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NEWSLETTER
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DIARY DATES
Year 10 students - Work Experience 27/3 to 31/3
R-6 Parent/Teacher Conversations Mon 3/4 to Wed 5/4
Early Dismissal - 2.15pm Thur 13/4
GOOD FRIDAY Fri 14/4
Term 2 Commences Mon 1/5
NAPLAN 9/5 to 12/5
Operation Flinders 9/5 to 16/5

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This week’s newsletter features the 2017 Combined Sports Day.
Firstly, congratulations to the Parrots who were the winning house. They appeared to be at the front in every event and had the most participants across the day.
Well done to their captains and staff for first-rate organisation. Each of the teams were dazzling in their presentation of colour and there was fierce competition in both the athletic and novelty events.
It really is a celebration of community participation. Even the staff competed in the tractor-pull and some of us are still feeling the effects!
A big thank you to the parents who came along to support their children in the events. Your attendance added to the colour and atmosphere of the day. The students always respond positively to your presence.

R–6 PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS
Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Conversations begin next Monday 3 April.
The Term 1 Conversations provide an opportunity to resolve any issues that may be hampering a student’s learning at the start of the year while allowing plenty of time to thrive over the next three terms.
Please take the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and maximise their learning for the rest of the year.
You should have received login information to create your appointments online.
Please contact Tracey Ward if you have any concerns or haven’t been able to organise an appointment.

NAPLAN - One tool to measure student learning.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a suite of tests used to measure student achievement in literacy and numeracy at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.
The test will be undertaken in the week beginning Monday 8 May.
It has been a controversial tool as it is used by politicians as evidence for whichever political view they may have.
From a school perspective it is one tool used among many to check how a student is travelling, helping to identify their strengths and weaknesses. The tests also help the school to develop better teaching programs.
It is important to remember that the test is a moment in time not an absolute indication of a student’s ability or potential.
You can be assured that teachers at Oakbank will try and make the students as comfortable as possible during the tests, ensuring that students don’t stress unnecessarily but do perform to the best of their ability.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY
ANZAC Day falls in the April holidays this year. To ensure we acknowledge the importance of this day we will be holding a joint ANZAC Ceremony with HCCS on the last day of term, Thursday 13 April.
The Secondary School will begin with a general assembly at 1:40pm. They will then be joined by HCCS and the Primary School for the ANZAC assembly at 1:50pm. All students will be dismissed from their Home Groups at 2:15pm.
The assembly and ceremony are open to all parents so please come and join us if you can make the time.

Kind Regards,

Bruce Oerman
Principal
LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS
Many teachers and leaders are beginning to sound like a broken record as they have to continue to remind senior school students that they do not have permission to leave school grounds throughout the school day.

Once they arrive at school, every student, regardless of whether they drive to school or not, must stay at school until their lessons are finished for the day. School staff have a duty of care for all their students, this includes knowing where students are at all times and supervising them in the yard at break times.

Any senior school student caught leaving school grounds without permission will receive a consequence. Forgetful lunch or wanting to do a ‘macca’s run’ is not an acceptable reason to leave the school grounds. If students continue to show disregard for this school rule then their enrolment may be compromised.

FORMAL
The Year 12 Formal will be held on Friday 19 May (Term 2, Week3) at the Stamford Grand Glenelg.

This will be a combined event with Birdwood High School, and it is their turn to organise the night and design and distribute tickets. If you have specific music requests please get a list to Miss Rogers asap.

Tickets will be approximately $80 – further details to come.

All students do not have a right to attend the formal. Students earn the invitation to attend based on their school attendance and achievement.

If unexplained absences are high and commitment to their studies and achievement is low, individual students will be not be invited to attend.

STREET SMART HIGH
All Year 10 and 11 students have a Road Safety excursion on Wednesday 5 April.

The RAA, in partnership with the Motor Accident Commission is presenting their Street Smart High Program at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. It is a road safety program that has a real impact on student’s thoughts, and ultimately their decisions and choices re road safety.

All Year 10 and 11 students are expected to attend unless they have their VET course or SANTOS competitions scheduled on that day. Free Transport is provided and there will be no additional costs. Consent notes were given to students last week, please support your child to return their consent note to the school.

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
We believe strongly about providing the opportunity for secondary students to experience what life is like at university, and whilst your child may be undecided about a set career path, Flinders University Enrichment Program will allow students to begin to explore and experience university options.

Students will participate in lectures, practical activities and career presentations in one of four major streams:

- Education, Humanities and Law
- Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- Science and Engineering
- Social and Behavioural Sciences.

It is a whole day excursion on Tuesday 11 April (Week 11).

Please encourage your child to attend if they are in Years 10, 11 or 12 and are contemplating applying for a university course in the near future. Consent forms are available from Miss Rogers.
SECONDARY NEWS

REFERENCING & PLAGIARISM

All students need to learn how to reference other people’s work within their work, whether it be a piece of writing, image, idea, thought or expression.

At Oakbank Area School senior students have been taught how to use the Harvard Referencing System, as this is the most commonly used system within Universities.

Not acknowledging other people’s work could be interpreted as copying or plagiarising.

Examples of plagiarising include:
- Copying and pasting information straight from a source, e.g., book, internet, magazine
- Copying and pasting straight from a source and making minor changes to words
- Using the ideas as others as if they are your own

Plagiarism could lead to serious consequences, including being awarded no grades for an assessment task. Deliberate plagiarising is dishonest and unethical, but also an inaccurate representation of your knowledge and skills.

When you want to use work of another person’s you need to reference it. The two common ways of referencing it following the Harvard Referencing Style includes in-text referencing and at the end of a reference list.

