A message from Deb

Last Tuesday night was a very successful Acquaintance Night and AGM. Parents had an opportunity to hear from their child’s teacher and connect with other parents. The pizza and AGM were well received. The Governing Council Reports and Annual Report are a great summary of the fantastic 2014 school year. If you didn’t get a copy of these more are available in the front office.

Jayne Ayliffe (a past parent) was presented with the DECD Volunteer Award for Outstanding Service. Jayne has been working at the school from 2003 – 2014, and this involved working at our school after her children left. She helped establish the Goody Patch and was on the Governing Council for 10 years. During this time she has been on most sub-committees (sports, canteen, fundraising, building and grounds) and was the Chairperson for 2 years. A truly amazing contribution to the Goodwood Community.

Thanks a million Sophie
We want to say a huge thank you to Sophie Brennen for her work in the Uniform Shop. Work commitments mean she has had to step down from this role. The organisation and effectiveness of this service is outstanding and Goodwood Community thank Sophie for everything she has done.

Social Learning a Great Way to Start...
Students feeling connected with their peers and believing in themselves as learners is essential for a successful year. It is for this reason that we spend extra time in the first 2 weeks on Social Learning. At the end of the two weeks all staff across the school work with students from reception to year 7 on a fun activity, where they needed to apply their collaboration skills.

IMPORTANT DATES
Feb 23rd RETURN YOUR CONTACT DETAILS PACKAGE
Feb 23-27 Swimming week
March 11-12: Year 6/7 Aquatics

Friday March 20th 8am Harmony Day Breakfast
Saturday March 21st 4:30 pm Millswood Bowls Family Fun Night

Congratulations year 7s on the Week 3 Assembly

Our year 7s did a fab job of being MCs at our assembly last week. Classes shared their social learning experiences over the first 2 weeks.
Welcome Breakfast
As always our Welcome Breakfast was a lovely opportunity for new and established families to get together. We thank the Student and Well Being Committee and in particular Bec Anderson for their organisation and 7am start to feed the masses.

Differentiating Learning Experiences
Within any one classroom the students abilities vary immensely. Teachers have a rigorous assessment schedule across the year to ensure we track individual needs. This is then reflected in their planning and programming where groups of students can work together on tasks tailored to their specific skill development. For example, guided reading supports teachers to work with students in smaller groups and develops independence in students to work together exploring texts. Wandering through Sarah and Maree’s class last week I had the pleasure of seeing this in practice.

Camping Connections
It was a pleasure to attend the 2/3 and 3/4 classes camp in week 2. It was made possible because of the commitment and dedication of the teachers and the willingness of parents and community members to get involved. The photos and student comments later in this newsletter say it all.

Banking
The Bendigo Bank is a great resource to our community as well as a service. Developing good habits in relation to saving is an important part of a child’s life. We encourage all families and students to take up Bendigo Banks school banking offer on Tuesdays.

Tree Removal
As you know our school is growing and we have had to relocate many classes. Lack of storage areas continues to be an issue for our school. We need to construct another shed in the yard next to our current shed, east of the North Yard. There are trees in this area that need to be removed. They are of concern as the two gum trees will grow to a large height presenting safety issues in terms of limbs falling. More appropriate trees, in terms of safety and shade, will be planted in the area alongside the playground closer to the bitumen.

Sports Registration Night
Last Thursday the Sports Committee held its first very successful Sports Registration night. All the Parent Sport Convenors were able to let families know about the sports that are offered at Goodwood Primary School. Students and their parents were able to indicate their interest in being a participant in any of the sports offered. By doing this at the beginning of the year it will help the Sports Committee with registrations of teams and finding coaches for the various teams. Thanks a million to all the parents who lead the sports teams it is a fantastic asset to Goodwood Primary.

Thanks to parents who cooked the BBQ, families appreciated having a few snags to keep the grumbling tummies at bay. If you missed the evening and want to register for any of the Sports Teams registration forms are available in the Front Office.

Carnevale .. Italian Festival
Silvana visited the preschool this week and talked to the children about the Italian Carnevale. The children loved it. Ongoing connections between school and preschool life is very important. Congratulations also goes to Silvana on the recognition of our students by the Dante Alighieri Society for the work they did in 2014, with regard to the ‘Happy Birthday Dante’ competition. (Dante was a famous poet) A special prize for creativity, innovation and technical mastery will be presented to the students of Goodwood Primary School later this year.

Kind regards
Deb Brassington

Canteen News .. We Need You……
We need volunteers to help Karen in the canteen. If you can donate a couple of hours each week please contact the front office.

Parent labelling of lunch orders
Please support our volunteers by putting the names and classes of all of your children if you put lunch money into just one envelope. Some parents are writing the names of their other children, but not the class they are in. This means volunteers have to spend time searching for this information. Your helpfulness and consideration with this is appreciated.

Jenny Wade
Dear fellow parents,

It is a new school year but already we have frustration over the Drop Off Zone near school. The zone is full of parked cars and the road is full of double parked cars, with children jumping out of vehicles and in amongst the traffic.

"Known in the Australian Road Rules as a ‘Kiss and Go’ Zones these parking areas have a maximum of two minutes parking. The intention is that drivers do not wait in these zones and that they stay in their vehicle so that the throughput of vehicles is streamlined and traffic queues are minimised. In reality it only takes a few inconsiderate drivers to overstay in these zones and the system breaks down leading to frustration and traffic delays."

