FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone

There have been many reminders placed into our newsletter about the safety of driving at appropriate speeds and with vigilance around the streets that surround our school. Please remember that even though the streets of Prospect in most instances have a 40km per hour speed limit, this changes around our school when children are present to 25 km per hour. There are still many motorists that are practicing unsafe driving behaviours including speeding and double parking while children are navigating their way out of the family car and across roads to the safety of the footpath. PLEASE ensure that sensibility prevails and help keep our children safe.

Many thanks this fortnight must go to our Fundraising committee who have been busily organising the events that can support our school for the year. To organise events and donate valuable time is a wonderful gift that supports all of our students and builds the community spirit at our school. Thank you to Amy Thomson, Kimberley Davey, Nola Bellenger, Marketa Berryman, Amanda Walsh, Simone Catchlove, Kirsty Andersen, Christel Crowther, Priya Singh, Narelle Tanner, Lili Eldic, Nicole Sibley, Diana Vassilopoulos, Kimberley Haywood and Pat Bezzina.

The Prospect Fair is coming soon and thanks to families who have been donating any pre-loved toys and teddies to help with the stall. It’s not too late if you were thinking of supporting our school with an item to be used at the fair, they can still be placed in the baskets outside classrooms or given in to the front office.

Many thanks to Nina for hosting an afternoon tea for parents and families with students with needs as a networking opportunity. Thanks also to our deputy Christie Butler for attending and supporting.

Have a great fortnight everyone

Lynne Hastings
Principal

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Monday 14th
Adelaide Cup holiday

Saturday 19th
Prospect Fair Fund Raiser

Monday 21st
Harmony Day Assembly

Friday 25th
Good Friday

Monday 28th
Easter Monday

Wednesday 30th
RAN training
11:30am—12:45pm & 5:30—7:00pm

APRIL

Wednesday 6th
AGM 7:00pm

Friday 8th
School tour
11:30am—12:30pm

Friday 15th
End of Term
2:15pm dismissal
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

During weeks 1 to 4 our Korean student visitors participated in a range of classroom programs and excursions to enhance their learning of English and to get to know Adelaide and surrounds.

A trip to Mount Lofty Summit and Cleland Wildlife Park was conducted on Friday, week 1 where students enjoyed the panoramic views of Adelaide before wandering amongst the bushland setting of the park to experience the wildlife. An education talk was organised to provide the group with an opportunity to closely interact with different types of Australian fauna.

On Wednesday, week 2 our visitors went to Port Adelaide to visit the Maritime Museum, lighthouse and wharf. A cruise along the Port River to see the port area from a different view took place and some dolphin watching was a highlight. Lunch at Semaphore Beach and time to explore the dunes and beach area was a great way to end the activities for the day.

The group then travelled to Victor Harbor in week 3 and boarded the horse drawn tram to cross the causeway to Granite Island. After a break for recess we embarked on a guided tour of the island to learn about the native flora, fauna, Aboriginal connections and history of the island and Victor Harbor region. A return trip on the tram took us back to the mainland for lunch and a quick look around before making the trip back to school.
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (cont.)

The students were farewelled with an Aussie/Asian themed dinner on Wednesday the 24th February. Invited guests from International Education, host stay families, staff and students enjoyed good food, company and memories of the experiences the Korean students had shared during their visit. Certificates and gifts were given to acknowledge the student visit and to thank the families for being such fantastic and generous hosts.

An assembly to allow the wider school community to farewell the students and for the Korean children to thank the school for their hospitality and support was held on Thursday the 25th February. The students departed Adelaide the next morning having said their goodbyes and expressing their thoughts about the wonderful time that they had experienced.

The visit was very successful and provided an amazing opportunity for the Korean students and our students alike.

A huge thank you to the families who hosted the students and to the staff and students of our school for your support and for being so welcoming of the international visitors.

We are expecting another group of Korean children from Cheongju (Aged 10-12 years) at the beginning of Term 3. They will be arriving on Tuesday, 26th July and will be leaving on Saturday 13th August (3 weeks). We are looking for families willing to host these children and would really appreciate anyone interested to contact the school asap for more information. A monetary allowance and support is provided to assist with the accommodation and the general experience for families who have been involved previously has been very positive and rewarding.

Thank you to all for making the Korean student visit to Prospect Primary a great one!

Michelle Hutchens
(E.A.L.D and International Education)
SAPSASA SWIMMING DISTRICT DAY

On Wednesday 9th March, Prospect Primary School competed in the North Adelaide SAPSASA swimming district day. Sixteen students attended the carnival from Years 4-7 and competed in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly. I would like to congratulate all swimmers on their effort and I am very proud of the way the students represented Prospect Primary School. A special mention goes out to Ella and Max W who have been given the opportunity to represent North Adelaide District at state day next Thursday.

Miriam Bourke
SAPSASA Coordinator

Harmony Day — March 21

The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. This year’s theme is: ‘Our diversity is our strength’.

On Monday 21st March (Week 8), Prospect Primary School will celebrate this special day and our diversity. Students are encouraged to wear clothes that reflect or represent their country of origin or wear the recognised Harmony Day colour, orange. (Please keep in mind appropriateness of the clothing for active, safe school wear, especially shoes, when choosing what to wear!).

