Term Two ‘Heads Up’

I truly don’t believe that there is such a thing as a quiet school term any more. Term Two 2017 is already lining up as a very busy and productive term. Some events and happenings for you to be aware of/look out for include:

- Our whole school expansion of the school teams. This means that our school teams of Dolphins, Stingrays, Sharks and Swordfish will operate throughout the year, with increased opportunities and events where students can earn points for their teams. More details will follow but we see this as a very exciting way to build on the excitement and challenge of Beach Carnival.

- Some of our older students will begin participating in SAPSASA Knock-Out competitions. We haven’t participated in these competitions for a few years and so these are exciting new opportunities for these students.

- School reports have been redesigned and these will go home, as usual, on the last day of this term. A lot of work has gone into reworking our report template and we are pleased with our end result. You will still receive relevant and comprehensive information about your child – just in a new and improved format.

Once you add in NAPLAN (which has been happening this week), several excursions and in-school performances, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week, as well as some intensive curriculum work, we have another very full term.

We greatly appreciate your support as we work our way through such a full programme of learning and learning experiences, and hope that you are able to join us at times for individual, class or team events.

Regards,
Jo Rowell
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Don’t forget to place your order for your 2017/2018 Entertainment Book. The Entertainment™ Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, cafes, accommodation, attractions and activities, with up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers! Purchase the new Adelaide Entertainment™ Book for just $70 including GST and you’ll receive over $15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1st June, 2018. The books are sold exclusively by community organisations, social clubs, charities, and schools, and by purchasing a book, you’ll be helping towards our fund-raising efforts. If you wish to order the 2017/2018 book then please return the enclosed order form with payment or see Julie Bramley (Finance Officer). Early bird offers are again available to customers who purchase early. Spare order forms are available from the front office. To order the digital copy (this is an app for your personal device) please go to http://www.entbook.com/1610m16. Contact Julie Bramley on 83822455 for more information.

HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY HOMES
Anglicare SA is presenting a workshop which focuses on practical ways to improve relationships. Topics covered include communication, conflict resolution, relationship repair and emotional safety. Suitable for individuals and couples. Run by Family Relationships Counsellors from Anglicare SA and will be held on Monday 26th June from 6.30 to 9.00pm at the Woodcroft Morphett Vale Community Centre 15 Bains Road Morphett Vale. Supper is provided, however a créche is not provided. The cost is a gold coin donation and for further enquiries please contact Joy or Helen on 8186 8900.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
It’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
• Walking with them the whole way to school
• If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
• If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.
Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 May 2017! For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

ANZAC DAY
Many thanks to those families who attended the Dawn Service at the Port Noarlunga RSL on ANZAC Day. Special thanks to those students who laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
If you have changed your contact details, address or emergency contacts, can you please inform the school of the changes as soon as possible? At times we are unable to contact parents and caregivers due to old information. IT IS VITAL THAT WE HAVE CURRENT DETAILS to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. Please phone the front office on 83822455.

LOST PROPERTY
We have an extremely large amount of lost property in the front office. Anything that is clearly named is usually returned to the child’s class teacher but with so much being handed in this is not always possible. Please ask your child / children to check the lost property for anything that belongs to them. All items left unclaimed for a whole term are donated to a recycling charity. Please clearly label and name your child’s belongings to help us help you.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
May 8 – 14th is National Volunteer Week and the theme is Give Happy, Live Happy. National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation’s volunteers. From 8 – 14 May 2017 thousands of events across the country will be held to say thank you to the 6 million Australians who volunteer, including breakfasts, morning/afternoon teas, and luncheons as well as open days, award ceremonies, picnics, forums and training sessions. Our volunteers are thanked at the end of each school year in the final week of Term 4 at a Morning Tea. We wish to acknowledge our volunteers who are a vital part of our school community and provide skills and services that benefit both staff and students.
Even a few hours of volunteer work can make a huge difference in a person’s overall happiness. Volunteering Australia has compiled the following facts about volunteering and happiness:
• Volunteers are happier, healthier and sleep better than those who don’t volunteer – doctors should recommend it.
• 96% of volunteers say that it “makes people happier”.
• 95% of volunteers say that volunteering is related to feelings of wellbeing.
• Volunteering results in a “helper’s high”, a powerful physical and emotional feeling experienced when directly helping others.
• Just a few hours of volunteer work makes a difference in happiness and mood.
• Sustained volunteering is associated with better mental health.
• Altruistic emotions and behaviours are associated with greater well-being, health, and longevity of people who are...
emotionally kind and compassionate in their charitable helping activities.
• The experience of helping others provides meaning, a sense of self-worth, a social role and health enhancement.
• Volunteering is highly associated with greater health and happiness.

COMMENOMATIVE PAVEHS AND FLAGPOLE
As part of our 100th Birthday celebrations our school community members were offered the opportunity to purchase a commemorative paver. These pavers have been laid in the upgraded area surrounding the flagpole. We now have two flagpoles and a much larger retained and paved area which includes the commemorative pavers.

Before upgrade Raising the flags Completed

Thank you to everyone who ordered a commemorative paver. We are thrilled with the end result.

COMMUNITY NOTICES – CODECRAFT
Learn and create using online platforms and games such as Minecraft, Roblox, Code.org, Scratch, Tynker and GameMaker Studio.
Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:00pm commencing May 3rd and held during the school term. Suitable for ages 7+ years at Noarlunga Library.

COMMUNITY NOTICES – STEM SQUAD
Design, build and program your own micro controller projects. Engage in fun problem solving activities using STEMSEL’s easy to use technology. Course is held fortnightly and begins Saturday 13th May 10:30am – 12:30pm. First session is free with subsequent sessions $10 each. Suitable for ages 8+ years and bookings are essential by phoning Onkaparinga Libraries on 8384 0655.

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER
Grasshopper Soccer is Australia’s #1 non-competitive soccer program for girls and boys aged 2 – 12. More than just soccer, we’re about having fun, building confidence and learning new skills.
Enrolments are now open online
Tuesday – Aldinga Beach & Hallett Cove
Wednesday – Woodcroft
Thursday – Bellevue Heights
Saturday – Reynella East, Seaford Rise, Clapham & Myrtle Bank
Sunday – Reynella East, Crafers, Brighton & Myrtle Bank
For more information visit our website, [www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au](http://www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au)
"Grasshopper Soccer Southern Adelaide" on Facebook OR contact Daniel by phone 0433 422 347 or email daniel@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

KNOCKOUT NETBALL
Port Noarlunga Netball team had their first win in the SAPSASA Knockout School competition. The score was 43 – 3 against Moana Primary School.
All competitors played well and they are looking forward to the second round against Calvary Lutheran School on Tuesday 23rd May.
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