NAPLAN

Given the media expose it would be difficult not to be aware of the annual Literacy and Numeracy testing that has occurred for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the nation this week. Student testing occurred in the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with catch up sessions scheduled where possible for those students who arrived late or happened to be away on one or more days.

Test results are due for release in September, with information going home to parents/caregivers as well as the school.

Teachers use the information to more closely align student learning and set individual student learning targets on Individual Learning Plans.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Just a reminder that next Friday May 24th is a Student Free Day/Staff Development Day. This is the 2nd of four scheduled days this year as determined by the Minister For Education in which teachers will be working on the Australian Curriculum. The Middle and Senior school teachers will be going to Lameroo and Junior school teachers to Raukkan. The types of things that teachers will be working on will be moderation and assessment of student work pieces and developing consistent understandings of what makes an A, B, C, D, E as determined by the standards in the new curriculum, unit development, sharing ideas and resources and networking with other teachers in schools in both the Coorong and Mallee clusters.

HOUSE SYSTEM UPDATE

I met earlier this week with the House Captains. Please refer to a report in this edition by Tamika Williams about some initiatives discussed and upcoming events. Additionally, Katrina Hood has outlined the House point system in detail and added in the Attendance points for Term 1.

ATTENDANCE

Disappointingly, attendance across the school has been down this term. Having said that there have been some classes with really consistently high attendance week after week. This term we are going to add this information in the fortnightly newsletter, keeping us focused on our target.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

The temperature has really dropped away this week. Wind coming off the lake is particularly bitter and the students in the Junior School get the full force of this. We seek your support in dressing children so that they can get outside and run and play about in the fresh air. Whilst our school does not have a school approved jacket, we encourage parents/caregivers to think about one that might serve the purpose for such days at school, as well as warm hats and scarves. Appropriate foot wear, that is sturdy is recommended, hence ugg boots and sandals are out.

Monica Williams (Principal)

HOUSE POINTS

Throughout the year points will be awarded to students/houses for the end of year ‘House Award’. This year students will be given points for attendance, extracurricular and student initiated activities. Points are allocated each term.

Attendance:
8 points for perfect attendance
5 for near perfect (less than 4 days absent per term).

Extracurricular activities:
8 points for above satisfactory active participation
5 for satisfactory active involvement.
eg: for team sailing 8 points for students who went to the practices and participated in the sailing at Victor Harbor, 5 points to the students who participated in the practices/training but did not go to Victor Harbor.

Student Initiated School Service:
Teachers can award points to students for student initiated service to the school.

TERM 1 POINTS:

Attendance
Pelicans – No:ri had 44 near perfect and 11 perfect attendance for a total of 308 points
Swans – Kungari had 7 perfect attendance and 50 near perfect for a total of 306 points.

Team Sailing
Pelicans – No:ri received 34 points
Swans – Kungari received 48 points

School Service
Pelicans – No:ri received 8 points
Swans – Kungari received 16 points

Currently
Pelicans – No:ri 350 points
Swans – Kungari 370 points

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

The school captains have been selected and are as follows:
Pelican Captains - Tamika Williams and Zac Vandenbrink
Swan Captains - Marni Hood and Jamie Thompson with Abbey Hood as Vice.

We have had our first meeting with Mrs Williams this week and have started to correlate ideas and yearly goals. Our first goal is to have each class select 2 representatives; 1 from each house, so that these students can come to meetings and put forward positive feedback and relevant issues that they have discussed with their class.

All school captains have a role to play in the school and are people that students can look to for advice or help of any sort.

We are holding a Casual Day next Tuesday the 21st May and all proceeds will go into our foundation to hold other social events during the year.

Later on in the term we are also looking to hold a themed social and the proceeds are going towards the bowel cancer awareness foundation "The Jodi Lee Foundation", which Katrina Hood and Denice Mason are heavily involved in.

There will be a formal presentation of school captain badges and explaining our duties in more depth at the week 5 assembly.

We appreciate the support from the school and local community as we take the next step in developing our school environment and relationships.

Diary Dates:
Tuesday 21st May- Casual Day- $2 participation fee
Tuesday 11th June- Junior and Senior School Social

On behalf of all captains and vice,
Tamika Williams (Year 12 student)
CONNECTING SPIRITS

Planning for the next Connecting Spirits trip is about to begin. Parents and students in years 9, 10 and 11 are welcome to come to an information session at 7.30pm on the 29th May in the staff room. There will be presentations by past participants as well as general information about the trip and what to expect. I will send out an information flier with a return slip to RSVP if you wish to attend.

Mr Jurgs

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

The school’s playgrounds represent a considerable amount of the assets of the school. They are of various ages and, since there have been recent changes to standards, some need to be reviewed to ensure that they meet these standards. The Governing Council has decided to form a sub-committee to look at the playgrounds and to develop short and long term plans for their upkeep and replacement. This committee will consist of members of the council, but is also looking for representation from students and other interested parents. If you wish to be a member of this committee, please leave your name at the front office and you will be notified when the first meeting is set.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

Australia’s national sail training ship Young Endeavour is now accepting applications for youth to join eleven day voyages departing between July 2013 and February 2014. Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for the ballot at www.youngendeavour.gov.au until 31 May 2013. No sailing experience is required.

A voyage in Young Endeavour is a challenging adventure at sea, and an exciting opportunity for youth to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a world recognised organisation. The current ballot includes voyages departing from Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and New Zealand, which will be crewed by youth from around the country.

