Dear parents and carers

2013 Governing Council
I was delighted with the number of people who nominated for this year’s Governing Council at last week’s AGM. We have 16 parents, 1 community rep (Rev Barb Paull-Hunt) and 3 staff reps for a very ‘healthy’ council. This includes 8 new nominations which is terrific to see.

After the AGM, the new council met and voted in office bearers. The council for 2013 is:

- Tim Munn Chairperson
- Kym Welsby Deputy Chair
- Jane Mitchell Secretary
- Vanessa Turner Treasurer
- Darren Fong, Almeda Peer, Matt Taylor, Andy Payne, Claire Lovejoy, Christie Davis, Kylie Booth, Linda Chambers, Trish Evans, Helen Nicholaou, Heidi Kerr, Margaret Pummeroy, Rev Barb Paull-Hunt, Sheryl Mickan, Nancy Saccoia & Phil Reid.

Sub Committees
Our Council Sub Committees are where much of the work is done and we are looking for other parents to join a committee as a way to contribute to the life of the school.

The Committees usually meet once a term at a time suitable for the group and you don’t have to be on Governing Council to be on a committee.

The Sub Committees are:

- **Facilities**
  The development and enhancement of our grounds and facilities

- **Sports**
  Overseeing the out of school hours sports teams

- **Finance**
  Looking at the school’s financial position and spending priorities

- **Dress Code**
  Overseeing the school’s Dress Code and considering new items

- **Parents and Community**
  This is the combined P&F and Fundraising group which organises school community events and/or fundraisers including welcoming new families to the school.

- **Strategic Directions**
  Shares information about the educational program at Paringa including DECD initiatives (eg Aust Curriculum)

- **Canteen**
  Oversees the operation of the school canteen

- **OSHC (Kids Care)**
  Overseeing the management and operation of our Out of School Hours Care and Vacation Care programs

We have had some parents already indicate they’d like to join a committee so please consider nominating and email or write a response to the front office to let us know if you are interested. Please don’t hesitate to contact me or anyone on council if you’d like more information on any of the groups.

Phil Reid Principal
Parents & Community Group
The Facilitator of our P&C group of the past few years Luciana d’Arcangeli sent this in to share with parents -

“Being part of the Parents and Community Group (or how it was known before, the Parents and Friends Committee) was a great experience. It allowed me a privileged view into the school we had actively chosen for our child and we received great help from those who were here before us in finding our way around the local area and the workings of our new country. In turn it was great to give back to our new community in a number of ways from;

- helping organise a school car run for a parent with a loved one in care, to selling cakes to raise funds, to organising the fun run.

I do not hesitate one second in recommending you volunteer for the school in whatever way you can, and, of course, in whatever time your normal schedule allows!

If you have as little as half an hour on Sports Day the Cake Stall can use your help, and so can the other parents working on the fundraising BBQs or sports events, or maybe you are the more sporty kind and can help in that area - I’m not sporty but hey, the children loved my training sessions anyway and it beats sitting on the side waiting! There’s really a lot you can do and your child will appreciate it and walk a lot taller when you do.

I personally found it rewarding to organise talks, I am after all a lecturer, and it is amazing what you can learn in one-hour over a hot cup of tea or coffee. We covered topics such as supporting your child in learning how to read, how to protect children from the sun and what to put in a healthy lunchbox and many more.

Last year the School was successful in raising funds to build the outside stage that I hope will bring great joy to the children in future years but most of all, on a personal level, what was really important for me and us as a family was creating a network that we were part of and that we knew was there to relate to our child's needs.

I wish all the pupils at Paringa happy learning in 2013 and all the adults the best of fun trying to keep up with them!” Luciana.

Pupil Free Day
All schools are entitled to 4 Pupil Free Days a year to support staff in training and development. Governing Council has approved a Pupil Free Day for term 1 on Monday March 18th. Our focus will be on Information Technology and in the morning teachers will be visiting various schools to look at the way they are using mobile digital devices (IPads & Laptops) then meeting back here in the afternoon to share their findings and do some planning.

OSHC News
Thank you in anticipation for your support. Below are some friendly reminders:

- Vacation Care Programs are now available if you are interested in using this service in the April school holidays.
- Please return any Kytos Bakery fundraising orders together with the relevant money to OSHC by Monday 11th March.
- OSHC will be open for the Pupil Free Day. Bookings are essential.

Thank you, Nakita, Deb and the OSHC Team.

Library News
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following people who have started – and finished – the challenge:

| Abby 1-4 | Uri 1-10 | Mohammed 1-8 |
| Ruby 1-8 | Tayla 2-6 | Alice 1-10 |

Don’t forget – Reading aloud is definitely allowed – especially for our younger students.

