From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

School Governance
On Tuesday night last week, we held our Annual General Meeting. Apart from hearing the highlights of our 2014 school year, the new Governing Council was elected. Your Governing Council for 2015 comprises of the following people.

Continuing members until the end of 2015:
- Wendy Looi-Penhall
- Ann-Maree Lewis
- Vicki Powell
- Fiona Salt

The following parents were elected for a term of two years.
- Bernadette Cumming-Buntin
- Janet Shearer
- Fiona Salt
- Taimi Wall
- Juliet Craker

At our first meeting of the new Council Tuesday night, Bernadette Cumming-Buntin was elected as Chairperson, Wendy Looi-Penhall elected as Deputy Chairperson, Janet Shearer as Treasurer, Juliet Craker as minutes Secretary and Vicki Powell as Correspondence Secretary. There is still a one year parent vacancy available on the Council, so if you were unable to attend the AGM and would like to be considered for the position, please contact Jayne at the front desk for more information.

Being on Council is a great way to contribute to the governance of your child’s school, and I look forward to working with your newly elected Council.

SKOOLBAG
For the next month, we are trialling a new App called Skoolbag. “Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents / caregivers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive notifications.” To access Skoolbag during the trial period, download the free App from the App Store for either your iPhone or iPad. If the trial is successful, the App will also be available on Android.

Cheers
Shaun
NOTICES SENT HOME

Over the past fortnight the following notices have been sent home.

- Canteen Treat Day
  (Final orders Thursday Feb 26)
- Canteen Newsletter & Price List
- Campus Newsletter

If you have not received any of the above, please request a copy either from your child’s class teacher or Thiele Reception.

WHERE IS PALMY?

The winner of the most 10c recyclable containers collected was:
T5 - Mrs Hill’s class.

JAPANESE NEWS

Konnichiwa,

This year in the primary classes, each week a student will be a sensei of the week. This role includes asking the class about the day, date, month, weather and season. They also help Milani Sensei with various tasks and receive a certificate. If your child is in year 3 or above ask them about the new role in the Japanese classroom.

Sayonara,
Alysha Milani

A MOMENT WITH MEL

Welcome to 2015! What will this year look like for you? Generally we start the year with the best intentions. We set ourselves goals with the hope that we will achieve them:

- I’m going to lose weight
- I’m giving up coffee
- I’m going off of Facebook
- I’m going to be a better partner to my spouse
- I’m going to spend more time with my kids
- I’m going to finish those home renovations
- I’m going to clean out my junk room and make it more useful
- I’m going to save more money

Then somehow along the way…we fall behind. Life gets busy, unexpected events happen, we get tired, we lose patience…and before you know it we find ourselves saying… “too hard”.

My encouragement is not to let your goals overwhelm you. Pick one, make it attainable and have the faith to see it through. Perhaps aiming to lose 30 kg in 3 weeks is a little too much…why not aim to change your eating habits and exercise a little more, then see where it takes you? Perhaps spending more time with your kids seems impossible - but why not start small and set aside family time for even one hour, one night a week?

Where there is a will, there is a way. You may just need to dress it a little differently.

In 7 weeks I will be leaving Campus to have my baby. It’s exciting, scary and sad all at once. I have ideas in my mind of what I will be like as a mother and how I wish to do things…but the reality is I have no idea! It is going to take determination, patience and flexible small steps to work out how to be a mum. I imagine there will be a lot of diversions in the plan but my overall goal, to be the best mum I can be, won’t disappear. I may just have to re-dress my goals a little differently in order to get there.

How will you re-dress your goals this week in order to achieve them?

Mel Grierson
Pastoral Care Worker

Respect – Achievement - Integrity - Sustainability
Programs at school
The staff and students have been spending a lot of time over the past 4 weeks learning routines and getting to know each other. In the first week of school all classes participated in activities about “Keeping Safe” where they learned about safety houses within our community and fire safety. The “Adopt a Greyhound” group came to visit with their greyhounds to share information about respecting and caring for animals as well as the history of these beautiful dogs. In the second week we had a visit by the Monster Truck and the Scouts. The students in classes T8, T9, T2, T10 and T12 participated in sessions presented by RAA on Road Safety.

Assembly Roster
Week 4 – Jo Chesson

Need help with anxiety or stress?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries BRAVE Self-Help may be able to help. This is an online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now with the support of beyond blue this program is now freely available to all young people ages 8-17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-hep provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au

Volunteering within our school
Liaison Parent Role
This group has been successful in previous years in establishing a positive and effective group of enthusiastic parents who have worked with leadership and teachers in appropriately building the school community.
Parent Liaisons meet once per term and are involved in
- Assistance with the organisation of school/classroom events/excursions, including the motivation of parents to help out in the classroom with daily tasks (such as reading).
- Organisation of parent and family social nights and events.
- Assistance with classroom activities (where you are able), or the encouragement of other parents who work in the room.

Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
This group has been successful in previous years in supporting individual students from reception to Year 7 in a variety of areas, including reading, maths, writing and fine motor skills. LAP can occur at any time throughout the school day for periods of 15 mins to 45 mins.