A useful resource published by The University of Adelaide Writing Centre is the Harvard Referencing Guide which can be downloaded from https://www.adelaide.edu.au/writingcentre/resources/referencing/

Kirsty Rogers
Senior Pathways Coordinator

The Student Leadership Council raised $500 for the CFS at our Sports Day Food Stall.

We wish to thank the Sinnott family for the yummy bananas, the local Christian ministries for fresh sandwiches and cakes and staff and students who cooked up a storm and served customers all day.

Hayden Hills was the barbecue master extraordinaire!

We also donated $100 to the Balhannah Uniting Church who continue to run our weekly Breakfast Club here at Oakbank Area School.

Annie Bainger
Student Leadership Council Coordinator
2017 SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday 21 March, Oakbank Area School students across R-12 competed throughout the day in healthy Sports and Athletics competition.

Once again, students from HCCS Oakbank Campus jointly participated in the day alongside their Oakbank team mates. This is a unique situation, but it works and has great benefits to all concerned as well as adding that special element to the competition. This was even more relevant this year as Sports Day fell on Harmony Day. Once again, we were blessed with good weather temperature wise. The forecast wasn’t positive in terms of rain but it never eventuated.

Results for the day in various categories were as follows:-

Best dressed in Primary:
Giselle Alberts, Abigail Van Gameren, Seth Clark, Zara MacPherson

Best Dressed in Secondary:
Dylan Dawson, Kyle McAlley, Logan Alberts, Lizzie Ward

Individual Champions:
Year R/1: Jonah Cathro and Lilly Millington.
Year 2/3/4: Cooper Macey and Patricia Gollan.
Year 5/6: Zac Pfeiffer and Kaia Smith.
Year 7: Brodie Caddaye and Lucy Pfeiffer.
Under 14: Oliver Askew and Jade Schmidt.
Under 15: Richard Miroslowski and Darian Green.
Under 16: Cameron Rule and Sophie Yeates.
Under 20: Peter Willsmore and Alice Perkins.

Team Championships:
Primary Athletics Shield: 1st Parrots 285pts.
2nd Galahs 227pts.
3rd Lorikeets 186pts.

Secondary Tabloid Shield: 1st Parrots 530pts.
2nd Lorikeets 385pts.
3rd Galahs 370pts.

Secondary Athletics Shield: 1st Parrots 1024pts.
2nd Lorikeets 863pts.
3rd Galahs 733pts.

This was the first time that one house has won all three major team shields. Congratulations to all of the students in the Parrot House.

Students had a great time and have no doubt created many lifelong memories for themselves. This year in particular was huge in terms of students getting dressed up for the day. The colours of pink, orange and purple were everywhere and in some very creative fashions.

For such a huge event to run smoothly it takes a lot of people to each do their part for the team. A huge thank you should go out to the following people/groups:

Mr Greening- It is no coincidence that our school hosts 4 sports days late in this term. Our grounds are amazing and a pleasure to be around. It is largely due to Mr Greenings hard work, dedication and pride in his work, that our sporting grounds are such a delight to be on.

Ms Feijen and Mrs Zaccaria- Endless hours spent behind the scenes before the day doing lots of nuts and bolts type work.

Mr Lloyd- HCCS teacher credited with ensuring that their students had all the information and knew exactly what to do.

Ms Bainger and Mrs Errington- In charge of the food and drinks for the day. Liaised beautifully with helpers from a myriad of sources (Students from O.A.S. Student Leadership Council, Parents and Friends, Local Church Community).

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O.A.S. and H.C.C.S. Staff - All had specific roles on the day and ensured that they were completed perfectly to ensure a seamless process.

Parent helpers - A big thank you to Glenys Megson and Paul Yeates for donating their time to assist in the Shotput and Long jump areas respectively.

A huge thankyou to the many parents/caregivers/family and community members who attended to support the students. I personally appreciated it, and am sure that the students would have been over the moon to have their family cheer them on.

Students who were successful on Sports Day will now have the opportunity to represent the school in Interschool Athletics at SANTOS Stadium on Wednesday 5 April. All the best to these competitors.

Shane Wissell
Sports Day Coordinator
What a busy start to the year it has been!

Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day. This day is an opportunity for us to recognise our differences and understand that this is what makes us special and unique. The theme for Harmony Day was “Everyone Belongs”. Students were divided into mixed year level groups to participate in four activities to celebrate Harmony Day.

Keep an eye on the primary building to see some of our students’ wonderful work on display.

The primary sub-school has been working on enhancing our teaching in the area of sight words and developing consistencies for staff, parents and students. From this work we have analysed our current data and developed sight word recognition benchmarks for reception, year 1 and year 2 students.

We will be sending information home on the first day of next term when we start implementing our consistent agreements. This will include a RSVP form for interested families to attend an information session.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me or speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next week we are holding parent teacher interviews on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

If you have not yet booked in an interview time, please ensure that you do this by 4pm Friday 31 March.

It is essential that we build strong connections between school and home, and interviews are an ideal opportunity to do this.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and type in the booking code: dw2uh

Tracey Ward
Primary School Coordinator
Random Acts of Kindness Ideas

Pick up rubbish in a public place.
Say ‘Hello’ to 3 people you’ve never spoken to before at your school.

Choose a toy to donate to a local charity.

Invite someone new from your school or sports club over to play at your house.

Offer your help to a family friend or neighbour.

MAKE A NEW FRIEND.

Draw a picture for a member of your family.

Make a friendship bracelet for a special friend.

Pick some flowers out of your garden and give them to someone special.

Help mum or dad cook tea once a week.
Due to an exceptional increase in enrolments, Oakbank Area School now has a BRAND NEW primary class commencing in Term 2!

You are welcome to attend our OPEN NIGHT on Monday 8 May - at 6.30pm in the E.C. Wilson Hall to find out what all the fuss is about!

Enrolments are now open for 2018.