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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our annual Green Points Challenge will be held next week. With the development of several Nature Play Spaces throughout the school, our grounds are beginning to look much more appealing. However, many of the existing gardens still require much work to improve their appearance and productivity. The assistance of parents/grandparents is always appreciated and individual classes will inform you if they can use your help. Student members of the school’s Environment and Action groups also plan to work in the Vegie Garden 11:10-12:10 Wednesdays this year and would be extremely grateful for any adult assistance.

Waste management practices are our other focus for this year’s Green Points Challenge. Environmental Sustainability is one of the Teaching and Learning priorities in our Site Improvement Plan, and every day, our students are making choices about where they dispose of the waste they create in their daily living. Most classrooms have created “Recycling” hubs to assist children with their decision making and our cleaners have reported that the amount of landfill waste is significantly less than in previous years. As we aim for zero landfill waste at Woodcroft Primary, we are encouraged by this feedback.

There are not only environmental reasons for changing our current practice, but also economic and nutritional considerations. Your landfill waste is collected by your local council as part of your yearly council rates, but here at school, we have to pay between $8000 and $10000 per year to have our waste removed! This is why we are now encouraging students to take waste home at the end of the day. Those that are really committed have made the shift to litter free lunches and avoided the issue altogether!

So how do we reduce our landfill waste as a whole community? Have you ever considered NOT buying multipacks of snacks for your children? Not only do multipacks produce considerably more waste, many of these pre-packaged products are highly processed foods with little nutritional value.

In 2011, Caren Poulter and her Year 3 class produced a short video on chip packet waste generated at Woodcroft Primary on a daily basis. Caren’s class collected and tallied a staggering 437 chip packets – just one type of waste that can end up in our landfill bins. This week, Sarah Maycock and her Year 7 class repeated the exercise, this time collecting only 86 Chip packets. This is an 80% reduction from 2011, evidence that both our environmental and healthy lifestyle programs are having a positive impact.
By buying in bulk and using refillable containers for snack items, we can not only save money but create significantly less waste.

As our children are learning, there are so many things we once considered landfill that can now be recycled. Here at Woodcroft Primary we encourage the recycling of:

- deposit containers
- tins, cans (including aerosol cans), rinsed bottles and jars
- all rigid plastic items such as clean ice cream tubs and yoghurt pots, drink bottles, shampoo and detergent bottles, margarine and butter containers rinsed
- alfoil – clean and rolled into a fist size ball
- dry empty paint tins
- plastic pots and seedling trays
- empty pizza boxes
- paper, cardboard (flattened) newspapers, magazines, junk mail, egg cartons, juice and milk cartons
- second hand clothing
- printer and toner cartridges

We also encourage the collection of soft plastics such as clean plastic wrap, zip lock bags, plastic packaging from items such as pasta packets, cereal boxes, rice and bread bags, any plastic shopping bags, and fake foil as in chip packets. Once collected, these items can be taken to Coles Supermarkets and selected Woolworths stores, to be recycled into useful items like plastic crates, tubs and plastic furniture.

The Home Challenge sheets for this year’s Green Points Challenge will be emailed this Thursday (Week 6) to your family. If you would prefer a hard copy of the Home Challenge info, please let your child’s teacher know by Friday 6 March. This activity should be about celebrating current practices and NOT about achieving ALL the suggestions on the Home Challenge sheet. Even if your family make just one change to the way they recycle and view waste, then the Challenge has achieved its aim! Points accumulated by your family can be returned to school on the one form for your convenience, with forms are due back by Friday 13 March. The class who is deemed to have made the most significant difference to the environment - both at home and at school - will be presented with the Geoff Rogers Environment Trophy at a whole school Harmony Day assembly, Thursday 19 March (Week 8).

We hope you and your family will embrace this week and make a commitment to recycling more and reducing landfill waste. After all, it’s the little things we do, that can make a difference!

Sue Cox
Coordinator - Science and Environmental Sustainability

On Thursday the 26th of February all year 6 and 7 students went out into the community to ‘Clean up Australia’. The year 6 students cleaned up litter in the park near Pimpala Road. The year 7 students walked to the skate park on the corner of Bains Road and Investigator Drive and found lots of litter to pick up. We actually found a trolley that we could transport all the rubbish in back to school. We hope our efforts encourage others to not litter and keep urban areas tidy.
Governing Council News

With the partnership we have with the Credit Union we are going to see some fund coming in soon. Any feedback from families as to how we can spend these funds will be taken into consideration. Please email dl.1776_admin@schools.sa.edu.au with your suggestions.

We are also looking for feedback on the new crossing on Investigator Drive. Please email dl.1776_admin@schools.sa.edu.au with your feedback.

2015 ICAS Competition

Once again Woodcroft Primary will be offering your child the opportunity to take part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The assessments are available for children in Years 2 -7. Assessments are available in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing and Digital Technologies. Each assessment ranges from 30 – 60 minutes and is held at school. The tests will be supervised by Kate Stewart.

If you would like more information or to register your child a letter and registration form are available from the front office. Testing form attached

Canteen News

Please note fandangles have been replaced by chocolate Moosies they are still $1.50 but are bigger.

Finance

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.
School Sport

After School Football Program 2015

A Saturday morning junior AFL football competition for Primary aged Boys and Girls, the Panther League aims to provide students with a fun, safe, positive sporting and team experience. The Panther League offers a 14 Round season during 2nd and 3rd terms, allowing students to compete in one of three divisions as follows: (Round 1 commences on Saturday May 9th - there is no play during school holidays)

- **Combined Year 2/3** – Non-contact, modified rules (all players are involved).
- **Combined Year 4/5** – Limited contact & modified rules that helps improve skills
- **Combined Year 6/7** – Modified rules that promote skill development and team play.

