FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We are now fast approaching the end of the year. Teachers have been working conscientiously on their reports along with, finalising their data and supporting students to reflect on their year of learning. I am repeatedly hearing teachers saying they are going to miss students in their classes as they celebrate their successes together.

As parents it is important to also step back and reflect on the amazing growth each child has made not only academically but socially and emotionally.

Our reputation as a community of learners who achieve our potential through creative, powerful learning continues to grow. Our 2017 classes are full now, meaning, we can only take people who are living in our zone. Each day we have requests for enrolments with some families living many suburbs away. Parents hoping to get their child (ren) make comment of all the great things they are now hearing about our school.

On Thursday we transitioned nearly 70 new Foundation students into our school ready for next year. Many of these children belong to new families in our community and we warmly welcome them.

As we prepare to celebrate the end of the school year we were deeply saddened by the sad news of the passing of a well-respected member of our school community. All families were notified on Monday of FIONA KEEN’s death after a courageous battle with cancer. Her son Alex in room 5 has been an inspiration to us all in the way he has worked through this very difficult time. The support from Fiona’s dear friends within our community has been commendable. Fiona’s Memorial Service has been advertised in todays Advertiser Thursday 24th November.

Parent survey
This week parent surveys were sent home to many of our families. We very much value the feedback we receive from our parents so please return the survey by November 28th, 2016 in the envelope provided. Thank you.

Karen Duval
Acting Principal

Children and young people are at the centre of everything we do
School Kitchen Garden

The early stage
Our School Kitchen Garden is really taking shape. Since the beginning of Term 3 most classes have now been involved in developing the site and they have turned it into a thriving and productive garden – a resource and asset for the whole school to enjoy. All year levels have enthusiastically contributed and most of the early work was setting up the beds, filling them with soil, mulching the area and planting lots of fruit trees in the adjoining orchard area.

Term 4 news
This term the focus has been more on planting seeds and seedlings, harvesting some of the early crops such as the broad beans and learning the techniques for successfully growing food using organic and sustainable practices. During Numeracy Week, Room 5 used their Thursday morning garden session to improve their mathematical abilities by measuring and calculating the areas of various shaped garden structures.

The classes have recently planted warm season vegetables and fruits such as tomatoes, climbing beans, lettuce, zucchinis, herbs and fruit trees in the half wine barrels. The garden classes are presently re-filling the wicking bed, a semi-self watering system donated by Karyn Hadaj.

Irrigation and art
Thanks to the expertise and work of Groundsperson Nick, we now have an irrigation system installed in all the beds. Under the creative direction of Art Teacher, Steph Wright, the Year 7 students have left a legacy at the school with the northern wall of the garden site now covered in a beautiful and colourful long mosaic mural, as well as some amazing circular step stones. Students have started painting timber posts which will eventually be installed as a grapevine covered low fence adjoining the brick wall.

Thursday morning sessions
It has been great to hear so much positive feedback about the garden site from students, staff and the school community generally. Please drop over of a Thursday morning and say hello and see the garden for yourself and subject to the normal volunteer requirements please consider helping out in the future.

Acknowledgements
Thank you to Jeffries Soils for supplying us with quality soil at a greatly reduced price. Also thanks go to Neutrog for their donation of Rapid Raiser and GoGo Juice. Alan Shepard and Amanda Pryor, School Garden Coordinators
Have you met Jay Weatherill, Premier of South Australia face to face? Well on Wednesday, I got the opportunity to represent our class and the school to obtain our award for high achievement in the Premier’s Be Active Challenge. When I got called, a rush of excitement went through me. When I reached the table with the rewards piled on top, my class mates started cheering for Prospect. At that moment I saw Jay Weatherill, standing in front of me. It was so amazing, such an honour to have met the premier of South Australia. By Alex G

People were everywhere, chatting with excitement in the giant stadium at Mile End. Jay Weatherill, the Premier, arrived to award all the schools for completing the challenge, there was an amazing vibe when he announced each school in turn. Fifty selected schools cheered for their school when their turn came. My favourite activity was Cirkids, they looked fantastic when they did their act, piling on top of each other. It took my breath away. The performances were amazing, performed by

Meeting Jay Weatherill face to face at Priceline Stadium for the Premiers Be Active Challenge event was a bit scary, and receiving a certificate and $1,000 from Jay Weatherill and Susan Close was really scary, I felt butterflies roaming around in my stomach. I enjoyed doing the circuits with cirkids, it was really fun. We were entertained by 2 schools which are Belair and Redwood Primary School. Belair Primary School performed a hip-hop games dance and Redwood Primary School performed a ballroom dance. Being the chosen class to represent Prospect Primary School was awesome. We were guided by Adelaide High School to our seats. Doing the activities was really good. I had a good time. By Serah Tovakuta

Noise filled the air as everyone watched intently as the Premier, Jay Weatherill walked up to the microphone, this is how it all started. In term 3, Prospect Primary School participated in a ‘Be Active’ challenge and was chosen as one of the top 50 high achieving schools. Room 6 was chosen by Miriam to represent our school at Priceline Stadium.

