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ATTENDANCE – WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

DECD has set a target for attendance of 95% by 2016.

Let’s look at some figures: (As seen in Reynella Primary Schools Newsletter Term 1 2015)

The teaching year is 40 weeks. This is 200 school days (including 9 public holidays and student free days). 2.5 days off per term for students will meet the target.

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ATTENDANCE: IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY (OR LATE)!

Woodcroft Primary School is committed to working with families to improve attendance. We understand that students sometimes get sick and other family circumstances may require your child to be absent from school, however, when a student is regularly absent and/or is late arriving at school, it seriously impairs their ability to participate fully and effectively in class routines and curriculum. It also has the potential to raise levels of anxiety around attending school.

Could you imagine reading a book that is missing a chapter here and there; how much sense would it make?

Beginning the school day late on a regular basis has two very serious outcomes for students:

1. They miss valuable information at the start of the day, resulting in a need to ‘catch up’ (which often just does not happen, especially given the large amount of work that a class of 26 or 30 gets through in any one day)

2. They develop a belief that it does not matter if they sleep in or fail to get to the class before the 9am bell goes. I see a number of students each morning racing to school after the bell, often up to 30 minutes late. If that happens on just two mornings a week, being 30 minutes late equals 8 days of school missed each year, but more importantly, 40 missed opportunities to be ready to start the school day.

When you receive your son/daughter’s report and there are areas highlighted in need of improvement, I would also ask you to reflect on how any late arrivals and/or absences (explained or otherwise) may have contributed to the situation.

Should you require any assistance or further information on how to better support your child’s attendance, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher and if you still have questions contact a member of the leadership staff. Let’s all work together to make a difference to your child’s future.
Be on time, be at school... That’s the rule!

See below our current attendance rates... Keep up the good work!

Specialist Teachers’ Blogs

Lots of our staff and students have been learning and creating blogs. Below are the links to the blogs of our specialist teachers and Mr Vick. Please check them out and feel free to post comments or feedback.

http://blogs.woodcroftps.com/arts/
http://blogs.woodcroftps.com/japanese/
http://blogs.woodcroftps.com/newera/
http://blogs.woodcroftps.com/wpsdeputy/

Nominate your Teacher

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards.

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards: www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards.

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au
Finance

As a general rule, payments are due one week prior to excursions/camps and extra-curricular activities, unless otherwise stated on the invoice. Payments can be made at the Front Office between 8.30 and 9.30am, via classrooms in named envelopes, or over the phone with a credit card (for payments over $10.00). Please include the cvn number 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.

News from The Second-hand Uniform Shop

We have had to slightly adjust the opening times for the shop, instead of opening at 2.45pm, we now open at 3pm. Closing remains unchanged at 3.30pm. Closing remains unchanged at 3.30pm

**Purchasing New Uniforms:** School dresses & embroidered items can be purchased from Schoolwear Australia, Shop 214 Main South Road, Morphett Vale. Schoolwear Australia also offer online ordering at [http://www.schoolwearaustralia.com.au/](http://www.schoolwearaustralia.com.au/).

**Secondhand items:** These can be purchased from the school uniform shop on Friday afternoons. We carry embroidered items as well as Summer & Winter dresses. We also have sports shirts, some pants, shorts & skirts. We also have school bags in stock.

We are happy to sell second-hand items on your behalf. We ask that they are in reasonable condition. We are only able to accept school dresses, sublimation shirts, sports shirts, embroidered items & school bags, due to space. You can drop items off at the front office any time, or bring them along to the uniform shop on Friday afternoons. Please label all items with your name & contact number prior to dropping them off.

We are now contactable via email uniformshop.wps@gmail.com (Email is not manned by school staff)

**Lost Property:** We are still dealing with a large amount of lost property at the end of each term. Please ensure all items are named & we will endeavour to get the items back to you as soon as possible. Towards the end of each term we leave the unnamed lost property outside the front office, so please do have a look to see if any of it belongs to your child! Anything that isn’t claimed on the last day will get donated, with plastic items being discarded.

During other times, please do not hesitate to ask at the front office if your child has lost something, the staff will be more than happy to point you in the right direction towards lost items.

Finally, Thank you to those who responded to the Uniform Survey recently sent out via the skoolbag app recently. Watch this space for any news connected with the results!

