From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

As per note sent out to our community earlier this week I will be Acting Principal whilst Sharon Willoughby has had to take urgent personal leave and Shaun Coghlan continues to be on leave. Apart from being a long term Deputy Principal with also experience as acting Principal I also have extensive knowledge of working within our South Valley Precinct as I have been at Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School since 2002. I look forward to working with the staff and getting to know the students and families of Thiele by actively promoting our values of respect, achievement, integrity and sustainability.

Save the date

“Making Dyslexia work for your child”

Neil MacKay presents his FREE workshop for parents/carers at the Aberfoyle Hub Community Library on Wednesday 19th October 2016 7.00pm – 9.00pm

The workshop will present the positive side of Dyslexia, placing abilities firmly at the centre of ideas and strategies for working with children at home.

Ways to support typical homework tasks will be presented, including dealing with comprehensions and learning for tests. He will also touch on ways to manage behaviour for learning and the use of “growth mindset language” to support children to take a more positive view of their strengths and capabilities.

More info to come.

Sarah Magnusson
Acting Principal
CONGRATULATIONS

SAPSASA Interstate Tennis

Congratulations on being selected to represent South Australia in the 12 & under School Sport Australia Tennis Championship. The Championship is being held in Albany, NSW from October 22nd – October 30.

Sam Wall a Thiele parent is coaching the team.

Good Luck to you both!

NOTES SENT HOME

Over the past fortnight the following notices have been sent home.

- Survey of Wellbeing & Student Engagement (Year 6/7 only)
- Leadership update

If you have not received any of the above, please request a copy either from your child’s class teacher or Thiele Reception.

INVITATION

Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus
Pedal Prix Team

You are invited to:

2016 Australian International
Pedal Prix
24 Hour Race

When: 12 noon Saturday 24 September – 12 noon Sunday 25 September

Where: Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge

Campus Tornadoes pits are 185-187 Pit D at the northern end of the track (map attached)

Look out for the big maroon Pedal Prix trailer and the “landmark” big catering tent!

There will be 206 trikes racing continuously over the 24 hours!

Watching Campus students race against other schools in the biggest race of its kind in the southern hemisphere is an awesome day out and a great way to see how exciting and rewarding it is for students to participate in Pedal Prix.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us amidst the excitement and we thank you for your support during season 2016!

Any questions? ☺ Please contact Ali Sellick on 0416 175252

We are here!
What a fantastic event our Campus Performing Arts Showcase was in Week 4 this term! We had such a wonderful array of acts from choir songs to soloists, as well as dance, class bands, campus band, student bands, drama and even a family act. The Showcase has been a tradition on Campus for many years and it’s fantastic the way that everyone collaborates and puts together a show to display the creative talents of students across the Campus. Well done to all the staff, students and parents who helped to put this wonderful event together. Here are some photos for you to enjoy taken by Andrew Harris, the year three Pilgrim teacher.

What are the benefits of IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School?

The benefits of the IGNITE program are supported by research in Gifted Education, as evidenced by the following extract from ‘By Not Challenging Gifted Kids, What Do We Risk Losing?’ By Ingfei Chen.

It’s easy to assume that for extremely bright young students, life in the classroom is a snap. But when conventional school curricula fail to stimulate their hungry young brains, leaving them bored and stymied, these kids may get lost in the system. and many may never blossom to their full potential. It’s a big loss for lots of reasons, including the fact that these students represent a unique pool of talent for generating new ideas and innovations. We may be losing opportunities to nurture the Henry Fords and Marie Curies of the future.

Gifted students who got a high “dose” of advanced and enriched learning activities in STEM areas (such as AP classes, taking college courses in high school, science fairs) were roughly twice as likely to earn a Ph.D. and tenure in a STEM field by their early 30s than those who got a low dose. Gifted students who miss out on accelerated learning opportunities still do well above average, but don’t accomplish as much later in life.


For further information about our IGNITE program for Gifted and Talented students at APHS, please phone the school on 8270 4455 or contact us via email: ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au
Pomography is the most prominent sex educator for young people today yet it misrepresents reality.

Many adults are unaware of how pervasive pomography has become, the nature of the material young people see or how it is affecting young people’s sexual understandings and experiences. It’s time we put aside our discomfort and discussed the issue as a matter of urgency as pomography is impacting on the lives of many young people today.

Current research clearly indicates that pomography production, dissemination and consumption is at record levels and growing.

Sexual offenses by school-aged children have quadrupled in Australia in only four years.

In order to assist young people to navigate this new reality, schools, parents and community organisations must first address the issues.

Kidz Biz Education is now offering two information workshops to South Australian schools, ‘Overexposed & Under Prepared’. One is designed for teachers, the other for parents. Both programs identifies the potential problems that pom has on young people and gives suggestions on how schools/parents can address the many issues that pom creates.

Vacancies are limited so I urge you to contact Kidz Biz Education ASAP, to secure a booking for 2016.

Kidz Biz Education also offers personal growth/social development and sexuality education, including classroom and family evening workshops, which are mapped to the Australian Curriculum-Health & Physical Education, and the Keeping Safe-Child Protection Curriculum.

To find out more about Kidz Biz Education, its free will testimonials, programs and downloadable information kits and recommended reading lists, click on this link http://www.kidzbiz.edu.au

Please contact me obligation free to discuss any aspect of the workshops.

Thank you kindly in anticipation of your cooperation

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