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LETTER FROM KRISTIAN

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

We've all heard the saying, “It takes a village to raise a child”. Indeed, it is a catchphrase often referred to when we acknowledge the contribution of the wider Woodcroft community to our fabulous school. That said, sometimes it can be easy to forget that we are all in this together and we often take for granted the importance of clear and open communication between all to maintain the state of the village.

School staff rely on the support of parents, families and community groups to provide the best possible education – both academic and social – to our children. Indeed, students learn best when the adults in their lives, act together to both support and challenge them. With society becoming more complex and our young people increasingly connected to a global community, the need for a strong partnership between Woodcroft Primary and our families has never been so important.

Social-emotional wellbeing is central to a student’s ability to engage in the school environment and develop the foundation Literacy and Numeracy skills outlined in the curriculum. “Personal and Social Capabilities” are now clearly defined in the Australian Curriculum, with an emphasis on students developing effective life skills, including understanding and handling themselves, their relationships, learning and work.

Adults should not expect students to be perfect, nor should they strive to provide a learning environment void of challenge and discomfort. Mistakes and conflict represent valuable opportunities for deep and meaningful social and emotional learning. By creating supportive environments in which students are up-skilled to negotiate such situations, we are actually helping them to develop the resilience, self-control and empathy they require to be happy, healthy and productive citizens.

“The notion that we must protect the self-esteem of children at all costs is false. High self-esteem is no guarantee of good behaviour, nor does falsely inflating it mean children will do better in life.”

(Wilson McCaskill, Children Aren’t Made of China, p61)

To ensure students develop the skills and knowledge that will make them successful life-long learners, strong relationships must be forged between families and educators. Schools have to reach out to families, making them feel welcome as full partners in the education process, while families, in turn, must commit time and energy to support their children both at home and at school.

Please know that all staff at our wonderful school have the best interests of your children at heart and trust that we will continue to strive for excellence in all we do. The future of Woodcroft Primary is extremely bright and we look forward to working with you all to ensure we continue to provide the best possible education to our students and school community.

Kristian Mundy – Principal
Josh Vick – Deputy Principal
NEW TEACHERS AT WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am very excited to be working at Woodcroft Primary School in 2014. For the past four years I have been working in the Limestone Coast region at Yahl Primary School. I have been a classroom teacher as well as started a Japanese language program in the school. I am thrilled that I can continue my classroom teaching in Room 6 and 7 and also provide my love of Japanese culture and language to the rest of the students on my other days. The warmth and friendliness that I have received from staff, students and the community has enabled me to feel very welcomed. I look forward to a fabulous next chapter of my teacher career here at Woodcroft Primary.

My name is Vivien Powell. I am excited to be teaching a year 2 class here at Woodcroft. Many years ago I had the pleasure of being a relief teacher at Woodcroft and schools in the local area. I have spent the last 5 years on the Yorke Peninsula teaching in many different Area Schools from Receptions up to year 12. I am happy to be back and looking forward to a great year.

I am looking forward to a productive year of learning and building positive relationships with my students and all students at Woodcroft Primary School. I have taught in the south-east areas of SA, such as Mount Gambier and Penola, in other southern schools and at West Lakes last year. I will appreciate the opportunity and organisational structure of being at Woodcroft Primary School this year, as the school has many individual learning initiatives and resources for both staff and students to engage in. It is great to have good technology and a sustainable focus on the environment. I hope all parents and students have a rewarding and happy year and look forward to meeting parents and the associated community.

Hi, My name is Sarada Surampudi. After moving to Australia from India, I have worked in a place called Amata as a Yr 4-7 class room teacher. Amata is in the far north of SA in the APY Lands. Working there for 4 years helped me to understand the Aboriginal culture and relationships immensely. I am very excited to be part of the Middle Primary Team at Woodcroft Primary School. I have already been made to feel very welcome by staff, parents and the children. I am sure we will work together to ensure that each child is guided to learn to their highest potential.

We are also very pleased to have join our SSO team

Lisa Grieger  Sharyn Sullivan  Kristie Peterson  Shelley Milne
STUDENT INPUT

Jesse D
Hi My name is Jesse D. I’m in Year 7. At the end of last year I decided to cut my hair and so I donated 22cm of it. I sent it to Pantene Beautiful Length. Along with five other ponytails my hair will be transformed into a high quality real wig. It will then be sent to women undergoing cancer in Australia. It is such a worthwhile cause. So if you think about cutting your hair please don’t throw it away. Donate it and support women with cancer.

Gabrielle H
Last week on the oval I was really sad that people were poking a blue tongue lizard with a stick. I asked them “Would you like it if a blue tongue lizard poked you with a stick?” It could have gotten really hurt and it was moving backwards and trying to get away. I felt like it was saying, “please leave me alone! When you see wildlife you should just leave it alone. Animals can get hurt and feel pain too so people need to respect them.
Gabrielle H Room 16

Rm 39
In Mr. Chelo’s year 7 class we have a great start to the year. We have focused on Getting Along behaviours and confidence which reflects our positive wellbeing, positive work habits and greater self-esteem. Mr. Chelo showed us a video on 10 tips for positive self-esteem which will hopefully enhance our confidence this year and in the future. These 10 tips include:

1. Don’t compare ourselves
2. Think positive thoughts and affirmations
3. Accept all compliments gracefully
4. Read and do things that inspires us
5. Associate with positive and supportive people
6. Recognize your past successes and strive to improve
7. Do good for others
8. Celebrate your qualities and reward yourself with time out
9. Find your passion
10. Display integrity by being honest, moral and polite

In the first week of school we touched on what it means to be an Australian and the significance of our Coat of Arms.

