**Leader’s Report**

**OSHC News**

I am pleased to report that Governing Council will be responsible for the running of our OSHC and Vacation Care programmes beginning 19th December this year, Sarah Marshall, Director, and current OSHC staff are very keen to remain with us which is great news. More great news is that we will be offering ‘morning OSHC’ from the beginning of the 2017 school year.

**2017**

If you know your child will not be at Ascot Park PS next year can you advise us immediately as it will have impact on our class structure. Thank you in anticipation.

**Pupil Free Day**

Governing Council has given approval for our final ‘student free day’ to review and analyse our student’s data and set our directions and priorities for 2017. Council are very keen to have this day on the last day of the school term, Friday 16th December. I will confirm this when I receive approval from DECD.

**ANZAC**

Last Sunday morning school captains, Dylan Ling, Calvin Currie and myself went into the Adelaide War Memorial on North Terrace to erect 90 white crosses on the lawns in front of Government House. Ascot Park PS are responsible for the Crosses that recognise the sacrifice our nurses (WRAN’s) made in times of conflict. It is one small way our school can be part of remembering the ANZAC’s!
**PLAY IS THE WAY CERTIFICATES**

Congratulations to the successful students who achieved the Play Is the Way Award “Pursue Your Personal Best No Matter Who You Work With” at assembly.

Amira Kazmi – Ms Zollo class
Kayla Karnaros – Miss Aistrope class
Sekou Teah – Miss Dunn class
Jorja Mercurio – Miss Hannah class

**Beginners Gymnastics Program**

In 2017 Ascot Park Primary School will be running a Beginners Gymnastics Program. This program will be run by Andrew Cordery, the owner of ALPHA Gymnastics. The program is for students wanting to improve their coordination, balance and locomotive skill in a fun and safe environment. The program will be run for an hour, once a week for 32 weeks of the school year. This program will most likely be held between **8:30-9:30am on a Thursday** morning.

If you are interested in being part of this program, please ask for a registration form at the front office. **Return forms by the 28th November with a 20% deposit.**

For more information, please ask to speak to Hannah Long or email: hannah.long840@schools.sa.edu.au

**SPORTS UPDATE**

**Gymnastics**

Congratulations to India Colombi who came 1st in the WAG State Championships Level 6 competition in July this year. India has now advanced to WAG Level 7 and competed in the WAG Level 7 Championship in Port Pirie before the school holidays where she came 3rd.

India is now representing South Australia in Geelong this week at the 2016 WAG Australian Classic. We will not see her back for a few more weeks as straight after this competition she will be jet setting to Canberra to spend a few days at the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport).

**Soccer**

Hi my name is Braxton I’m here today to talk to you about how I got selected for the State U12 boys blue futsal team to represent South Australia at the FFA National Futsal championships.

Well I’ll tell you the process, Firstly I am in the South Side Academy for Futsal and our academy got chosen to do the 2016 State Futsal Tournament, which are academies all over South Australia. Some people got selected from that competition to trial for the South Australian Futsal Team and I was one of the people selected from that tournament. This means I was selected into the Lower State team called the State U12 boys Blue Futsal team. My team and I fly to Sydney on the 4th of January to the 8th 2017 next year.

**2017 Sports Trials**

Congratulations to those who have been selected into our Soccer, Netball or Gymnastics Specialist Sports Programs for 2017. Students who have tried out for these sports should of received a letter confirming their acceptance into a sports program for 2017. If you have not yet returned your forms, please do so by Friday 11th November 2016.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Hi everyone,

It’s nearly Sports day! Please keep an eye out for the Sports Day Menu. The canteen will be located in the big gym for that day only.

It’s a sausage sizzle and more!!!

Good luck to all the teams. May the day be one of fun and good cheer 😊

Also a reminder about platters available. We do platters for **ALL** occasions both inside and outside of school.

For further enquiries, please contact Janine at the canteen.

Thank you and good luck everybody!

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VOK MENTORING AT LUNCHTIME
By Mr Kennedy

Most would be aware that at Ascot Park Primary School we have a student representative council we call VOK – Voice of Kids. Each class has students that represent their class at meetings which discuss issues that are important to the school. This term some of the older students who are part of VOK decided that they would like to do some mentoring of younger junior primary kids at lunchtime. Annabella and Alanood from the year 6/7 class decided to organise 4 weeks’ worth of activities on Thursday at lunchtime. 15 lucky junior primary students join the girls for fun activities.

In the first week the girls ran a colouring in competition. We had lots of good colouring examples and everyone was happy with their prize. Jasmin Tedmanson was our winner – congratulations!

This week we are creating Pet Rocks and then in the coming weeks we will be doing outside games and cooking.

Well done to Annabella and Alanood for some great leadership and creating a great positive school community.

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Term 4 is well under way and we are all looking forward to Sports Day next Friday. It is always an exciting day and lots of fun. The preparations are well in hand. I hope that as many parents and carers as possible can come along.

It is really important that we enjoy the day together. Children love their parents and carers to come along and be a part of the day. It is your presence there on the day which is vitally important. Children want you to be there and your presence shows that you care and gives your children a sense of acceptance.

If you are unable to attend Sports Day it is important that you discuss this with your child, giving them reasons and expressing your disappointment at not being able to attend. This will help them with their resilience and aids them with their sense of belonging when things do not go as they would wish.

It is important to also have a realistic view of your child’s abilities and competencies. Your child’s best participation on the day comes from healthy expectations and encouragement.

Sports Day is being held on Remembrance Day this year. Remembrance Day honours the end of the First World War 98 years ago when the peace treaty was signed at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The students will learn about this in their class and be prepared for the short ceremony on Friday at 11am when traditionally a minute’s silence is observed to remember those who fought and died in the “Great War”. Red poppies are a symbol for those who died as these flowers appeared in the fields of Flanders in France where many soldiers had died.

All the best for your daily training for Sports Day over the next week!

Karen Tromans
Pastoral Care Worker
**OSHC**

Ascot Park Primary OSHC is starting on the 19th December for Vacation Care. If you would like to book your child in for the Vacation Care, then please call the front office on 8276 3055. Also to register your interest in Before School or After School Care in term 1 2017, please call the office.

Opening times will be:
- 7:00am - 8:30am
- Afternoons – 3:00pm - 6:00pm
- Vacation Care 8:00am – 6:00pm

Please ring the front office for registrations for Vacation Care from 19th December and for Before School care in Term 1 2017. OSHC fees and the Vacation Program will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

**FINANCE**

We have sent home with students the poll on Materials & Services Fees that were approved at Governing Council. Please fill in the slip and return to the front office by 28th November.

Governing Council also decided to offer a discount on Specialist Sports fees for the families at our school where there is more than one child in a program. The discount is:
- 1 child – full fee
- 2 children – 10% discount
- 3 or more children 20% discount

**Volunteers**

We are now in preparation mode for next year and are looking for Parents interested in being involved in the following committees:
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- IT
- Fundraising

Please contact the front office by Wednesday 9th November.

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**Car Boot Sale**

Ascot Park Primary School, Sunday 27th November, 7:30am to 2:00pm.

$10 per car, $20 with trailer. Book by calling 0434 895 144.

Sellers from 6:00 am. Limited spaces available, Bookings essential.

Sausage Sizzle for Kids.