FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As the year concludes we have been able to take time to reflect on the year that has flown by. There have been too many highlights to list so please take some time to enjoy the compilation of photos that can be found on our website within the newsletter tab.

I would like to thank all the hard working teachers who have worked tirelessly over the year to bring the best possible learning experiences to our students.

Congratulations also to all our students who also have tried hard to achieve their very best as they upheld our school values of respect, creativity and success.

Recent end of year reflections from all our students are indicative of the powerful learning that has occurred. These are a few examples.

“I have been attending Prospect Primary since reception, I’ve gone from learning how to count, to learning how to do algebra in just eight years. This school has raised me to be a confident young lady I am today and it has guided and led me to a great path in life. The teachers have always pushed me to my limit and made sure I give everything my all. They have always had faith and believed in me. They have been inspirational and I’ll never forget this school as I developed unforgettable memories along these years that I’ll never forget”.

“This year, my learning journey has been full of obstacles which have allowed me to learn more deeply”

“I really think that the struggles and challenges of this year has improved how I work”

2017

There will be some changes to our staff next year. Karen Lowrey will be on leave for term 1. We are still waiting to hear if we will be having our wonderful contract teachers back in various roles next year. Ryan however will be travelling until May therefore his return will be delayed when he will return as a TRT. As soon as the positions have been announced I will notify the community.

With sadness however, we will lose Belinda Bulling who has been transferred to another school to fulfil other opportunities beyond classroom practice. Belinda has been a much valued member of our early years team.

Anna Weinert and Stephanie Wright have also taken opportunities to further their careers by taking their amazing skills and knowledge to Prospect North. We wish them all the very best and are grateful that we will still have the opportunity to work with Steph and Anna on a Partnership level.

Greg Petherick our educational director has also just informed me that my position here at Prospect will continue until the end of Term one, 2017. I am extremely excited at the prospect of being able to see all the plans the leadership team and staff have worked on come to fruition.
Transition for 2017

On Thursday we welcomed many of our new students who will be in Years 1 to 7 to our learning community. They had the opportunity to spend the day with some of the students who will be their collaborative learners next year.

All students will find out who their new class friends and teachers will be on Thursday 14th when they visit their 2017 class.

If you have any queries about where your child has been placed please email me at dl:0368.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Your email will be addressed on Wednesday December 21st. This allows all parents the opportunity to respond if needed. By Thursday December 22nd all classes will be finalised.

Parent Survey

We were overwhelmed by the response to our survey. With the large quantity of valued information yet to be collated, when reading the additional comments it has been noted there are some common themes:

♦ Parents believe there has been a big improvement in leadership and management over the last 12 months
♦ Parents are concerned about security (the need for a fence)
♦ Parents would like more information from teachers about their child’s future topics and learning tasks.

In response to these results I am pleased to again announce that after much consultation with Governing Council, Prospect Primary and representatives from Security & Emergency Management Projects (DECD) we will be having a new security fence erected hopefully at the start of the 2017 school year. The $150k fence plans are on page 3.

Initially we will trial which gates will be locked as we still want to encourage community use of the school after school hours. This again will be done through consultation with our parent community.

The cancellation of the Canberra trip was also mentioned by a parent. Our community needs to understand that the trip was extremely expensive for many of our families. The 4 day experience for our year 7’s also costs the school around $30,000. This included subsidising the expense of air fares and accommodation, cost to send appropriate numbers of staff and additional staff back at school for the year 6 students.

To put the expense in perspective $30k could give us over 25 hours/per week of support by a SSO for a year to run a learning difficulties/gifted program, or provide 40 lap tops that would last approximately 5 years or let us purchase 8 new Interactive TVs (now needed to replace our failing IWBs that could then be accessed by 200 students over many years). The cost will be ever more next year and could no longer be sustained.

Communication of learning information will become a priority for 2017.

THANK YOU to everyone who responded.

