

**DIARY DATES**

21<sup>st</sup> AQUATICS 6-7'S  
24<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY WALK-Threadgold, Allsop & Warner  
26<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA SWIMMING  
SCHOOL SURFING  
27<sup>TH</sup> **FUN LUNCH**

**MARCH**

5<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL SURFING  
6<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY  
7<sup>th</sup> **STUDENT FREE DAY-DON'T FORGET TO BOOK  
INTO POSCH A.S.A.P.**  
10<sup>TH</sup> **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
12<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL SURFING  
21<sup>st</sup> HARMONY DAY

**Student Safety Updates and Reminders**

Student safety is a top priority for all schools. We appreciate parent support following these procedures that are in place to ensure health and safety of students.

**Before school**

Learning time starts at 8.55am. The optimum time to arrive at school is between 8.35am and 8.45am.

On arrival at school, students wait near their classroom door until the door is unlocked by the teacher and they are invited to enter the room. This is at approx 8.50am.

**School finishes at 3.15pm**

The school day ends at 3.15pm. The school grounds are supervised until 3.35pm.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to use the play equipment after school BUT only if their parents or a designated adult is supervising.

Parents who have work or other commitments that make them unable to collect their children after school need to make arrangements for the care of their children from 3.15pm such as POSCH 0407 490 149.

**Late arrivals and early departures**

We know that from time to time families will arrive at school after the bell, need to leave before the end of the day and may need to drop off something urgent to their children during the day. When this is the case parents and students **must come to the front office first.**

This ensures the master roll is accurate for students arriving late and leaving early and the school has a record of all people on the school grounds (including parents) in case of an evacuation.

**Student attendance**

Government legislation requires students to attend every day. When students are absent from school it is the parents responsibility to notify the school of the absence, including a reason for the absence eg illness. The preferred way to communicate this is by **phone call 8554 3399 or email [dl.0356\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0356_info@schools.sa.edu.au).**

Students absent from school for longer than 2 days for family holidays must apply for an exemption from school on a form available from the Front Office.

*Brenton Hudson*

**LEADERSHIP NEWS**

**Acquaintance Night**

It has been great to see so many families at school during this week looking around, making themselves known to their teachers.

This is an opportunity for teachers to learn more about the individual students and their families. This allows us to tailor the programme more to students and seek the best possible outcomes.

Please be aware that parents do not need to wait for specific interview times but can initiate a meeting during the year. Teachers are available to discuss particular concerns as these arise either on the phone or face to face.

**Governing Council for 2014**

The following parents and staff make up the Governing Council: for 2014

Andrew Brinkworth, Helen Bagnell, Jacqueline Brayford, Kerry Lange, Sharon Stephens, Steven Taylor, Tony Scott, Katie Overall and Chris Mitchell.

Alan Oliver as Community representative;

Mandy Stokes as Kindergarten representative.

Staff members are Brenton Hudson, Marg Roberts and Cathy Elliot.

Steven Taylor is our new Governing Council Chairperson.

The Governing Council provides advice about the future directions of the school.

The School AGM was held on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Thank you to those members of the school community who attended.

The following councillors have now retired:

Megan Evans and Matt Smith (Chairperson from 2103) we thank them for their service over many years.

**DON'T FORGET  
FUN LUNCH  
THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> BRING  
YOUR MONEY**

## Asthma First Aid training

Next Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, *The Asthma Foundation of SA* is running a training for students, parents and staff.

**Time:-**        **1:40-2:15**     Session for Primary students  
                  **2:30-3:30**     Session for parents, all parents are welcome to attend this session  
  
                  **3:30-4:30**     Session for staff

**Where:**        Resource Centre

## Peer Observations

During term 1, teachers will be involved in planning sessions with a peer using the Australian Curriculum. They will then observe each other teach and discuss the lessons. They will be using the National Professional Standards for Teachers lesson observation tool to observe each other and as a way to record their observations. Your child's teacher may be involved in this over the next couple of weeks. This means for part of the day, your child may have a reliever in the class so the teacher can work with a peer.

Thankyou to all students and parents for bringing in to Geography last week the photos and souvenirs it was very much appreciated.

*Yvette Foster*

## **COUNSELLOR NEWS**

### Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to all these students on receiving Flying Fish Awards Kane H, Kai J, Chloe H, Beau H, Saxon P, Courtney W, Maya O, Aiden G, Flynn T, Dylan K, Harry R, Tabettha F, Miranda M, Violet H and Jared B.

