Thursday, 4th August 2016

From The Leadership Team

We welcome back all students and their families. A special welcome is extended to our new students Matthew and Micah. It’s fantastic to see all our students back gearing up with so much enthusiasm for another great term.

During Term 3 we have many wonderful learning experiences planned including Australian Mathematics Competition, NAPLAN Online, Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT), School Production, Choir Concert, SAPSASA sporting activities, camps, Literacy and Numeracy Week activities, Book Week parade, and of course our 40th Birthday Celebrations continue.

Please keep an eye out in future class and school newsletter editions, skoolbag app alerts and Class Dojo messages for dates and organisational details.

**STEM Works**

I am pleased to advise you that our school has been allocated funding up to $1 million under the State Government’s STEM Works program announced in the 2016-2017 State Budget.

This $250 million program is the biggest investment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and school infrastructure in the state’s history.

STEM works will provide 139 public schools (77 Primary) with modern contemporary facilities with cutting edge teaching and learning approaches to help prepare students for future jobs in a wide range of industries.

The STEM approach to teaching and learning gives students the opportunity to work on challenging problems and projects.

Hands-on practical activities help learners:

- Experiment
- Use new technologies
- Test ideas
- Make and create innovative solutions to real, complex problems through relationship with local industries.

STEM learning may look different across every class at every school but some examples of what students learning STEM could be engaged in include:

- Coding
- Designing and building prototypes
- Robotics
- Problem solving in teams
- Developing technical and engineering skills.

Our facility upgrades will ensure students have access to flexible learning spaces which accommodate STEM learning approaches. There is an understanding that all facility upgrades, depending on the scope of works, will be delivered by December 2018 at the latest.
It is anticipated I will be meeting with architects and project managers in coming weeks to design the scope of works for our site.

I will keep you posted on developments through regular newsletter updates. This augurs well for a very exciting learning future for all our students and generations to come.

**Staffing Update**

I wish to advise that I have been reappointed as Principal of GHPS for a further 5 years and express my sincere thanks to students, staff, Governing Council and the broader school community for your wonderful support over the course of my tenure to-date. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the school community to achieve some even ‘greater heights’ and improve the overall learning outcomes and wellbeing of all students.

I also wish to congratulate Mrs Narelle Kusabs who has been appointed as Principal of Keller Road School. We will continue to work together as schools within the Salisbury Partnership. We thank Narelle for her contributions to GHPS over the past few years and wish her well in her new appointment.

As a result, Mrs Susie Searles has been appointed as acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Dani Bollard as Senior Leader for the remainder of the year. We will be undertaking a process this term to appoint a longer term Deputy Principal from the start of 2017.

Congratulations also to Ms Jess Stagarevich who has been appointed as Year 4 class teacher replacing Mr Matt Ross for the remainder of the year. We hope your time with us is both enjoyable and rewarding.

**Congratulations!**

Well done to Saskia who recently underwent her Australian Teachers of Classical Ballet Assessment with Jane Grech Dance Centre.

Saskia is to be congratulated on all of the hard work and commitment required to reach the necessary standard to undertake the assessment.

We wish you all the best for your results Saskia, well done!!

This term we will be running the ‘Seasons for Growth’ Young People’s Program at the school for children in Reception – Year 2 (Level 1). The program consists of 3 levels and each level has its own group; Level 1 (ages 6-8), Level 2 (ages 9-10), Level 3 (ages 11-12).

Seasons for Growth is a change and loss program that supports young people through the grief process and does so through four stages.

- To accept the reality of the loss/change
- To process the pain of grief
- To adjust to a changed world after the loss
- To find an enduring connection with what has been lost while embarking on a new life

Grief is not limited to divorce/separation and death, but includes any change or event which has had significant impact on a child’s wellbeing whereby the grief is enduring. Examples include; change in school/home; a new family member; family disputes; loss of job or opportunity within the family; friendship breakdown, etc. Not every child will need to participate in the program despite having a grief experience. For example, although a child’s parents may separate, depending on the resilience of the child, such a program may not be necessary if they are emotionally resilient and already possess the skills to adapt and cope with this change.

We have already run one successful group so far this year and the students who participated found it to be beneficial in helping them understand that change is a part of life, the importance of expressing their feelings and providing them with skills to adapt to change more easily in the future.

As the groups consist of 4-5 children, it is important only the students deemed as most needing support through this group be considered. Please let me or your child’s teacher know if you think your child would benefit from being a part of the group. This program does not include any Christian content.

You can either contact me at the school Mondays and Tuesdays 10am-3pm or leave a message with the office and I will get in contact with you. Alternatively, you can email me at Sarah.Terminello648@schools.sa.edu.au.

Kind regards,

Sarah (Pastoral Care Worker)
We would like to once again remind families of their responsibilities when it comes to student and community safety whilst parking in and around the school.

Parents are reminded that under no circumstances should they be parking over/obstructing neighbours driveways during drop off and pick up times. No parking areas located in the side streets around the school are being closely monitored by the local council and parking infringement notices may be issued.

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period.

This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

If your child is in years 3, 5 or 7 this year they will be participating in 2 trial tests between Monday 15th August and Friday 26th August this year.

Please contact Susie Searles if you have any questions regarding this trial.

Smoking in Proximity of School Grounds

Families are reminded that, in line with the DECD smoke free policy, all areas on school grounds are smoke free at all times. Please also note that in the interest of student and staff safety, smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of school boundaries (including the school crossing).

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the following legislation:

Smoking is banned in cars when children are present. Section 48 of the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 (opens in a new window) states:

1. A person must not smoke in a motor vehicle if a child is also present in the motor vehicle. Maximum Penalty $200. Expiation fee $75.

