Welcome to the many new students and families who are now very important part of our school community. Recently we had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the 2015 annual report was presented, followed by our first Governing Council meeting for the year. At this meeting our Site Improvement Plan for 2016 was presented and the school budget approved. This year we have implemented a new day structure incorporating 30 minutes for Home Group each morning enabling teachers and students to address administrative matters such as following up on attendance, distributing information and general classroom matters. This time also allows teachers and students to focus on developing positive relationships, fosters wellbeing and supports students to further develop their communication and reading skills. Feedback from both staff and students on Home Group has been positive.

The refurbished ICT Hub is almost complete with the last of the electrical work being done before the end of term and new computer pods being installed. This area now also has office space for our ICT Senior Leader, Coordinator, Technicians and the Study Centre. It is open before school, at lunchtime and after school for student use.

On Tuesday the 22nd of March we celebrated Harmony Day and student achievement as part of our Term 1 assembly. Our guest speaker was Sarah Hanson-Young, Federal Senator for South Australia with the Greens party. She announced Scholar Suliman as the winner of the school’s leadership award, recognising her outstanding leadership in the school, contribution to the wider community and understanding of Australian Government and citizenship.

The theme for Harmony Day in 2016 was our diversity is our strength, a theme that is truly reflected in a school such as ours. As a school community our diversity is our strength because together we learn from each other through our focus on interculturalism. We work towards a common goal of building positive relationships through the teaching, learning and sharing of cultural perspectives. Through our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience we endeavour to foster and enhance the respect, sharing and celebration of cultural, religious and linguistic diversity.

Many students chose to wear their national costume/traditional dress to school on the day or the Harmony Day colour of orange. The student Services Team organised a BBQ on the day and displayed student posters from the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The event was held on Friday 18th March. More than 930,000 students from over 2,060 schools took a stand together across Australia to send a clear message that bullying and violence are not okay at any time. Adelaide Secondary School of English was fortunate to win a $500 grant to hold a poster competition and many classes participated. The grant was used to provide prizes for the winning posters. Students spent time in home group discussing the issue of bullying and violence and a large number of 68 posters were produced. Six classes received prizes of $60 which will be used for wellbeing activities. Seven individual winners will also receive $20 vouchers. Overall the day was a huge success.

As the term draws to a close we wish our graduating students all the best for their future studies and all students and staff a safe and restful holiday.

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Car Wash
For their community service activity in Term 1, classes 36 and 38 raised money for the UNICEF Syria Crisis Appeal. By washing the cars of teachers and staff, students raised $196. The money raised will go towards helping UNICEF provide Syrian children in crisis with food, medicine, shelter and schooling. Thanks to all the students, staff and teachers who helped make this activity a success.
Daniel
Lukinino
(class 37)

Target Work
In our class 37, we have been working together in Target Work in the school garden to learn how to build a chicken coop. We have been doing a hard job and we have learned many things every Monday from lesson 3-6. Now we are looking forward to having some chickens at the end of Term 4 this year at ASSoE.

Resource Centre News
The Resource Centre is a constant buzz with classes visiting for borrowing and using all areas for Resource Based Learning (RBL), Maths and Reading programs, general browsing and quiet reading. Once again our students have embraced the joy of reading with regular borrowing of fiction, non-fiction and magazines.

Library Monitors
Our monitors are a great help to the Resource Centre staff. They help with creating displays, tidying shelves and other odd jobs.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
We finally have our rewards from the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers from last year. Due to the fantastic effort of collecting the stickers we were able to choose 24 books! Wow - 24 books - just from collecting stickers! These books will be shelved with our Levelled Fiction. A great big thanks to everyone who made the effort to get the stickers for us.

Displays
Our displays are constantly changing with students’ amazing artwork, book reviews etc. The Resource Centre glows with colour when these displays are up and the students are proud to see their creations on show.

Bag Lockers
We have recently installed bag lockers to cope with the problem of bags storage for students visiting the Resource Centre.

WOMADELAIDE 2016
Once again our school was very fortunate to receive complimentary passes to the WOMADELAIDE music festival in March.

Many of our students with their teachers and bi-lingual school assistants attended over the four days of the festival and had a wonderful time.

Class 32 proudly showing off their amazing hard work with their bright, colourful book review posters.

Beach Safety Day
On Wednesday 30th of March, seven classes went to Glenelg Beach to learn about how to be safe at the beach. The students learnt about dangerous waves, sea creatures, and how to rescue someone with a float, which the students practiced on the beach and then in the water. Other activities included beach races, and how to use a surf board safely.
The students enjoyed the day, the teachers and the instructors even had trouble getting the girls group out of the water to go home because they were having too much fun!

Congratulations to Hidayat Saleh and Princess Shaka (class 24), Aisha Conteh (class 31) and Mercy Juru (class 26) who have been selected to play in the Under 17 Girls West Adelaide soccer team.

Alex Conteh (class 24) has also been selected to play in the Under 16 Boys West Adelaide soccer team.

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Music
In the first week of this year, ASSoE was lucky to have a fantastic musician and educator called Gillian Howell, who came to work with students and teachers. Class 6 worked with her. The students played different instruments and composed and then performed some songs together. They had a lot of fun, and learnt about music, working together, and listening well. Several teachers were able to observe Gillian’s teaching, and learn from her. She also worked with the Arts curriculum writers and ran a workshop for all the teachers.