*Why we have the Flying Fish Awards*

*Agen Dent had been instructed well in the little known act of fishing. Taught by local Raminjeri people. Agen was more than a competent swimmer and took to the task of saving the nine if not the Flying Fish as it was washed towards the northern beach and rocks of Horse Shoe Bay. With a local population of 250 people it, took no time for word to get around and a crowd was building to watch the disaster unfold. With one piece of fine fishing line tied around his waist he set off to the failing vessel. With the other end securely tied to a heavy rope. Agen Dent reached the wooden two master, tied off the line and with the heavy rope secured, rescued all nine of those on board.*

*Information supplied from the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club*

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every **Monday** and **Friday** in the gym from 8:15. Students can have toast, cereals, hot or cold milo and fresh fruit. We are very fortunate to ADRA for supplying PEPS with a weekly fruit delivery and breakfast items. We are also very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who donate their early mornings to help run the club, especially the volunteers from Elliot Gardens. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Lunch Time Activities

Students at PEPS are able to choose from a variety of activities at lunch time. If your child is feeling unsure then maybe you can redirect them to an activity they may be interested in. A poster of activities is outside each class room. They will also be on the Well Being blog, on the school web page by the end of the week.

## Peer Mediators

As part of our continuing processes of developing leadership skills, building relationships and positive conflict resolution amongst our students, a group of year 4, 5, 6 students have volunteered to become Peer Mediators. Students are rostered on once a week. Peers Mediators go into the yard to work with teachers and students to develop a safe, caring environment. They support our reception students as well as role modelling positive behaviours to students at PEPS. Have a great week!

*Have a great week! Cheers Karen*

**P.O.S.H.C**

**STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**BOOK NOW AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**  
**ALL ENQUIRIES TO KIM CLAY**  
**0407 490 149**

## **RESOURCE CENTRE**

### Book Club

Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent to Scholastic. When the ordered books arrive and are processed by Book Club organisers they will be distributed to students by classroom teachers.

### MISSING RESOURCES

Thank you to parents who have found and returned library books and take home readers that were outstanding from last year. We appreciate you making the effort to return some of these missing items. There are still many items overdue so please keep looking.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2014

Our school is again registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge. The reading period has now started. To complete the challenge students have to read 12 books by September 5<sup>th</sup> and record these on the official Reading Challenge form. Classroom teachers have a copy of this form for distribution to students. If you have any questions about the Reading Challenge ask your child's classroom teacher or library staff.

**Sandy Bevan/ Dorothy Geaghan**



## PARENT NETWORK

### FUN LUNCH THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Please remember money on the day, this is good time to sit with your children and go through the money that they need and change they will get, if any. **A reminder**, children will get their hot food, drink and any change first. After this they can then come back for their cake and ice creams.

If you are able to donate cupcakes please bring them to the canteen from 8.30 on the day. If you can help, please arrive at the canteen at 12.00pm.

### SPORTS DAY RAFFLE

We are going to have a Sports Day Raffle, this is to help fund new **SAPSASA tops**. Tickets will be coming home soon. Trina Doig has donated a signed Crows Guernsey. If anyone can (or knows someone that can) donate other sporty items for prizes, please leave your details at the front office and someone will be touch.

Our next Parent Network meeting is Thursday 13 March - 9a.m in the Staff Room.

*Ice creams are on sale Wednesday and Friday, thanks to all that put your names down to help, you should have your roster now.*

Frozen Yoghurt	\$0.80
Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabong	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50



**REMINDER NEXT STUDENT  
FREE DAY  
FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

## CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

### A QUICK THOUGHT

Just recently I have been teaching our little Maltese dog when I throw her toy to go and retrieve it and bring it back to me. Sometimes she is cheeky and decides she would rather run off and chew it than bring it back. I know though if I continue to teach her and persist she will eventually get the hang of it. Imagine if dogs were your teachers, you would learn their lessons which might be to run and greet your family when they come home, enjoy long walks, hang your head out the window and enjoy the fresh air and wind in your face, along with taking lots of naps!

We always seem to be busy and rushed with our work schedules with our families and work commitments, but I think we can learn some valuable things from our animals sometimes, to make the most out of our days and enjoy each moment.

Take care, and be kind to one another.  
Deb Pryor CPSW



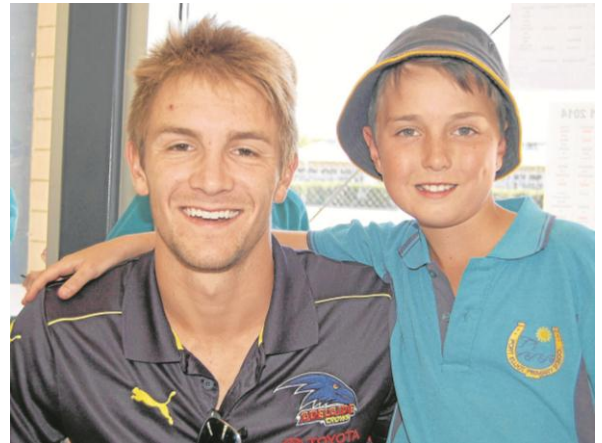
## PE NEWS

Students are required in all PE lessons to wear appropriate footwear and clothing conducive to successful participation, so please be sure to encourage your child to wear these needs every day we have PE. Thank you.