University student Charlotte Morrissey, of Wagga Wagga, sailed Young Endeavour to Newcastle in 2012 and says her voyage was unlike anything she had ever experienced. “Young Endeavour will challenge you, educate you, excite you and leave you with the skills and personal ambition to achieve whatever you set your sight on!”

During each voyage, youth crew learn the skills to successfully sail a square rigged ship. They climb the 30 metre mast, set and furl sails, and maintain a 24 hour watch on the bridge. They also learn to navigate, take the helm, keep lookout and help the chef in the ship’s galley. At the end of the voyage, youth crew will take command of Young Endeavour for 24 hours, sailing the ship along the Australian coast. On their last day at sea they will host a local group of youth with special needs, sharing their new found knowledge and experience.

18 year old Sarah Hall, of Hobart, first sailed Young Endeavour along the Queensland Coast in 2012 and will join the ship again in September for the 2013 International Tall Ship Festival. “Sailing in Young Endeavour is an amazing achievement - it provides opportunities that aren’t available in your everyday life,” says Sarah. “Take the chance to join a voyage as it will change your perspective of the people and the world around you”.

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for over 11,000 young Australians in the tall ship Young Endeavour. The specially designed program delivered aboard the ship increases the youth crew’s self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

For more information, including voyage dates and fees, please visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au or contact our office on 1800 020 444.

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme
1800 020 444
mail@youngendeavour.gov.au
JUNIOR GOLF DAY

A Junior Golf Day with Michael Cox is being held at the Lake Albert Golf Club on Sunday 2nd June between 10.30 am and 12 noon. Come along and try your skills.

The Lake Albert Golf Club is affiliated with the STARCLUB and OPAL.

TAX FILE NUMBER APPLICATIONS

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through the school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- **Students born in Australia** will need to provide their:
  - birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
  - Australian passport number and date of issue.

- **Students born overseas** will need to provide their:
  - overseas passport number and country of issue, or
  - Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
  - Australian passport number and date of issue.
  - Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and signed by the student. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to the school or the ATO.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address, within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

If you have any questions, please phone 13 28 69 between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, Monday to Friday and ask for the Community Education and Assistance area.

Any students who are planning on working part-time during the holidays, will need to apply for a TFN before the end of Week 6, otherwise they may not get their TFN before they start work. Forms are available from the school front office.

MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK

Did you know...?
That a small healthy snack can fuel active bodies for fun and learning at school.

To make every snack count:
- We are all busy these days but ‘fresh’ snacks can be quick and easy to prepare. Try:
  - fresh pieces of fruit or a small container of tomato in the lunch box – takes no time
  - whole grain or rice crackers and reduced fat low cheese
  - cut up vegetables and keep them in the fridge so they are ready to go
  - baked beans on toast – a quick filling snack for hungry kids

For more fresh snack ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au

PRACTICE YOUR SPANISH WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for International High School students from Spain.

Students arrive in July 2013 for 11 weeks and can be placed anywhere in South Australia. You do not need to have children of your own to enjoy this experience.

All students are carefully selected, will attend a local high school, have their own spending money and can bring your family to life! FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE Jenny ON (08) 85562208 or EMAIL: jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

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BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!
1800 263 964 (charge free), 0401 741 754 (mobile)
Email: sta@peolpe.net.au
Web: sts-education.com/australia

Free seminars
for parents of babies and toddlers

Attend free parenting seminars delivered by Parenting SA experts.

Sunday 19 May 2013
Morphettville Racecourse
Lelani Room
- free parking
- free children’s entertainment by Rhyme Time
- free cribbies

Book your place today at www.everychild.eventbrite.com.au

This event is part of the South Australian Government’s Every Chance for every child strategic initiative.
This initiative is about finding the best ways of supporting and strengthening South Australian families and children to achieve their best.

Find us on facebook www.facebook.com/eo4ec

Rhyme Time show
time 10.15 - 10.45am
Enjoy story time, songs and rhymes with your child.
Opened by the Premier and Minister for Education and Child Development.

Sleep and your toddler
Time 10.45 - 11.15am
Presenter Sarah Blunden

Toddler’s sleep needs, common sleep concerns, clay time sleep, going to bed at night, night waking.

Feeding toddlers
Time 12.15 - 1pm
Presenter Sarah Toome

Toddler’s nutritional needs, managing fussy eating, managing meal times, introducing new foods.

Living with babies
Time 1.15 - 2pm
Presenter Rosie Remford

How babies communicate and develop, how to care for babies in their first year.

Rhyme Time shows also on throughout the day.

The parent information seminars are being held at the Lollipops Markets at Morphettville Racecourse. Visit over 100 stallholders selling handmade, unique and boutique goodies for pregnant, babies, kids and families. Gold coin donation upon entry will go directly to Williams Syndrome SA. Open from 9am - 3pm.
Find out more at www.lollipomsmarkets.com.au

Every chance for every child
Giving South Australian children a good start.

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MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

TRIAL CHANGE OF RULES UNTIL END OF TERM 2

Mobile phones and electronic devices can now be used out of lesson time

There are some conditions which have come out of the consultation process with years 7-12 last week

- Mobile phones and electronic devices are not to be used for the purpose of harassment, bullying or any other illegal activity.

- Mobile phones and electronic devices are not to be used to take photographs or videos. (an exception to this may be if they are used under the direction of a teacher for curriculum purposes)

- Phone and electronic devices must be turned off during lesson time.

- Lesson time includes pastoral care, assemblies, home group, detention, going to the toilets during lesson and the journey within a lesson or from home group to other lesson locations in the school.

- Phones and electronic devices may not be used in the Front Office or Library.

- Year 12 students may use their phones within the study room as currently outlined by the Senior School Manager.