Leader’s Report

Athletics Day

A reminder our athletics day is on **Friday 28th March**. We will all meet in the new gym at 9am for team meetings and cheers then first event at 9.30am.

If you are able to assist with measuring or timing during the day please ring the school on 8276 3055 or let your child’s teacher know.

HATS

Can I remind parents/caregivers that our school policy requires students to wear hats when outside during terms 1 & 4. This is in line with the Cancer Council’s policy.

We are constantly having to remind some students to follow the rules. Please assist us by ensuring your child has a hat.

Staffing Update

APPS would like to welcome Chris Hercock to our staff until the end of term 1. Chris will be in the junior Sports Specialist class each Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning whilst Di Johnston is working in her Numeracy coach’s role.

Canteen Survey

Thank you to the parents who completed and returned this survey. It is appreciated and will help us determine the operation of our school canteen. I would still love to take any other surveys!!

Soccer Gala Day to celebrate ‘Harmony Day’

APPS is hosting a soccer gala day where 6 other Primary Schools are competing in a 5 a-side competition based on the ‘World Cup’ format. Each school has been given a country to represent. We are Australia and Cameroon. Henley HS ‘soccer specialist’ students will be officiating and supporting schools on the day. Spectators welcome!!

HAVE REASONS FOR THE THINGS YOU SAY AND DO!
Performing Arts - Heather Smith

SCRAP HEAP ORCHESTRA

In this unit of work students viewed a DVD about a project that involved master instrument makers, elite musicians (the BBC orchestra) and its conductor. Musical instruments had to be made from ‘junk’ but to a standard that the orchestra could play Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture as a serious concert. All involved shared their frustrations, heartaches and fears as well as their joy when the project proved to be a success. The conductor and instrument makers discovered: “How sound is made, why it is made and how it works”. Students responded very well to what they saw. The really fun part was to try our own instruments.

Two different ways of making sound with breath. (flutes & recorders)

Two different reed instruments making sound using a vibrating reed created from a straw. (oboes & clarinets)

In making stringed instruments students quickly realized the importance of including a bridge to keep the strings high off the sound-board so they could vibrate and make a noise.

Students then had to use their instruments to play Johann Strauss’s Blue Danube Waltz.

THE EDWARDSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
Established 1919

The Townies have produced 10 AFL Draftees
Are you the next AFL Draftee?

2014 REGISTRATION DAY
16th March 2:00 – 4:00pm
AT THE CLUB

EAST TERRACE, SOUTH PLYMPTON

For players boys & girls from the age of 5 – 12
Come along with your parents and join the club
The Edwardstown Football Club is fielding teams for:

Auskick 5 to 7 years of age
Mini League Competition
Under 8’s, Sundays
Under 10’s, Sundays
Under 12’s, Sundays

All players (Boys & Girls) welcomed, come in and join us.
Free sausage sizzle and soft drink for the players.
CPS Corner

I should imagine that by now most of you would have heard the news that on the weekend a Malaysian Airlines aeroplane disappeared from radar screens over the sea between Malaysia and Vietnam. The plane with nearly three hundred passengers simply vanished and, despite an extensive search, no trace of the plane has been discovered. This is one of those catastrophic events that we can all hear about immediately in this new age of almost instant global communications.

Do you remember how you felt when you heard the news? I remember that I caught my breath, recoiling in horror with my first thoughts that the plane had crashed. But as I listened to the report I realised that I had jumped to a conclusion that had not yet been verified. My horror settled into puzzlement as I listened to reports of a vanishing aircraft with no wreckage being found. A state of anxiety then ensued as bits and pieces were found but then identified as not belonging to the plane. You go from high hope and expectation that the plane has been found and that someone may be found to crushing disappointment when that is not the case. You wonder about what has actually happened and try to understand the realities of search and rescue operations at sea. Even though I did not know anyone personally on the flight, I thought about all the people who had farewelled their loved ones on that flight and all the people who were waiting for their loved ones at the other end of the flight. They definitely do not want to hear bad news but there is even a greater anxiety in not knowing what has happened. Hundreds and thousands of people have been directly affected by this loss and many more indirectly.

In some way we have all been touched by this tragedy. It reminds us of our own personal experiences of tragedy and reminds us of our vulnerabilities. It reminds us of our amazing inventions that have allowed us to be able to safely move millions of people around the world ever faster and faster. It reminds us that however great our inventions, they can still fail to protect us in some circumstances. And it reminds us of how, when things fail, we need each other to help us to continue on. Everybody’s experiences and feelings will be different and part of the process of living is to listen to and hear each other’s stories. So – how did you feel when you heard the news?

Til next time
Karen Tromans

MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY
MONDAY 12TH MAY 2014:
9:00-11:00am & 5:30-8:00pm
Mitcham Girls High School was established fifty years ago as a girls’ school for South Australian Secondary Students. It is the only single sex, public school that is unzoned; therefore, students may enrol at Mitcham irrespective of where they live. Mitcham Girls High School offers a comprehensive program to cater for all students as well as the following Gifted and Talented Programs: Academic, Dance and Soccer. For more information please go to www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au.

Blackwood High School OPEN NIGHT
Monday 24 March 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Principal’s welcome presentation, followed by guided tours starting at 5:00pm, 5:45pm, and 6:30pm
Self guided tours also available
4 Seymour Street, Eden Hills SA 5050
Ph: 8278 0900 Fax: 8278 0999
Email: blackwood@bhs.sa.edu.au
The Food Values Research Group, from The University of Adelaide, are seeking families to participate in our current "Talking to Children about Meat" survey. The link to this page & further information can be found at: http://hss.adelaide.edu.au/historypolitics/research/research_groups/food_ethics.html

Is your child interested in learning Chinese?
In 2014
School of Languages
Is introducing classes for students R-7
At Belair Primary school
Classes will be held Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm - 5.00pm
For more information contact the School of Languages on: 8301 4800

Which High School?
URRBRAE
AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
A caring, enterprising school, recognised as a centre of excellence in student learning, with a focus on agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment.

URRBRAE COULD BE THE SCHOOL FOR YOU
To find out what Urrbrae has to offer, come along to one of our Information Sessions on:
Tuesday 18th March, 2014
Sessions commence at 2.00pm and 6.00pm.
Farm Tours departing at 1.00pm, 4.00pm and 5.00pm.
Applications for Year 8 2015 will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 30th April 2014
Collect a brochure from your School Office for more details.
Tel: 8372 6955, Fax 8372 6966
505 Fullarton Road, Netherby SA 5062

LOCAL ORGANIC HONEY FOR SALE
All proceeds support the MarionLIFE Community Garden Project
To provide a welcoming, safe and relaxing space
For people to learn, share and care for others
Prices from $2.50
Now available from Reception Side Gate Cafe
Or the Good Gear Shop

Aboriginal Parents & Carers
Tuesday 18th March 2014, 11:30 am – 2.00 pm
Lunch Provided
Come along for a chat and meet other parents
Share ideas to support our kids and enjoy lunch together
Meet your local Aboriginal Community Education Officer
Meet at the Marion Church of Christ
Corner of Marion Road and Alawoona Avenue
Mitchell Park SA 5043
Enquiries: Wayne Campbell 0431 186 411 or Daphne Rickett 0423 821 959

COMMUNITY MEAL
1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month
6:30pm
Marion Church of Christ Pavilion
Cnr Marion Rd & Alawoona Ave
Mitchell Park
ANYONE IS WELCOME
For more information, please contact, Judith Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoons on 8277 0304 or email community@marionlife.org.au