

# SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Thank you to the many families who came along to **Acquaintance night** to hear more about the work that goes on in our classrooms. Thank you also to Kaye Hanton, Paula Brennand and Chandra Turner who capably managed the BBQ. Hopefully you were all able to mingle and get to know some new families.

Our next formal parent/carer /teacher meetings will be in **Interviews Week**. Interviews will be held in the week beginning April 3rd. Teachers will offer 15 minute timeslots for you to come along and discuss your child's/children's progress. Of course if you have any pressing matters, you are welcome to make a time with the appropriate teacher before the scheduled meetings.

On Monday 20 March I will be taking some of our Young Leaders to Adelaide for a day of learning about Leadership. Further information should already have been received about this by those students attending.

Yesterday at our Pupil Free Day all members of staff learnt more about Transforming Tasks in Maths and providing greater **intellectual challenge**. We also learnt about Interoception and how we can support students to develop strategies for noticing, identifying and responding to the internal physical and emotional states of their bodies. Thanks to Anna Johnson for running this section of our training—it was very useful new learning. In the afternoon we worked on our Site Improvement Plan which has a big focus on 'Learning through Challenge'.

*Robyn Gibbes*

## Governing Council 2017

Our new Governing Council for 2017 and office bearers have been elected and will have their first meeting on Wednesday 22nd March at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre. Congratulations to those re-elected to positions on **Governing Council** and a special welcome to new members. I look forward to working with the team and making plans for 2017 and beyond.

### SCPS Governing Council: 2017

**Dana Thomsen: Chairperson**  
**Carolyn Bleeze: Vice Chairperson**  
**Dannielle Treggeagle: Treasurer**  
**Tracy Mattner: Secretary**

**Chandra Turner**  
**Paula Brennand**  
**Judy Smart**  
**Bec Fleet**  
**Tracey Egyud**  
**Kayelene Hanton**  
**Liz Ninnes**  
**Renee Gale**  
**Tania Lewis**

Staff will also be represented on Governing Council. This term our representative is **Christine Vine**.

The Term 2 staff rep is **Shawnee Mephram**, Term 3, **Bek Pens** and Term 4, **Lauren McGowen**.

I would also like to pay tribute to retiring member **Melina DeGreef**, who fulfilled her duties most capably and was on hand at many school events to support our work. Thank you for your many years of service.

## School Diary Dates 2017

### March

**Monday 20th**  
Young Leaders Day

**Tuesday 21st**  
Harmony Day  
Taiko players  
performing at  
Gawler PS

**Wednesday 22nd**  
6:30pm Governing  
Council

**Tuesday 28th**  
Robyn at GG  
Partnership Meeting

**Wednesday 29th**  
Parent Coffee  
Morning in the  
Library

### April

**Monday 3rd-  
Thursday 6th**  
Parent Teacher  
Interviews

**Wednesday 5th**  
Whole School  
Assembly

**Thursday 6th**  
Robyn at DECD  
Leader's Day

**Monday 10th-  
Wednesday 12th**  
Years 3-7 Camp

**Friday 14th**  
Good Friday

**Fruit Roster**

To encourage healthy eating, we ask that parents donate a selection of fruit for students to have for Wednesday recess. Thank you.



- Wednesday 22nd March** Thomsen, Tregagle
- Wednesday 29th March** VanRooyen, Walkuski
- Wednesday 5th April** Westmacott, Zimmerman

**Parents' Coffee Morning**

Please come and join us for a coffee and a chat Wednesday Morning, 29th March from 9:00am in the Resource Centre. Parents with babies, toddlers and young children are very welcome. This is a great opportunity to 'touch-base' with the school, parents and community members in a relaxed atmosphere. Any questions, speak with Christina, Pastoral Care Worker on Mondays or Wednesdays.

*Christina Artini*

**Nature Play News**

Thank you to Anna Lobegeiger and Bec Fleet who have volunteered to be on our Nature Play Parent Committee, which will work closely with the governing council, student team and principal. If you are still interested in joining, please speak with me at school. Gauging by parent input and sharing of ideas on the school Facebook page, this seems to be a topic that interests many of us. I have created a nature play pin-board in the school hallway and would like to involve as many people in the ideas phase as possible. If you ever see an idea online or while you are out and about that you think is suitable for us at SCPS, **please add a picture of it to our ideas board!**

Last week, Mary McMaster met with the student Nature Play team and they surveyed the classes to seek ideas and assess the popularity of various nature play activities. The results of the survey and the minutes from the meeting are also located on this pin up board.

*Lauren McGowen*  
-Nature Play Team Leader

**Thank you Volunteers!**

Thank you to all of our new volunteers for 2017 who are helping the school in a variety of ways; from listening to reading, working with children, joining our Reciprocal Reading programme, heating the pizzas and assisting the staff. You are very appreciated!

**Basketball: Expressions of Interest**

We are seeking information from parents who would be interested in organising, participating or coaching an out-of-school mixed gender basketball team in Terms 2 and 3.

The games are held at Starplex on Tuesday evenings (for Under 8 and Under 10s) and Wednesday evenings (for Under 12s and Under 14s)



**Registration Cost: \$45.00 per team**  
**Game cost: \$39.00 per team**

If this interests you, please speak with staff at school, or fill out your details below. The information has been collected by students who are very eager to put together some school teams but need parent support.

Forms for teams are due before next school holidays, so please advise of your interest early so we can begin to group interested parties.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) am interested in:

- My child participating (children must be supervised)
- Helping to organise the team
- Coaching
- Under 8s mixed
- Under 10s mixed
- Under 12s mixed
- Under 14s mixed

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March we are going to celebrate Harmony day. Your child can either dress up in orange or in clothes to represent your ancestors or another country. We will also be making orange kites to fly. Can everyone please bring international food for the school to share in the afternoon. Could everyone please be aware of others with allergies, if you do have an allergy we recommend to bring your own food. **Make sure you bring no food containing nuts!**

Please find out which country/countries your ancestors came from so we can locate them on a word map.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March we had a whole school assembly and we gave Mrs McGowen a few plants as a “thank you” for being our Principal for 2016. We all appreciate your help.

In the whole school assembly we announced the Aussies of the month. In Junior Primary it was Mahalia, in middle primary the Aussie of the month was Max and in Upper primary it was Corey. The SRC was also announced - those people are Nathaniel, Talana, Alexis, Corey, Osha, Sienna, Balin, Elisha, Angus, Lilah, Ella and Dexter.

Written by Sienna and Osha (Publicity Officers)