



Term 1, Week 7
Friday 13 March 2015

ASCOT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
R-7 SPECIALIST PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT SCHOOL

👍 School Values 👍

**Respect
Responsibility
Excellence**

📖 Diary Dates 📖

Term 1

Week 8

Tuesday March 17

Governing School Council

Wednesday March 18

School Photo Day

Week 9

Wednesday March 25

Harmony Day Assembly 9:00 am

Easter Seminar 1:30 pm

Week 10

Friday April 3

Good Friday - Public Holiday

Week 11

Monday April 6

Easter Monday - Public Holiday

**HAVE REASONS FOR
THE THINGS YOU SAY
AND DO!**

Leader's Report

Athletics Day – Date Change!!

A reminder our athletics day is now on **Wednesday 8th April**. 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.

Much appreciated!

REMINDER

We have a '**STUDENT FREE DAY**' on the last day of the term; **Friday 10th April**. All teachers are involved in a district professional development day!

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

BIKES / SCOOTERS / SKATEBOARDS

For the safety of all concerned I would ask parents to remind their child that there is no riding in the school yard. We have had a couple of near misses recently!!! Thanks in anticipation.

Reminder

School photo day is next Wednesday 18th March. All students will be photographed in class groups. If you wish to purchase photos, please send in your order forms with your child on Wednesday morning. Alternatively, photos can be ordered online using the code on the student envelope. If you want your children to be photographed in a family photo, sibling envelopes are available from the front office.



Underdale Football Cup 2015

Well done to the year 5/6/7 students from Ascot Park Primary School who played in the annual Underdale Football Cup (soccer) at Underdale High School on Wednesday the 11th of March. We played in a round robin competition before moving onto a knockout finals system.

Some of the players who attended last year's cup knew how much a challenge the event is - with games played against seasoned opposition from strong football schools. The boys started their games with a bang; defeating Pennington and Kilkenny Primary Schools to book a place in the semi-finals. Unfortunately illness took its toll on the team with Harvey Halliday unable to play in the crucial match up. This left us with no substitutes and tired legs! Whilst we were not able to push through the boys fought out valiantly and secured a fourth place against 8 top opposition (this compares to our last place in 2014 - a great improvement).

Everyone played their roles well - and most importantly represented our school with pride. Our school values of **Respect** (showing *manners* and *caring* to our team mates and others) and **Excellence** (*having a go* and *trying our best*) were shown by all.

We had lots of goals to celebrate including top shelf finishes from Brandan, Harvey, Travis, Calvin and Brett. I particularly thought that Luke Garin (our school and team captain) held his head high all day and looked after his team mates well. Also, Blake Kiesewetter and James White ran all day through the midfield and drew praise and attention from the older Underdale High School students. I think that Zac Wilden showed how much he has improved not just in his skills but his attitude - he

continued to cheer his team mates on and was flexible all day to try new positions.

Congratulations and well done.

Sam Kennedy

Sports Class Teacher

2015 Squad:

Brandan Johnson, Zac Wilden, James White, Mohammed Teah, Brett Wills, Harvey Halliday, Luke Garin, Julius Pamintuan, Blake Kiesewetter, Travis Williams, Youssif Ghazi, Calvin Currie

Chinese & Performing Arts - Heather Smith

We have just finished making our dragon and taken it for walks as an introduction to Dragon Dance. Everyone voted on a name. His name is Wu Long.



We are also preparing for Harmony Day on the 21st of March. Our assembly will be after that. Years 3 - 7 have been working on a banner for the front of the school.

It's due to go up on the 23rd of March.





SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

Recently your child's school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor's directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility.

