TERM 1, 2014 DIARY DATES:

**Week 9**
Monday March 24 – Friday March 28
R-5 Swimming

**Week 10**
Friday April 4
Assembly 12.00pm in the PAC

**Week 11**
Friday April 11
2.00 pm - End of Term 1

TERM 2, 2014 DIARY DATES:

**Week 1**
Monday April 28
Start Term 2

**Week 2**
Tuesday May 6
Campus Open Day / Night 9.00am – 11.00am
& 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Week 3**
Tuesday May 13
Finance Meeting – 6.30 pm
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm

**Week 4**
Friday May 23
Year 8 enrolment forms due back at Thiele PS
12.00 pm - Assembly

**Week 6**
Monday June 2
Campus Conference 7.00pm

**Week 7**
Thursday June 12
Instrumental Music Night

From the Principal

**Have children lost the art of being kids?**

One of the great things about working in schools is the stories you hear from children. Listening to children, it quickly becomes obvious that children have changed over the last 5-10 years and so has the world in which they live. Technology plays an important part in all our lives and although we can recognise the many benefits of technology, we have also begun to realise that technology can limit a child’s early learning experiences. A recent article in The Advertiser / Adelaide Now cited that “One in four parents admit their children have never climbed a tree, and the average child has 4.5 hours of screen time a day but less than two hours playing outside — which is less than a maximum security prisoner,” Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter.

A new program called Nature Play SA, aims to get kids active and outside and has 2013 Adventurer of the Year Tim Jarvis AM as patron. Nature Play SA aims to highlight the concern of a generation of children suffering what has been called “nature deficit”. On the new Nature Play SA website (www.natureplaysa.org.au) and Facebook page there is a list of 51 Things To Do Before You Are 12 covering activities that traditionally result in the occasional scratches and bruises.

Have a look at the list and ask yourself how many did you do as a child and more importantly, how many have your children done? I think it is a great list and with the holidays not too far away, it would be a good time to tick off a few.

**LIST – 51 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU’RE 12**

1. Climb a tree
2. Sleep under the stars (even in your backyard)
3. Fall off a bike
4. Learn to swim
5. Build a cubby
6. Find a geocache in your neighbourhood
7. Go beach combing after a storm
8. Cook damper in a campfire
9. Go on a school camp
10. Catch a wave (start with a small one)
11. Play chasy in the rain.
12. Catch a yabby in a dam (or at least have fun trying)
13. Make a water slide with builders plastic and a hose (do it on your watering day)
14. Find a cave
15. Make something with things you find.
16. Play in a creek
17. Do something you’re scared of.
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Get ready for next Spring by ordering bulbs by the last week of term - delivery is early in Term 2 for autumn planting.

We are raising money for natural environment resources, including soft-fall surfaces under the most popular trees for climbing. As the items are purchased and installed, we will show photos so you can see where your fund-raising dollars are going. Kyton’s orders will be available for collection on Wednesday April 9 from the Parent Room (Spence Building)

Thanks for your support!
Thiele Fundraising Group

CAR PARKING REMINDER

We would like to remind everyone that the ‘Kindy carpark is for the parents of preschool children and not a general drop off and pick up zone.

With both our school and ‘Kindy finishing at 3.00 pm, it is important that this carpark is for ‘Kindy children and their families.

PLAY2LEARN

We would like to gather a collection of books to share at our Playgroup on Wednesday mornings in the Geoff Simpson Hall. Any donations of books suitable for ages 0-4 years would really be appreciated. Could you drop any donations off to Jane Dye at the Thiele Front Office.

Thank you
Jane Dye

JAPANESE NEWS

Konnichiwa,

Did you know that in Japan schools are usually only divided into 2 teams for Sports Day? The ‘aka’ (red) team and the ‘shiro’ (white) team. Students have school caps that are red on one side and white on the other so it is very easy for the students to turn them inside out depending on what team they are on. One activity student’s play is ‘たまいれTamaire’, a game similar to basketball where students try to throw as many small bean bags as possible into a basket within a certain time.

‘はちまき’ Hachimaki, a traditional Japanese headband, is also worn on the day.

Sayonara,
Alysha Milani

LIONS CLUB DONATION

Iain Varney, President of the Aberfoyle and Districts Lions Club along with Jan Richardson, Vice President of projects visited our school to kindly donate a Soundfeld System to our school. This system has been installed in T2 - Ms Files room to support students with their learning.
A big thank you to Iain, Jan and the Aberfoyle and Districts Lions Club for their important contribution to the students within our school.

