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Term 1 Assemblies

Week 3 - 2 Feb
Premier's Reading Challenge starts

Week 3 - 13 Feb
Book Club Due

Week 4 - 17,18 Feb
Responsible Pet Education for Schools visits with R-3 classes

Week 5 - 23 Feb
6/7 School Crossing Training at 2pm

Week 6 - 2-4 Mar
Rm 21 & 35 Camp

Week 7 - 9 Mar
Adelaide Cup

Week 10-13 Mar
Greens Point Challenge

Week 10-11 Mar
Rm 46,44,45 Camp

Week 8 - 17 Mar
Panalatinga Student Forum

Week 9 - 23 Mar
Student Free Day TBC

Week 10 - 2 Apr
Sports Day

Week 10 - 3 Apr
Good Friday

Week 11 - 6 Apr
Easter Monday
Play is the Way

In 2015, Woodcroft Primary will continue to implement the Play is the Way program. This program aims to teach social and emotional behaviour to children using guided play, classroom activities and empowering language. The program is designed for both teachers and parents and is a great vehicle for teaching children the Personal and Social Capabilities outlined in the new Australian Curriculum. This week, all 32 of our classes R-7 started their commitment to game sessions each Monday to Thursday morning. These sessions are followed up in the classroom with explicit teacher instruction, activities, and of course consistent use of the Play is the Way language. Many classes are also spending extra time on the games to help reinforce cooperative behaviours and further develop resilience and perseverance. Included in this newsletter is a help sheet for parents that provide some useful tips for supporting pro-social behaviour development in our children. Parents are critical partners in this process, and through a consistent approach at both home and school, we hope that our students will develop the communication and interpersonal skills that will help them become successful life-long learners.

10 Tips for Parents Attached and on Skoolbag App

Woodcroft Primary School Skoolbag

Skoolbag is a new way WPS will be able to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it will provide parents with a more convenient way to receive school notifications. No more lost paper in student school bags! School newsletters, school notices and alerts are communicated directly to the parent smartphone through the Skoolbag Mobile App. Skoolbag Mobile App communicates directly with iPhone, and Android devices.

For Parents

If you are a Parent and you want to have the Woodcroft PS Skoolbag App, you can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

The app has a function allowing the school to see how many times it has been downloaded. We would also like feedback from families to ensure it meets the needs of our school community.

Thanks, Kristian Mundy and Josh Vick
Welcome New Faces

Hello! My name is Penny Harris and I am very excited to be one of the new additions to the wonderful Junior Primary team at Woodcroft Primary School for 2015. Within my 9 years of teaching my adventures have taken me from the far north in Coober Pedy, to Whyalla, Stirling North, Mt Gambier and within the southern suburbs of Adelaide. It has definitely been an amazing experience! This year, I am delighted to be teaching and supporting the children at Woodcroft Primary School to achieve their very best and continue the high standard of teaching within the school with some fun, creative and memorable lessons I only hope will capture their imaginations, nurture their natural curiosity and ignite their love of learning.

I am very excited to be back at Woodcroft in 2015 after enjoying the second half of 2014 working in Room 4. This is my second year of teaching and I have been lucky enough to have spent a lot of this time at Woodcroft, doing both relief teaching and classroom work. It has been a great school for me to begin my career and the staff and students alike have taught me so much. I look forward to continuing to grow along with the students! Alice

My name is Sarah Todd. I am excited to be back at Woodcroft Primary School this year after completing my final university practicum here during Term 2, 2014. Since graduating in September I relieved during Terms 3 and 4 here at Woodcroft Primary School. I will be in Mrs Sinnasamy’s Year 6 class on Monday’s this term and look forward to building positive relationships, engaging students in scientific investigations and encouraging students to work at their greatest potential.

