

THIELE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Acting Principal.....

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our last Pupil Free Day was spent listening to Val Westwall speak to us about the "Growth of every learner" The teachers and SSO's from Thiele and our South Valley Partnership schools participated in learning about the growing importance of social

skills and the general capabilities of critical thinking and creative thinking, personal and social skills, ethical understanding, intellectual understanding, decision making, working collaboratively, empathising with others, considering consequences, mediating cultural difference, examining values, negotiating, resolving and developing reflective practice. These capabilities are not only important to learning, but also for future success of our students in the labour market.

Val spoke about the importance of the three B's – Belonging, Being and Becoming - to growth in learning. Belonging is knowing where you belong and with whom you belong. This is integral to human existence. Being is recognising the significance of the here and the now in our student's lives and their engagement in life's joys and complexities to meet the challenges of everyday life. Becoming is the emphasis on learning to participate actively and fully.

We were also shown some information by James Nottingham on the "Learning Pit." James talked about the stages of learning and the need for our student learners to 'struggle.' It is through the stages of the learning pit that students develop a deeper understanding of their learning. To enable all students to experience the 'Learning Pit' we are required to create a 'hook.' The hook is to get them interested. We also need to create 'safety.' Safety allows students to challenge themselves. We also need to teach them strategies. These strategies are then developed by the students as work through the Learning Pit.

We cannot underestimate the importance of getting students involved in hard thinking and allowing students to make mistakes – mistakes allow brains to grow. Let's work together to design opportunities for kids to experience the 'Learning Pit', make mistakes and feel the satisfaction of experiencing the 'Ah-ha! moment of deep learning.

Kind Regards
Sharon Willoughby
Acting Principal

Clean Up Australia Day



On Friday March 2, 2018 - T4 - Cleaned up our School. First we cleaned out the front of our classroom and the Nature Play Area. Next we cleaned - up Pilgrim Playground and around the front of the Heysen Building. After we picked up rubbish in the Butterfly Garden. Finally we went out of the Heysen Gate and tidied up around the fence. We were disgusted how much we collected. We counted 56 chip and food wrappers and 67 pieces of plastic. We are very proud of our families that go to the trouble to make Litter Free lunches as we know they are helping to reduce rubbish in the yard and protect our environment.

SAPSASA Road Cycling

Congratulations to Jacob C who won the recent SAPSASA Road Cycling Competition



NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing period for this year is:-

- Tuesday 15th May - Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 16th May – Reading
- Thursday 17th May – Numeracy
- Friday 18th May – Catch up for any students who may have been absent for a test

Students may be exempted from one or more tests by the Parent/Caregiver completing a form from the Front Office prior to the test period. Students with a significant intellectual disability and/or students with significant existing condition that severely limits their capacity to participate in the tests may also be exempted from taking NAPLAN tests after consultation with the Principal and Parent/Carer prior to the test period. In special circumstances, a parent/caregiver may withdraw their child from the NAPLAN by completing a form obtained from the Front Office.

Parent Easy Guides

To help parents be their best Parent Easy Guides are available on the DECD website. Two interesting guides recently shared at Governing Council Meeting were on Cyber Safety and Safe Technology Use.

Thiele the 5c Challenge



It's super easy!!!!

Start collecting as many 5 cent coins as you can. They are always laying around the house, in the couch or even in the car. Ask mum or dad, even the grandparents for any 5 cent coins they might have.

There will be jars in your classroom and the class that has the most amount of 5 cent coins collected from the 4 weeks every child in that class will win a prize. Winners will be announced at Assembly May 4th

Starts— Tuesday 13th March

Ends— Friday 13th April

Campus Sports Day

Campus Sports Day will be on Friday 6th April – Starting at 8:45am. We encourage family members to come along and support the children on what is always a fun filled, vibrant day.

A letter will be sent home next week with further details about this day and there will be a sausage sizzle available for students and parents to pre-order or purchase on the day as well as two coffee vans on site. We hope to see many of you share in the fun and cheer for your children.

Campus Cup Way

At the Campus assembly held on Harmony Day the Campus Student Leadership Team introduced the Campus Way Cup.

