



Snowtown Primary News

Term 1 Week 3

11th February, 2015

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DIARY DATES AND REMINDERS

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

17th February
7.00pm

SPANISH VISIT

26th February

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

27th February 2pm

SPORTS DAY AT PT BROUGHTON

13th March

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

3rd March

DINOSAUR SCIENCE

5th March 2pm

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held at
2.40 pm in the
Common room on
Fridays.

Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9.
ALL WELCOME

HATS

Students are required
to wear broad
brimmed hats outside
all year round.

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Snowtown Primary School has begun the year with 52 enrolments, the most enrolments we have had since 2012. I think our secret is out as to how good we are here. Welcome to Juliane Sorino and her mother, Glaiza Kazimour. We welcome you to our school and town community.

We have had a wonderful start to the year with 100% attendance on day one and two, with lots of parents in looking at the new rooms. The new classroom spaces are a hit with the students and we are presently working on getting our spare room, furnished ready for the student voice and for parents to use with students.

Liese Krieg is presently on long service leave. We have temporarily filled her position with, Katrina and Sharee, increasing their time. I am busy completing the rest of the position and will inform you of whom the new person is as soon as the paper work is complete.

Pastoral Care Worker

Kerryn will be working at the school on Tuesdays for the first five weeks of this term. We thank our local churches for funding her position, until the new Pastoral Care Worker contracts are finalised. Kerryn will then be working on Tuesday and Wednesdays for the remainder of the year.

Catastrophic Bushfire Days

Just a reminder that SPS is closed on Catastrophic Bushfire days - no staff, students or parents are permitted on site for that day. We will use text messages to notify parents - please ensure that if you change contact numbers that you let the school know as soon as possible.

Next week Glenys will be sending out a practice text to all families to ensure all families are contactable. Please respond to that practice text.



Hats

It was lovely to see parents in our school on the second day buying hats for their children. Only a few students forgot to bring their hats to school: students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat in the yard at recess, lunch and for outside lessons. To support your child please help them to remember to pack their hats and to leave their school hats in their trays or lockers. **Remember NO hat NO play**, is the sun safe way. Hats are available at the front office for \$7:00.



Grounds

The pool work is well under way and is expected to be completed by the end of February. We truly appreciate the support from DECD in covering the costs to get our pool repaired. Let's hope some last remaining hot weather stays around for the end of the pool season.

Have you noticed that our skip area has been relocated? It has been replaced ready for an imaginative natural play area for our students. John Cummins, our Governing council chairperson, has picked up a cubby house ready for Jarrod Ebsary and a band of merry parents to put the cubby together. If you're able to assist Jarrod, please call Jarrod on 0407184740 to offer your assistance. We are a lucky school to have a supportive parent community. Thank you John and Jarrod.



Uniforms

I had a delightful chat with parents in the first week about how good our students look in their school uniforms. This particular parent also commented how good our parents are about getting their kids into school uniform and I agree with her wholeheartedly. However, in the past week, red boardies and pink colours are beginning to creep back in. Parents please continue to support our uniform policy and supply your child with school clothes in the school colours. Well done to those students who are proud of their uniform and continue to wear school coloured clothes to school. Glenys has received a new supply of tops if you need to purchase more items.

Welcome and Greet the Teacher Night

We had a fantastic turn out of parents, caregivers, ex-students and grandparents to our welcome and meet the teacher night. Once again a highlight was the teacher vs students vs parents games with two rounds being played and the teachers missing out on double victory by a cat's whisker. (Perhaps we should have invested in the Judges' suggestion). Thank you to the Governing Council, John Cummins, Jarrod Ebsary and John Keech for cooking our sausage sizzle and to staff for preparing the night. A big thankyou to Bec Jamieson for her Happy DVD, we certainly are a fortunate school community to have so many happy school students and teachers. It was a wonderful night



Active after School

The Active after School Program is being replaced by the new Sporting Schools program.

Our school was a part of the Active after Schools Program provided by the Australian Sports commission: thanks to Bernie Altmann's dedication in her coordinator role. This is an outstanding achievement and all staff and community are also to be thanked for their support over this time. The new Sporting Schools program is due to begin midyear.

Student Voice

These students will be officially sworn into the Student Leadership Team on Friday 27th March 2pm with an afternoon tea for parents and student leaders to follow. An official invitation will be sent home.

Our student voice elections have been conducted. This year we had even more students putting their name up for School Captain and wanting to be student representatives for their class. It is pleasing to see our students having a go and believing in themselves. We all have potential to be leaders.

Yesterday, the school captain candidates presented their speeches and the students and staff voted. I am very proud to announce that Luke Freebairn and Tahlia Ebsary. are our school captains for 2015. Each class also selected two students to represent their class at student meetings. The R/1 reps are Skye Ebsary and Heath Sorgiovanni. The 2/3/4 reps are Deegan Ebsary and Mia McCauley. The 5/6/7 reps are Kynan Cocks and Kaitlyn Lane .