Being an Australian doesn’t necessarily have to mean that you were born in Australia. It could be as simple as watching the cricket or footy to applying for an actual Australian citizenship You may hear people say if you don’t like tomato sauce or meat pies then they’re un-Australian. I've been an Australian all my life, yet I cannot stand vegemite, does that make me un-Australian? To me being an Australian is that you've been in the country for awhile, you like at least one Australian food and sport. And of course there is no use being an Australian if you don't like country!

Being an Australian is quite lucky compared to other countries. For example in North Korea there are very strict laws and you're not allowed to leave the country, in Australia you can travel the world anytime, anywhere.

By Vashti D

What it means to be an Australian. To me being an Australian is something to be proud of. We are a free country with no wars on our shore and have the freedom of speech. We also have the right to a good education. We have delicious Aussie foods like vegemite, pavlova, Tim Tams and pie floaters. I am a 7th generation Australian and feel very grateful and privileged. To me Australia’s climate is perfect. You can play great Aussie sports like AFL (go the Blues!) and cricket or play beach volleyball on our pristine beaches. And these are some of the reasons why I think Australia is such an inspirational country.

By Chelsea D
PLAY IS THE WAY

We have the wonderful opportunity to present a Play is the Way Workshop. Don’t miss out. They will be run from 7 – 8.30pm on both the 18th Feb and the 8th May.

(Flyer attached)

UNIFORM SHOP

Can you spare 30 minutes a few days per term? If so we are looking for Volunteers for the uniform shop. Due to the commitments of present volunteers we are finding ourselves short of help! Unfortunately if we don’t have enough volunteers we may have to consider opening fortnightly for the foreseeable future. So if you are able to spare some time please pop along to the uniform shop & have a chat with Sam, Bec or Sonja.

SPORTS DAY T-SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Sports Day is coming soon so now is the time to order your children’s sports day t-shirts!! Available in all four house colours, in a variety of sizes. Please see order form with this newsletter. Payment can be made at the finance office Monday-Friday 8.30 – 9.30am. Also available now is email ordering with credit card or EFTPOS details. Orders close Friday 14th February.

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN

There is no obligation to purchase. Children can wear any plain t-shirt in their house colour on the day.

LETTER FROM PARENT

To the leadership team, teachers and support staff,

Our family could not have been happier with the high quality teachers our daughter had throughout the 8 years she was a student. The professionalism and care shown by your leaders and office staff is 2nd to none!

Maddison has been given an excellent foundation for learning and personal development on which she builds through her high school years.

Woodcroft Primary is an excellent school of which we are sure you are all very proud!

Thank you very much!

From Mark, Wendy, Maddison & Zach Evans.

1/2014. 2006-2013
PAYMENTS DUE

As a general rule payments are due 1 week prior to excursion/camp etc unless stated on invoice. Payments can be made at Front Office 8.30 to 9.30am, via classroom in named envelope or over the phone with credit card for payments over $10.00. Please include cvn no if paying via credit card.

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If you have any concerns meeting the above payments please see Sue Reeves or Trudi Lawley in the Front Office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ignite Program at Aberfoyle Park High School
(Flyer attached)

Learn Italian at Thiele Primary School
(Flyer attached)

Lesley Cox School of Music
Movement & Drama
REYNELLA
Air Conditioned Studio
Music education through movement! Learning through listening, reacting, dancing and having FUN!
NO COMPETITION NO COSTUME COSTS
Boys and Girls 2 years through to Adults
WEDNESDAY – afternoon and evening
Contact – Verelle Ph 8381 4535 Email rvfudge@optusnet.com.au

Blue Light Disco
Christie Beach
(Flyer attached)

Siblings In Focus
AFTER SCHOOL SOCIAL GROUP
for 8-12 year old siblings of children with special needs, disabilities and/or chronic illness.
(Flyer attached)

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Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions:

Monday 17th February 2014
Marion Bowling Club
262 Sturt Road
Marion SA 5043
6.30-8.30pm

For more information or bookings call Linda on 8131 3456 or visit www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care
MILO in2CRICKET Program
MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment.
Adelaide Oval i2C Centre, starting Friday 7th of February at 5:30pm
Adelaide CC, Glandore Oval, Starting Friday 14th February at 4:00pm
Brighton CC, Brighton Oval, Starting Friday 7th February at 6:00pm
Flagstaff Hill PS, Flagstaff Hill PS Oval, Starting Sunday 2nd of February at 9:00am
Glenelg CC, Gliderol Stadium, Starting Friday 14th February at 4:00pm
Reynella CC, Reynella Oval, Starting 8th February at 9:00am
Shielow Park CC, Sheidow Park Primary School, Starting Sunday 2nd February at 12:00pm
Coromandelel CC, Hewett Sports Reserve, Starting Thursday 30th January at 4:30pm
To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for a Term 1 Program, log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

Fleurieu Swimming Club
As part of the Onkaparinga City Council's 'Get Active, Feel Healthy' program, the Fleurieu Swimming Club will be running a Come and Try Junior Swim Clinic on Saturday 8th February 2014. We would like to extend an invitation to all students aged 9 and over to attend this FUN, FREE event.
(Flyer attached)

Hackham Football Club
(Flyer attached)

South Adelaide Panthers FC
seeking players - all ages, girls and boys
www.sapanthersfc.com
(Flyer attached)

O'Sullivan Beach / Lonsdale Football Club
is seeking players/members
(Flyer attached)

Gillespie Sports Winter Cricket Academy
(Flyer attached)