FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone and welcome back to our first newsletter for 2016!

It has been so fabulous to see all of our students return or begin their new school year in such a calm and enthusiastic manner. The classes have been very settled and working well.

It has been a very exciting start to our year with our International Education program beginning the week before school started with the arrival of 9 Pre-service teachers from Korea to enjoy Home stay visits with some of our families. The pre-service teachers have been observing and working with our teachers and enjoying learning about our excellent school and the city of Adelaide.

On the first day of the school year for our students we also had 10 Korean school students on Homestay visits begin for just over a 3 week visit. I thank all of our generous Homestay families who were able to volunteer to host and accommodate our guests. This has been a very successful program and truly adds to our Global Peace initiative enabling students to learn about different cultures from around our world.

At the end of February there is an opportunity for our school to host 5 children from Thailand for a little over 3 weeks so please contact either Michelle Hutchens or myself if you are interested in being a Home Stay family.

Next Tuesday evening we have our Acquaintance night beginning at 5.30 so please feel welcome to visit your child’s class to gain information on the learning routines and expectations for the year.

( More information sent in a separate note)

To re-cap a note that went out last week to families we welcomed new staff to Prospect Primary this year including:-

  Isabella Tropiano, Ryan Harris, Deena Madtha, Peta Tooley and Maria Giannikopoulou as teaching staff; Brad Martin and Caroline Bridgland on returning teaching contracts for the year, and Christie Butler for first term as our Deputy Principal. (Stephanie Ratnaike and Peter Cleland are on long service leave and we hope they are both enjoying a relaxing time, and Kaye Wieland has taken a position as Deputy at Glen Osmond Primary) We also welcome all staff to the new year as well.

Have a fabulous fortnight and a reminder Assembly today with Brad’s class hosting the first for the year.

Best wishes
Lynne Hastings
Principal
WELCOME TO OUR KOREAN VISITORS

As we welcomed all Prospect Primary students, staff and families to the 2016 school year we also welcomed ten primary students and nine university students from Korea.

At the end of the week prior to the start of Term 1, 9 university students from Cheongju National University of Education joined us as part of an education training program. The students are studying to become elementary teachers and have come to Adelaide to experience English and general teaching in a primary school. They are observing our classroom teachers in their daily teaching practices and will be with us until the 19th of February.

On Wednesday 27th January, leaders and dignitaries from Cheongju National University of Education visited us and were welcomed with an organised morning tea. Greetings, gifts and information were exchanged as the visitors learned about our school and toured our site. Local Mayor David O’Loughlin was also invited to welcome the guests to the Prospect District.

Monday the 1st of February heralded the arrival of our ten Korean primary students on their Study South Australia study tour. The children flew into Adelaide airport at 6:20am and by 8:40am were meeting staff and students and beginning the process of settling in for four weeks of learning as members of our classes.

A Welcome Assembly was held on the afternoon of the 1st February to officially welcome our Korean visitors and all students and staff to our school and the beginning of the year.

During the visit the students will participate in school based programs as well as excursions during school hours and weekends to experience some of Adelaide and surrounds and to get to know some of the Australian fauna, flora and culture. Most of the students are staying with families from our school who have generously welcomed them into their homes and family life.

Michelle Hutchens

FUNDRAISING

Our school's first fundraiser for the year is coming up at the Prospect Fair and we’d love your help! We are needing items donated (both pre-loved and new) for our fundraising stall.

Boxes will be in classrooms from Monday.

1. kid's books
2. soft toys (washed if pre-loved)
3. toys (good condition & working)
4. lucky dip items
PPS GROUNDS MASTER PLAN – GET INVOLVED

The PPS Grounds Committee is developing a Master Plan for the entire PPS site.

In 2015 we conducted a survey to get some preliminary ideas from students, staff and parents. Thank you to those who participated. These are some of your answers to our two questions:

1. **My favourite thing about the grounds and buildings as they are now is:**
   - “the open, natural landscape”
   - “large shady trees”
   - “mosaics around the school”
   - “vegetable garden”
   - “recycling focus”
   - “murals”
   - “basketball courts”

2. **In the future I would most like to see:**
   - “improved playground equipment”
   - “less rigid spaces and more flexibility with where kids can play”
   - “higher fencing”
   - “more trees for shade”
   - “more understorey plants”
   - “bigger, better vegetable and fruit garden”
   - “musical equipment”

The Grounds Committee will use your responses to guide the Master Plan. If you didn’t complete the survey, fear not! There will be plenty of opportunity to have your say. Watch this space. Or, if you have a passion for this initiative, come and join us as a member of the Grounds Committee.

Contact Ben Taylor at ben.taylor@sa.gov.au (Governing Council member, Grounds Committee member).

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PROSPECT PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET

Join the School Cricket team!
Matches begin February 19 (KANGA) & February 20 (JUNIOR & SENIOR)

- **Years 2/3 Kanga Cricket**—Friday 5:30pm
- **Years 4/5 Junior Cricket**—Saturday 8:30am
- **Years 6/7 Senior Cricket**—Saturday 8:15am

Boys and girls welcome. Parent volunteers required.
Please email cricket coordinator Carol Young as soon as possible at youngcarol67@gmail.com

Carol Young
Prospect PS Cricket Coordinator
Ph: 0407 718 956

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BAREFOOT INITIATIVE

Dear mums, dads and friends! Currently Ethiopia is going through a very serious drought. Barefoot Initiative, a grassroots Adelaide Based non government organisation (NGO) run by family friends, have been working with a pastoral tribe in Afar in Ethiopia for 11 years now. The people, including many children are in crisis with no basic staples available. 80% of their cows and 50% of their goats have already perished. We can help! 100% of donations will be directed to the people of Afar. Please open your hearts, go to the link and donate: [www.barefootinitiative.org](http://www.barefootinitiative.org)

Naina
Year 2 Student
Scholastic book club is back for 2016! This year only one booklet per student is sent home.

Payment is ONLINE ONLY.

Order and pay online and nothing needs to be returned to school but it will need to be completed by the due date listed below.

ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE COMPLETE BY MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016.

The order date for each issue will be displayed outside each classroom around the school as well as in the fortnightly newsletter.

Have a look on the website for more information: http://www.scholastic.com.au

If you have any questions, please ask Shelley Braithwaite
Bookclub coordinator

**LOOP** is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in

**KISS AND DROP SAFETY**

Gladstone Road has a lot of traffic during kiss and drop times before and after school. Children should be encouraged to enter/exit cars through the passenger-side doors to avoid the traffic on the road.