From The Principal

Last Monday marked our 2015 Annual General Meeting which was extremely well attended with 15 families represented (over 30% of our school community). It was an opportunity to reflect on last year with a focus on our growing community, student and teacher development and achievement and the diversity of learning opportunities that made up our school year. We concluded with the nominations for our 2015 Governing council with 9 members (a very healthy number) elected which includes three first time members, Andrew Ayles (dad of Bradley), Vicky Bekker (mum of Caitlin and Kaleb) and Maya (mum of Izumo and Kodai). The office bearers are Daniel Katz (chair), Steve Pettifor (Dep. Chair), Julie Paech (Treasurer) and Emma Reader (Secretary).

Last week was our Year 6/7 Aquatics camp held at Victor Harbor. Once again we had a thoroughly enjoyable experience with the water warmish (it depends who you ask!) and the wind mild. Each student participated to their fullest making the most of every event as they boogie boarded, kayaked and snorkelled. The Aquatics staff couldn’t have been more complimentary of our children highlighting both their willingness to accept the challenges and take a risk that is inherent in such activities but also the respect that they display – Sue, Cathy and I were very proud. What a way to learn.

Tomorrow is Crazy Hair Day, an opportunity for us to raise much needed funds for Leukaemia research. No doubt there are many of you in our community who have been affected by this illness, be it directly or indirectly. Three students; Zane, Ethan and Daniel, have all registered online and will be having their heads shaved at school by one of our mums who is a hairdresser at 9am. Other students are encouraged to take part by coming with Crazy hair for the day and giving a gold coin donation which we will share amongst the three boys and then forwarded to the foundation. This event not only highlights the importance of contributing to the greater good as an active and informed citizen (one of our school’s overarching goals) but also the nature of student leadership within our school with the three boys taking it upon themselves to organise much of the event with the support of Cathy.

This year’s Small school sports day has finally been confirmed for Friday 27th March (Week 9). It is being run by Basket Range PS and held at Uraidla oval. The program will be very similar to previous years with participation and fun everyone’s goal. I appreciate this is late notice however I hope it is sufficient for many of you to attend. It was a great day last year and much of that is due to the community nature of this event. More information will follow as it gets closer.

This week I want to finish by seeking your support to ensure that your children are school ready, what we call learning ready. One of the most important things for young minds is to ensure that our children are all having a solid night’s sleep of at least 9-10 hours uninterrupted. We are noticing many children across the rooms that are yawning at the beginning of day and when we investigate this they often tell us they have been out the night before. Whilst we appreciate that there are always special circumstances we ask that sleep be a priority for all of our children as this simple change in routine can make a huge difference to learning success.

Regards, Travis
We have drawn a story map and are getting ready to write!

During Activity we learn how to get along and share equipment. We imagine possibilities and connect ideas. We explore situations and generate alternatives.

We are publishing our stories using Word!
Hello all,

Just a couple of things this week.

With so much happening this term, some of our significant days get lost in the busyness. Next Thursday is Harmony Day, a day for us to pause and think about how we might contribute to making our world a more harmonious place. When we had the Inverbrackie students on site, some of the issues that affect many communities around the world were much closer to the front of our thoughts.

Harmony Day is a great opportunity to have some discussions with our students about what makes our community a safe and caring place and what it is about our behaviour that helps to keep it that way.

It’s also a fabulous opportunity to get out the orange clothing! (if you’re like me, finding orange in the wardrobe is a definite challenge).

On a completely different note, I feel I need to share my very successful possum-deterrent. This season the possums were wreaking havoc in my tomato patch and we weren’t picking any ripe tomatoes until....... We installed a sensor light which is solar powered. It cost around $30 at the hardware store and has been 100% successful. I’m so excited I just needed to share! I definitely think that any good gardening tip is worth sharing around.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Cathy

Reminder—Drop off Zone

If you are picking up or dropping off your children please use the pick-up and drop off facility on Longwood Rd before and after school.

However, if you are accompanying your child to or from the classroom please use the visitor car park adjacent to the oval.

When walking to school please use the path and pedestrian crossing adjacent to the driveway.

Please note: Vacation Care will not available at Mylor PS OSHC for the term 1 holidays

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Piano Stool Wanted

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Wanted!

Pauline is looking for some items to support the Visual Arts programme. If you have any unwanted—

- Magazines (good ones are House and Garden and Travel)
- Fabric scraps
- Paper craft scraps
- Or
- Anything else you think might be useful

Please drop them off to her room (Monday or Tuesday) or to the Front Office. Many thanks!

Heathfield High School invites families to join us for Showcase Evening

Tuesday 17th March
5:45pm - 8:00pm

Entrance: Gate 2 Longwood Road

Join Mr Alistair Brown at 7:00pm in the Hall for the Principal’s Address

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