Twilight Dance Evening

It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying themselves at our Twilight Dance Evening. The stamina of some parents and grandparents is truly amazing!

We were so very fortunate with the weather; and the light also lasted well, enabling us to complete our programme very comfortably.

Food, laughter and smiles were the flavours of the evening, with some dancers being more than a little creative. Families brought along a range of tempting dinner treats and we must also thank the soccer club for running their highly successful ‘sausage sizzle’.

Special thanks to Susie Scott, who organises this event for us every year, and to Vicki McCarthy for ensuring that our P.A. system worked so well.

Our student announcers were excellent, helping to make sure that the evening ran smoothly. Thank you too to the teachers for attending after hours, and also ensuring that dances were practised.

Events such as this are very important for the maintenance of our school’s sense of community. As our school continues to grow, we really need to continue to focus on community events that keep us focused on working together.

Please don’t forget to check out the photos on the back page of this newsletter. I think they really capture the spirit of the evening!

Jo Rowell

Don’t forget to update your Term Planner...
EVERY TUESDAY DISMISSAL AT 2:25pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st March
• Year 6/7 Aquatics
Sunday 2nd April
• Daylight Saving ends in South Australia
Monday 3rd April
• Student Free Day for staff T&D
Thursday 6th April
• District Cross Country
Monday 10th April
• Hot Cross Bun orders due today
Wednesday 12th April
• Hot Cross Bun Day – Order forms sent home this week.
Thursday 13th April
• Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2:15pm
Friday 14th April
• Good Friday Public Holiday
Term 2 commences on Monday May 1st
REMINDERS
- School finishes at 2:25pm every Tuesday.
- Monday April 3rd is a Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in Training and Development. OSHC is available but book now to ensure a place as bookings are limited.
- Have you changed any of your contact details? If you have changed your phone number, address, email address or emergency contacts for your child then it is vital that you let us know as soon as possible so that our database can be updated. At times we are unable to contact parents and caregivers due to old information. It is vital that we have current and accurate information to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. Please phone the front office on 83822455 to update your information or email to dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au

EXCURSION / INCURSION ACTIVITY LEVY
The Excursion Levy covers all excursions, incursions and activities during the school year except photographs, the Aquatics Programme, Year 7 windcheaters, Year 7 Graduation, and special camps or sleepovers. Separate invoices will be sent home for these activities. There will be NO arrangements for after event payment. For a school camp held during Term 3 or 4, it will be expected that the full school fees will have been paid before approval is given to a student by the school to attend. For a camp held in Terms 1 or 2, fees must be up to date for your child to be able to attend.

PNPS PARENTS PAGE ON FACEBOOK
The Port Noarlunga Primary School Parents page on Facebook is managed by parents at our school and not only posts news and information from our school but great hints and tips as well as parenting guides. Check it out at: https://www.facebook.com/PNPSparentspage/

GRANDPARENTS AS CARERS AFTERNOON TEA
Following on from our first, successful afternoon tea we will be holding a second one for any Grandparents who are the primary carers for their grandchild /grandchildren at our school on Tuesday 4th April at 1:35 pm. Further details are available from Jan Davoren – please phone 83822455.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES ARE NOW DUE
Please see Julie Bramley, our Finance Officer to apply for School Card or make arrangements to pay the 2017 Materials and Services Charges if you have not done so already. The Excursion and Activity Levy is due now and needs to be paid immediately. Payments can be made directly to Julie on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am. Payments of the correct money or by credit card can be made at the front office outside of these times.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS FOR 2017
The new Entertainment Books for 2017 are almost here. You will be able to choose between a traditional book and the digital membership. Early bird offers are again being offered to customers who purchase early. Order forms will be available soon. Watch this space.

LOST PROPERTY
As we draw closer to the end of Term 1 and with the Beach Carnival planned for the last week of the term, it is timely to remind parents and caregivers to PLEASE CLEARLY NAME AND LABEL all of your child’s clothing and belongings. The lost property piles up quickly with much of it not labelled. All unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

PHOTOS AT SCHOOL EVENTS
We live in a digital age where the opportunity to record the special events in our children’s lives is constantly on hand. Taking photos and videos of your OWN child is a great memento of their school experiences.

Please be aware however that when you are taking photos or video at school events you remember the following:
- Ideally the photos should only be of your own children as not all parents give permission for photos to be taken.
- Under no circumstances should photos which include children other than your own be published in any form. This includes NOT uploading them to social networking sites such as Facebook.

