Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to term 3 where we extend a special welcome to **28 new students** and our new Reception teacher, Emma Wood. For the first few weeks of term our precious new Reception students wear a red sash during recess and lunch play so that they are easily identified and can be especially looked after as they engage in social activities. Our senior student leadership team, the Safe Buddies, keep a watchful eye on our little people when they are in the yard and the class is buddied with an older class through the ‘Great Mates Program’. These two strategies, in addition to orientation guided by the teacher, enables a successful transition to school. Starting school really is a milestone for a child and we want it to be a positive experience.

Some of Ms Hales and Ms Wood’s students, becoming “Great Mates”.

This is **SSO Recognition Week** and I wish to recognize and acknowledge the valuable work undertaken by the 22 school support officers at our school. These people undertake a wide range of activities from grounds and maintenance (Steve and Alison), finance and administration (Karen, Jane, Belinda and Erin-Claire), early years support in the ELC (Cher and Barb), support for students in the disability unit (Karina, Teodora, Chris, Jill, Michael and Doreen) and classroom curriculum support (Serafina, Pauline, Michelle, Anna-Louise, Lee, Ray and Rebecca) and IT support (Geoff). We are lucky to have the services of these people as they give generously of their time and are always keen to improve their skills. The pride they take in their work contributes significantly to the quality of our school culture and provides wonderful role models for students. If you get the chance please thank an SSO for all that they do and on behalf of our students and school community, thank you SSOs, for all that you do.

You may already have noticed that our **next dual classroom** was delivered during the holidays. We now have almost 60 upper primary students practicing the virtue of patience while they wait for the services to be connected, the veranda built and the paving to be finished before they can occupy the rooms. Our year 6/7 and 5/6 classes will move to the new rooms beginning what will eventually be a middle school hub. This will bring some activity to a previously unattractive corner of our school. You may be interested in knowing that as part of this project, new cricket nets will be built on the Devitt Ave side of the bottom (Portrush) oval. These will run north and south making them face the right way for learning to bowl. The nets will be able to be used during recess and lunch play but don’t worry, real cricket balls won’t be used! The next dual classroom will be put in place sometime in the next 12 months and the gardener’s shed will be relocated at this time, making the area look more pleasing.

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**
**FRIDAY 15 AUGUST**
The whole area has been surveyed and there is plenty of room for buildings without any encroachment on to the ovals. In fact with students nearby, the top oval will become even more used.

It is a pleasure to announce that our school has been successful in winning a $12,500 community grant from the Norwood Payneham St Peters Council. These funds, which will be matched by the school, are to go towards a gabion wall at the front of the school to run from the driveway to the beginning of the new gym. This is part of the piazza project and completion of the wall will create a protected area for the Junior Primary play area. The first step now is to obtain an accurate quote so we can decide our options. Special thanks goes to one of our parents, Kirsty Hewitt, who put together the application on behalf of our community. We’re not sure yet if we have enough pavers for the first phase of the piazza so if you haven’t bought one yet please do so that we can build a lovely area.

Term 2 reports: written reports were sent home at the end of last term with a slightly different format. The written narrative style comment was replaced by a tick box section covering 27 dispositions towards learning. Staff felt that this format provides parents with a greater depth and coverage of important aspects of learning than a written summary could possibly do. It was felt that this information is timely mid year as it clearly indicates areas requiring improvement. The narrative comment will be used for the end of year report when a summary is appropriate.

On the right hand side, key learnings and achievement is recorded as previously. Formal interviews are not requested as a matter of course during term 3 however teachers may request one if they are concerned about a student’s achievement. Parents are also encouraged to request an interview to seek clarification, more information or ways to work with the teacher to support your child. Staff are keen to hear your thoughts about the changes to the term 2 reports. Please write any feedback and leave in the front office for us to consider. The next reports will be issued at the beginning of the last week of term 4 when there will be time to clarify any concerns before the end of the year. These reports will record lateness and absence from school so please be on time to make these reports look good.