Our celebration will begin with an R-7 assembly in the Hall at 9:05am to which family members are invited to attend. At 12 noon students will gather again on the oval to share cultural flags made in class and eat lunch altogether as one united, diverse group. Cultural games, dancing and Harmony Day theme activities will be run by senior school students and staff at lunch time and students will be participating in a variety of Harmony Day activities throughout the day.

Thank you for your support.

Michelle Hutchens
**BIZGATE**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet have notified all government departments the online payment facility BIZGATE will be decommissioned before the 31st March 2016.

I would like to advise all parents to stop using the online BIZGATE facility before Friday 18th March 2016, as closure to the system will begin instantly in March without notification to our school.

This will ensure your invoice payments will not be rejected by the online BIZGATE facility.

To pay invoices the finance window is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 – 9:00am and accepts cash, cheque and Paywave facility.

If you have any concerns in regards to this matter please talk to Linda, Finance Officer.

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**VOLUNTEERS, DECD SCREENING REQUIREMENTS AND RAN TRAINING**

There seems to be some confusion around the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) policy for volunteering at school sites.

Some changes have been made to the screening requirements within DECD. The only acceptable screening is still the DCSI child related screening.

Parents or guardians no longer require a screening if they volunteer in connection with an activity that involves their own child (such as within their child’s own class or coaching their child’s sports team.) A screening is also not required for parents involved in one off events such as sports days, working bees and whole of school events including a swimming program which their child is attending.

Parents do however need a DCSI clearance if they attend overnight camps or school sleepovers, or are volunteering to help in an activity their child is not involved in. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are also required to have a DCSI clearance.

**All volunteers and sports coaches/managers need to attend a Responding to Abuse and Neglect (RAN-EC) induction session** unless they have previously completed RAN training (from January 2015 onwards) and have provided the school with a copy of the certificate for this.

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**RAN TRAINING**

Wednesday 30th March
Attend one of two sessions available: 11:30am to 12:45pm OR 5:30 to 7:00pm
PROSPECT FAIR - FUNDRAISING

Our school’s first fundraising event for the year kicks off with the popular St Helen’s Park Prospect Fair on **Saturday 19 March**. The school has a stall on the day that offers games, lucky dips, drinks, toy & book sale etc. There are boxes in all classrooms until Wednesday 16 March to collect your donations of pre-loved and new goods.

We need:

- Children’s books
- Soft toys (washed if pre-loved)
- Toys (clean and in working order)
- Lucky dip items (new)
- Wrapping paper (for lucky dip items)

**Volunteer on the Day!**

If any parents are available we need extra hands for 1-2 hours to co-ordinate games, lucky dips, selling drinks and toys etc between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 19 March. Please email our fundraising parent volunteer Marketa at marketaberryman@bigpond.com along with your preferred times. Thankyou!

Theft from motor vehicles is an on-going problem. Holden Hill Local Service Area would like to help reduce the risk of you becoming a victim of this crime by encouraging you to:

- Lock your vehicle doors and close windows
- Install and activate an alarm/immobilizer
- Remove all valuables
- If possible park in a locked garage/behind gates
- Do not leave spare keys hidden in/around your vehicle

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police assistance line on 131 444.
For further information/enquiries please contact Holden Hill Crime Prevention on 8207 6025.
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW PLAYGROUP

The aim of Play, Learn and Grow Playgroup is to provide a welcoming, safe and fun play space for your children.

Session Times: Wednesday from 9.00am – 10.30am in the Performing Arts Building. Sessions are held during school terms only.

Fees: Gold coin donation. This will go towards purchasing new toys and supplies for the Playgroup.

Don’t forget to bring along a piece of fruit!

Scholastic Book Club Orders are due by MONDAY 28TH MARCH - NO CASH ORDERS

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Undedale High School
Ph: 8301 8000
Monday 4 April 9:00am, 4:00pm, 6:00pm

Adelaide High School
Ph: 8231 9373
Wednesday 23 March 5:30pm—8:00pm

Urbrae Agricultural High School
Ph: 8372 6955
Tuesday 22 March 9:30am—11:30am, 1:00pm—3:00pm, 6:00pm—8:00pm

Glenunga International High School
Ph: 8379 5629
Friday 1 April 11:15am—1:15pm
Ignite Program Information Night
We have had some concerns raised by our community about the road safety around our school. In particular the dropping off and picking up of students. Double parking and parking over driveways make it very difficult for residents to access their property and it is difficult to see young children. Please take extra care when using the intersection of Gladstone Road and Braund Road; it is a busy intersection being used by traffic as well as families crossing the road. Police recommend you obtain a detailed description of the person and/or a vehicle registration number if applicable and report the matter to the police via 000 in an emergency or 131 444 for police assistance. Police will follow up the information you have provided and take appropriate action where necessary.

Further safety information can be found at: [www.police.sa.gov/your-safety](http://www.police.sa.gov/your-safety)

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**EARN AND LEARN UPDATE**

We have just received the rewards for your hard work from the earn and learn promotion last year.

Prospect Primary School would like send a big thank you to all the families, friends, teachers and classrooms for your fabulous efforts in collecting the stickers. Here is a picture of the items received.

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All students and staff are invited to wear orange or cultural clothing!

**MONDAY 21st March (Week 8)**

‘Our diversity is our strength’