Governing Council

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of GC as well as Russell Hanson, Shelley Braithwaite (our staff representatives) and Denise Butcher for their commitment and dedication. Everyone’s involvement in all the committees has been exceptional. We have seen a lot happen this year, even on a limited budget.

The fund raising committee has gone well above last year’s total due to the hard work that just seems to happen behind the scenes. The quiz night ($7,229) and disco, two of the events that were very successful. Their contribution has been very much appreciated.

We finally have a new fence going up and the portables are on the way.

Our working bees ran by the grounds committee has seen our grounds become greener, along with our new garden over near the shed.

The uniform policy was finalised and our uniforms are now inclusive of health and cultural requirements.

Our OSHC has continued to thrive and next year we will see new furniture and resources being enjoyed. The kitchen has had some modifications and a new dishwasher has gone in.

Policies have been looked at and developed.

Financial reports are now transparent. We have new processes and ways parents can pay accounts through QKR and Bpay. SKOOLBAG is ready to go.

Thank you.

Karen Duval
Acting Principal
Congratulations
to Ethan Clode in Year 5 who has won a Christmas Card Competition.

Rachel Sanderson MP, State Member for Adelaide invited all students attending primary schools in the Adelaide electorate area to enter this competition. Ethan’s winning entry was acknowledged at a community evening on November 25th. Well done Ethan!

Look out for the Christmas card in your letterbox with Ethan’s drawing as seen below!

Our Peace Dove

Have you seen our dove ‘flying’ among the trees between Room 12 and 13?

Our Peace Dove which was a whole school mosaic activity celebrating International Peace Day 2016 has now been installed. Each of our students at Prospect Primary School placed a dot in the dove and made a personal pledge of peace. Year 3 students were responsible for the background along with a few year 6 students. Year 3 students also grouted the entire artwork.

Students are able to point out their dot and will be able to do so for many years to come!
FROM THE ART ROOM

YEAR 7 MOSAIC PROJECT

We hope you have had a chance to look at the Year 7 Mosaic Project for 2016.
It has become a tradition for the Year 7 students at Prospect Primary School to become involved in a mosaic project during their last term at primary school. Students have the opportunity to be part of a creation that will be a lasting legacy of their time at Prospect Primary School.

This year students took on the task of creating mosaic artworks on a wall to complement our newly developed ‘PPS KITCHEN GARDEN’. We are very proud of the results and we hope these vibrant, durable artworks provide a visual focus for many years to come.

Thank you to all the Year 7 students for your wonderful gift to the school!
At the start of the Christmas Carols last Friday night at Prospect Memorial Gardens, Rachael Sanderson, the Adelaide MP, made an announcement. She stood up on the stage and started explaining about her Christmas card competition. I had entered and hoped that I would win. As she was announcing the winner, I had my fingers crossed tightly. Suddenly, my name was called out loud and clear over the speakers, and I started to tread towards the amphitheatre. The adrenalin was pumping through my body when I reached Rachael Sanderson, and she handed me a certificate that had my name written on it in bold print. I thought back to my entry as I walked to my parents.

It had a Christmas tree standing broad in the centre, with sparkling tinsel and twinkling lights. Ruby red baubles hung gently on the green branches, and a shiny, golden star stood at the very top of the tree. Underneath it lay several presents with crisp wrapping paper decorated with Santa hats and elves. Beside them there was a table with a letter for Santa, and next to it there was a glass of milk and biscuits. Upon the mantel piece were decorations of models of Father Christmas, his sleigh with Rudolph and the gang galloping along in the air. Stockings hung over the fireplace, bursting at the seams with toys and candy canes. Psssst. And what was that? I think I can see Santa stepping out of the fireplace! This is everything that Christmas means to me, and this is what inspired me to enter the competition.