This cup will be awarded to the winning sports team who collect the most points for demonstrating the virtues of the Campus Way. The Cup will be awarded each term starting with Sports Day.

- Respecting yourself
- Respecting others
- Respecting our place



Campus Events

The first Campus Events Committee meeting for 2018 will be held in the Campus Staffroom on Tuesday 3rd of April at 7pm.

As there will be no Campus Fair this year the focus will be on a smaller community event and other fundraising activities.

If you are interested in joining, please email Bianca Henderson on bianca.henderson627@schools.sa.edu.au or email your school front office.

Campus Car Parking

Car parking around our schools

The car parks and surrounds are used by parents of all of our schools. Safety of all of our students is our priority. Parents collecting children from the “kiss and go” areas at the front of the school and near the Church are required to treat these areas the same way as you would the drop off area at an airport. This is not area to sit and wait for your child/ren, if your child is not waiting in the area for you, you drive off and complete a loop until they arrive to be collected. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please observe the signs in the car parks and surrounding areas. We have had a concerned citizen who has observed inappropriate use of the grounds outside the Nativity car park gate. Could parents please be reminded to use the zebra stripes at the eastern side and middle of the car park as well as the paved footpath on the western side? If you are outside the main gate, could you park only in designated areas and not on the grassed areas. When exiting the car park please do not drive around cars waiting to turn, by using the grassed areas. We ask all parents to hold onto toddlers especially in the busy areas outside the gates. (Just passing on the observations.)

Campus Performing Arts

2018 has had an exciting start for Performing Arts on Campus. All of our students are involved in a dynamic program of Performing Arts classes, and there are also a range of wonderful additional experiences and opportunities outlined below, that students have had the opportunity to get involved in.

Campus Performing Arts groups and ensembles

The following Campus Performing Arts groups/ensembles are on offer for our students this year. With the exception of Advanced Music classes, all groups/ensembles started in Week 3, and all meet in the Performing Arts Centre.

Year 3-5's: Junior Choir (Thursday L5)

Over 100 students took advantage of our 'come and try' choir sessions earlier this term. We are currently finalising numbers and parental permissions, and have an enthusiastic group of approximately 80 students who would like to commit to Junior Choir for the year.

Year 5-7's: Campus Band (Thursday L4)

Campus Band is off to a great start, with students working on arrangements of "Beauty and the Beast", "Mission Impossible", and "A Sea of Flags". Our numbers are up again this year, with 14 students involved playing a range of instruments including keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin and oboe.

Drama Club (Wed lunch), Campus Dance Troupe (Fri lunch)

Drama Club has seen a big jump in interested students this year, and Lauren Hood is working hard to adjust her program accordingly. Students have been working on their acting skills through a range of drama games and activities, and student feedback is very positive.

Advanced Music (Thurs lunch)

Advanced Music classes started in Week 6, with a group of 16 continuing and new students in grades 5-7. We are focussing on developing students' musical notation and theoretical skills, which will both enhance their instrumental practice and skills, and lay the foundation for participating in music at an advanced level over the years to come.

Year 6-7's: Senior Choir (Wednesday L1)

Senior Choir has had a positive start to the year, with students being introduced to choral practice, rehearsal techniques, and beginning to explore this year's Festival of Music repertoire. This year's songs have been well received, with pieces including the Gene Wilder classic "Pure Imagination" from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and a series of new works by Adelaide composer and performer Mark Ferguson. Rachel Baverstock and I attended a two-day PD in Week 3 introducing and unpacking the year's repertoire, and we also participated last week along with Thiele choir students in an onsite PD/choir training session with Robyn Filmer from the Adelaide Festival of Music.

Instrumental Music lessons

We hosted an Instrumental Assembly on Thursday of Week 1, which gave our students the opportunity to learn about and hear the range of instruments and

teachers we offer on Campus. Interested students were given our Instrumental Program Booklet to take home to parents and caregivers - this outlines our program including costs, enrolment forms (for new students), etc. We have had a strong start to the year in terms of student numbers, which are seeing a steady growth across most instruments. Whilst we have had some issues to iron out with new DECD requirements regarding the teaching of instrumental lessons on-site, our students, staff and parents have been in very supportive and adaptable as this process is undertaken.

