Dear parents and carers

**Acquaintance Night**
Thank you to all the parents who attended Tuesday’s Acquaintance Night to meet their child’s teacher and hear about plans for the year. Teachers spent much time preparing and appreciate your interest. It has been pleasing to hear from several parents how motivated their child is to come to school and really want to achieve.

**Newsletter Moving into the Digital Age**
This will be the last paper copy newsletter we will be sending to all families. As a positive move for the environment and to save printing costs we ask that from now on you access our newsletter from the school website, where it has been available for several years. For those who may not have access to the internet or would really prefer a paper copy we will still send that home via your youngest child at school. You will need to request this in writing to the front office.

With almost all people with a mobile phone now, we are also looking at a messaging system to remind you when the newsletter is up on the website. More information on that in coming weeks.

**Governing Council AGM**
We are hoping to see as many of you as possible at the Governing Council AGM on Monday night at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts rooms. It has been pleasing to see the number of new nominations for Governing Council, if you would like to nominate fill in the tear off slip in the newsletter and return by Monday morning.

**Students Out and About**
We have many of our students out of the school on camps, excursions, aquatics etc and I’m pleased to get feedback on how well behaved they are representing our school. This has certainly been the case so far this year and we expect nothing less.

**Thank You**
I forward on the following thank you from St Philip’s Church:
I write to thank you, Erica, Sheryl, Terri and school staff and children and their families for a wonderful effort of preparing and packing 88 shoe boxes of love to be sent to Cambodia this year.
I think a wonderful effort has been made to help other children in other countries through working together on this project each year. Your gift boxes will bring joy to the faces of so many young children than you can imagine!
I also write to thank Erica, Lilian and the school community for the wonderful box of beanies, (knitted by Lilian) and the many boxes of can food items from under the giving tree that Andrew and I came to collect. We delivered these items to Anglicare for distribution to families who otherwise would go without during the Christmas season.
Yours Sincerely, The Rev’d Barbara Paull-Hunt

**On School Grounds after School**
I spoke to the students at Assembly about not being on school grounds out of school hours. While I encourage families to make use of our facilities, for safety reasons children should not be here after hours on their own. Kids Care staff are only responsible for children in their care. Thanks

**School Photos Feedback**
We would like to get feedback on our school photos. If you can spare a couple of minutes please fill in the tear off slip and return to the front office by the end of next week.

Phil Reid Principal
Languages in Schools
Do you sometimes wonder why learning a language other than English is important for your child? Research shows us that there are many benefits to a child learning one or more languages in addition to their first language. Improving and extending a child’s literacy skills is one clear benefit, together with helping to build understanding of how languages work as a system and the process of communication between people. When children and young people learn a new language, they make connections across languages and develop skills that can be applied to other learning.
In addition to the many emotional, intellectual and cognitive benefits of learning languages, it’s worth also considering the economic reality that our children and young people need to be prepared for life on the global stage.

Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge
PRC has begun for 2013. All classes have been given the PRC record sheets and many students have already begun borrowing and reading PRC books.
Check out the Reading Challenge website at www.prc.sa.edu.au for the complete list of books.
Books in our library which are part of the challenge have brightly coloured stickers on them:
- orange for Reception to Year 2
- green for years 3 to 5
- yellow for years 6 and 7

Reading aloud is allowed
For some of our younger students, “reading” 12 books is a daunting task. At this age it is perfectly acceptable to read the book to your child and follow it with a discussion about the story. However, we would like our more independent readers to select books which they are able to read themselves. There is a large variety to choose from. If you need help or have any questions, please see Jane or Anne.

Don’t forget – the library is open from 8:30 until 3:30’ish so there is plenty of time to borrow.

=From the Library staff – Jane and Anne
“To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.”
Victor Hugo, Les Miserables

Out of School Schools
4/5 Footballers Needed
We have 7 4/5 players that have committed to playing this season. We need a lot more players if we are to fill a team. Please collect a form from the front office and fill out urgently if your child would like to play.
We also need a coach and a team manager for the team to go ahead.
If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact Wayne on 0408897504 or Sharon on 0402249048. Wayne Football Coordinator

Certificate of Achievement Awards
Conratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at the last assembly:

| LA1-1  | Aidan P | Jasmine R |
| LA1-2  | Jasmine N | Beau S |
| LA1-3  | Trey S | Hazel B |
| LA1-4  | Whole Class |
| LA1-5  | Coco Ch | Indio T |
| LA1-6  | Zara R | Alec P |
| LA1-7  | Ylva L | Lila McM |
| LA1-8  | Locie S | Imogen B |
| LA1-9  | Imogen P | Tomàs R |
| LA1-10 | William B | Brooke W |
| LA1-11 | Reid LeF | Mabel N |
| LA2-2  | Matteo O | Thomas A |
| LA2-5  | Charlie C | Charlie M |
| LA2-6  | Kalani P | Bridie I |
| LA2-7  | Tabitha H | Nathan H |
| LA2-11 | Emma de B | Joe H |
| French | Chelsea F | Murray S |
| Beau S | Bridie I |
| Patrick S | Claire B |

OSHC News
Vacation Care was a success with positive feedback coming in from children and families. The staff team worked really hard to create a warm, friendly, welcoming and fun environment for all. Some favourite activities included ‘Abbie’s Amazing Race’, Greenhills Adventure Park and Team Trampoline. Deb and Nakita have begun working on the program for next holidays so keep an eye out in the coming weeks.
This term at OSHC the children are fortunate enough to be involved in Skipping, AFL and Golf through the Active After School Care program.
We also program for various experiences such as cooking, group games, art and craft.
We are always open to new ideas on how to improve our service and make the program even more enjoyable.
For information about OSHC, please come and visit us in the transportable at the back of the school.

