Dear Families,

Thank you for your attendance at this year’s acquaintance night. Numbers in each classroom were again very strong despite the hot evening, and feedback I obtained from parents as we chatted was that the year was off to a great start for our students. As always, any issues that arise need to be taken to the class teacher as soon as they become apparent so that in partnership with the school, matters can be resolved before they impact on the child’s learning. Teachers are available most days before and after school, except Tuesday afternoons, and please be mindful that there are yard duties for staff every day also at these times.

International students

The school has the opportunity to host 2 students from Thailand – the first for 4 weeks later this term, the second for terms 2-4. Both students are year 7 although they are from different places in Thailand. As international students they pay fees to the government for their tuition, and similarly pay fees to the homestay.

The school is looking to students in the senior classes whose families would be keen to host, as both boys are looking to experience an active time while they are here – hence students of around the same age with some sporting or other active past-times would be preferred.

If you are interested, please email me at Brett.darcy234@schools.sa.edu.au

We have until Monday next week to accept this offer before the offer is moved to another school. Note: the Thai families are seeking schools of high performance – it has been a privilege to have been asked first and it would be nice to be able to support the request.

School sports teams

This time of year is very busy with registrations for school sporting teams. The Sports committee met last night – we are again swamped with the number of children wishing to play – which is just fabulous. We are not swamped with the number of parents wanting to coach and manage!! The two things do not work together. Without coaches, we cannot offer teams – so players will miss out. They will either be rostered on to only get games every so often, or worst, the team will not be registered at all. This problem comes up every

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**Diary Dates**

- 17 February – Acquaint. night Rooms 6 + 17 (6-6.45pm)
- 17 February - GC AGM 7.00 pm
- 18 February – ThinkUKnow – Parent Workshop (6-7pm)
- 18 February – PnF AGM 7.00 pm
- 24 February – International education committee initial meeting 7.00 pm
- 26 February – Principal's Tour @ 9am
- 04 March – Year 4/5 Footsteps Dance begins (weeks 6-10)
- 10 March – Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 25 March – Old Scholars AGM/Luncheon
- 02 April – Year 6/7 Aquatics
- 11 April – End of Term early dismissal @ 2.30pm
- 28 April – Start Term 2 @ 9 am
- 20 May – ICAS Computer Skills
- 23 May – Student Free Day
- 26 May – Student Free Day
- 28 May – Principal’s Tour @ 9am
- 05 June – ICAS -Science
- 09 June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 10 June – ICAS – Writing
- 11 June – ICAS - Spelling
- 16 June – Year 7 Canberra Trip
- 04 July – End of Term early dismissal@ 2.30pm
- 21 & 22 July – Student Free Day
- 23 July – Start Term 3 @ 9 am
- 29 July – ICAS English
- 12 August – School Photo Day 😊

**Traffic Monitors**

**Week 4, 17 February, 2014**

**AM:** Jack Atherton, James Callan, Adam Favre

**PM:** Ravindu Siriwardhana, Sandali Jayakody, Riley Kopfstein

**Week 5, 24 February, 2014**

**AM:** Vi Khanh, Rhys Godfrey, Claudia Rodda

**PM:** Fara Gurdev, Caitlin Nemicic, Anthony Ioannou-Mena

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**From the Principal**
year. School sport is a vital part of the school – over 85% of our eligible students play a sport for the school. We really need parents to take a much more active role in the coaching and managing of teams for this to continue to be as successful. At the moment, it is too few taking on the load for too many. If you can help, please contact the sport coordinators directly (as per the registration forms) or ring the school to be put in touch.

Note: Registrations for Pedal Prix are extended to 31 March – we need at least 5 more riders for our team to be super competitive in the longer races. Please contact Christine Favre for more details (year 6 and 7 students only)

International Education committee
The school is currently a part of the Learning in the 21 Century Asia Education Foundation project, funded federally. Our project for 2014 and beyond is to create ways in which the parents of our international students can be more involved in the decision making of the school. Culturally, parents from Asian schools do not as a rule participate in the decision making in schools in their homelands, so the change to our system can sometimes be a little daunting. The school is looking at ways to create pathways for parents to engage in greater opportunities to be involved, and as a part of this process, we would like to form a working group to develop an agenda for our international students.

A meeting is now called for Monday 24 February from 7 til 8 pm in the I-centre at the school. While all parents are welcomed to contribute to this agenda, I put a special invitation to parents of our international students to attend as a starting point for further involvement in school decision making.

Artificial grass
After completion of the grass last year and its immediate success, the school now has to complete the project in this area. Soon, paving work will commence on the areas under the trees on the eastern side – where the grass will not grow and a high traffic area for students accessing the artificial grass. When this is complete, we will investigate the installation of some junior primary play equipment on the northern end of the south pitch – the area to the left of the path as one walks over to the church building. We will consult with others to get some equipment more suitable to our very young children, some of whom have started this year still under 5 years of age.

I would expect we can be implementing this sometime early in term 2. There are also swings planned for the older students to match existing at the far southern end of this area – and that should make the whole project pretty much complete.

