PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome back to the school year of 2017. I am happy to be back and have been reminded daily about how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to work in such a wonderful school community.

This year we welcome Mrs Hilary Ferguson to school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and all day Fridays. We have also welcomed 13 new Reception students: Back Row: Sky Sargent, Xyler Dawson, Darcy Cowin, Imogen Pech, Bodie Palmer. Middle Row: Logan Cowin, Lachie Schultz, Oscar Fudge, Thomas Zwar, Cooper Willis, Alicia Walton. Front Row: Tiesh Ackland and Tyler Ziepes.

In addition, Shaye Fowler, Georgia Fowler, Angus Gilby, Bodie Gilby, Mharly Gilby and Haylee Magnay have joined us, making our enrolments 70 in total.

Dates to Remember

Week 2
Fri.10th Feb. – Assembly
3pm

Week 3
Wed.15th Feb – GHS Swimming Carnival
Wed.17th Feb – Assembly

Week 4
LPS Swimming lessons
Tues.21st Feb – MNSEC Swimming Carnival

Week 5
Fri.3rd March – Assembly

Week 6
LPS Interviews

Week 7
Mon.13th March – Public Holiday
LPS Interviews
Fri. 17th March – Assembly

Week 8
Wed.15th March – School Photos

Week 9
Fri.31st March – Assembly

Week 10
Fri.7th April – Rocky River Sports Day

Week 11
Thurs.13th April – last day of term, early dismissal/short assembly
Fri.14th April – Good Friday
Our classes and teaching staff for 2017 are:

Year R/1
Mrs Moore – class teacher, English, Maths, Science, Technologies, The Arts, HASS (Humanities & Social Sciences)
Mrs Zander – Health & PE, Italian
Mrs Hunter – Year 1 Literacy, Tuesday – Thursday mornings until Recess time.

Year 2/3
Mrs Smallacombe – class teacher, English, Maths, Science, Technologies, The Arts, HASS
Mrs Zander – Health & PE, Italian

Year 4-7
Mrs Staker – class teacher, English, Yr. 4/5 Maths, Science, Technologies
Mrs Ferguson - The Arts, HASS, Health & PE
Mrs Zander – Yr. 6/7 Maths, Italian
Our school support staff are Pauleen Thomas, Bernadette Geddes, Jaymon Wurst, Catherine Burton, Judith Millington and Helen Wurst is our PCW. (Pastoral Care Worker)

School Day
At the end of last year the staff discussed a change to the structure of the school day. We now have six 50-minute lessons, with a short classroom administration time at the start and end of each day.
8:55am School starts
9:05 Lesson 1
9:55 Lesson 2
10:45 Recess
11:15 Lesson 3
12:05 Lesson 4
12:55 Lunch
1:35 Lesson 5
2:25 Lesson 6
3:15 Class pack up time
3:25 End of Day
You will notice that afternoon recess has been removed. Teachers will provide breaks for students if needed.

Instrumental Music
Another change involves instrumental music lessons for the Year 4-7 students. These will now be on each Thursday starting from Week 2.

Behaviour Management
In the pack of forms you receive, you will find a flow chart that explains our Student Behaviour Management procedures. This is a simplified version of the policy that the staff has developed. The full policy will be on our website when it has been ratified by Governing Council.

Emergency Action Plans
Hopefully this year’s weather is a little more predictable than last year but in the event of a weather emergency please see the procedures later in the newsletter.
That’s enough from me for now. I will have more information for you in the next newsletter about our plans for sharing student learning with you and goal setting this year.

Have a great fortnight!

Prue
Hip Hop Bounce, fresh dance that’s all about fun!

DANCE, CHEER, TUMBLE and SING, Hip Hop Bounce are now open for 2017 enrolments in Port Pirie, Jamestown and Clare. Come and share our passion for dance; make new friends and have fun whilst getting fit, boosting your confidence and learning great dance technique. All students are invited to perform at our annual end of year Spectacular at the Northern Festival Centre. Everyone is welcome to come and try, no experience necessary.

Enrolments are now open for our exciting 2017 timetable...

* New classes with expanded timetables in Port Pirie, Jamestown and Clare.
* Huge range of styles including Hip Hop, Cheerleading (Stunt and Pom), Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Tumbling, Adult’s Dance Fitness, Bounce Boys and Bounce-Sing (our very own Glee Club).
* Our very own Little Bouncer Club classes specifically designed to introduce your 2 or 3 year old to the magic of dance.
* New SACE and VET dance certification options for school years 9 and above.
* Take classes to perform, compete or just for fun; 2 years to adults, beginner to advanced, casual attendance options.

Contact Natasha for details and to book your place- classes are filling quickly.

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NOTE FROM PAULEEN
The 2017 School Fee and Form pack has gone home today. Please ensure you check the student personal details and return with any changes, plus consent forms as soon as possible. School Fees are due in 30 days and can be paid by cash, cheque and EFT. If you have any questions please contact front office staff.