Sports Day

As mentioned last year in our newsletter, we investigated possibly joining the small schools sports day. After much consultation with Governing Council and the students, the staff decided at this stage to stay at Port Broughton, with the understanding that if our partnership of schools decide to organise a sports day we will investigate joining them.

Sports day will be at Port Broughton Area School on Friday 13th of March. This year we have negotiated with PBAS a handicap system of scoring based on the YP secondary sports day system and our team games will be mixed rather than single sexed. To maximise participation, a new team game will also be introduced.

The R-2s will participate for half the day and return to school. (They may stay for the full day under parent supervision). Years 3-7 will participate for the full day and will be expected to stay for the full day. We will take the community bus and the school bus but encourage parents to transport their children if they are able to.

REMINDER

During Term 1 & Term 4 in the case of catastrophic fire danger, the school will be closed and the school bus will not operate. On all other days, the school has a Bushfire Action Plan that sets out what we do in the event of a fire front approaching the town. Part of this plan is an identified Refuge (School Activity Hall) where students and staff stay until the front has passed.

Governing Council Elections

Parents, we need you! Four vacancies for Governing Council exist. I personally encourage you to nominate for Governing Council. Being on Governing Council gives you the opportunity to learn a little more about school operations, and you are able to provide us with a parent perspective when decisions are made.

Our next Governing council is Tuesday 17th February @ 7pm. The AGM is 24th March @ 7pm – Bernie, Katrina and Kelly are up for nomination and a replacement for Kerry Warner is needed. A nomination form is included on the right. You can complete the form and return to the office.

Elections for Governing Council occur after the annual report has been presented at the AGM. When the meeting closes, a short Governing Council meeting is held to elect office bearers. Governing Council meets Tuesday evenings, twice per term. Please consider joining us.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required to fill Parent (2 year term) and Community (elected yearly) representatives.

In 2015 the following Councillors will be continuing -
John Cummins and Jemma Michael.

Bernie Altmann, Katrina Ebsary and Kelly Freebairn have completed a two year term but are available for re-election.

Fione

I wish to nominate for a position on the Snowtown Primary School Governing Council. I understand that the tenure of this position is for a period of 2 years.

I am aware that in the event we have more than the required nominations, elections will be conducted at the AGM of the Governing Council to be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 2015.

Further details about the Governing Council Constitution and Code of Practice for Councillors can be obtained by contacting the school.

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of an offence of dishonesty or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

Name

Signature

Seconded by (Name)

Signature

Date / / 2015

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FRONT OFFICE

R/1 Class Gardening

We have had a busy start to the year! Our class has warmly welcomed our new students Aden, Jack, Jaxson, Ethan, Paige, April, Madorie and Teisha.

Our Year One students have been fantastic at supporting our new students, and they have settled in quickly.



Our Spanish herb garden has survived the summer break (thanks Wayne!) and we have been enjoying some beautiful cherry tomatoes from it.

Ms Fione and the class have also added some Rosemary sprigs for us to take care of, in preparation for our upcoming work on the ANZACS. We used these sprigs for inspiration for some crayon and watercolour art pieces.





New students at SPS

Back L to R: Juliane Sorino, (Yr 2) and new Reception students - Jack Biddell, Aden Lane and Jaxson Bunting.

Middle: April Williams, Teisha Price, Paige McGregor and Madorie Waters.

Front: Ms Fione.

Inset: Ethan Cocks.

Assembly Awards

Back: Ms Fione, Cohen Biddell, Jade Forrest, Kim Pix, Connor Bugg, Deegan Ebsary, Juliane Sorino.

Middle: Noah Michael, Heath Sorgiovanni, Jack Biddell, Jordan-Ann Ellis, Teisha Price, Ethan Cocks, April Williams.

Front: Jaxson Bunting, Aden Lane, Madorie Waters, Paige McGregor.



Giant Pumpkin Growing competition

You may have read in the Country Times that the community Pumpkin Growing competition is well under way again. We have our first update on how they are growing and will have regular updates in each newsletter. The school pumpkin plants are looking mighty sweet. We may even blitz the latest pumpkin record!

Competitor	11th February 2015
Greg King	The bushes growing rampantly!! With runners at least 5 or 6 metres in length. Pumpkin medium basketball size
Kelly Freebairn	Died! Died once planted.
Kerry Cocks	Lots of flowers - growing well, Thinks she has a dud - no pumpkins.
Des Hancock	5 pumpkins growing. One the size of a small basketball
Glendy Dobie	Died!
Nyssa Collins	2 year old daughter ate the leaves off and the plant died.
Noah Michael	Only had one root when planted and still growing! Has flower, no pumpkins.
Keith Welke	Died!
Kaye Ebsary	Starting to get flowers - size of a dinner plate. Early stages still. Got a tray of water nearby to attract the bees for pollination.
Tavia Rankin	Little, but still growing - a late bloomer!
School	2 plants. One flourishing but no pumpkins,



A new record has been set for the heaviest pumpkin in Australia and New Zealand.



Thank you Snowtown IGA and Snowtown Newsagency for again sponsoring our competition.