Cheers
Shaun

18. Watch kangaroos in the wild
19. Slide down a grass hill
20. Yell “cooee” in a gorge or a valley
21. Camp on a beach
22. Build a sandcastle city
23. Skim a stone
24. Plant something and watch it grow
25. Play spotlight
26. Ride your bike on a bush trail
27. Visit an island
28. Go for a two-way hike
29. Snorkel at the beach or on a reef
30. Ride a flying fox
31. Play under a sprinkler
32. Climb a big rock
33. Play in the bush for a whole day
34. Visit a waterhole
35. Meet kids in a park and invent a game
36. Paddle a kayak
37. Dig for worms in your backyard
38. Catch a crab
39. Learn the Aboriginal names for five plants and five animals
40. Visit a national park
41. Catch a fish
42. Play on a rope swing
43. Eat bush tucker
44. Make a kite and fly it
45. Jump in a muddy puddle
46. Identify the birds in your backyard
47. Go abseiling
48. Catch a tadpole (and release it)
49. Make a mud pie
50. Find a lake, puddle, pond, etc and use a magnifying glass to spot the creatures in it
51. Play beach cricket

Respect – Achievement - Integrity - Sustainability
Hi everyone. For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Melissa Grierson and I am your school Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW). This week I’d like to provide you with not only a little info about myself, but also the guidelines around my role in order that I may support you to the best of my ability.

As School Christian Pastoral Support Worker, I will –

- work in co-operation with teachers and the Principal to support students;
- be available to students as a listener, supporter and carer;
- be a support, resource and referral person for families in the school community;
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- work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs, and strategies, that meet the needs of 5 to 13 year old children living in our area;
- provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

**About Me:**

Prior to this role I spent a year working as a youth worker for an inter-country adoption support agency and 4 years working with community services in partnership with Families SA - supporting young people under Guardianship of the Minister. This support was given through my various roles, including case worker and intake and assessment coordinator.

I have a degree in Social Sciences, a Diploma in Community Service Coordination and a Cert 4 in alcohol and other drugs. My areas of interest and training are around trauma and the effects on child development; using different methods such as art and play therapy in order to allow children to work through their trauma in a safe space. In 2012, I lived in Uganda working as a social worker with babies and toddlers, training staff around age appropriate play activities and responding to problem sexualised behaviour in children.

I am very passionate about supporting young people and families and look forward to supporting you in any way I can. If you have any further questions or just need to chat please feel free to contact me through the front office.

**My days at school are:**

*Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri* (Odd weeks)

*Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri* (Even weeks)

Have a great weekend!
Mel Grierson CPSW

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### ICAS COMPEITION 2014

If your child is in Year 2 – 7 and you are interested in them participating in the ICAS Competition please return this slip to the front office.

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I give permission for my child:

Name: ..........................................................

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to participate in the following International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Please find enclosed $........ Total entry fee/s

Name of Parent/Caregiver:

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Signed: ...................... Date: .............
FROM SHARON WILLOUGHBY

Aquatics
In week 7, the Year 6 and 7 students along with Ms Nash, Ms Chesson, Mr Mazey, Mr Smith and Deb Sears attended aquatics at Port Noarlunga beach. The students had a wonderful 4 days and were involved in snorkelling, surfing, fishing, bodyboarding, sailboarding, waveskiing, or canoeing activities.
This week our Reception to Year 5 students are attending swimming lessons at Noarlunga Swimming Centre.
We would like to thank our fundraising committee for contributing $5 per student to reduce the cost of Aquatics and swimming for all of our families.

Casual Day
Our SRC Reps this term have decided to hold a Casual Day on Friday 11th April to support the RSPCA. Come dressed as your favourite animal or animal character, wear clothing with animal prints or pictures or just come in your favourite casual clothes. Gold coin donation.

PAC Captains
This year Lisa Cannizaro has elected a group of students from each of our schools to support her in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC). We are proud to announce that Georgina Sinclair and Poppy Craig are our PAC captains.

Parent Room
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am – 10:30am.
All welcome including younger children if you have them.
Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat before you head off to do daily chores.

Volunteers
We need you!

If you have some spare time or know of someone else who has some spare time to support a student during school time
Complete the form below and return to the Front Office

Name: ________________________________
Contact No: __________________________
Email: _______________________________

PEOPLE’S CHOICE CREDIT UNION
COMMUNITY RAFFLE 2014

Campus is again taking part in the People’s Choice Community Lottery and tickets are still only $2 each, with all money collected from ticket sales coming back to Campus. That means we keep 100% of all ticket sales!
If you would like a book (or two) of tickets to sell at your sporting club, to family, or just for yourself, contact Philip or Carol at the Campus Office or the front desk of your school. Books contain 10 tickets each and must be recorded when issued, or you can purchase tickets on the Campus website, www.appscampus.sa.edu.au
This year there are more than 200 fantastic prizes to be won including three Hyundai cars (first prize is a Hyundai ix35 Highlander Petrol Auto), motorbikes, a Harvey Norman $35,000 shopping spree, home renovations, plus heaps more. The lottery runs from now until 31st July 2014.

CAMPUS EVENTS COMMITTEE

With the Campus Community Fair set for Sunday 26th October 2014, organisation has already commenced. If you have some spare time to attend meetings at Campus and become involved in helping to organise the Fair, please contact Philip at the Campus Office on 270 3077.

The Fair doesn’t organise itself and committed volunteers help to shape its success. We welcome innovative ideas and meet once a month in the evening, to plan every aspect of the day. So enquire about the next meeting and help out with our major fundraiser for this year.

CAMPUS SPORTS DAY RESULTS

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