up early.

13,000 primary school aged children will take part at over 130 pool and beach locations from the 3rd - 11th January 2017, in line with the Christmas and New Year holidays.

VACSWIM is a Government of South Australia initiative providing children with opportunities to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

VACSWIM is described as the best value for money holiday program with individual enrolment starting at $30 per participant.

To register families can log onto www.vacswimsa.com.au."

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Student Absences:

You can only reply to the text that you receive re: student absences/lateness.

When ringing the school with a message for your child; please do so before lunch. We cannot guarantee that we can pass on messages after this as students may be out of the classroom and unreachable by phone.