### Crows Visits

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3 Crows players visited the school to speak to the Year 4-7 students.

They spoke to the students re leadership, resilience, healthy lifestyles, conflict resolution, etc. The students asked many interesting questions of the players and all seemed to really enjoy the visit.



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### Netball Clinic

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February representatives from the Port Elliot Netball Club ran a netball clinic for girls from Years 2,3,4 and 5. The girls all really enjoyed themselves and joined in well. If you would like any more information about your child joining a netball club please speak to me at school.





### Cricket Clinic

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Tom Fenoughty, a representative from SACA, ran a cricket clinic for boys from Years 2,3,4 and 5. The boys had a lot of fun and learnt a lot. If you would like any more information about your child joining a cricket club please speak to me at school.



### Rockwall

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February we had a Rockwall from Rock About here in our school grounds. Despite the rainy conditions, every class had a go and enjoyed the activity. A lot of resilience and persistence were shown. Even some of the staff had a turn.

Each class had one rostered turn on the equipment and all students had the opportunity to climb the wall twice, with some classes being quick enough with turns and harness changes to get 3 or 4 turns each.

The fee for this activity was covered using funds from the PE budget and contributions from the Parent Network.

The activity was run in conjunction with the students' normal Physical Education program. It was a great Team Building exercise that also promoted Goal Setting, Persistence, Confidence, Resilience and Getting Along!



On behalf of the students I would like to thank the Parent Network for their assistance in funding this valuable learning opportunity for the students. We are truly grateful.

**Thank you so much to the adults who came along and helped out on these days, helping with harness changes and supporting and encouraging the students. We greatly appreciated it.**

Special thanks also to the students who offered assistance with harnesses, etc. Without your help many classes would not have had as many turns on the wall.

### SPORTS DAY DATE

Our school Sports Day has been set as Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Week 10. Students have begun voting for House Captains, practicing team activities and talking about Sports Day. Every student knows which House Team and colour they are in. If you need to purchase a top for the day in their Team colours, please speak to Vicki M in the office.



**Boomer: Commodore: Freeman:**

### SAPSASA Events

Our school participates in a wide range of SAPSASA events throughout the year. As part of my P.E. role I train and select students to represent the school at these events. SAPSASA is aimed mainly at Year 6 and 7 students but there will be opportunities for Year 4 and 5 students to participate in some sports. The events we anticipate competing in this year are:

- **Swimming**
- **Athletics**
- **Cross Country**
- **Netball**
- **Soccer**
- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **Cricket**

When information on the events is available I will put notices in the Newsletter and send notes home with the students who are interested.

There also will be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern District Association teams in various sports and also for State teams. Again, when this information becomes available I will inform all eligible.

I also will be putting up SAPSASA photo displays on the gym windows so feel free to come and have a look.

### SAPSASA State Teams Selections

Interested students wanting to trial for **State teams** need to refer to: [www.decd.sa.gov/sport/pages/sapsasa](http://www.decd.sa.gov/sport/pages/sapsasa) for further information. If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport. Information for each sport is available by clicking on List of Sports, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (A separate nomination form is required for each sport). It is up to the student and their parent/caregiver to enrol, pay for and attend these try outs. See me at school if you need more information re this process.

### SAPSASA SWIMMING

The SAPSASA Swimming Carnival will be held in Strathalbyn on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. We have 9 students who have shown interest and who will participate on the day.

Thanks to Kerry Dodd for offering to train these students and to Tara Irvin who has volunteered to manage the team on the day. Information re this event was sent home last Friday and any final information will be sent home this coming Monday.

We wish the team well for the event.

### Local Sporting Success Stories!

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let me know so they too can get a mention in this section of the newsletter.



**Jai Hassan Hamish**

represented Southern in the Blom Shield this was. played at Aldinga oval on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February which they won.

**Please refer to the school website for further PE News, SAPSASA dates and for a link to the SAPSASA website.**

Trina Doig ☺

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE 2014**

By now you will have received your invoice for 2014 school fees. Please come and see me if you would like an instalment plan. If you are eligible for School Card (Have a Centrelink Customer Reference Number) please return these as soon as possible. If you do not have a form see us in the front office.

A BIG Thankyou to those who have already paid their fees, or filled in and returned their School Card Forms.

We need you to fill in the school card forms each year as you may have had a change in your circumstances and we won't know this.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come in and see me.

