Term 4  Week 2  Friday 28th October 2016

From The Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the busy and exciting Term 4. On behalf of the staff at the South we hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful holiday break with your beautiful children.

We would like to formally like to welcome new students and families to our school and look forward to working in partnership with you.

At our assemblies some students receive special awards. This is recognition of their achievements as identified by members of staff. Congratulations to the following students:


Term 3 Tribes awards went to: Sarah-Jane, Ryan, Ben, Ethan, Ashton, Cormac, Gabi, Tom, Stephanie, Kara, Gabe, Lilly N-K, Amelia, Rilee, Mikayla, Cooper, Josh H & Daley.

Congratulations to the many students who received awards for high academic performance in Science for their PAT test results, learning and their robot designs. Well Done.

I wish all families, staff and students a very successful term as we enter into the final 8 weeks for our Year 7’s and many school events leading into Christmas. I am really pleased to see all the children returning happy and ready for an exciting term.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Cox-Walliss
2017 Planning and Organisation
Planning for 2017 classes has begun and will continue over the next 4 weeks. If you are planning for your children to leave the school or know of families coming into the area that have school-aged children could you please let Ursula at the front office know. In order to plan accurately for next year, student numbers in each year level is a critical factor. The more up-to-date information we have ensures that funds are allocated to where they are needed most and priorities can be achieved.

If you have any information about your child that you would like us to take into consideration for your child’s class placement in 2017, please let me know in writing via letter, or email, no later than Wednesday 2nd November

Please be assured that we take information provided by parents into careful consideration, however we cannot guarantee to meet all requests. We make every attempt to ensure that each child has at least one friend in their class. It is a time-consuming process to organise all classes and therefore requests received after 2nd November cannot be considered.
Next year we have a large amount of new enrolments and will begin transition visits throughout the term. We especially look forward to all the new Reception children who will be visiting regularly later this term. What an exciting time for them and nervous one for parents. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions about your child starting school for the first time. I still remember how that feels as a parent.

The process this year will also involve some class/year band movements into new spaces. In order to support all children to feel comfortable about their new class, we will be hosting our yearly “Moving up Day” on Dec 8th. Any parent help with our shifting day later on in the term would be greatly appreciated.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has closed for 2016. We are pleased to report that we had many students complete the challenge at Mount Barker South Primary this year. Each year we work really hard on supporting all children to join the challenge and to build a love for reading from Reception to Year 7. A big thank you must go to all the families that supported our children to participate in the reading challenge, and to Ms Young for organising the Challenge.

To celebrate our children’s reading achievements we will be hosting a special award ceremony Assembly on Friday 9th December from 2.00pm in the Hall. We invite all families to join us for this very important assembly.

Swimming Program Term 4
Reception – Year 5
The 2016 swimming program will be held in Week 7, 28th of November until the 2nd December at the Mount Barker Pool. All children from Reception to Year 5 will take part in the 5 day program. The swimming program is a critical part of the Physical Education Curriculum and we support all children’s engagement in this program.

Notes and invoices have begun being issued already and must be returned with the payment prior to the start of lessons. In addition, due to the strict medical guidelines the swimming instructors and Education Department has on children entering the pool, it is also wise at this time of the year to check your child’s medicines at school, particularly the expiry date. All children with medical requirements will have to have current puffers etc. at the pool in case of an emergency.

Parent helpers are always welcome to join us during the week. Simply speak to your class teacher for further details.
**World Teachers’ Day**

We are so lucky to have the most amazing teachers at our school who really do care about your children and go out of their way to support in every way possible. Teachers at the South believe in your children and aim to make a positive difference in their lives daily. This is demonstrated in many ways from both small things like taking care of them when they are sad to spending hours on curriculum and event planning to make sure each and every one of them achieve their goals and dreams. I am really proud of our South staff team who work collaboratively and professionally to make our school a great place for all children. World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

Every day, South Australian teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young children and students.

World Teachers' Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally. As the day usually falls during school holidays, South Australia celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher's day at Mount Barker South Primary School Today.

**Storytelling telling through Aboriginal art!**

*Students attended workshops with David where he taught them about the symbols that are used to tell stories in Aboriginal art. Each student created their own story and as a collective group a large piece of art was created, the piece of art will be framed and put up in the school.*

Female ➔

Children ➔

Children ➔

River of life, Turtles live for a long time, wish for a long life

Male ➔

David along with his sons, former South students, Kyle & Lawrence, performed Aboriginal dances using Pair sticks, sometimes called clapsticks or bilma. David played the Didgeridoo and explained the Cultural significance. They performed the fire dance, the emu dance and told Dreamtime stories about the butterfly.
111 REASONS TO USE YOUR SCHOOL CROSSING.

Reason 1: Nearly one in every eight road deaths in South Australia is a pedestrian. In addition to fatalities there are on average just under 100 pedestrians seriously injured as well as many more who receive minor injuries each year.

Reason 2: Your child will learn about pedestrian safety by watching you, so use safe behaviour around cars, roads, footpaths and car parks. Always stop, look, listen and think before crossing a road, and use pedestrian crossings wherever possible. Always cross at the safest point, even if you have to walk further out of your way and if you’re crossing at the lights, wait for the green man!

Reason 3: Queensland’s Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety recently conducted an Australia-wide survey of parents focused on keeping kids safe around roads and cars. They found until the age of NINE, children’s perceptual and cognitive abilities are not sufficiently developed to enable them to make sound judgements when they are crossing roads. Holding hands with your children is the best way to keep them safe around a school crossing.

Reason 4: The Australian Road Rules states that a pedestrian must not cross a road within 20 metres of a crossing (including a school crossing) except at that crossing.

And the other remaining 107 reasons? That’s the amount of the fine ($107) that can be issued by SA Police for failing to cross within 20 metres of the school crossing. So keep an eye out for any hazards and keep holding hands until you’re all safely in the school yard or in the car.

This article has been prepared by A/Sgt Nigel ALLEN of the Road Safety Section, South Australia Police. If parents have any questions about school crossings please contact the Road Safety Section on the telephone number 82076586.

Mount Barker South OSHC Vacation Care

The last day of OSHC Vacation Care for 2016 will be Friday 23rd December and will Reopen on Monday the 9th of January 2017. Please phone OSHC for further information.
PH: 8398 2474. Vacation Care program will be available in the near future.