Thursday, 15th September 2016

From The Leadership Team

Congratulations To All!

As we near the end of term 3 I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on another very successful term. The commitment from all our staff and volunteers has ensured all students have participated in a range of quality teaching and learning programs which extend well beyond the classroom, and contribute to student engagement and improvements in student learning.

It is easy to forget the many and varied activities students have participated in throughout the term. These include:

- Literacy and Numeracy Week Activities including games showcase, making Trihexaflexigons and Pass the Pencil story writing activity.
- A colourful Book Week Parade and 40th Birthday celebrations.
- Festival of Music choir performance to be held at the Festival Theatre next Wednesday evening.
- Successful participation in a range of SAPSASA sporting activities including Girls Netball, Boys & Girls Soccer.
- A fantastic whole school production titled ‘Ghostbusters’ at the Dame Roma Mitchell Theatre.
- All year 3 to 7 students undertaking Progressive Achievement Testing in Mathematics, Comprehension, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.
- Year 3/5/7 students sitting the NAPLAN online trial.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students and volunteers for their continued hard work and support of these activities.

Bushfire Season

Term 4 signals the beginning of bushfire season. The need for us to have a Bushfire Action Plan (BAP) is in place due to our high risk rating. This is reviewed annually with updated information communicated via the newsletter.

The BAP encompasses a range of strategies, and responsibilities in preparation for bushfire season:

- A plan of action in the event of a fire on site or in the immediate vicinity to our school.
- School response to a ‘Total Fire Ban day’.
- School response to a fire reported within the local district.

It is essential that all members of the school community are familiar with our Bushfire Action Plan. Throughout terms 1 & 4 of each year information from our BAP will be communicated via our newsletter as a reminder of our responsibilities in ensuring everyone’s safety during Bushfire Season.

The following information indicates the action taken to date as a school in preparing our site for Bushfire Season.
School Fees

Families are reminded that school fees are now overdue. If you have not paid or contacted the front office to organise a payment plan please do so as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing difficulty with fee payments please contact us or speak to your child’s class teacher. We are happy to negotiate instalment plans to help ease any potential financial burden on families.

NAPLAN Student Reports

All parents/caregivers of Year 3, 5 & 7 students have received their child’s individual student reports last week.

We encourage all parents/carers to make a time with their child’s teacher to discuss their NAPLAN achievement and how this will inform future learning goals for your child.
The Power of Independent Reading In School

44% Kids Aged 6–17 say their class or school has a DESIGNATED TIME DURING THE SCHOOL DAY TO READ A BOOK of their choice independently. ONLY 16% do this every or almost every school day.

64% Kids Aged 6–17 who read independently as a class or school say it’s one of their favourite parts of the day or WISH IT WOULD HAPPEN MORE OFTEN.

% of kids with opportunities to read independently as a class or school during the school day:

61% Kids Aged 6–11

27% Kids Aged 12–17

These opportunities DECREASE WITH AGE.

Children who are given time for independent reading at school are more likely than those who are not to:

1. Be currently reading a book for fun
   77% vs. 51%

2. Love or like reading books for fun a lot
   69% vs. 53%

3. Agree that reading books for fun is extremely or very important
   69% vs. 49%

4. Feel kids their age should read books for fun 5–7 days a week
   54% vs. 30%

5. Be frequent readers, reading books for fun 5–7 days a week
   52% vs. 26%
Our Student Voice have decided that this term we will be holding ‘Get Loud Day’ in place of our usual casual day. This will be held on Wednesday 21st September. On this day student are invited to wear their ‘loudest’ shirt to school and are asked to bring a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Cora Barclay Centre.

Congratulations Danielle
On Friday 2nd September Danielle Djunaedi competed at the Adelaide Royal Show in the Horses in Action Show Ring. Danielle competed in a 2 different classes across 2 days at the show and placed 3rd in both of the following classes:

- Class 5, girl or boy rider, under 10 years
- The Dorothy Mansom-Gray Memorial Prize Goodhands Competition riders 12 years and under.

Danielle has put in a lot of hard work and effort and should be very proud of her achievements. Well done Danielle on your amazing results!

Preschool to School Transition 2017
From the start of the 2014 school year all schools moved from a 4 term Reception intake to a ‘Same First Day Start’ for all children turning five years of age before May 1st. For children turning 5 on or after May 1st, they will start school on the first day of Term 1 the following year.

At Gulfview Heights we create a place where all children feel safe, healthy and happy, and where they get the best chance to become confident and successful learners.

The transitions children make within and between educational settings (from preschool/kindy to school) are recognised as significant to the achievement of these goals. Successful experiences during transition impact on a child’s positive sense of belonging, ongoing well being and continuity of learning.

For these reasons, we are supporting all children and families in the Salisbury cluster of schools by having the ‘One Start, One Transition’ program for all children starting preschool and school in 2017.

Individual preschools and schools will have transition visits on the same day, at the same time. These dates and times are

- Wednesday November 16th 8.50-Recess
- Wednesday November 23rd 8.50-Recess
- Wednesday November 30th 8.50-12.00
- Wednesday December 7th 8.50-12.00

A parent information session will be held for all new families in the lead up to these transition visits. Additionally, please feel free to contact Chris Zunis, Dani Bollard or Susie Searles with regards to transition to school.

Teacher Requested Interviews - Week 9
This week Teachers are conducting ‘Teacher Requested Interviews’ for many students. Please be advised that the purpose of these interviews differs from the Family Teacher Interviews held in Term 1 of each year. If you have not been requested to meet with your child’s teacher during this week you are still able to make a time to meet with them at your request, at any time.

Hats
In accordance with our sun smart policy hats are to be worn from September 1st.

School hats are in stock and available for purchase from the office for $10 each.

Please note that all hats worn must be sun safe - baseball caps and snapbacks are not suitable for school wear.
Literacy and Numeracy Week

FUN and GAMES

One of the activities held during Literacy and Numeracy week this year was our Games Showcase which highlighted the use of both digital and hands on games used throughout the levels of learning. Families were invited to attend this after school games session as an opportunity to experience some of the activities that we utilise here at school. Games are used as an engaging tool across the curriculum to build fluency and understanding. The session was attended well and it was pleasing to see so many parents enjoying the games with their children.
Community Noticeboard

NORTH HAVEN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
Saturday 29th October
12:30—2:30pm

If you’re interested in finding out more about Nippers and want to become a member of our family friendly club,

join us for a free ‘Come and Try’ session.

There will be scheduled activities for Nippers aged 5-13 years but anyone can come along to learn more.

Learn surf life saving skills, join in beach activities and meet new friends.

Membership—$50 per child or $120 per family.

North Haven Surf Life Saving Club—44 Australia 2 Ave, North Haven

For further info email nippers@northhavenslsc.com.au

Come ‘n’ Try Athletics
Family, fun and fitness
Friday 16th September 2016
arrive 5:30pm for 6:45pm start

Saturday 24th September 2016
arrive 9:20am for an 8:45am start

Rundle Reserve, Rundle Road, Salisbury South

No experience necessary
3ys and older
$5.00 per athlete

For more information please phone 0432 501 844 or visit www.slsic.net

eSafety WORKSHOP

About

eSafety workshops help children and young people in South Australia understand how to stay safe online.

Learn how

- young people use digital media
- we make a complaint about cyber bullying
- we can help someone get a cyber bullying resolution.

When

Wednesday 29th September
7:00—9:00am

Cheltenham Library
50 High Street
Cheltenham 5016

For further details and to book, contact The Public Library Service on (08) 8166 0524.

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