My name is Katie Oxenberry and I am thrilled to be teaching at Woodcroft Primary this year in a year 1 class. I have been teaching across the year levels at Woodcroft over the past two years and have enjoyed this immensely. Thank you to the staff, students and families that have already made me feel most welcome. I am anticipating a positive and productive year working alongside Rosemarie Pearce in room 14 and look forward to being a part of the Junior Primary team and broader school community.

I am excited to be teaching Year 7’s again at Woodcroft Primary School this year. Twenty four years ago I moved to Australia from England with my husband and have lived in Adelaide ever since. I have two daughters aged 12 and 14. I have a love of dragonflies, reading and go out for coffee with my friends.
Sarah
I have been working at Woodcroft Primary School for the past 5 years in many different teaching roles ranging from receptions to year sevens. Working in this capacity has meant I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our students, along with their families. I love teaching in such a friendly and positive community and am thrilled that my journey here continues. This year I am teaching year 3s on Thursdays and Fridays in a team-teaching position with Rachel Bristow and Tim Both. I will also be teaching year 7s on Mondays in Rebecca Boyce’s year 7 class. I am thrilled to have been placed in these positions and look forward to reconnecting with all the students in these classes. Julia Jefferies

Hi, my name is Brad and I am new to Woodcroft Primary School this year. I have previously been teaching at Tatachilla Lutheran College in McLaren Vale. I’m excited to be a part of the Woodcroft community and am looking forward to sharing my passion for PE with the students of WPS.

Hi, my name is Beryl. I am excited about working here with the students with their learning. I have had over 20 years experience education young minds. My personal interest is travel and farm life.

Hello Everyone!
My name is Rachael Lidstone. You will find me teaching History in the Library this year on Thursdays. I have been a teacher for the past 18 years and taught Japanese for 15 years at several schools. I have been teaching all sorts of subjects and all sorts of children in the last few years. I have 3 children of my own and so don’t really have any spare time as I am busy driving them to all of their sports and hobbies. If I had time to do my own things I would really like to be a professional wine taster, road test motorbikes and start my own rock band - but only if I can be lead drummer.

I’m very excited to have the opportunity to be working as an SSO with the Receptions and Year 1 students over the course of this year. I look forward to spending quality time with students in small groups and one on one setting to be able to help children reach their fullest potential.
Sherelle Warner
Performing Arts Activities

Welcome back all! Well, the year is off to a great start, so now it's time to start up all of our Performing Arts extracurricular activities. There are many different opportunities for students to be involved in, with groups rehearsing during break times or before school. Here's a list of the different groups and when they will rehearsal:

- Year 7 Girls Dance = Tuesdays 8:25-8:55am
- Year 5/6 Girls Dance = Thursdays 8:25-8:55am
- Year 3/4 Girls Dance = Tuesdays at 2nd break
- Year 3/4/5 Boys Dance = Fridays at 1st break
- Year 2/3 Choir = Tuesdays at 1st break
- Year 4/5 Choir = Wednesdays from 2nd break until 2:30pm
- Year 6/7 Choir = Wednesdays from 12:15pm until 1:35pm
- Year 5/6/7 Junk Percussion = Mondays at 2nd break

Students who have expressed an interest in joining these groups will bring home a note sometime in the next week. If you have any questions about these groups, please contact me at Kristie.Fudge409@schools.sa.edu.au

Newspapers

Our year 6/7 students are exploring making music with newspapers this term. If you have any newspapers (including the messenger) that you've finished with, we'd love it if you could bring them in to the Performing Arts Centre for us to use in our lessons.

Thanks!

Canteen News

For the last 2 years or so we have tried to keep the prices down, however, due to supplier price rises we unfortunately need to increase our prices this year. In some cases this is due to products changing in size or quantity which has resulted in the increase. The Canteen is a non-profit entity and cannot afford to carry extra costs so unfortunately we have to pass on these increases occasionally.

Please take particular note of the prices when ordering, there will be a week or two grace period but after that if the correct money is not enclosed in the order bag a substitute item to the value enclosed will be offered.

