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Diary Dates

Mon Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9—Dancify Sessions
Mon 3 August—Jack & the Jumping Beanstalk Performance
Mon 3 August—7.00pm Governing Council Meeting
Wed 12 August—Pupil Free Day for School only
Fri 14 August—Table Tennis Championships at Murray Bridge
Tues 18 August—Rm 4/Rm 5 Excursion to Mt Barker Library for Splash Theatre Performance
Mon 7th September—School Closure Day for the Show 7.00pm Governing Council Meeting
Tues 15 September—School & Preschool Photos

REMINDER

Wednesday 12th August is a Pupil Free Day for the School only. OSHC is closed.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Staff
A big welcome to two new staff members: Lucy Campbell who is working in the school supporting students on Fridays and Cheryl Pullman who is working with Sue and Helen in the Preschool on Mondays.

Preschool Grounds
Have you had a look at the area outside of our preschool lately? What a transformation. We must thank Steve Graham from Carey Training and his group of trainees for the work they did, often in trying conditions, to bring that area up to scratch. It couldn’t be completely finished but we certainly have a wonderful foundation on which to work. Thanks to Simon Harrison for organising our gazebo to be placed. As you can see from the photos, it was a spectacular sight. It will be an area that all students in the school will be able to utilise during class time with their teachers for various activities. Thankyou to all who have contributed in any way.

View the newsletter on our website at www.echungaps.sa.edu.au
Parent feedback on the Australian Curriculum
“DECD would like to hear from parents/carers about the Australian Curriculum so that we can feed into the national process of curriculum monitoring. This curriculum is used by Reception to Year 10 teachers to plan what students will learn. Your opinions will be a valuable contribution to DECD’s feedback to the national monitoring process. The survey can be accessed at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feedback_Parents_Carers_Aust_Curric. The survey closes on Friday 7 August.”

Renaming of classrooms
Rather than calling class areas by their numbers we thought it would be more interesting to call them by names. The students have got together in each class and have come up with the name of an Australian bird for their class area.
Room 4 will now be known as “Kingfisher”
Room 5 will now be known as “Ibis”
Room 7 will now be known as “Lorikeet”
And Mr Moore’s room will be known as “Corella”
Names will soon be on display in these areas.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the challenge:
Tyson D (Ibis) and Foster T (Lorikeet).
Evie S (Kingfisher) has now read 60 books and is still going.
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

FUNDRAISING NEWS

All students should bring home an order form today for the Echunga Primary School McCue's Bakery Fundraiser.

Families are able to order pies, pasties, pizzas, fruit plates, cookies etc. There is a great variety to choose from. It is a fantastic way to help raise funds for the school and to keep your freezer stocked (and it all tastes delicious).

Orders and payment are due back to Merridee, in the Front Office, by Tuesday 11th August. The food can be collected from the school on Thursday 20th August.

More order forms are available from the Office if you would like to pass them on to friends.

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful time on your holidays.

I was away last week from school as I had the annual Schools Ministry Group Conference. Next Monday I will also be away due to some training on Pastoral Care.

My hours for this term are two days per week:

* Mondays 9am-3pm (School)
* Tuesdays 9am-3pm (Preschool)

On Mondays I will be starting a café for Year 6/7s’ at recess time.

As always if you would like to connect with me please ring the Front Office, come in, or write a note through your child’s teacher.

Jade Brook
Pastoral Care Worker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Echunga Softball Club
Anyone interested in playing softball this year are welcome to attend the registration day which will be held on Sunday 23rd August from 12.00-1.30pm at Anembo Park, Littlehampton.

Learn to Meditate—4 week courses
Have you always wanted to learn to meditate? Learning to Meditate is not difficult, but like any learning experience requires teaching and some effort.

This course focuses on obtaining the correct posture, practicing various types of meditation and assists in setting up a daily practice.

Choice of three course times: Monday July 27, August 3, 10 & 17 (7.00am-8.00am); Thursday July 30, August 6, 13 & 20 (9.30am-10.30am); Saturday August 1, 8, 15 & 22 (4.00pm-5.00pm). Please note final session is for 1½ hours. Cost is $100 (4 weeks inclusive). Where: 74 Mt Barker Road, Stirling (just past the BP station in the Hills Yoga building).