Ethan Clode, Room 6 

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all the families for the privilege of sharing their children’s learning journey at Prospect Primary. Thank you for embracing new approaches to learning with me and celebrating in the children’s success. My journey is now sadly ending at Prospect, and I begin a new challenge at Prospect North Primary School. I will miss the wonderful relationships we have built over the years, and most of all I will miss working with your inspiring, passionate and respectful children. I leave with many treasured memories of my time at Prospect Primary School.

Anna Weinert
PROSPECT PRIMARY SCHOOL HISTORY SIGNS

Have you noticed the seven new signs placed around the school? They tell us about the history of our school, including the biography of three notable past students, Max Carter OAM, Duncan Campbell Menzies MC and Roger Opie. The signs were designed and made by Garry Mighall, member of the Prospect Local History Group. We sincerely thank him for the many volunteer hours he has contributed to this project. The signs were paid for with the prize money the school received as winner of the ANZAC DAY Schools Award Competition in 2015.

NATIONAL HISTORY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Elliott (Yr 1) and Elise (Yr 6) who were State Finalists in the SA section of the National History Challenge. The theme for this year’s competition was “Triumph or Tragedy”. Elliott wrote a short piece on children’s rights. Elise researched and wrote an essay on the history of gay rights in Australia. Another student, Aniella Ingram (Yr 7) wrote an essay on the life of Decima Norman, a famous athlete in the 1930’s. Elliott and Elise attended the recent awards presentation to receive their Certificate Of Excellence. Well done.

Prospect Primary School’s Donation Drive 2016

Dear families,

For the past two years the “Superstars” from Mr Hanson’s classes have been assisting others during this special time of the year by collecting canned or bagged pet food for the animals at the Animal Welfare League at Wingfield.

We were very lucky to receive donations from all classes and these donations were delivered prior to Christmas to the Animal Welfare League. The “Superstars 2016” class would like to continue this tradition and collect pet food for the animals at the Animal Welfare League.

It would be appreciated if families are able to assist in this donation drive. Donations of pet food (dry or wet pet food) may be left under the Christmas tree in the front office.

Please feel free to speak to me if you have any questions.
Glendi Greek Festival

The smell of food was in the air, Tasi, Elise and I went to Glendi Greek Festival last Sunday. My friends and I had heaps of fun teaching younger kids Greek words and explaining what our school does in Greek. We showed people our assignments about Greek Inventions, these included; the Greek Theatre, the Trojan horse and more. I ate delicious food and heard songs. I definitely enjoyed the Glendi.

– Amelie Rawes-Ryan

Over the weekend on Sunday, Tasmia, Amelie and I were selected to go to Glendi to talk to the people and tell them about our school project on Greek inventions. We all made a big model of the Greek theatre and showed our information on it. Thankfully, Thespinis Maria managed to include our work along with others’ work in the Prospect Primary School section of the ‘schools’ tent.

– Elise Capasso

Indi and I went to the Glendi together. We attracted people to come to the school tent and look at the projects related to Greek ideas and inventions. We also had our schools projects in the tent.

After we helped the children, Thespinis Maria took us to do some dancing with other kids and adults. The dancing we did is called Opacize. We learnt some Greek dance moves and aerobics. It was tricky but it was very fun and enjoyable! We went to get some yiros and chips which was absolutely delicious. We enjoyed the rest of the day playing games and winning prizes.

We had the best time at the Glendi!!!

– Iliana Georgiadis

On Saturday Iliana and I went to volunteer at the Greek Glendi, we helped younger children colour in the Greek flag and taught them how to say Greek words such as, the colours, numbers between 1-10 and sayings such as good morning and good afternoon. We also did some dancing called Opacize and learnt some Greek steps, as well as ate delicious Greek food. It was a great fun day full of Greek culture and food.

– Indiah Henley
Performing Arts Evening

To showcase the variety of talented performers we have at our school, a ‘Performing Arts Evening’ was held in the Hall on Thursday the 1st of December. Students presented a range of music and dance items to an enthusiastic audience of family members, staff and associated music teachers.