2. In proceedings for an offence against this section an allegation in the complaint that a child was present in a motor vehicle at a specified time will be accepted as proved in the absence of proof to the contrary.

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Showdown Donuts—Friday 19th August

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Book Club Issue 5

Orders due back at school by Friday 5th August

Or use LOOP and order direct online
**Important Information**

2016 School Production—Ghost Busters

Rehearsals, organisation and general “ghost busting” are well underway for our 2016 school production. Tickets go on sale on Monday 8th August with an initial release limited to 2 tickets per family (this ensures that all families have an opportunity to buy tickets). Families will be able to buy additional tickets (subject to availability) from Monday 22nd August until Tuesday 30th August. Ticket sales will close after Tuesday 30th August or when we sell out. Please note—this event is hugely popular and likely to sell out (as it has in previous years). Please ensure that you purchase tickets at the first release to avoid disappointment. Additional information regarding organisational details will be sent home in a separate note.

**ORDER OF EVENTS**

7.00PM—Welcome & Introduction to our 2016 School Production

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Australian Anthem - Choir

Item 1 - Ghosts - Miss Neumann

Item 2 - Werewolves on the loose - Mr Foley

Item 3 - Monster Garden - Mrs Gale

Item 4 - Dr Frankenstein’s Lab - Mrs Hancock / Miss Dani & Mrs Reed

Item 5 - The Witching hour - Mr Bayaziti

Item 6 - Slimer’s Food Party - Miss Parsons

Item 7 - Vampires - Miss S

Item 8 - Attack of the Stay Puft Marshmallows - Miss Francis

Item 9 - Heads will roll - Mrs Thames / Mrs P

Item 10 - Funny Bones - Miss Praehofer

Item 11 - Gym Monsters - Miss Newman

Item 12 - The Walking Dead - Mr Hoekman

Show will conclude by approximately 9pm. ENJOY THE SHOW
**TERM 2 PE**

Last term was a busy but fantastic term of PE and SAPSASA at Gulfview Heights. In PE the Primary students have been focusing on Netball, Soccer, Boxing and fitness goals. The Primary students also had the opportunity to work with a Junior Primary buddy during our fitness week. The students enjoyed taking on a coaching role with their younger peers. All students displayed great encouragement for each other and it was a really fun week of PE for staff and students.

**TERM 2 SAPSASA**

Our SAPSASA teams have been busy training for and playing their knockout competitions. Our girls and boys Netball teams unfortunately did not make it through to the second round of competition but had a great time competing. The girls and boys Soccer teams have been successful and are now through to the third round of the knockout competition. Both teams have been training hard and playing brilliantly. Our boys’ football team had a fantastic friendly game against Endeavour College and an absolutely brilliant first round KO game against Angaston Primary. The boys have advanced to the second round of the KO which will be played in term 3. We would like to thank our parent and community volunteers who have made our SAPSASA teams possible by providing transport or coaching for our teams. Your help is greatly appreciated! We would like to thank Jackie Cridland for coaching the boys & girls’ netball team, Alan Buck for coaching the boys & girls’ soccer team, and Kurt Donsberg and Wayne Waters for coaching the boys’ football team. A very special thanks to Marc Smith for stepping in as our football coach while Kurt Donsberg was away. Finally we would like to acknowledge the endless effort and support Kerrie McInerney provides to all SAPSASA teams. We look forward to term 3 being just as busy with PE & SAPSASA.

**Snippets - Early Years Room 1**

This Term, Early Years Room 1 are learning about the Olympics for the first five weeks, looking at different sports involved in the Olympics and traditions continued in Rio this year. We will also be holding our own mini Olympics to tie in with our Premiers Be Active Challenge. We will then continue with our Book Week theme for the rest of the term. We are looking forward to our Book Week parade in Week 5 and our whole School production in Week 6. We have a very busy Term ahead of us and we are excited to learn new things.
Community Noticeboard

POSITIVE INTRODUCTION TO NETBALL
FOR 5-8 YEAR OLDS
COME AND LEARN RULES
BALL SKILLS
TRAINING DRILLS
WEEKLY PROGRAM
POSITIONING
FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

TEA TREE GULLY NETBALL CLUB IS HOLDING A WEEKLY TRAINING SESSION FOR GIRLS AGED 5 – 8

START DATE: WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER
VENUE: 88 ELIZABETH STREET, BANKSIA PARK
TIME: 4:40PM – 5:20PM
COST: $70.00 FOR PROGRAM THIS INCLUDES A COMPLIMENTARY TRAINING TOP
GOVERNMENT SPORTS VOUCHERS CAN BE USED

REGISTRATION NIGHT: 17TH AUGUST 5:30 – 7:30 AT 88 ELIZABETH STREET, BANKSIA PARK
(FITTING FOR TRAINING TOP WILL BE DONE AND SPORTS VOUCHERS COLLECTED)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT HELEN - 0407 212 174

A WONDERFUL CONCERT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR WHOLE FAMILY

Does your child learn a wind, brass, percussion or string instrument?
Does your child just love music?
If so, this concert is an opportunity to share music as a family and to see where some practice could lead your budding musician.

WHO: Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra and Adelaide Youth Sinfonia.
The students aged from 12 – 20 are part of the Adelaide Youth Orchestras program and these are two of their orchestras.

WHERE: Golden Grove Arts Centre
WHEN: Sunday 21 August 2016 at 3pm
COST: All students 12 and under are FREE and all other guests are $10.

HOW TO BOOK: Ring ADYO on 8361 8896 or on their website adyo.com.au or tickets available at the door.

AN INSPIRATIONAL CONCERT NOT TO BE MISSED!