If you have some spare time during the week and would like to volunteer some time to support programs within our school, complete this form and return to the Front Office.

Remember you will need a Relevant History Screening if you do not already have a DCSI certificate before you can start – just come to the Front Office and pick up a form to complete and return it to Sharon to process.

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YES I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.
(Please return this form to the Front Office)

Name _________________________________ Phone __________________________

Email _______________________________________________________________________

I am interested in (please tick)

☐ LAP ☐ Parent Liaison ☐ Reading ☐ Cooking ☐ Sport
☐ Canteen ☐ Excursions ☐ General Classroom ☐ Garden ☐ Other

Please specify_________________________________________________________________

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Car Parking
Before and after school parking is a busy time and finding a park can be difficult. To ensure safety for our students, families and community members please be respectful to others and obey traffic signs around the school. If you are having difficulty finding a park there are additional parking places near the Happy Valley Sporting Complex which is just a short walk to our school by crossing the bridge over the creek and walking up to the top oval to the gate near the Junior Primary classes.

Litter Free Lunches
Sustainability is one of our school values. You can help support this by packing litter free lunches for your child. There are a variety of lunchboxes available to keep food fresh and by removing the packaging and not wrapping food helps reduce our waste at school.

Recycling 10 cent containers by placing them in the orange bins placed near the classrooms helps support not only our environment but also the school garden. If you have any of these containers feel free to bring them along and place them in the orange bins. The class with the most containers will be announced and presented with “Palmy the Orangutang” at assembly.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC - TROUPE

Do you like to sing, dance or act?
Are you in Year 6/7? 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 9, 2015!
Audition bookings close on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Weekly rehearsals are held at 3 locations:
North - Parafield Gardens Primary on Tuesdays
Central - Gilles 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 18th September, 2015.

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.
**FINANCE MATTERS**

By now all families should have received the invoices for 2015 Materials & Services fee and 2015 Swimming/Aquatics Programs. Please note that the final date for payment of the 2015 M&S Fee is March 17 2015, unless other arrangements have been made. Payment options available for all amounts over $30.00 include – cash, credit card (in person, by post or by phone), cheque, made payable to Thiele PS and EFT (this information is available on request). If you are eligible for School Card please complete a 2015 School Card Application also available from the Thiele front office as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Jo Hicks if you require assistance regarding payments.

**DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

We are looking for donations of CLEAN recyclable materials including items such as milk cartons, jars, bottle lids, cardboard boxes of all sizes, paper towel rolls, plastic containers etc. Unfortunately due to Work Health Safety regulations we are not able to accept toilet rolls due to hygiene restrictions or egg cartons due to allergies. If you could please bring them to the Coorong Building - Our Design and Technology teacher Miss Gericke would really appreciate your help and support to build our collection of resources to assist with teaching this curriculum area to your children.

Thank you!
Danni Gericke

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Students will be participating in ‘Clean-Up Australia Day’ on Friday February 27.

If students could please bring along gloves or tongs to pick up rubbish and a bucket.

Thank you

**PEDAL PRIX INVITATION**

Pedal Prix Season 2015 is almost here! I would like to invite you to attend the 2015 Season Information Night on Tuesday Feb 24 at 7.00 pm in the Thiele Staff room and welcome you back for another season. Even though many of you indicated your intentions at the end of last year, I wanted to extend the invite to return to everyone, just in case there had been changes of mind. For those of you returning to Cat 1, you will see things advertised in School newsletters and receive a flyer. For those of you who have moved on to high school, this is your one and only invite! Season registration forms will be available on the night. Please bring your rider with you!

Any questions please ring me/rsvp.
Ali Sellick 0416 175 252

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**NATIVITY CAR PARK**

- Please use the walkways either: along the fence, the centre walkway leading to the zebra crossing or on the oval side of the permapine fence. Please do not walk behind parked cars as children cannot always be seen when drivers are reversing out of their park.
- Please do not drive across the centre walkway, please reverse and drive around.

**ICAS TESTS**

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 by Thursday April 2, 2015.

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I give permission for my child:

Name: __________________________

Year: _______ Class: _______

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

Please find enclosed $ ______ Total entry fee/s

Name of Parent/Caregiver: ______________

Signed: __________________________

Date: __________

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SPORTS DAY CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the Campus Sports Captains

Sarah D (P)
Patrick R (P)
Natalia J (T)
Jayk S (P)
Erin M (T)
Angus M (T)
Jade D (T)
Noah P (N)

Congratulations to the Campus Vice Sports Captains

Chelsea W (P)
Matthew G (N)
Hannah N (P)
Josh G (P)
Natalie T (P)
Max M (T)
Patricia G (N)
Steven W (N)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Foster Care
Join the Family.

Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions:

Monday 16th February
Marion Bowling Club
262 Sturt Road
Marion SA 5043
6.30-8.30pm

For more information or bookings call Linda on 8131 3456 or visit www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care

Aberfoyle Park High School

OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday
17th March

Tours will leave from the marquee every 10 minutes between 6.00pm & 7.30pm

Come and meet our great students and teachers, be inspired by our dynamic programs and state of the art technology in a school where your child is our focus.

I look forward to meeting you at Open Night.

Liz Mead Principal

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