Call India Wallace on 0400 401 028 for more information.
South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs (SAASPC) invites parents to attend

Sesssions with Andrew Fuller

Monday 17 August
7.00 – 9.00pm
Valuing girls / valuing boys

Tuesday 18 August
9.30am – 4.00pm
Unlocking your child’s genius
Building resilience in children
Survival skills for parents

SAASPC annual general meeting

Where
Australian Education Union Building 103a
Greenhill Rd, Parkside

Cost
For SAASPC affiliated preschools and
schools - free
For non affiliates
Monday evening $27.50
Tuesday only $44.00
Both sessions $55.00

A light supper on Monday, and morning tea
and lunch on Tuesday will be provided

Andrew Fuller is a clinical
psychologist who has worked with
many schools and communities in
Australia and internationally,
specialising in the wellbeing of young
people and their families.

He has recently been described as an
interesting mixture of Billy Connolly,
Tim Winton and Fraser Crane and as
someone who puts the heart back into
psychology.

This is also an opportunity to meet
and talk with parents from other
preschools and schools

Accommodation
Limited free accommodation is
available on Monday 17 August
at Tiffins on the Park, 170
Greenhill Rd, Parkside for
parents attending from affiliated
country preschools/schools. It
does not include meals or other
expenses incurred.

If you do not belong to an
affiliated preschool/school or
you wish to extend your stay you
will need to make your own
arrangements for
accommodation although we
are happy to assist you in any
way.

Child care
While we are unable to provide
child care ourselves, for parents
attending from affiliated
preschools/schools we are able
to reimburse you so your costs
are covered.

We appreciate the financial
assistance of the Minister for
Education and Child Development
which enables us to meet the cost of
the conference and provide
accommodation for our country
affiliates.

Registration form / tax invoice – Sessions with Andrew Fuller

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

Name ___________________________ ___________________________
Home address Postcode

Telephone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Preschool/School ___________________________

My school/preschool is affiliated with SAASPC – no charge
I will be attending (please cross box)
Monday evening ☐ Tuesday ☐ Both sessions ☐

My school/preschool is NOT affiliated with SAASPC
I will be attending
Monday evening $27.50 $ ___________________________
Tuesday $44.00 $ ___________________________
Both sessions $55.00 $ ___________________________

I will require accommodation on
☐ Monday 17 August

Please indicate if required
☐ Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities) ___________________________
☐ I will be applying for reimbursement of childcare costs ___________________________

ABN 60 001 306 515

Please make cheques payable to
SAASPC - contact us for EFT details

Registration and accommodation will be emailed or posted to your home address

Confirmation of registration and accommodation will be emailed or posted to your home address

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

For more information telephone 1800 724 640
email info@saaspc.org.au
OSHC NEWS

OSHC AWARDS TERM 3

And the OSHC Award goes to…
1. Laela B

ENROLMENT FORMS

Just a reminder to all families that children can only attend AFTER enrolment forms have been filled in and returned to OSHC. So any families who were enrolled, but have not dropped their forms back will not be able to use OSHC until their forms are returned. There is a breach of compliance and fine of $2,000 for services who don’t comply with this.

As we do not require a new form to be filled in every year, we do require that all changes in details be updated regularly.

PUPIL FREE DAY AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There is an approved Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 12th August, Week 4. OSHC will be closed on this day, due to staff training which was booked at the beginning of the year.

There is an approved School Closure Day on Monday September 7th, Week 8. OSHC will be open if 8 or more children book in.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Mitchel for saving all our recycled materials for us to use in our art and craft.

NQS UPDATE FOR THE OSHC SECTOR (FROM OSHCSA)

“The Education and Care Services National Regulations and National Quality Standard (NQS) were introduced on 1st January, 2012. This means they have been in operation for three and a half years now. So we thought it was timely to have a look at the big picture of where OSHC services now sit in relation to the NQF.

Statistics from ACECQA in June this year show that in South Australia only 34% of OSHC services have been assessed and rated (116 services). Of those services assessed, 46% have been rated Working Towards the National Quality Standard. That is almost half of all OSHC services in SA who are not meeting the NQS. Of the remaining 54% who have been assessed, 33% have been rated as Meeting the NQS and 21% as Exceeding the NQS.”

OSHC FEE INCREASE FROM JULY 6TH, 2015

Just a reminder that as per the budget recommendations and as ratified by Governing Council all our fees went up as follows from July 6th (the first day of the July holidays).

This is for both Preschool and School age children.

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