Welcome Back to 2015

Welcome back to everyone from a not so sunny summer holiday. I hope everyone has had a restful and safe Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the family time these holidays bring.

I would like to start off by welcoming our new students to the school. We have 5 new students at Stansbury, Oscar (front Left), Chonte (front right) and Jackson (middle) in Reception, Maddilyn (back left) in year 2 and Lachlan (back right) in year 4. We all welcome you and your families to our school and hope you enjoy your schooling with us here.

Once again I would like to begin with reminding ALL parents and students that I have an open door policy here in my office. If anyone has any issues, problems, good news or just generally wants a chat please feel free to come and see me at any time. If for any reason I am unable to see you straight away I will arrange a time to meet with you as soon as possible.

Information evening

We will be having an information evening on Monday 9th Feb. This is a compulsory meeting for at least one parent from all families to attend. There will be two components to the evening; the first part will be to meet with the classroom teacher for a quick 5 minute chat. We will be looking over some testing that was completed at the end of last year and testing that has taken place at the start of this year. This will inform you where your child is at for the start of 2015 and the direction we would like to see the children moving towards for 2015. These tests will then be repeated at the conclusion of the year so comparisons can be made. The
second part of the evening is a meeting for everyone to attend at 5:30pm to discuss the direction of SPS for 2015. The meeting will take place in the Activity room for half an hour with optional nibbles afterwards.

Teachers will be available for your 5 minute individual meeting for the duration of the afternoon from 3:05 until the whole school meeting at 5:30pm. Please fill in the attached sheet requesting the time that suits you most, either straight after school and come back for the meeting at 5:30 or come before the meeting. It will be a first in best dressed option for the time slots.

**General Business**

**Uniforms** – attached is a uniform order, please return your order and money to the office by Friday 13th Feb. A uniform display has been set up in the office with an example of items that can be ordered. Hats (wide brimmed and bucket) are also on sale at the school. This will be the only order of uniform for this term. Please see Janette in the front office if you wish to organise an alternative payment arrangement.

**Lunch Orders** – Lunch orders will continue this year from the Blue Lime Café. A list for 2015 was sent home in your information packs, please come and get another one from the front office whenever it is required. Lunch orders need to be put in the grey box in the office each morning when the children arrive.

**Communication folders** – These are the clear plastic A4 document wallets that the notes will come home in when required. Please make sure the notes are read and any forms that need to be sent back to school come in the document wallet. If nothing is to be returned to school the empty document wallet needs to be returned so it is ready for the next note. Both classrooms have a returned note box.

**Office Hours and Newsletters** – Due to a re-arrangement of SSO time there may be the odd occasion when there is no-one supervising the office. I will apologise for this in advanced but this slight inconvenience has allowed the SSOs to spend more time in the classroom supporting the children’s learning and running intervention programs. This will also mean a decrease in newsletters produced. Instead of every fortnight (5 times a term) they will be sent home 3 times a term. One at the end of week 1, one at the end of week 5 and one on the last day of term. Any consent forms and interim notes will be done and sent home when they are required. An SMS will be sent to all parents informing them that there is a note coming home that night.

**Music Lessons** – Last year we had 2 students having guitar lessons with Matthew Winter. Should any children like to continue these lessons or start music lessons please find Matthew’s ad on the last page of the newsletter and contact him to organise this, lessons can be done at home or school and can be on a variety of instruments.

**Volunteers**

We are looking for a variety of volunteers to join our school community. If you have some free time, once a week, once a fortnight, even at odd times and you would like to help volunteer at school your assistance would be gratefully appreciated. We are looking for people to help listen to children read, work on grounds working bees, providing one on one mentoring support for students, working on fundraisers etc. To be a school volunteer you will need to obtain a criminal history screening, (the school can supply you the documentation needed to be filled out, I can sign off on your 100 point check) and school will pay for the check to be done. The second requirement is to complete a Reporting Abuse and Neglect training for School Volunteers. This is also a training that I can oversee at the school; which we can run as a group and all do it together. Volunteering your time to assist children in a variety of ways can be such a rewarding experience so please come on in and see me if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or have any questions.

**R-4 Beach Safety Day**

Wednesday 11th February will be the R-4’s Beach Safety day at the Bluff Beach. Students will be travelling to the beach by bus, leaving school at 9:00am and returning approximately 3pm. Students will need to bring a packed recess, lunch and drink bottle, their hats and swimming gear (towel, bathers and a rashie or t-shirt to wear in the water). A consent form for this excursion is attached to the newsletter; please make sure this is returned to the office by Friday 6th February.

Kim Hoskins
BEHIND THE CLASSROOM WALLS

Books, Pens and Pencils

Please return all covered books and named stationery be returned to school ASAP. The excess stationery will be held by the classroom teacher and distributed to the students as they are needed throughout the year.

Thankyou From Kelly, Esther and Kirsty.

EXCURSIONS / VISITORS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Values Week

This week has been a values week, and what a way to start the term off. The children have focused on the value of Integrity this year and how this fits in with our school values. Our other focus was on “Bouncing back” and how important it is to overcome hurdles that life throws at us, pick ourselves up, learn from the problem/issue/mistake and move on.
School Fees
Materials and Service Charges
Invoices have been sent home with this newsletter. Full payment must be made prior to the end of Term 1 2015. If part payments need to be arranged please see Janette in the office Monday, Thursday & Friday.
Invoiced payments may be made by cash cheque or EFT- BSB 105-064 Account Number 260116240
Please put in surname & invoice for identification.

School Card
If you believe you may be eligible for school card and require a school card application form please pick one up from the office. Please return these promptly for processing.

Return forms
Could all forms that were sent home in the communication folder on Tuesday 27th January please be returned to the front office ASAP. Thank you to those who have returned these forms already.

Book Club
The first Book Club brochures for 2015 are being sent home today, with the newsletters. Closing date for orders is February 20th 2015.
If your child/children are ordering items from the brochures, all money and the order forms need to be back at school on or prior to this date, please.
In an easier option this year, parents and caregivers can access on-line ordering for Scholastic Bookclubs. The system is known as LOOP (Linked Ordering and Online Payment). The website to check out is scholastic.com.au/LOOP.
Payment is direct from your credit card and there is no paperwork involved at our end but we still distribute the purchased books to students. Schools still receive the same Scholastic Rewards for all orders. The LOOP app. is also available for mobile phones by downloading from the Apple AppStore.
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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 provided 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