FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a wonderful break.

This is our first e-newsletter and as we evolve we aim to be able to communicate to our school community in a timely fashion bringing you up to speed with important information and reminders of up-coming events. At this stage we will continue with the fortnightly newsletter but it will be distributed via email. The few families that don’t have access to electronic devices will still have a hard copy sent to them.

There are many obvious reasons for using email, especially environmentally but we also look forward to sharing more photos and more information with you all.

It will be important that if you change your email address that you let us know by sending us an email to dl.0368.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome back Steph Ratnaike to the Early Years team, returning fresh after six months leave. Peta Tooley did a wonderful job settling the foundation class into school life. We will still see Peta around as a TRT from time to time.

Welcome also to our new Business Manager Denise Butcher. Denise has come from Walkerville Primary with exceptional skills in finance. She will now be doing all of our financial business so if you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to catch up with her in our front office area.

We also welcome many new students and their families to our community.

Welcome to Phoebe and Brian (Rm 7), Ashleigh and Mitansh (Rm 6), Hardit (Rm 8), Thrisha (Rm 9), James (Rm 10) and Effie (Rm 3).

Monday 25th Staff Training & Development

Teachers have hit the ground running attending a Partnership Training and Development day on July 25th. Lisa Jane O’Connor a highly respected expert in Mathematics talked about ways of ensuring we deliver a guaranteed and viable mathematics curriculum for all learners. Teachers were then involved in discussions around moderation with colleagues from other partnership sites. We have continued to work on our new learning and have developed some clear goals on where we want to go as a site to improve learner achievement in Mathematics and Numeracy.

Karen Duval (Acting Principal)
**Attendance**

It is very disappointing that in our first week back at school (remembering it was a four day week) that we had over thirty families sign into our late register. This number does not include students who had appointments. Students often put down their reason for being late as “slept in” or “too tired” to come earlier. Unfortunately it is also the same families that are devaluing the importance of the start to the day in classes.

We are also finding that we have to be at the crossings later in the mornings to ensure the safety of those families who are arriving 5 to 10 minutes after the bell, which also means that the traffic monitors are also missing out on their learning time.

If you know your child has an appointment it would be courteous to let the classroom teacher know or to ring the school direct on 8344 5696 to let David at the front desk know.

Families are now being closely monitored and proof of appointments may be requested. We are also presently in the process of reviewing our attendance policy in order to improve our poor attendance figures.

**Numbers for next year**

If you know you will be moving from our school community or if you know of families interested in becoming a part of it, please let us know as soon as possible. We are in the process of starting to think about class numbers for next year.

**Maths Coordinators**

Congratulations to Anna Weinert and Kerryn Giurastante who have both won coordinator roles in Numeracy/data collection. Initially they will be released from their classes on Thursday each week. Collaboratively they will be driving Numeracy improvement, working closely with our staff (including our SSOs) and building onto their already excellent capacity of skills and knowledge to further improve our Numeracy results.

**NAPLAN on line technical readiness trial.**

In weeks three to five some of our primary school students will be participating in a TRIAL for NAPLAN online. This is NOT a TEST but a trial to see if our school has the technical capacity and requirements to be able to conduct NAPLAN online, possibly in 2017. Your child’s participation in the trial is not marked or assessed.

Commencement of online assessment will be determined by jurisdictions, school systems and schools, based on readiness, to ensure an effective and efficient transition. NAPLAN online will be implemented from 2017 and it is expected that all schools will be participating in NAPLAN online by 2019.

For more information go to:  

**WANTED**

Donations of old/used bathroom towels and tea towels for the ART ROOM please.
Thank you.

Stepahnie Wright  
Art Coordinator

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**Scholastic Book Club Orders are due by FRIDAY 5TH August NO CASH ORDERS**
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

On the first day back this term we welcomed twelve International Education students to our school. Nine students ranging from Reception to Year 6 as part of a Study Abroad Tour to South Australia will be attending classes for three to five weeks. The group come from Korea, Hong Kong and China and are staying with their own family or relatives while in Australia.

Three Korean children from Cheongju as part of the Home Stay Program are living with the Dib and Ball Families for three weeks and have joined our Year 6/7 classes. They too will participate in school programs as well as being shown some of Adelaide and Australia’s sites while experiencing our culture and lifestyle during their stay. They will also visit the Gorge Wildlife Park with some students from Stradbroke Primary School to meet some Australian animals ‘close up’.

On Thursday of week one, a delegation of: supervisor, tour organiser and teachers from Cheongju visited the school to look at our site and see how the Korean Home Stay children were settling in. They also wanted to meet our principal to officially thank our school for hosting their students and during the greeting Karen was given a gift of appreciation from the delegation.

Thank you very much to the Dib and Ball Families for hosting the Korean Home Stay children and to all staff and school community members for making our visitors feel so welcome.

Michelle Hutchens
(International Education Co-ordinator)

HISTORY SNIPPET - EXTRACT FROM SCHOOL JOURNALS

1930:
Infant buildings opened ... 5 classrooms ... and 1 class uses the end of the balcony as a classroom.

15th July 1940:
“Mr Hunt discovered school had been burglariously entered during the weekend. Possibly 2/6 book money was stolen.”

21st February 1963:
“200 children taken to Victoria Park to see Queen and the Duke. No casualties.”
SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN

Update
Further to the information in our last school newsletter we are excited because the setting up our school garden at the new site has commenced!
Last Thursday students from Room 2, one of our Year 6-7 classes were the first to start the process by removing the soil from the metal raised beds (the ones with the fruit trees in them) and re-establishing them near the large garage shed. As well, they got the first fruit tree planted in the new orchard area.
We were impressed by their enthusiasm and ingenuity (they formed a chain gang to pass the buckets of soil to the new site).

Working Bee - Sunday morning August 14th at 9:30am
So this process will continue with other classes on Thursday mornings this term we need the help of the wider school community for a working bee on the morning of Sunday August 14th (see the flyer).
The main task that needs doing is cleaning out the big shed which will become the garden and tool shed. Also the ground will need to be leveled, compost bays set up, garden beds moved and lots of other jobs.

Garden Art
We would love to make the new site colorful and creative so we welcome any input from parents with garden art skills and ideas.

What to bring
We have limited garden tools (see last newsletter for request for donations of unused ones) so for use on the day we will need items like shovels, spades, wheelbarrows, mattocks, extension cords, circular saws etc

We look forward to meeting you at the work bee (near the shed behind the dental clinic).

Regards
Alan and Amanda
(School Garden Coordinators)

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PROSPECT PRIMARY SCHOOL KITCHEN GARDEN

WORKING BEE

Sunday August 14th

From 9.30am- 12.30pm

Meet at the big shed behind the dental clinic.

Please bring any garden and power tools for use on the morning.

For enquiries please phone 0432970466
BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

**When**
2 x hours per
Monday afternoons for 6 weeks

**Dates**
Starts Monday 15th August

**Time**
1pm - 3pm

**Where**
Minor Works Building
Stamford Place Adel

**Cost**
Free—please book in

**Contact**
Kat 0417142556
Bronwyn 0428163109

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**Bringing Up Great Kids has been especially designed for the busy parent.**

**It is only 6 weeks. Give it a try!!!**

All parents want to raise confident and happy children.

It takes time and a lot of understanding to build strong and positive relationships with your children.

The Bringing Up Great Kids parent program is a fun 6 week parenting program that focuses on how parents communicate with their children.

It offers easy opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their development.

**Aimed at families with children 0-5 years.**

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**Presented by:**
Kat Ochan Community Development Coordinator & Bronwyn Whelan Family Services Coordinator