AGM
Nominations for positions on the Governing Council have closed and the school has received such an amount of nominations as to not require an election. GC has held one position in abeyance to use as a casual vacancy for one year.

The AGM is at 7.00 pm on Monday and includes a presentation of the Annual report for 2013.

All welcome - in the i-centre

PnF AGM is on Tuesday night and a crèche is available – note that this crèche is not for parents attending the cyber safety workshop which runs in the hour preceding the AGM.

IBPYP
During the summer break our work with the IB continued.

Joyce Kerr and Sue Vieceli attended a 3 day regional workshop on Concepts. Our units of inquiry are underpinned by the IBPYP concepts.

- Form
- Function
- Responsibility
- Causation
- Perspective
- Reflection
- Change
- Connection

Emma Vaughan also attended a 3 day regional workshop “Making the PYP Happen”.

I continued working with the IB to develop a face to face workshop which has also now become an online workshop. Currently I am also being trained by the IB as an online workshop facilitator.

We also received exciting news that Brett has been selected to present a session at the IB Regional Conference in Singapore in March.

At school; our learning teams have all met and mapped the units of inquiry for their year levels for this year. Work continues aligning each unit with the Australian Curriculum.

The IBPYP continues to provide unique opportunities for our staff and school that strengthen our reputation as a “World School.”

Reminder: Tuesday 18th February 6-7pm
ThinkUKnow presentation
This will be held in the music room and is now fully subscribed.
Please do not bring children it is for Adults only.
Advance Notice
Parent information session
“The process of learning to read”

Monday 24th February in the “i-centre”
6.45 – 7.30p.m.

Diane Winterling
Deputy Principal and
IBPYP Coordinator

Reports

Music News

It was great to see parents who caught up with me for a chat during acquaintance evening. If you didn’t catch me I am available every day at school. Give me a call or contact me via email.

Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

Instrumental tuition

All classes should have begun this week but if for some reason your child has not received expected lessons, please contact me as soon as possible.

Instrumental hire should all be settled this week. You will be billed for the full year through the school. This year we are sending out a hire agreement with your account and would appreciate their prompt return with or without payment.

We use a school budget hire structure to keep the cost down to you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

South Australian Public Primary School Music Festival

Rehearsal for choir has begun this week and all 6/7 students took part. After this time students may choose to participate. Rose Park has a tradition of high quality choirs and will be conducted by Chris Narroway and accompanied by Karen Kee.

Information was sent home on Wednesday for all parents to read.

Our first cluster rehearsal will be held on 26th February in the hall conducted by Robyn Filmer.

There are opportunities for students in Year 6/7 interested in dance to participate in troupe as well as for instrumentalists to play as part of Festival Orchestra. There are vacancies for nearly all sections including percussion, brass and keyboard. Anyone interested in auditioning as a compere, catch up with me soon.

If you are interested in any of these areas please contact me ASAP for information or refer to the Festival website. www.festivalofmusic.org.au

Concert band

Rose Park Concert Band rehearsals began on Wednesday morning at 8.15 in the Music Room. We have quite a good-sized band this year with many new enthusiastic faces. If for some reason I have missed someone who is ready for band let me know percussion, advanced keyboard players and guitarists are welcome.

Super Singers

Junior Choir or Super Singers commenced last Tuesday with quite a few new members. If you are interested in joining this year 3/4/5 choir conducted by Nikki Doube please contact me ASAP.

String Ensemble

Margie Hopgood our new string teacher will be taking string ensemble this year beginning at 12.20 on Friday. We welcome her and feel she will be an excellent addition to our instrumental teaching team.

Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

School Notices

REMINDER
PAYMENT OFFICE OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 8.30 – 1.30
TUESDAY 8.30 – 1.30
***WEDNESDAY CLOSED***
THURSDAY 8.30 – 1.30
FRIDAY 8.30 – 1.30

Payments can be dropped in the payment box on a Wednesday only.
Receipts will be held at the office if required.

Bizgate is now back on line, sorry for the inconvenience.
UNIFORM SHOP
Opening times

The Uniform shop is open on:
Tuesday Mornings 8.15 – 10am
Friday Afternoons 2.00–3.45 pm
Order forms available from the Front Office

Year 7 Polo Shirts

Year 7 polo shirts $27.50

We have a small selection of sizes available in the shop.

If you wish to purchase or order a Year 7 Polo Shirt please call into the Uniform Shop.

Order will be taken up to 28\textsuperscript{th} February, 2014

Sports Uniform

We have a limited stock of the following items
- FOOTBALL SHORTS
- SOCCER SHORTS/BASKETBALL SHORTS
- SOCKS FOR FOOTBALL, SOCCER and HOCKEY

If you do require these items, please purchase or place an order at the uniform by the 4\textsuperscript{th} March.

Thank you

Sports News

Winter Sport

Registrations are due for all Winter Sports for Year 2-7 by the following dates:

Winter Netball is due tomorrow 14 February, 2014.
Soccer is due 11 March, 2014
Football is due 30 March, 2014
Winter Basketball is due 30 March, 2014
Hockey is due 30 March, 2014
Pedal Prix is due 30 March, 2014

Forms are available from the front office or can be downloaded from the website.