From the Principal

School Governance

On Tuesday night this week, we held our Annual General Meeting. Apart from hearing the highlights of our 2013 school year, the new Governing Council was elected. Thank you to those parents and staff who attended the AGM. It was really heartening to have eight nominations and as a result, all vacant positions were filled. This shows a strong interest in our school and a willingness to be a part of the school governance. Your Governing Council for 2014 comprises of the following people.

Continuing members until the end of 2014:
- Bernadette Cumming-Buntin
- Carly Nash

The following parents were elected for terms of one and two years.
- Wendy Looi-Penhall
- Ann-Maree Lewis
- Vicki Powell
- Janet Shearer
- Fiona Salt
- Karen Kennedy
- Marisa Wilson
- Kerry McCulloch

The first meeting of the Governing Council will take place next Tuesday evening (February 25) at 7.30 pm when the election of office bearers will be held.

Volunteer Induction Meeting

Last week we ran two Volunteer Induction meetings which were really well attended. Thank you to the many parents who came along. At the meeting we covered topics such as the role of volunteers, Child Protection, reporting Abuse and Neglect, Protective practices for staff in their interactions with children and young people [Guidelines for staff working or volunteering in education and care settings] and Criminal History Screening.

As we still have some parents who were not able to attend either of these sessions, we will be holding a third session for this term on Thursday March 6 at 1.45 pm. This is likely to be the last session for this term and if you wish to volunteer in our school you will need to have attended one of these induction meetings. If you require more information about volunteering, please ask Shaun or Sharon.

Cheers
Shaun
Respect – Achievement - Integrity - Sustainability

A MOMENT WITH MEL

Hi all,
I came across this article today and thought it may be of use to you. We know that learning to read is such an invaluable skill, yet sometimes children struggle. Hopefully this article will give you some practical tips on how to best support and encourage your child with reading (especially those of you with children in this age bracket). A team effort of parent and teacher combined makes the world of difference. - Mel Grierson CPSW

6 - 9 years resistant readers
By Ella Walsh (Kidspot)

- Don't get angry or impatient! There's no better way to turn your child off learning than for her to think that she's going to disappoint you before she even begins. So before you start to read with her, take a deep breath and make sure that you've set aside plenty of time to read together.

- Discuss with your child why she doesn't want to read. Sometimes there's an obvious answer - she wants to watch TV with her siblings, there's a game of footy in the backyard she wants to be part of - and an easy fix.

- Talk to her class teacher to find out what strategies are being used at school to encourage her to read, and consider what you could do at home to support her reading.

- Think about getting her assessed if she seems to be struggling to learn or has difficulty recognising letters.

- Check that her eyesight is OK. A young child will not necessarily understand that her eyesight is poor, and if it does turn out she needs glasses, much of her difficulty in reading could be due to how tired she becomes concentrating and straining to read.

REMEMBER!
All children learn at their own pace and when they're ready. If your child seems to be learning at a slower rate than her friends, don't panic. Just keep persisting with her and she will get there in the end. Try to keep her interested in reading by using material that interests her - and you don't have to restrict reading to books; try magazines, comics, newspapers for variety.

PAUSE
- Give her time to work out the word. Try to resist rushing in to help her.

PROMPT
- Go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
- Look together for a possible clue in the picture or the words
- Look at the first letter and talk about what words it could be
- Ask your child if the word she's settled on makes sense in the context of the sentence
- Attempt to sound out the word
- Give her the word if all these strategies haven't worked

PRAISE
- Acknowledge your child for her efforts - even if she's made plenty of mistakes

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Second Hand Uniforms for sale!

- Lovely summer dresses
- Winter pinafores
- As new school bags
- Maroon PE skirts and skorts
- Footy socks too!
- Make a donation and grab blue tee-shirts with school logo (last year to wear them!)

Check out the discount jumpers!

Thiele Parent room
(in the Spence building at the decking)
MON - WED - FRI 8:45-9:30

Thiele Parent Room
Is open MON - WED - FRI mornings
- Air conditioned
- Second Hand uniforms for sale
- Percolated coffee
- Great conversation
- All Welcome

Respect – Achievement - Integrity - Sustainability
Konnichiwa,

In Japanese we have been celebrating the Setsubun Festival (Bean Throwing Festival). Each class made a different type of oni, these included masks, paper plates and origami.