Mmmm!
OSHC Fundraising
We are running a Kytons Bakery fundraising drive. Flyers are coming home with the newsletter today.
If you are interested, please return orders together with the relevant money to Kids Care by Monday 11th March 2013. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

SAPSASA News
Welcome to a new year of SAPSASA. Some of the events coming up this term are:
- District Swimming Trials (Feb 28)
- State Swimming Carnival (early March)
- Boys and Girls District Softball Trials (commencing this week) with State Carnival (11-15 March)
- Lacrosse Carnival (later this term)
- Netball and football district selection carnivals (TBA)
If you have any questions about upcoming events please contact me at school.
State Selection
All nominations for selection in state teams in all sports need to be completed online by parents and the forms need to be endorsed by the school principal. State teams are open to all students who are 12 and under (that is not turning 13 this year). To access the forms go to www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, then Interstate Nominations. If you have any problems or questions you can see me at school or contact the SAPSASA Sports Unit on 84165900. There are various due dates so please check the site for further information. Michelle Burton

CPSW Corner
Welcome back!! I hope you all had a wonderful break over the holidays and are now into the swing of school life. I thought I would share with you about my own family. I have been married to Jim for nearly 28 years and we have 5 children. My eldest is Rachel (the only girl) is getting married early next year in Thailand. Hamish is 22 plays ABA basketball and is hoping to study in the USA mid year. Jordan is 18 and has just started TAFE after completing year 12 last year and then comes Caleb who is 14 and is representing his school playing basketball in Queensland in May. Lastly is Liam who is 12 and currently thinking about being an “Awesome Cricketer”. Life has not always been plain sailing and we have had our fair share of up’s and downs, terrible 2’s or teens (pretty much the same), tantrums, school issues as well as graduating school, birthdays, first relationships and family holidays. So if you ever need a listening ear just to bounce around a few ideas or just some reassurance and advice then my door is always open for a coffee and a chat. I’m at school every day with Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays as my Christian Pastoral days and a new role in the front office on Thursdays.
Blessings Erica 😊

Community Notices
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Capture the spirit of family friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
😊 Introduce your family to another culture
😊 Make lifelong international friends
😊 Share our Australian culture and lifestyle
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer families to host high school students from France, Germany, Spain and Italy. The students arrive on the 13th July and stay for 11 weeks. If you could find it in your heart to host one of these students, you would make their dream come true.

Please contact Jenny Hanson on 85562208 / toll free 1800 500 501 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au.

Foster Care
If you’ve ever thought about becoming a Foster Carer and would like more information we have some pamphlets at the front office. You can also ring 8131 3456 or Email fostercareenquiries@anglicare-sa.org.au or visit the Anglicare website.

Governing Council Nomination
I wish to nominate for Governing Council for 2013

Name:________________________________________________________

Child’s Name:______________________________________________

Signed:__________________________________________

School Photos
I am happy / not happy with the quality of our school photos.

Ideas/suggestions:________________________________________________________

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Name:______________________________________________

6/7 Aquatic News
Last week all the year 6/7s went to Port Noarlunga for Aquatics’. We had a choice of 7 activities. Most people did snorkelling but others did fishing, wave skiing, boogie boarding, surfing, sail boarding and canoeing. Many of my friends did canoeing and from their description it sounds like they had an amazing experience. I did snorkelling. We had to wear a wet suit, mask, fins and a head piece if we were cold. We saw many different types of fish and sea stars. On our last day we got to feed the fish. It was such an amazing experience and I loved every second of it. Bethany Year 7 LA 2-11.

Aquatics was great. We arrived at about halfway through lunch and got into our PDF/wetsuits and walked down the beach to our station. I was doing wave skiing, but there were other groups who were surfing, boogie boarding, snorkelling, fishing and canoeing. Our instructors were really friendly and the activities themselves were super fun. Overall I really enjoyed everything about Aquatics. Lawson Year 6 LA 2-11.

This year at Aquatics I did sailboarding. We were very lucky because all 4 days were great. All the instructors were very nice. Shay Year 6 LA 2-11

More stories and great photos……….
My name is Angus and for Aquatics I did Surfing. Over the four days I probably caught over 150 good waves and 70 that I wiped out on. The instructors were great but the waves were even better. We surfed about 1k away from the jetty at Port Noarlunga. On the last day we saw a dolphin and I was on the same wave as it! It was the best school week I've ever had.

Last week for Aquatics I did snorkelling. Our instructor was called Scuba Steve. Every day we did something new and it was good, except for the last day when the waves came over the reef and made the water not clear to see in it. There were also a lot of bubbles. I really enjoyed snorkelling. Alicia M LA 2-7.

Last week for Aquatics I did Boogie Boarding and it was lots of fun. Each day the waves always got bigger and bigger. It was really fun riding the big waves, but sometimes you got dunked when they were really big if you weren’t concentrating. I enjoyed Aquatics because I was with my friends. I think everyone else would have enjoyed it as much as I did. Tabitha H LA 2-7.

The first day of Aquatics was of course the most exciting day. Flat enough water for snorkelers’, reasonable waves for first time surfers and boogie boarders. Aquatics took up the whole of the beach. Snorkelers, surfers and boogie boarders had to wear uncomfortable wetsuits and a rashie over the top to clarify which group you were in. Friday was the absolute best weather for surfers and boogie boarders as the waves were huge and crashing and we had a great time. Aquatics was great for everyone. Joel T LA 2-7.