



Snowtown Primary News

Week 1, Term 1.

3rd February 2016

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DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

Tues 9th February
Meet the Teachers
BBQ
5:30pm—6:30pm

16th February
Crows Visit
11:30am—12:30pm

REMINDER

During Term 4 & Term 1 in the case of catastrophic fire danger, the school will be closed and the school bus will not operate. On all other days, the school has a Bushfire Action Plan that sets out what we do in the event of a fire front approaching the town. Part of this plan is an identified Refuge (School Activity Hall) where students and staff stay until the front has passed.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at 2.40 pm in the Common room on Fridays.
Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 9.
ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats outside all year round.

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Welcome Back



Welcome to the 2016 school year. It was great to see the excitement on the faces of students as they began their new school year. For me I was impressed by the way students presented ready for learning and displayed the school values of trust, respect, honesty, kindness and listening. On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome our new Reception learners Aysha Doidge, Addison Flynn, Kartia Altmann, Jade Matson, Blake McGregor-Dunn, Gracie Stringer, Koda Whitehead and Jack Horne. The team have started the year enthusiastically and it is great to have Anne Jones back for two days a week in the R/1 class. We also welcome Katherine Stringer to the Year 5/6/7 class. Jemma will be starting as Play Centre Leader on Friday and is looking forward to seeing the preschool aged children this week. It is great to see such skill and expertise amongst the staff and the care and commitment that goes in to making Snowtown Primary School the best possible place for all our learners.



KATHERINE STRINGER

January was a busy time at the school as several maintenance tasks were completed. We now have a new split system air conditioning in the activity hall which will allow us to use the space all through the year and will be fantastic when students start yoga next Monday. I would like to thank Carley, Wayne and Glenys for all of the tasks achieved over the holiday break.

I would like to meet as many families as possible so if I don't see you in the yard before school in the morning, please feel free to come and meet me in the office. I am still mastering remembering names so you may need to give me a prompt!

School Package and Meet the Staff night



You will have received a parent information package and numerous paperwork to sign and return to the school. Please return all of the paperwork by Friday 5th February. We look forward to seeing as many faces at the Meet the Staff BBQ on Tuesday, February 9th from 5:30-6:30pm. Thank you in advance to Governing Council for cooking the BBQ.

Pool Update

The pool is open and it is great to see so many families with keys already making use of the facility. I have certainly learnt a lot about pool management since the start of January and it is more complex than I thought it would be. Thanks to Des and Simon for the amazing effort that has gone into filling the pool, getting the chemical balance to a safe level and dealing with many equipment issues. It normally takes 6 weeks to set a pool up from scratch so Des and Simon with support from Frank (DECD facilities), Peter (DECD pool support), Wayne and Katrina have worked together to meet all the requirements for the Council inspection. Please make sure that you sign the log book at the pool as knowing how many people are swimming helps Des and Simon to maintain safe water conditions.



Pupil Free Day

At our recent pupil free day we looked at ways to deepen and extend learner vocabulary and improve oral language as a child's vocabulary is one of the most powerful predictors of school success. You may wish to speak to your child's classroom teacher to find out more about ways you can support vocabulary development at home. You will also see in this newsletter a letter from the Hon. Minister for Education Susan Close outlining ways that parents and caregivers can be involved with their child's schooling.



Pupil free day - Abbie Kreig collaborative planning with Karyn Wiseman and Chris Fleher



Katherine and Greg collaborative planning with Amanda Phillips

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives. In 2016 the following Councillors will be continuing - Bernie Altmann, Katrina Ebsary, Kelly Freebairn, Simon Hickman, Nicole McCauley and Megan McGregor. Jemma Michael has completed a two year term and is



I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School Governing Council. I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more than the required nominations, elections will be convened at the AGM of the Governing Council to be held on **TUESDAY, February 23rd, 2016.**

Further details about the Governing Council Constitution and Code of Practice for Councillors can be obtained by contacting the school.

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of an offence of dishonesty or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Name

Signature

Seconded by (Name)

Signature

Date / / 2016

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE



Fiona and Sharee preparing materials

Just a friendly reminder...

Supervision of children in the yard is available from 8.30am to 3.15pm on school days. Parents are asked not to send children to school, or drop them off at school, before 8.30am. Prior to that

time the school is unsupervised and children are at risk.

GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Competitors	How is your pumpkin growing?
Abbie's Grandpa	Growing well
Adam Jamieson	Earwigs got mine
Andrew Cocks 1 & 2	Dead. Ran over them in the car
Bernie Altmann	Alive! Flowers, no pumpkins yet
Bill Freebairn x 2	1 Dead, 1 growing well
Blyth PS 1	
Blyth PS 2	
Brinkworth PS 1	Struggling
Brinkworth PS 2	Dead
Carley Darling	Dead
Charlie Lane	Dead
Cheryl Collins	Died in the last heatwave
Danny Scott	
Des Hancock 1 & 2	Died - didn't survive the heat
Glendy Dobie	Dead
Jane Wyatt	Died in the heat
Karlie Barclay	Failed to launch
Kathy Newman	Pumpkin small, but going steady
Kaye Ebsary	Growing well. Couple of very small pumpkins
Keith Welke	Dead
Kerry-Ann Cocks	It's growing!
Kirsty Handa	
Koleff	Dead
McCauley's	Dead
Nev Michael	Gone to God
Pt Broughton AS x 2	Didn't survive the holidays
Ray Dunn	Still growing
Scott Waters	Died
Simon Hickman	Growing well
Simone Bigg	Growing well
Tibby Heinjus	
Tracey McGregor	Died in the heatwave. Maybe next time.

Thank you Snowtown IGA and Snowtown Newsagency for again sponsoring our competition.



COME AND JOIN THE CATS FOR SEASON 2016

Here's what you need to know ...

- ⇒ **Football** Senior Training starts Tuesday 2nd Feb and Thursday 4th Feb @ Snowtown. Followed by Tuesday 9th Feb and Thursday 11th Feb @ Blyth
- ⇒ Combined Fitness Day @ Wallaroo Sunday 28th Feb 10am, including BBQ lunch

Queries to Ros Zweck Secretary 0409 810 829

- ⇒ **Netball** Non-Compulsory Preseason Training starts Thursday 11th Feb 6.30pm @ Blyth. Followed by Thursday 18th @ Snowtown
- ⇒ Whole Club Training and Ball Work 25th Feb @ Blyth
- ⇒ Combined Fitness Day @ Wallaroo Sunday 28th Feb 10am, including BBQ lunch
- ⇒ Senior Trials begin Thursday 10th March @ Blyth
- ⇒ First Junior Training begins Thursday 10th March @ Blyth

Queries to Bec Jamieson President 0407 862 966

- ⇒ **Crèche is available during training times**

BS NETBALL CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
SNOWTOWN HOTEL
JUNIOR MEETING 700pm
GENERAL MEETIN 730pm

Players and parents are encouraged to attend this meeting as *proposed changes to training times will be discussed*. We would like to give all families and players an opportunity to contribute ideas and thoughts.

Hope to see you there!



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from Susan Close MP

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parent/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child's school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

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Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year:
<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>
- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy:
<https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/ga/ga.html>
- An app to help you unlock your child's learning potential:
<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/primary-school>
- Parent easy guides, including dealing with peer pressure:
<http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/>
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas:
http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html
- Ideas for outdoor play in SA:
<https://naturesplay.sa.gov.au/>

