From the Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Last Tuesday we held our Acquaintance Evening and it was great to see so many parents attending. Hopefully you found this time to meet your child’s teacher useful and informative. As part of the evening I also gave a presentation on Social Media and the impact is has on student learning. Linking with this program is the Kidz Biz Parent information session being held on Wednesday February 22 on the impact of pornography on our children.

I will be repeating the Social Media presentation at the start of our Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Governing Council which is being held next Tuesday February 14 in the Thiele Staffroom at 7.00 pm. We would love to see many of you attend. An invitation and nomination sheet has been sent home this week.

Volunteering in our school is an important and hopefully rewarding experience. As it is the beginning of the year, we are looking to establish our new Parent Liaisons for each class. This group has been successful in previous years in establishing a positive and effective group of enthusiastic parents who have worked with teachers and leadership 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.

Positive communication between home and school is very important and a key indicator of success for our students. With digital technology so prevalent in our lives, many use it as our primary form of communication. Being connected 24/7 enables us to get answers to questions fairly quickly. However, we do ask that you respectfully follow our guidelines in relation to digital communication (eg emails, class blogs etc) between teachers or the office.

These guidelines are:

• Any correspondence that is urgent will be dealt with first and as soon as practicable. Please only use this if it is truly urgent.
• Correspondence that is general business (ie not urgent) will be responded to within 24-48 hours. Some questions / issues need further conversation / investigation before an appropriate response can be given.

Following these guidelines will assist everyone in ensuring that there is positive communication between home and school. Don’t forget we also have a school website, Facebook page and Skoolbag app that may be helpful in getting information you need.

Cheers

Shaun
Japanese Term One Overview
Welcome back to the school year! My name is Alysha Milani and I will be continuing to teach the Japanese program this year at Thiele Primary School.

During term one there are many cultural events which occur on the Japanese calendar. Students are going to learn about the Japanese New Year by finding out about the traditions and Year of the Rooster.

R/1 classes
Their theme this term is ‘Introduction to Japan’. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Complete a booklet about Japan.
- Learn about the Japanese flag, map and common places.
- Learn simple greetings, how to introduce yourself and count to 10.
- Watch Big Bird in Japan learning Japanese food etiquette, gestures, common vocabulary song and ‘The Bamboo Princess’ folktale.

1/2 classes
Their theme this term is ‘All about Japan’. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Complete a booklet about Japan.
- Learn about the Japanese flag, map, cities and symbols.
- Self-introduction including name and age.
- Learn about the three scripts used in Japan as well as their homes, clothing, sport and food.

Year 2/3, 3/4 & 4/5 classes
Their theme this term is hiragana. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Students will be learning and revising the Hiragana alphabet through a comprehensive writing and assessment booklet.

Year 5/6 & 6/7 classes
Their theme this term is hiragana. Students will be completing these learning activities during the term.
- Students will be learning and revising the Hiragana alphabet through an interactive online challenge task.

STUDENT MEDICATION
All Medications must be prescribed by an Authorised Health Professional a Medication Plan signed by the authorised professional must accompany the medication and be in the original pharmacy-labelled container.

DECD recommend if a child requires an anti-biotic 3 times a day, they have a dose in the morning, after school & before bedtime. Alternatively, if the anti-biotic is prescribed 4 times a day a dose may be given at school providing the above guidelines are met and a measuring cup is provided by the parent/caregiver.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP
Cathrine Currie has kindly offered to open the second-hand uniform shop on Thursday mornings from 8.45am – 9.15am in the old Japanese Room (Spence Building).

Come along to meet Cathrine and take a look at the second-hand uniforms, bags, etc available for sale.
2017 will be a busy, exciting year for Performing Arts on Campus. We offer many wonderful opportunities for students in the form of comprehensive classroom Performing Arts lessons, a vibrant Instrumental Music Program, groups/ensembles such as Senior and Junior Choirs, Drama Club, Troupe, and Campus Band, and a multitude of performance opportunities throughout the year that include Campus Fair performances, Instrumental Music Night, Campus Showcase, Adelaide and Southern Music Festivals, and individual school musicals and performances.

**Instrumental lessons**

We currently offer Recorder lessons from Year 2, and flute, keyboard/piano, ukulele, guitar, voice, saxophone, clarinet, drums, violin, viola and cello lessons from Year 3 onwards. Instrumental lessons generally start in Weeks 2-3. Our talented Instrumental music teachers demonstrated their instruments to our students at our Instrumental Assembly on Thursday of Week 1. Booklets were handed out to interested students at this assembly, spare copies are in schools.

**Instrumental teachers will be contacting the parents/guardians of commencing students over the next few weeks, once they have received your form.** If your child missed the assembly or did not bring home a booklet and you are interested in your child learning an instrument (including voice), please drop in to the Campus Office to collect an Instrumental Music Student Information booklet. Likewise, if you have not heard from your child’s instrumental teacher by the end of Week 3, please let us know via the Campus Office.

**Bands & Choirs**

**Senior and Junior Choirs and Campus Band start rehearsing in Week 3.**

Junior Choir is open to all students in Years 3-5, and Senior Choir to all students in Years 6-7 (compulsory for all Year 6 students). Campus Band is open to suitably skilled students in Years 5-7 – these students must have learnt their instrument for at least a year and be able to read basic notation/chords/tab. To participate, students need to commit to a full year’s participation, including performance attendance, and a small fee will be charged to cover resources/transport/ensemble T-shirts, etc. Students are required to attend rehearsals promptly and regularly, and to catch up any class work missed as required. Each ensemble will start with an information session for students in Week 3.

**Rehearsals are held in the PAC as follows:**

- **Wednesdays Senior Choir 9.15-10.05am,** and **Thursdays Campus Band 12.10-12.50pm, Junior Choir 1.30pm- 2.20pm.**

**Drama Club**

Our theatrically-minded students will have the opportunity to develop their dramatic skills with the talented Ms Lauren Hood, participating in a range of drama activities and a performance in Term 4. Drama Club is open to Year 5-7 students this year. Administration fees are $11, and the club will run **one lunchtime (TBA) in the Performing Arts Centre.** Students are required to commit to a full year’s participation to be involved.

**Campus Troupe**

Troupe is open to all Year 5-7 students with an interest in dance, movement and/or choreography. Auditions will be held at the PAC on Friday lunchtime in Week 3, and rehearsals will continue on **Friday lunchtimes in the PAC** throughout the year. Performances throughout the year will include Showcase, and school and/or Campus assemblies.

**Notices with information regarding all Ensembles will be sent home at the first rehearsal** – if your child is absent on the day, please collect a notice from the Campus Office.

On behalf of the Performing Arts and Instrumental teaching staff, I wish you all a fun and fantastic year of Performing Arts experience!

Ally Cunningham
Performing Arts Coordinator
State Soccer enrolments for Term 1 are now open!
First lesson Friday 17th February!
We believe youngsters deserve a great environment to improve their skills, enjoy the game and develop self-awareness!
Would you choose State Soccer to provide that to your child?
Students with or without experience are welcome to be part of The World Game!

At Aberfoyle Hub R-7 School – Fridays:
3.30pm or 4.15pm or 5pm at your choice.
Phone: 8235 1877 or Email: admin@statesoccer.com.au