**AFL Mini League** – Our school has the chance to play at half time of the Power V Hawthorn Game on Anzac Day at Adelaide Oval. Not everyone will get to play so get in quick.

If you are interested in playing school football this year then please visit the front office and collect the letter that provides more details and a registration form.

If you have any further questions or would like more information please call our School Delegate: Chad Campbell (m) 0414 891 872

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After School Netball

Attached is a letter to register your interest.

**2015 Sports Coordinators**

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**Fundraising News**

**Easter Raffle Donations**

We are seeking donations for our Easter Raffle. All donations can be handed in at the Front Office. (Maybe make a basket from your classroom to donate)

Raffle tickets will be distributed to all classrooms from the 10th March. Tickets need to be returned to the front office by the 27th March. The raffle will be drawn on the 30th March 2015.

**Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books will be sold through the school this year for $65 (the school receives $13 from each book sold) - more information to follow later in this term.

**Credit Union SA**

If you are a member or know anyone that is a member of Credit Union SA please ring Mark on 8202 7675 and nominate Woodcroft Primary School (more information attached) **Thank you for all your support**

The Fundraising Team
### High School Open Nights

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Times are available on each high school’s website. Open Day dates will be updated throughout the start of this year.

### Brighton Secondary School


**Special Interest Music Auditions** for current Year 7 students commencing Secondary School, in 2016. Friday 8th May 2015: round 1 year 7 applications close. Saturday 16th May 2015 Audition Round 1: 9am to 1.00pm Year 7 pre audition assessment. Thursday 28th & Friday 29th May 2015 Round 2: Year 7 Audition (attended by invitation only)

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons at Brighton Secondary School on 83758215

### Community News

HEY ALL YOU FUN SEEKING BOYS AND GIRLS!!

**PORT NOARLUNGA SEA SCOUTS** WANTS YOU TO BE PART OF OUR ADVENTUROUS TEAM!! JOIN IN ON ALL THE EXCITING CAPERS WE GET UP TO LIKE HIKING AND CAMPING OUT UNDER THE STARS, OUTDOOR COOKING AND LETS NOT FORGET ABOUT ALL THE WATER ACTIVITIES!!! SAILING, ROWING, BUILD YOUR OWN WATER CRAFT AND ROW DOWN THE RIVER!! MAKE NEW FRIENDS; LEARN NEW SKILLS THAT WILL LAST YOU YOUR LIFE TIME!! COME AND TRY FOR THREE SESSIONS, OBLIGATION FREE!!

SO COME ON, JOIN US AND BECOME PART OF THE ADVENTURE!! PHONE PIA MCMILLAN ON 0449 210 627 FOR AGE GROUPS AND SESSION TIMES. Reynella Neighbourhood Centre are currently running an English Language and Literacy Support group.
Reynella Neighbourhood Centre

Reynella Neighbourhood Centre are currently running an English Language and Literacy Support group.

It is a great group for people from non-English speaking backgrounds and those that struggle with reading and writing. We offer one to one tutoring as well as group English conversation sessions. The ESL group runs on a Wednesday, with our morning session commencing at 10am and concluding at 12pm. The afternoon session which is our one to one tutoring commences at 12.30pm and concludes at 2.30pm.

I have attached a copy of our leaflet for this group. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass on this information to people in your organisation that may benefit from this. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call the centre.

We look forward to meeting with some of your people and helping them to better understand and utilise the English language.

Introducing a new Counselling service providing a safe, confidential space where an understanding of how to successfully meet the challenges in life is explored. We specialise in areas including: Youth, Family, Relationships, Disability and Intercultural. Other services we offer to promote wellness include:

- Massage – for calm and wellness
- Mediation Classes – creates a clear mind
- Natural Nutrition Workshops
- Phone or email with any enquiries. No referrals needed.
- P: 08 7231 0790
- M: 0408 295 853
- 2 Neath Avenue
- South Brighton SA 5048
- www.beyondwellness.com.au
- enquiries@beyondwellness.com.au

Do you need help with?

- Improve your Spelling
- Fill in forms
- Conversation English
- Apply for Jobs
- Read to your children

Supported by Adult Community Education

ENGLISH

MATHS

Morning sessions 10 am—12 noon Conversation Group

Afternoon sessions 12.30 –2.30 pm One to One tutoring
Guidelines for Good Gaming

Flyer attached

Special discounted home loan offer.

Rate effective as at 27th February 2015

4.40% pa¹

Discounted home loan offer

4.41% pa²

Comparison rate

Find out how much you can save with our special low rate discounted home loan from Credit Union SA.

Call your School Community Reward Representative on 8202 7675 or email scr@creditunionsa.com.au

Terms, conditions, lending criteria, fees and charges apply. (Discounted rate of 4.41% pa is available from 27 February 2015 and may be withdrawn at any time. Offer is for new variable home loan applications of at least $150,000 and $225,000 for properties in SA, NT, Qld, Vic and WA respectively. A comparison rate of 5.97% p.a. is available for similar terms and conditions. Offer applies to home loans with fixed interest rates of 3 years or more. Terms and conditions apply to all home loans. Home loans with discounted variable interest rates are subject to the same terms and conditions as fixed interest rates. Applications must be received by 31 March 2015 and settled by 30 May 2015. Comparison rate is based on a purchase price of $400,000 with monthly repayments over 25 years. This comparison rate is only for the example given and may not include all fees and charges. Different terms, fees or other loan amounts might result in a different comparison rate. Credit Union SA ABN (60 087 067 367) Credit Union SA (Australia) Credit Licence Number 240,087/ Credit Union SA Centre, 400 King William Street, Adelaide SA 5000. The Consumer Credit Code of Practice applies.)