The choir and our more accomplished instrumental music students entertained the audience in a two hour concert that also included dance numbers, the school band and DECD strings students and ensemble. The evening was a successful and enjoyable one. Many thanks to all who assisted in supporting the
Kerryn Giurastante, Year 6/7 Room 1 teacher, recently travelled to New York, America to participate in this year’s New York Marathon. Running has been Kerryn’s passion for a long time and she’s been training for many years, so accomplishing the New York marathon was her dream come true. Every morning Kerryn would wake up early to train so she could be prepared for the Marathon.

She travelled to America with her husband, her personal trainer and a few friends. Prior to the New York Marathon she has participated in the Green belt and McLaren Vale half marathon, as well as a run in Barossa Valley.

The Marathon was to raise money for multiple sclerosis. One of Kerryn’s friends is suffering from this illness, which made her want to do it even more. She also got to meet the professor that created a Mediterranean diet that her friend is on, which has helped her friend reduce getting MS symptoms.

Kerryn explained to her students the growth mindset she had during this race and how much she had to persist to push past the pain she was feeling near the end of the marathon. With the support of her trainers and channelling her students’ positive energy, Kerryn made it past the finish line.

Throughout the marathon, there were a lot of supporters on the sides of the roads with banners cheering the runners on, the supporters also motivated Kerryn to keep going. Even though it was a positive atmosphere, it was hard to stay focused and not get distracted. With 7 kilometres to go, Kerryn lost her friends in the crowd, she didn’t know if her friends were behind or in front. So she said to herself “I can do this” and had a growth mindset.

Kerryn complete this marathon in 4 hours, 26 minutes and 17 seconds. She was very proud of her achievement. A few minutes after her race she found her friends and felt a little emotional that she finally did it. Kerryn came in approx. 23,480 out of 51,000 people.

If Kerryn had the opportunity to do this all over again she would do it again in a heartbeat. All her training and all the hard work paid off.

Kerryn is a big inspiration to her students, and shows that you can do anything if you work hard and have a growth mindset.

Written by the proud students in Room 1.
SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

Recently your child school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor’s directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586 Road safety is everyone’s responsibility. Thank you

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN
Program Co-ordinator Road Safety
South Australian Police

Thank you for supporting Footy Colours Day

Fight Cancer Foundation and the Footy Colours Day Team would like to acknowledge and thank

Prospect Primary School

for uniting in the fight against cancer for Footy Colours Day 2016 and supporting young Aussies living with cancer.

Managing Director
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISING

**Kids Go Loopy for 2017 Tourrific Prospect!**

It’s that time of year again to register for the hugely popular Loopy Kids ride as a part of the 2017 Tourrific Street Party on 17 January. We’re inviting all kids aged between 4 and 12 years old to take part in this free ride as they ride with some young cycling heroes and experience the thrill of road racing in a fun and safe environment. Sponsored by Blackfriars Priory School, entry is completely FREE and includes exclusive access to the Tourrific Prospect Road circuit AND a 2017 Tourrific Prospect Loopy Kids t-shirt. Registrations open Friday 4 November 2016 and we urge you to be quick as we always book out! Online registrations are open till 11pm on Sunday 8 January 2017 or until fully booked. To register go to [www.prospect.sa.gov.au/loopykids](http://www.prospect.sa.gov.au/loopykids)

**ART AT**

School holiday Art Workshops with Richard Dall at Upstream Health
248 Grote Street, Adelaide
Hands-on, creative and fun – no ‘artistic talent’ necessary
12th January and 19th January
10am – 12pm
2pm – 4pm
For 5-10 year olds and 11-16 year olds
Contact Upstream Health on 81 254 830 or admin@upstreamhealthsa.com.au

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**WOW! $769.18 RAISED AT THIS YEAR’S SPORTS DAY**

Thank you to all our Prospect Primary School community for organising & supporting our final fundraising event for 2016.