**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**NO EXCUSES**
Every second Monday we hold a Positive Education assembly in which an aspect of Positive Education is highlighted. So far this year we have talked about the Character Strengths of Bravery, Persistence, Integrity, Zest and Gratitude. Last week learning, and its relationship to the first four Character Strengths listed, was discussed. We talked about how you can learn anything to a “good” level in 20 hours. If you put 20 hours into practicing something you will be able to reach competency within that time. Want to learn to play guitar, learn your tables, kick a football, learn to touch type or juggle? You will be able to do it competently in 40 days, practising 30 minutes a day. It takes bravery - you need to be brave enough to look and feel incompetent when you begin. You need to be persistent. You must keep up your practice diligently. You need to have integrity. Your practicing/learning must be genuine. You need zest. You need to be enthusiastic and wholehearted in your approach. When you realise it can be done, there is nothing to stop you learning or getting competent at anything you want. There is no excuse for saying, “I can’t do that,” or “I’m not good at that”. What we all should be saying is, “I can’t do that yet”, or “I’m not good at that yet” because doing that, or being good at it, is only 20 hours away. After that, with continued practice you will just get better and better (if you want to be world class, it will take you 10,000 hours).

**EARN AND LEARN**
Just a reminder to those of you who shop at Woolies, or have friends or relatives who shop there, to keep collecting Earn and Learn stickers.

**A CONCERN - IMPORTANT**
Often we have excursions, performances, sporting events etc that require payment. Thank you to those who are prompt in paying. Unfortunately, we often have either late payers or those who don’t pay at all. This puts the school in a very difficult position as payment often needs to be paid on the day and/or consent forms are needed. Not wanting the children to miss out, we then do a ring around to try and get at least oral permission which in itself is a risk for the school. This was discussed at Governing Council last week and it was decided that in future, after email reminders, those students who do not have permission notes and/or haven’t paid (or at the very least signed a commitment to pay) will not be able to participate and will instead be supervised at school.
KEEP YOUR KIDS SMILING

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the Mount Barker School Dental Clinic.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

Call us now for an appointment on 8391 0858.

MOPS @ THE PLAY CAFÉ

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets fortnightly 9:30-11:30am on Thursdays during school terms. Next week (August 20th) we head to the play café in Mount Barker. Contact Rebecca Carratt for more information—0439 622 224 or find out more about MOPS at www.echunga.unitingchurchsa.org.au/MOPS

YOUTH GROUP ROCK CLIMBING

Friday August 21st. Meet 6:30pm at Wandeen (adjacent to Echunga Uniting Church), return by 10:45pm. Cost: $16. Bring a friend, drink bottle and clothes for climbing. Contact Narelle Pitchford for more information on 0409 754 298 or find us on Facebook—www.facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup

KIDS TAEKWONDO

Kids can start at the age of 5. Experienced and qualified instructors. Enrol now either at:

- The Crafers Training Centre, Crafers Hall, Main Street, Crafers, Tuesday and Thursday, Beginners Class 5.00pm
- Hahndorf Training Centre, Hahndorf Institute Hall, Main Street, Hahndorf, Friday, Beginners Class 4.00pm.

For more information phone 0412 909 500 or 0417 802 186. Website: www.worldtaekwondo.com.au Email: info@worldtaekwondo.com.au
Communities News

Meadows Country Fair
Sun 18th Oct 2015

Requirements:

- Entries must be clearly marked on the back (written in the direction that the photo should be displayed): Name, Class number and Phone number
- Junior entries must include photographers date of birth
- All Entries must be received by 3pm FRIDAY 9th October 2015
- Each entrant can only submit ONE photo for each category
- Exhibitors are advised that photos will be pinned up for display, therefore should be mounted on card or paper to prevent photo damage. Up to 15mm borders for standard 6x4 (10x15cm) prints and up to 25mm borders for A4 prints.
- Photographs will be judged prior to the Fair and will be displayed on Fair Day (Sun 18th Oct)

Collection:

- Photographs may be collected after 4pm on Fair Day (Sun 18th Oct) OR collected from Raine and Horne, Meadows during office hours.
- All photographs must be collected by Friday 8th November 2014

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- Flower(s)
- Landscape or Waterscape
- Black + white - any subject
- Colour - any subject

* Battunga Country - A photograph capturing the district surrounding Meadows
** Animal Study - Domestic or wild animals

Great Prizes up for grabs!

Send or Deliver:

- Entries may be delivered to Raine and Horne, 3/79 Mawson Road, Meadows – during office hours OR posted to PO Box 217, Meadows SA 5201

Best Photo taken at this year's Meadows Country Fair – photos can be emailed to meadowscountryfair@fastmail.com
www.meadowscountryfair.com.au
OSHC Awards Term 3 2015

And the OSHC Awards go to…
2. Evie S
3. Ruby K

Last day of term early finish legal requirements
To comply with Child Care Benefit requirements on the last day of term, we have to change our
service operating hours.
An After School Care Service must not operate for more than 3.5 hours immediately after
school ends.
So from the end of this term onwards, on the last day of every term OSHC will open at 2:20pm
and close at 5:30pm.

School Closure Day
There is an approved School Closure Day on Monday September 7th Week 8. OSHC will be
open if 8 or more children book in. We will be open, there are 3 places left if anyone wishes to
book in.

Vacation Care October
Our program will be out next week for families to begin booking in. Our program will include
going to the movies to see Blinky Bill and then having a picnic at the park in Mt Barker;
Bunnings will be running another one of their wonderful workshops, they are so much fun you
don’t want to miss out on that; we are having a sandcastle building competition and gem
excavation; making some more mini imovies on the iPad and turning our room into a tropical
rainforest. Of course as the weather warms up we look forward to spending plenty of time
playing outside.

Here are the dates we will be open for:

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Vacation Care December 2015 /January 2016
I thought I would give families some advance notice of our operating hours for the end of the
year.
The end of year school holidays are extended by an extra week this year, so children will have
an extra weeks’ holiday, and OSHC will need to be open an extra week. Normally we open for
3 weeks, one before Christmas and two after. But at the end of the year we will be open for one
before Christmas and three after. School begins on Monday 1st February 2016.
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