Thank you

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN

Program Co-ordinator Road Safety

South Australian Police

Traffic Monitor Roster

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pildappa	Morning 8:30-8:50	Dee-Jaye Brett <u>Harvey</u>	Summer <u>Shaun</u> Kaitlyn	Nia <u>Gordon</u>	Luke <u>Kaitlyn</u> Summer	<u>Luke</u> Nia
	Afternoon 3:05-3:25	Summer <u>Dee-Jaye</u>	<u>Julius</u> Sarhani	Heath <u>Annabella</u>	<u>Latifah</u> Thomas	Latifah <u>Brett</u>
Duncan	Morning 8:30-8:50	Shaun <u>Heath</u> Nia	Nia Dee-Jaye	<u>Kaitlyn</u> Shaun	<u>Dee-Jaye</u> Nia	Shaun <u>Summer</u> Kaitlyn
	Afternoon 3:05-3:25	Annabella <u>Thomas</u>	Dee-Jaye <u>Brandan</u>	<u>Dee-Jaye</u> Summer	Summer <u>Kaitlyn</u>	<u>Holly</u> Summer

Thank you

We would like to acknowledge and thank the students that have volunteered to participate in this very important service to the school community and their parents who have supported them and consented to their involvement.

PCW Corner

I am thankful that the Government funding has now come through for my role as a Pastoral Care Worker in your school. Up until this week my work in the school has been totally funded by the generosity of the local churches in South Australia. More schools have received the funding for a PCW than previously which has meant that the hours for existing PCWs in schools have been cut as the funding was fixed. I will now only be in the school for 9 hours per week so if you wish to speak with me please make an appointment by leaving your contact details at the front office with your request.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we transition to the new funding model.

The Easter long weekend is not far away now. As one of the two major religious festivals in Australia, I will be bringing the Easter story to the school in Week 9 this term. No matter what your belief or religious affiliation, the Seminar is for everyone in order to create harmony and to better understand the beliefs and practices of others. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Til next time

Karen Tromans



Aquatics



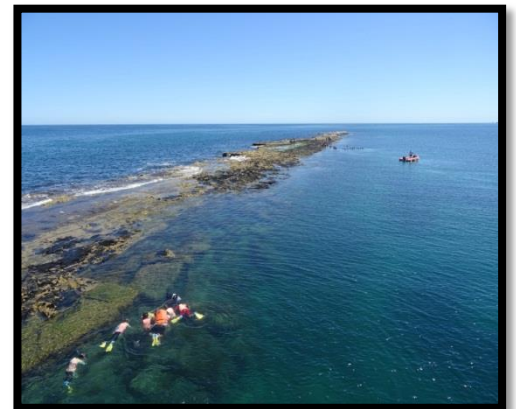
On the 25th February, the year 6/7s had aquatics at Port Noarlunga. It was a long bus drive but once we got there we were ready. We were lucky to do Aquatics on a sunny day. As soon as I got there, I noticed that there was a lot of sand and water... a LOT of water, a LOT of sand, a LOT of seaweed and a LOT of people!

Some of the activities that we were allowed to do were surfing, sailboarding, sailing, snorkelling, wave skiing, canoeing, fishing and body boarding. I chose to do surfing, snorkelling and sailboarding.

My first activity was SURFING! We chose our surfboards with our instructors, Ash and Jasmine, and practised paddling and jumping on the surfboards. Once we got into the water, we all tried to surf. I jumped on the surfboard and surfed for at least a second before face-planting!

My second activity was SAILBOARDING! After choosing our canoes, paddles and helmets, we went straight in and started paddling. When we paddled towards the sailing group, we saw 7 dolphins swimming alongside the boat... one went right under me!

Finally, what I had been waiting for the whole day was my last activity, SNORKELLING! We put on our snorkels and flippers and walked towards the end of the jetty. Once we were at the end of the jetty I was really scared but once I got in, it was amazing. Our instructor threw a bit of bread near me and the fish swarmed around me... I put my finger out and a fish bit it. We started swimming out up the reef and saw loads of fish; it was really cool. Before we finished we got to dive right down to the bottom and when I did, my ears popped.



All up, it was a good day and I had a lot of fun... and when I say a lot... I mean a LOT. Unfortunately, we had to go back so we got on the bus and went back to school.