As a school we do everything to ensure all children’s safety and ask that you too abide by these requests to support this.

TEACHERS’ ABSENCES
Apart from the times when teachers are absent from school for sickness or special leave, there are also days when teachers are released from their classrooms to attend conferences and participate in ongoing training and development, especially on the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. A Temporary Relief Teacher (TRT) is employed to cover all absences. As much as possible we aim to use TRTs who are familiar with the class although this is not always the case. Students are expected to show the same respect to these visiting teachers as is expected to the regular staff at the school.

PUNCTUALITY
School commences at 8.50am each morning. Students need to be IN class by this time, getting organised for their learning. Any student arriving after this bell needs to report to the front office for a late pass. Punctuality is important to support students’ organisation, learning of routines and plans to ensure they are as successful as possible at school.

LIFE EDUCATION BUS
The Life Education Bus has been on-site over the last two weeks. The cost of this programme is $9.00 per student and this has been deducted from your excursion levy.
JUNIOR YOUNG LEADERS/HARMONY DAY

The Junior Young Leaders have been discussing ways to celebrate Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’, and the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and also to foster a sense of belonging for everyone. The Junior Young Leaders decided to invite everyone in the school to join in a giant ‘Hokey Cokey’ on the oval. 12 classes joined in with lots of giggles and made four concentric circles symbolising everyone belonging to our school community. It was lots of fun and the Junior Young Leaders were very happy that their first organised event was enjoyed by all. Watch this space for more Junior Young Leaders news.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please remember that toys are generally not to be brought to school. These can be a significant distraction in the classroom, as well as creating issues at play times when items go missing or are broken. Some of our students have negotiated ‘fiddle toys’ which help them to settle and concentrate in class, but apart from these toys, and toys brought for a particular purpose at the request of the class teacher we ask that toys remain at home. Lately there have been quite a few issues arising from toys being used in class etc. and we would like to avoid these situations and distractions in the future.

SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY

South Australia’s Athletics Academy is a junior development program that has been developed by Athletics South Australia and Little Athletics South Australia, to provide all young athletes from 9 to 19 years of age the opportunity to take their athletics to the next level! SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY STARTS ON SUNDAY 30th April 2017. The Academy has four squads: Bronze, Silver, Gold and the Target Talent Program (TTP). Each squad has 8 sessions throughout the year, with 1 session per month on a Sunday at the SA Athletics Stadium. It doesn’t matter whether your children are new to athletics or they’ve been competing for a long time, the SA Athletics Academy is perfect for all! The Academy caters for everyone and aims to assist children to further their skills in all track and field events. These sessions are delivered by highly skilled and experienced coaches. For more information, please visit http://salaa.org.au/SAAthleticsAcademy

CROSS COUNTRY & WALKS HOLIDAY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

The Cross Country & Walks Holiday Development Clinic is a brand new clinic during the April school holidays and is open to any child or teenager between the ages of 8 and 17. The clinic is run on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of April for half a day from 9:00AM – 12:30PM at the SA Athletics Stadium. The clinic involves the opportunity to learn from highly qualified and experienced Cross Country and Walks coaches. The coaches will provide training tips and programs to best prepare your students for the upcoming winters athletics season. For more information, please visit http://salaa.org.au/Cross-Country-Walks-Holiday-Development-Clinic-April

BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TRIALS

The Initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 (Term 2, Week 1) at the following times:
- Girls 9:00 and 10:15am
- Boys 1:00 and 2:15pm

Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the Final Trial on 18th May 2017 at an advised time. If you would like to attend the trial, you must ring Brighton Secondary School Ph 8375 8200 and request an application pack. Applications must be received before Friday 28th April.

SOUTHERN STARS NETBALL CLUB

NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Join a club with a great player culture and supportive coaches who focus on player development. Training and games at SUNA. All ages welcome. Registrations close 20th March.

For more information, please contact: southernstarsnc@gmail.com www.ssnc.sa.netball.com.au

ONLINE SAFETY PRESENTATION

Headspace is holding a free Online Safety Presentation from the Carly Ryan Foundation on Tuesday 4th April 6:30 - 7:30 at the Christies Beach High School Resource Centre. The presentation will be by Sonya Ryan, director of the Carly Ryan Foundation, and topics will include:
- social networking
- sharing your information online
- sexting
- GPS enabled devices
- iPads and adolescents
- online gaming, cyber bullying
- mobile phone apps

Please contact Headspace Noarlunga on 8384 9284 for more information.