Thanks again Vicki Moliere Finance Officer

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### **VICTOR HARBOR HOCKEY CLUB REGISTRATION NIGHT**

##### **SENIORS**

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH, 6 – 8PM

##### **JUNIORS (<16 YEARS)**

WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH, 4 – 5:30PM

VICTOR HARBOR HOCKEY CLUBROOMS  
(BACCHUS ROAD, VICTOR HARBOR)

***NNEEWW PLLLAAYYEERRSS WWEELLCCOOMMEE!!***

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

LIZ ON 0438 837 566



### **DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums.

All children (0-17 years) are welcome to attend **School Dental Service** clinics if:

- Family Tax Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card

The **School Dental Service** will bulk bill under the new Medicare *Child Dental Benefits Schedule* that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to \$1,000 of Dental Services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014.

For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

### **SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**



A new children's dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

**Dental care is FREE for most children** and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

### **ENCOUNTER BAY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registration Day

23<sup>rd</sup> February at 12 pm

Moddies, Minis, Junior & Senior Colts

All Past & New Families welcome

BBQ Lunch and salad available

Water Slide to follow so bring you bathers

(Weather permitting)



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014  
12pm**

**Come along to Horseshoe bay for  
A chat and lunch**

**Please bring own picnic lunch and bathers if warm.  
Any questions and RSVP please call Jodie Allsop on  
0408824205**

**FLY-IN FLY-OUT FAMILIES**

FIFO Families is a new and unique organisation providing social and supportive networks for employees and their families who work on a fly-in-fly-out (FIFO) or drive-in-drive-out (DIDO) basis in the resource sector. FIFO Families currently has 30 local, grass roots community groups that meet in almost every state of Australia, including Victor Harbor.

FIFO Families is an informal group that meets monthly to offer the opportunity share stories, make new friends and provide some support to women/men who are managing the family and/or work whilst their partners are mining.

For more information and to RSVP to the Victor Harbor events please visit the website [www.fifofamilies.com.au](http://www.fifofamilies.com.au). Go to EVENTS section and scroll down to Victor Harbor, for location details and time of event Or feel free to contact **Jodie** at victorharbor@fifofamilies.com.au

**ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS**

**GOOLWA/PORTELLIOT FOOTBALL CLUB  
REGISTRATION DAY**

**SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2014**

**11.00AM—3.00PM**

**FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS**

**COME AND MEET THE COACHES**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2.00**

**DRINKS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAR**

**THIS IS FOR ALL JUNIOR GRADES**

**(Any Mini Colts going up to Junior Colts will need a copy of your Birth Certificate)**

**Membership & Registration Forms available on our Website & Facebook Page**

**ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE**

**ROWENA EVANS - 0429 098 881**

**JOSH KOOP - 0449 894 919**

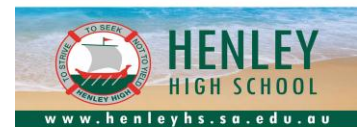


**YOP GOOLWA!  
Youth Outreach Project!  
Southern Fleurieu Youth Network  
2014 YOP! Goolwa dates:**

**When:- Thursday 13th February 2014  
Thursday 13th March 2014  
Thursday 10th April 2014  
Thursday 8th May 2014  
Thursday 5th June 2014**

**Time:- 1:00pm – 5:00pm  
Open Door, 1 Collingwood Street, Goolwa  
(behind Subway, Goolwa)**

- **Links to Youth Services & Programs**
  - **Sexual Health Counselling & Info**
  - **Counselling & Referrals**
  - **Young Parents Support**
  - **Employment, Training & Support**
  - **Aboriginal Youth Support & Programs**
  - **Mental Health & Wellbeing**
- FREE Project - All youth aged 12 – 25 years**  
For more info, you can contact:  
**Lucretia 0418 811 780 – Nina 042 105 9998 –  
Andrew 0429 018 316**



**Specialist Sport Program**



**Applications are now being accepted into the Specialist Sports Program for year 8 in 2015.**

**For more information about the program and to complete an online application form please visit our website under Specialist Programs:**

**[www.henleyhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.henleyhs.sa.edu.au)**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 28TH APRIL 2014**



**ATTENTION**

**PLEASE BE AWARE WE HAVE A GASTRO VIRUS GOING AROUND THE SCHOOL. IF YOUR CHILD CATCHES THIS VIRUS PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL 24HRS AFTER THEY ARE CLEAR, AS THEY WILL STILL BE CONTAGIOUS. HYGIENE TIP MAKE SURE STUDENT WASH THEIR HANDS AFTER VISITING THE TOILET OR BEFORE CONSUMING FOOD.**

**ALSO WE STILL HAVE THOSE GREPPY CRAWLIES CALLED HEAD LICE. MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE CORRECT PROCEDURES IN TREATING THEM TO STOP CONTINUOUS INFESTATION IN THE SCHOOL.**