We have had a lot of students asking for spoons & forks to eat the food they have brought from home. Unfortunately, we cannot provide these free, from now on there will be a charge of 10c each. If you send noodles or custard etc. to school for your child to eat please send along the correct utensils for them.

Thank you for your support

Canteen Staff

Menu attached and on Skoolbag App
Finance

SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for these were sent home at the beginning of last week. If you have not received yours, please contact Sue Reeves and she will send home a replacement copy. These are due to be paid on or before the end of term 1 – 10th April, 2015.

Your school fees pay for your child’s stationery items (pencils, rulers, books, etc) throughout the year, as well as helping us replace library books, dictionaries, atlases, readers, and sports equipment. They are also used for art supplies, photocopying and internet usage. $265 a year goes a long way as you can see.

If you are having difficulty paying, we are more than happy to arrange for you to pay by instalments and/or direct debit from your account, or you may be eligible apply for School Card. Pop in or ring Trudi or Sue and they will be able to provide you with the most appropriate advice to suit your circumstances.

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 contact Sue Reeves or Trudi Lawley in the Front Office.

FINANCE ROOM HOURS

8.30 – 9.30 am ONLY MONDAY TO FRIDAY

No staff time is allocated for receipting monies after this time due to other commitments. We would appreciate the school community adhering to the above hours. Credit Card payments above $10.00 can be made over the phone 8322 2784 anytime. Money/Cheques can be sent via the classroom Money Box for excursions, camp, fees etc. There is also a ‘drop ‘n' go’ box located on the front desk for your convenience. Please use this method unless making credit card payments. Please place money in a labelled envelope.
Sports Day T-shirts

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 – 9.30
Also available now is email ordering with credit card or EFTPOS details.
Orders close Wednesday 4th March
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.

Order form attached and on Skoolbag App

School Sport
WOODCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2015

YEAR 2/3 TEAMS - TUESDAY’S
YEAR 4/5 TEAMS - WEDNESDAY’S
YEAR 6/7 TEAMS - MONDAY’S

Students interested in playing basketball afterschool at Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium. Year 2/3 teams play on a Tuesday, Year 4/5 teams play on a Wednesday and Year 6/7 teams play on a Monday after school. $5 entry match fee per week.

There is a $25 fee for the year which includes hire of top and trophy presentation. We will be holding practices at 2nd break on Tuesday 3rd Feb, Tuesday 10th Feb and Tuesday 17th Feb in the school gym for any interested year 2/3 players. Year 4/5 interested players will be practicing at 2nd break on a Friday for 3 weeks until coaches are allocated.

For further information contact Jodie Holst on 0422918165.
Community News

The following Community News items will be placed on or Skoolbag app. Please download it from the app store so you can access all the information.

Foster Care Information Sessions

Kangarilla Football Club Junior Registration and Family Day

Happy Valley Football Club

Milo into Cricket

School Dental

Adelaide Dragon’s Table Tennis

Lesley Cox School of Music

Gift Dance at Mitcham

The Gift Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching, students become successful performers. Our Gift Dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, Gift Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

Entry by audition.

Please register your interest at
www.mitchamgirls.sa.edu.au

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We invite you to apply for a place in our Ignite program at Aberfoyle Park High School for Year 8 in 2016.

Your opportunity to sit the Ignite test for 2016 entry will be Saturday 21 February 2015.

You can download an application form by visiting “Ignite” on our website - www.aphs.sa.edu.au

Aberfoyle Park High School
P/No: 8270 4455
Email: info@aphs.sa.edu.au

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
Talk to Credit Union SA about how to help our school and your finances.

School Community Rewards is a fundraising opportunity for our school. It is a simple and innovative way for the community to help our school - without having to donate a cent.

Talk to Credit Union SA today to find out how they can save you money, set yourself up for a prosperous 2015 and assist our school at the same time.

This New Year, get your banking off to the right start. Call your School Community Representative, on 8202 7675 to find out how you can help support your school or visit creditunionsa.com.au