Your child’s class teacher will soon be sending home a letter outlining some of the learning activities for the term. A curriculum overview is also available upon request. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish to have anything at all clarified. We welcome parent assistance at our school and if you can spare a little time listening to reading or checking sight words, it is a rewarding experience and a great help to staff. I look forward to seeing you around.

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

MUSICAL AUDITIONS
A Musical Evening has been confirmed for Thursday 7 August (week 3 term 3) at the Maylands Uniting Church Hall. Students will be able to express interest in performing through an audition process. Auditions will be held from Wednesday 23 July until Tuesday 29 July.

Students who wish to audition for a position on the night will be asked to commit to an audition time. I will provide an overview of the audition process to the students when they have expressed their interest.

Last year the Musical Evening was a great success with a large number of students displaying their wonderful talents.

Thanks, Amy Waters.

VIRTUES WALKATHON
Don’t forget that any money raised in our “Virtues Walkathon” is due back at school by the end of this week.

Thank you for your continued support of our new Piazza area.

CLOTHING
Has your child needed to borrow clothing from our First Aid room?

Could you please ensure the clothing is washed and returned to the office as soon as possible as our supply is severely depleted.

Thank you.

OSHC NEWS
Once again, our Vacation Care program was very successful. The excursions to Ingle Farm Bowling and the Dolphin Explorer were particularly popular with the children.

Bookings are available for Before and After School Care by phoning Edwina on 83326901.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 1 - Enthusiasm
Enthusiasm is being inspired and full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, being keen and eager, and giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something and looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude. Enthusiasm makes life much more enjoyable.

Week 2 - Generosity
Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not because you expect a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy it. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.
NEWS FROM ROOM 14

On the second of July, room 14 and room 5 had a feast because they were learning about castles and medieval times.

We had two lords, two male special guests, two ladies and two female special guests.

There was lots of yummy food and everybody dressed up. The special guests from Mrs Hales class were Chelsea E and Tom W. The lord and lady from Mrs Hales class were Remo M and Indira D. The lord and lady from Mrs Baker’s class were Sunti and Georgia.

We had some food and then we had entertainment. We had about 8 jokers, 3 jugglers and 2 dancers. It was very funny.

We had a couple more nibbles and then went to lunch.

By Jaye.

NEWS FROM 13J & 14J

On Wednesday 25 June, Mrs Hales bought three spiny leaf insects for our science studies from the Nature Education Centre.

The spiny leaf insects look very spiny and they are sort of a light brownish colour. They feel a bit like a very spiny stick that moves! The males like to fly to the highest point it can get to. The females are bigger than the males.

The spiny leaf insect eat gum leaves and you have to change them every 2 days.

We shared the spiny leaf insects with room 13J (Jenny’s class).

I really enjoyed having these spiny leaf insects.

By Indira

CAFE MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 1 JULY

On Tuesday 29 July a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders. No other lunch orders will be available on this day. Deal for week 2, term 3:

Vegetable Minestrone Soup with Garlic Bread
OR
Vegetable Minestrone and Meatball Soup with Garlic Bread

Jelly Slice
Water
All for only $6.00

I would like to order a Minestrone Soup and Garlic bread with/without meatballs (please circle your choice), jelly slice and a bottle of water for only $6.00

Name………………………………………………………………………………… Room…………………………

Amount enclosed………………………………….
Anglicare is a major provider of foster care services in metropolitan Adelaide, our foster carers provide family homes for around 600 children on any night. The numbers of children coming into care are increasing and we are struggling to find enough families to support the need. At present there is an urgent need for more foster carers as neglected and abused children come under the watchful eye of child protection services.

An information session to find out how you can help a child who needs you, what’s involved from people who have done it, and what support you receive.

All Sessions are 6:30-8:30 pm.
Thursday 21 August, Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton.

Thankyou for your support - Anglicare SA