**Sam**

On Behalf of the Uniform Subcommittee

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books will be sold through the school again this year for $65, with the school receiving $13 from each book sold! To order online, please follow this link: [http://www.entbook.com.au/160h948](http://www.entbook.com.au/160h948)

Thank you for your on-going support, The Fundraising Team
Community News

Please access our *Skoolbag* app for iPhones and Android for more information on the following:

Amanda Rishworth Annual Winter Appeal, Bright Sparks Aberfoyle Park High School, Bright Sparks, The University of Adelaide, The Jay school of Dance, Kangarilla Junior Football, Clarendon Netball Club, Reynella Football Club, Little Athletics Program for Schools, South Adelaide Panthers FC, Spike Zone

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We’ve just passed the 40 participant mark and have already raised approximately $98k, so imagine what we could do with 100 participants!

By Chris Potter, Chair, Governing Council.

I can’t tell you how excited I am about the success of Credit Union SA’s School Community Rewards initiative here at Woodcroft Primary.

In just 5 months, 40 members of our school community—parents, teachers and grandparents—have taken a closer look at the initiative, seen the benefits for all of our children, and taken part. To these people—thank you.

With School Community Rewards we have already managed in two terms to raise an additional $80,000 and above our usual fundraising efforts.

This is just a taste of what is possible. With the hard work of the Fundraising Committee and volunteers we typically raise around $100k for the whole year! So be on the lookout for us as this additional initiative is absolutely brilliant.

Just think what we could do if we could get our participant numbers up to 100? School Community Rewards is a beautifully simple concept.

Credit Union SA has developed a program which allows its members to nominate our school to receive a financial benefit. If you open a Credit Union SA account, loan or credit card, Credit Union SA will donate an ongoing annual benefit to Woodcroft Primary.

If you’re not yet involved, please take another look:
- Phone our School Community Representative, Mark Kollios, on 8202 7675
- Or drop in to the local Credit Union SA branch at Southgate Plaza.

I encourage our school community to at least take a close look at this fantastic initiative to see for yourself.

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Note: This information does not constitute any financial product advice or an arrangement of credit products. All members of the school community must consider their own circumstances and obtain their own advice. The school takes no responsibility for any advice or product provided by Credit Union SA. Credit Union SA Ltd (ABN 69 067 653 327) (AFS), Australian Credit Licence Number 241069.4 QOD Kings William Street, Adelaide 5000.
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS ACADEMY

Applications are now open for the 2016 Aberfoyle Park Tennis Academy. The program provides student athletes access to a high quality, personalised tennis and education program from years 8-12. It delivers a flexible, supportive and “athlete friendly” academic environment.

The academic program covers all essential learnings in the Australian Curriculum and leads to a number of pathways at Senior School.

Application Packages for 2016 are available NOW from your Year 7 teacher or by contacting the Tennis Academy Manager Mr Terry Ellis.

Email: Terry.Ellis@aphs.sa.edu.au
Phone: 8270 4455
Address: Taylors Rd East Aberfoyle Park 5159

Note: Applications are due no later than May 8th 2015

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au
APPLY NOW!

Special Interest Australian Football Program 2016
Do you have a genuine interest in football?
Are you interested in improving your skills and knowledge in all areas of the game?
Applications are now being accepted from current Year 7 boys for the 2015 school year. Please submit your application to Blackwood High School by Wednesday 20 May, 2015.
Please contact Blackwood High School on 82780900 or visit the school’s website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form. Principal tours of the school will be held from 9.00am - 10.30am on Tuesday 5 May, 26 May, 2 June, 30 June and 4 August during term time. Please contact glen.little@bhs.sa.edu.au for more information.

Special Interest Netball Program 2016
The Netball Program is aimed at students who:
☐ demonstrate skill and a commitment to netball
☐ wish to spend time in further development
☐ aim to compete at a higher level than that of the average student.

Entry to the program is by application (download form from Blackwood High website under Curriculum, Special Interest Netball) and a trialling process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School. Submit applications by Monday 4 May.
Selection criteria will include:
☐ potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skills testing
☐ a high level of coach ability
☐ a positive sporting attitude
☐ a positive attitude towards school and study
☐ a history of high standard of good behaviour, attendance and social skills
☐ member of a netball team (club or school).

Trial dates are from 8.30am – 10.30am on Wednesday 6 May and Monday 18 May 2015 from 11.00am to 1.00pm at Blackwood High School.
Visit the school’s website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.
Please contact Ms Bianca Reddy by email bianca.reddy@bhs.sa.edu.au for more information.