Improving the safety of kiss and drop zones at schools,
The Stay Safe Rangers,
NSW public schools

So after some consultation with the Unley council and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI), here is what I found out.

The objective of Kiss and Go Zones is to:
› Improve safety for children in Primary Schools, particularly at home time
› Modify and improve driver behaviour in the vicinity of the school
› Streamline traffic flow and improve local amenity
› Educate children in responsible road safety

The use of Kiss and Go Zones is as follows. Drivers are to:
› Drive up, let the kids out and drive off
› Not stop unless their child is visible
› Spend no longer than 2 minutes in the Kiss and Go Zone (Any longer and you risk a parking ticket)

So with all of this mind, let us, as parents, consider how we use the shared traffic spaces around school so that we create a safe and positive environment for our school community.

A concerned parent
"I had a great time at Arbury Park because there was an amazing cockatoo called Claude."  - Bianca, 4M

"At Arbury Park we played the Web of Life game and it was a lot of fun."  - Mehtab, 4M

"I had a great time at Arbury Park especially the Eco-centre when we got to see tiny creatures we couldn’t see with our eyes under a microscope and it was the best school camp ever."  - Aroush, 4M

"I liked it when Trent came to tell us an Aboriginal story as it was interesting and I learned something from the story that the morning star is one sister and the other sister is the afternoon star."  - Yannika, 4M

"In the animal survival game a lot of people did not survive and some people survived."  - George, 6M

"I had a great time at Arbury Park Camp February 2015"
"We went on a hike to a quiet spot and there had been a bush fire there."
- Jesse, 4M

"At camp we tried to make a fire and I had smoke coming out."
- Sabrina, 6M

"On the first night we saw an Aboriginal guy called Trent. He showed us tools that showed us how to live."
- Xavier, 6M

"I liked the Appy Arbury treasure hunt because we got to put up a tent."
- Matilda, 6M

"Morning tea was the best because on the third day we had chocolate slice and the secret ingredient was beetroot!"
- Jaime, 6M
SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children. SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. All dental care is FREE for preschool children.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Lower Primary
Students will be focusing on the foundations of music – Rhythm and Beat. They will learn these areas by using aural skills, imitation, performance and composition. I will be using Orff Schulwerk methodologies to teach these musical skills by using voice, movement, body percussion and instrumental play. A focus will be made on Australian music, Multicultural music and Instruments of the Orchestra.

Middle Primary
Students will be learning the structure of music by using notation to create rhythms and to recognise melodic patterns. Students will learn to compose, perform and critique musical outcomes by using the following musical terminologies – Rhythm, Pitch, Dynamics and Form. A focus on Australian music, Multicultural music and Multimedia with music will be covered.

Upper Primary
Students will be learning the structure of music through note learning, composition and analysis. Students will compose pieces to be performed throughout the Semester and review their fellow students work by using musical terminology. A focus will be made on Australian music, Multicultural music and Junk Percussion.

Taiko Ensemble
Shortly an audition will be held to create an ongoing Taiko ensemble that will rehearse weekly with the hope to perform at School events and outside school events such as the Festival of Music. The rehearsals will be held on Friday lunchtimes. If your child is in years 5 - 7 and interested in trying out for a position, stay tuned for a note that will be going home in the next coming weeks.

Busking
At the end of each term I will be giving students who are currently learning an instrument or have a talent in the performing arts the opportunity to perform at an arranged lunchtime for staff and students. Look out for notification and information of these sessions towards the end of each term.

Free parenting seminar
Keeping teens and pre-teens safe online

Are you the parent or carer of a 10 – 15 year old?
Are you worried about their online safety?

Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:
- how teens connect online
- how to talk with them about safety
- making agreements and setting limits
- dealing with cyberbullying.

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Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au
Or
Register for webinar:
When you register you will receive login details

Tuesday 17 March
When: 7:00-9:00pm
Where: Panorama Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace
Adelaide

This seminar is designed for parents. Presented by Parenting SA.

MUSIC OVERVIEW
SEMESTER 1

2015 OPEN EVENING
6.00pm-8.00pm
Tuesday March 3
Special Entry Rowing Program
Enquiries to rowing@unley.sa.edu.au
101 Kirkman Street, Malvern East 3145 Ph: 97725455
Email: info@unley.sa.edu.au and Website: www.unley.sa.edu.au

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**New Stock**
The uniform shop is now stocking warm and cosy vests for the cooler weather. They are a great idea in mild temperatures and as an extra layer of warmth in winter. They come in our complete range of sizes and are $25 each.

**Help Needed**
If your interested in volunteering as a parent, we currently need volunteers to help in the uniform shop on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 - 3:30 pm. If you would like to help contact Tania on 0403 430 260 or Jacqui 0400 266 084.

**Year 7 T-shirts**
We currently have a small number of Year 7 T-shirts available. At this stage there is no plan to reorder, so if your interested, come in soon as sizes and stock are limited.

Regards
Tania and Jacqui

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Guidelines for parents on the physical and psychological effects of electronic gaming.

Prof Leon Straker- Professor of Physiotherapy at the Curtin University in Perth, and holds a National Health and Medical Research Council Senior Research Fellowship.

Dr Wayne Warburton- Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, and Deputy Director of Children & Families Research Centre, Macquarie University in Sydney.

Chaired by Amanda Blair

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