Japanese people celebrate Setsubun on February 3rd. In a ceremony called mamemaki, families throw roasted soy beans inside and outside their houses to celebrate the coming of spring. They make lots of noises and yell ‘oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi,’ which means ‘bad luck outside, good luck inside.’ It is believed if you eat the same number of beans as your age you will have good luck and be healthy for that year.

They also eat a special sushi roll called ‘eho maki’, which contains seven ingredients and must be eaten in silence facing the lucky direction.

Sayonara,
Alysha Milani

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Do you like to sing, dance or act?
Want to try out for a solo in ‘Take to the Sky’
Are you in Year 6?? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

Audition bookings open on Monday, February 10, 2014!
Audition bookings close on Friday, March 7, 2014.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 3 locations across the metropolitan area:
North - Paraffin Gardens Primary on Tuesdays
Central - Gillets Street Primary on Wednesdays
South - Darlington Primary on Thursdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 5.45 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.
Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between the 8th and 19th September, 2014.
Ask your choir, drama or dance teacher or principal for more information. Check out our website: www.festivalofmusic.org.au or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

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Do you have Friday March 21 in your diary for our Campus Sports day?
FROM SHARON WILLOUGHBY  
Parent Liaison Class Representatives

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd April in the Parent lounge at 9am. We still need Parent liaison representatives for T1, T18, T15 and T16. If anyone is interested in helping out please let me know.

The role of the Parent liaison Class Representative is quite simple; it is to support the class and the teacher.

This year a roster has been set to refresh the bedding in the sick room each week. The parent representatives will be asking for volunteers to assist with this sometime throughout the year.

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New Beginnings – First 2 weeks of school

In the first 2 weeks of school the classes have been revisiting our school values of Respect, Achievement, Sustainability and Integrity. Each class attended a session involving activities around problem solving and getting along with scout leaders. The students would have received some information about joey, cub or scout groups in area. The Camp Quality puppets visited us and performed for the junior primary and primary classes focussing on respecting differences in others and getting along. The students enjoyed the life sized puppets and asked some interesting questions at the end of the performance. Establishing class rules, solving problems and making strong choices were talked about in classes and students are reminded to tell someone if they have a problem so that we can work together to solve the situation. It was wonderful to see everyone engage in these activities and settle back into school after their holiday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Need Self Confidence??  
Need anti-bullying strategies??

Come and train at Hyung Chi Do Martial Arts and you will have fun, get fit and in time develop an attitude that refuses to give up.

NEW TERM STARTING NOW

Training Times:
Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus Gym - Wednesday at 5.30pm

Pay as you go – No Contracts – No Direct Debit

Call or SMS 0400 098 516 or visit www.hcd.net.au for more information

Come along on Tuesday afternoons (Wks - 5, 7, 9 and 11) between 2.00 pm. and 3.15 pm. before school pickup to check out what’s going on in the community garden.

We will enjoy some simple natural projects such as
• making a birdseed ball,
• comparing home-grown strawberries to shop bought strawberries,
• playing with herbs and
• some henna tattoos.

We can chat about gardening and see what the children are doing in their plots too.

Tomato Cooking Workshop
Saturday 1st March 10am -12 noon

• Pick tomatoes from the Aberfoyle Community Garden.
• Find out how to bottle tomatoes.
• Hands on demonstration and tasting of recipes with tomatoes.
• Meet at the garden near the Performing Arts Centre.
• Free event, all ages welcome.

Peta O'Loughlin  
Aberfoyle Community Garden

ITALIAN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (R-7)

at Thiele Primary School  
Campus Drive, Aberfoyle Park

Classes are held on  
Tuesday afternoons from 5:30pm - 5:50pm

Brief Course Information:
• Students are involved in an engaging program developed around their knowledge and skills.
• Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan, containing lesson content and homework activities, is given out to students in a weekly basis.
• Each class has an e-learning space which supports students’ learning.
• End of term report cards mailed to parents and home schools.
• Cost: $350 for whole year.

For more information contact Anne Reuter at the School of Languages  
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