After the presentation of the awards, we were invited to do some come and try sport activities, everyone filed out of the stadium to start them, they were basketball, Cirkidz, cricket and tennis. Majority of our class enjoyed Cirkidz the most and I especially enjoyed the plate-spinning and acrobatics that were involved. At the end we all got a free coupon to try out Cirkidz again one day. It was a day I will never forget. By Elise Veitch

Room 6 when to the Premier Be Active Challenge, Priceline Stadium to represent Prospect Primary School. I love the tennis because I was good at it. When the premier called Prospect Primary School every one said we should shout as high as you can. We shout but not as high we did. It was so funny. Cirkidz was the best, everyone love to do it. Cirkidz teach us the one you knee down and your friend stand on your back. Playing games make team work make a dream works. It means in this topic, team work help make you to be perfect and when you are bigger, you will be perfect at it. Fortune Adefabi

There was excitement everywhere! On the 23rd of November, room 6 went to Priceline Stadium because our class had been selected to represent our school as one of the 50 highest achieving schools for the Premier’s Be Active Challenge. At the presentation ceremony we saw Redwood Park do ballroom dancing and Belair Park doing a hip hop dance. Cirkidz also did a spectacular performance with lots of amazing tricks. Our class participated in four different come and try activities. It was very fun! We did basketball, Cirkidz, cricket and tennis. My personal favourite was Cirkidz because we were given a chance to learn lots of fun things like learning to juggle, plate spinning and using the flower sticks. The day was very fun and I would love to go there again. Jason Lim
I am delighted to inform you that the following students have their achievement in their language studies in 2016 formally acknowledged at our school’s Celebration of Achievement, to be held on Tuesday 29th November at 6.30pm at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide.

Elise Capasso
Year 6 French
Award of Merit

Delilah Daniel Howlett
Year 4 French
Award of Merit

Melisse Gardner
Year 2 Khmer
Award of Outstanding Academic Achievement

Freya Hosking
Year 2 French
Award of Merit

The keynote address will be given by Hon Susan Close, MP, Minister for Education and Child development.

Lia Tedesco Principal
Prospect Eco-Market
Prospect Local Environment Group

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Prospect Town Hall 8am - 1pm
128 Prospect Road, Prospect

Recycled Furniture, Vintage Clothing & Accessories, Organic Food, Local Produce, Gourmet Food, Plants, Books, Upcycled & Eco Friendly Solutions, Eric a Brae, Homewares & much more!!

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BOOK CLUB

Our final Scholastic book club issue for 2016, Issue 8 has been sent out and online orders are due by Monday the 28th of November. Download the Loop app for easy ordering.

Thank you to all of our families who have supported Scholastic Book club and the Scholastic Book fair this year. Your support allows us to purchase more resources for our students and teachers to access.

Did you know you can use the Gift function tab when ordering if you’d like your order to be available for parent pickup instead of being sent home with your child - see the info graphic for more information.

Any questions please see Shelley (Room 15) 😊
COMMUNITY AND FUNDRAISING

Learn, Play and Grow Playgroup

Babies to 4 year olds are welcome to Wednesday’s Playgroup session during the school term 9.00am - 10.30am in the Performing Arts Building at Prospect Primary School.

The activity photographed was centered around the nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock. The children had a great time making the mice to place on the clock.

Our Playgroup focus is through play, enhancing children’s literacy and numeracy skills, to develop a bond of learning between parent or carer. Through conversation we hope to enhance and support culturally diverse families, reduce anxiety and establish a familiar and comfortable environment for families when they commence school. An objective is to build social networks and ensure a sense of ownership and belonging in our community.

We would love to see you there.

LOST PROPERTY

Found after Sports Day a picnic blanket and a case with toys inside.

Several items of jewellery and keys have also been handed to the Front Office.

Please contact the Front Office 83445696 if you have any queries.

Join us on the dance-floor for 2 hours of Zumba and Bollywood moves!

Parents/Caregivers of Primary School students are warmly invited to an

INFORMATION EVENING

on our

IGNITE Program for Gifted and Talented Students
(Including the ACER Assessment)

When: Wednesday 7 December 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Glenunga International High School
In the Performing Arts Centre

To register your interest in attending this Information evening please follow the link http://www.trybooking.com/nTOP

Assessment will be held on Saturday 25 February 2017 at Glenunga International High School

Tickets $20 via Healthy Inspirations Centres
- Prospect - Freewill - Dernancourt - Blackwood
or online ($22) at www.trybooking.com/238613

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