In summary, a strong start to what is shaping up to be a busy and productive year of Performing Arts on Campus!

[Ally Cunningham](#)

Performing Arts Coordinator
Aberfoyle Park Primary Schools Campus
Nativity - Pilgrim - Thiele

Thiele Assembly Schedule

Week 8 - T10 Mr Geoghan Year 3/4
Week 10 - no assembly due to Sports Day

Thiele Student Free Days

This year we have scheduled student free days for

- Term 2 – Monday 30th April
 - Term 3 – Friday 31st August and Campus School Closure Monday 3rd September
 - Term 4 – Friday 14th December
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Aberfoyle Park High School - Open Night



Aberfoyle Park High School

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday

27 March

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Principal
Marion Coady
will speak at

5.45pm

6.30pm

7.15pm

Come and meet our great students and teachers and be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

Tours will leave from the front lawns every 10 minutes between
5.30pm & 7.30pm

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Brighton Secondary School - Year 7 Out of School Zone Volleyball Trials & Special Interest Music Information Evening



Brighton Secondary School

Year 7 - Out of School Zone

Volleyball Trials

The Initial trials for a position in the Brighton Secondary School Volleyball Program will be held on Monday 7th May (Term 2, Week 2) at the following times:

10:00am or 11:30am

Students who meet the required standards at this trial will be invited to attend the Final Trial on Monday 21st May at an advised time.

If you would like to attend the trial, you must ring Brighton Secondary School Ph 8375 8200 to book a trial time and request an application pack.

Applications must be received Monday 30th April.

Brighton Special Interest Music Information Evening
for Years 6 & 7

Everything you need to know about auditioning for
Brighton's Special Interest Music Program

Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 6.30 to 7.30pm

Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall

For all enquiries please call Pam Parsons
Brighton Secondary School on 8375 8215
or email: pam.parsons@brighton.sa.edu.au

Mitcham Girls High School - Gift Academic Scholarships



Gift Academic at Mitcham

The Gift Academic Program aims to extend, challenge and support girls in Mathematics, Science, Technology, English and Humanities.

In 2019 scholarships worth \$800 per year will be offered to prospective Year 8 students who sit the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST) and are identified by the Council of Educational Research (ACER) as being academically gifted.

Students will be expected to continue with the Gift Academic Program in Years 9 and 10.

The Higher Ability Selection Test will be held at Mitcham Girls High School on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 9.15am.

Please register your interest at www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

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Gift Academic Scholarships

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MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Campus Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Campus, the hours are:

- Mondays 2.30 pm -3.30 pm
- Wednesdays 8.30 am - 9.30 am
- Fridays 8.30 am - 9.30 am.

Thiele Secondhand Uniform Shop



Notices sent home

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

- School Interviews information
- Year 6/7 Canberra Camp (Oct 28 - Nov 2)
- Youth Environmental Leaders Program
- Rotavirus Alert

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

Term 1 Diary Dates, 2018

Week 8

Friday March 23

12.00 pm - Assembly - James Geoghan's / T10 class presenting

Week 9

Tuesday March 27

Halogen Leaders Day

Friday March 30

Public Holiday - Good Friday

Week 10

Monday April 2

Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Wednesday April 4

SAPSASA Lacrosse

Friday April 6

Campus Sports Day

Week 11

Friday April 13 - end of Term 1

2.00 pm - Early Dismissal

Term 2 Diary Dates, 2018

Week 1

Monday April 30
PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday April 31
School begins

Week 2

Friday May 4
12.00 pm - Assembly

Term 4 Diary Dates, 2018

Week 3

Sunday October 28
Year 6/7's departs for Canberra
Friday November 2
Year 6/7's arrive from Canberra

	Term Dates 2018
Term 1	Jan 29 - April 13
Term 2	April 30 - July 6
Term 3	July 23 - Sept 28
Term 4	Oct 15 - Dec 14



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