From the Library staff – Jane and Anne

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”

Albert Einstein

Casual Day
(wear orange)

Easter Egg Donation
Thursday 21st March 2013
(Harmony Day)

Tickets for this year’s Easter Raffle will be sent home soon. The raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm in the Gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We are asking that each child bring something ‘Eastery’ on Casual (wear orange) Day, as a contribution towards the prize baskets such as:-

- Medium to large Easter Eggs or packets of small eggs
- Chocolate bars, boxes etc
- Chocolate bunnies or bilbies or soft toys
- Items to make up baskets including cellophane, ribbon, baskets etc

We greatly appreciate your cooperation with fundraisers such as these. It is a great way to get your children involved by getting them to choose something to donate.

Donations can be brought to the Front Office by Tuesday 26th March as baskets will be made up in the morning from 9am in the Staffroom (if you are able to assist).

Tickets are priced at 50 cents each. Sold and unsold tickets and monies need to be returned to the Front Office by Wednesday morning, 27th March.

Thanking you in advance. The Parents & Community Committee

SPORTS DAY
Sports day is to be held on Thursday 11th April 2013 at the Bower Street Oval. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of friendly competition, fun and games as we cheer your child’s team on.
CPSW Corner

‘LEGO LUNCH CLUB’

This term we have started a “Lego Lunchtime” club on Tuesdays for the Reception to Year 2’s. The children and I have great fun in creating and building some awesome Lego pieces in the photos below. This is a great time of not only having fun and using our imagination but also building friendships with other children.

I have also enlisted my son Hamish to run some basketball training skills on Monday lunchtimes for the years 3 & 4 children. Hamish currently plays ABA Basketball for Southern Tigers and used to coach Under 14’s for South Adelaide Panthers.

Blessings Erica ◆

Lost and Found

A student’s brand new Paringa Park short-sleeved polo shirt had mistakenly taken Shay’s top from the first day of the Year 6/7 Aquatics week. It is a size 10 or 12 with the name Shay T on the back of the label. The top was left by Shay’s backpack with his other gear and has no doubt been picked up by mistake. The Aquatics staff have been telephoned and it was not left there. If it could be returned to Mr Rosewall’s classroom LA2-11 or the Front Office, it would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you

Community Notices

**Seacliff Hockey 2013 sign on**

Are you interested in playing hockey? Sign on evenings are on - Sunday 3rd March 6 to 8 pm and Tuesday 5th March 6 to 8 pm.

At Seacliff Sports club Lipson Avenue, Seacombe Heights, SA 5049

Players of all ages and abilities welcome. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club please let them know. Need more info: Contact Kerry Kitto 0408276697 or juniors@shc.org.au

Somerton Park Tennis Club

2013 Winter Season

PLAYER REGISTRATION

All standards accepted for Saturday morning competition. Junior Registration due 16th March 2013

Any interested players wishing to become involved with an expanding and successful club contact:

Steve Beckley (Junior Coordinator): 0431 891 733
Or email sbeckley@charint.net.au
Club situated at 40 Wilton Ave, Somerton Park

Instrumental Music at Beachfront Hub

Beachfront Hub Beginner Band has vacancies for the following instruments:

**Trumpet, Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Percussion.**

Year 5 or 6 students are welcome to join – no prior experience needed. These lessons take place on Wednesday mornings at Brighton Secondary School.

Learning a musical instrument has many benefits. As well as specific musical skills students learn study habits such as time management and perseverance, teamwork skills including interdependence, peer mentoring and student leadership, and personal development skills like self-discipline, identity, confidence and bravery. “Music also activates both the right and left brain. It elicits emotional responses and stimulates the limbic system (the part that helps long term memory).

Skill on a musical instrument takes a while to develop, and students make a big individual and family commitment. Beachfront students practice their instrument each day (with support and encouragement from their family). They overcome the physical challenges of pitch, rhythm, co-ordination and airflow, and work in Band towards school performances. Instrumental skill can also be fun and highly rewarding.

At Beachfront our students have performed both within and outside the school community, with the yearly ‘tour’ day being a highlight for many.

Interested? Need more information?

Please contact Sue Asser on sue.asser329@schools.sa.edu.au
Mobile – 0400 570 089

‘The Titanic’

The Titanic was made from all recyclable materials by Jack M in LA 1-7.
Adelaide High School

Special Language Entry for 2014
Adelaide High School is South Australia’s Special Interest Language School. 60 students are accepted into Year 8 through the Special Language Program. Students commit to study two languages other than English until at least the end of Year 10.

The following languages are offered:
Chinese | French | German | Italian | Japanese | Modern Greek | Spanish.

Special Cricket or Rowing Entry for 2014
Places are also available through the Rowing and Cricket Programs of Excellence.

Centre for Hearing Impaired
Adelaide High School enrols students into a Centre for the Hearing Impaired.

Application forms are available from your Primary School and directly from Adelaide High School.

Special Entry applications are due Friday 3 May, 2013.

Applications are now being accepted into the Specialist Sports Program for year 8 in 2014.

For more information about the program and to complete an online application form please visit: www.henleyhs.sa.edu.au