Leader’s Report

Many Thanks

I would like to acknowledge Governing Council member Debbie Gibson who is leaving us at the end of this year as son Adam moves on to high school. Debbie has been an invaluable member of Council for the past 2 years and I have appreciated her knowledge and insight in meetings.

I would urge all parents of Ascot Park Primary School to consider joining Governing Council in 2016. The AGM will be in the first few weeks of the 2016 school year.

Class Placements

These are all but finalised thus we hope to notify parents soon!

School Concert

Congratulations to all students who so admirably performed at the school concert on Wednesday. What a great night it was!!

Hearty congratulations to Heather Smith for her tireless work and organisation.

Well Done ALL!

Parent Opinion Survey

Last newsletter we sent home a hard copy of surveys to some parents and emailed the link to others.

Please take the time to complete these and return them before Friday 4th December. The information we receive from these is invaluable to our future planning. Receive a free gift if returned!!!

Thank you in anticipation
Extend After School Care at Ascot Park Primary School

Have you heard the good news?
Extend is delighted to deliver an After School Care service to commence Term 1, 2016 (subject to government licensing and approval). We are thrilled to begin a new partnership with the school community and look forward to delivering a quality service.

Parent Info session
We were delighted to be able to meet the school community on Wednesday 25 November between 5.00pm and 7.30pm. Charmayne Linton, Programs Manager from Extend, delivered a short presentation at the beginning of the school concert and will be available for the rest of the evening to answer any questions.

Enrol now for After School Care
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply enrol and set up your account online at extend.com.au. Please note – all children must be enrolled before attending. Additional flyers will shortly be made available for distribution to each student. These flyers include general information about our services, as well as information about your out of pocket expense. Keep an eye out for flyers in your child’s bag soon!

Operating hours and fees:
Commencing Term 1, 2016

After School Care: 3.10pm – 6.00pm
$20.90 permanent, $24.90 casual
*YOU PAY BETWEEN: $5.58 - $10.45 for a permanent booking

Emergency on-the-day bookings incur an additional $5 fee, which is no more than $2.50 after fee relief.

*Child Care Benefits and the non-income tested 50% Child Care Rebate of up to $7500 apply for eligible families. Fees are per child per session.

Fee Relief – the facts
Fact 1: The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is NOT income tested! We encourage you to apply!
Fact 2: 50% is the minimum reduction you may receive in your fees. Further benefits may apply to you.

Read further information and estimate your out of pocket expense at extend.com.au.

QUESTIONS?
Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents.

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

ART WORK AT APPS – Heather Smith
Part of what students need to achieve in ARTS is having their work ‘published’.

Our open day banners were a way of showing students’ designs to the public.

The concert has provided a venue for decorative art, used to embellish performances.

We made art ‘towers’ to be displayed at the Marion Art Group Show; to advertise our school and its student talent.
Physical Education Week
Week 5

Last week Ascot Park Participated in National Physical Education Week with over 200 other schools. The theme for 2015 was ‘Living Actively’ and the importance of physical activity and healthy living in the school community.

Throughout the week students and teachers participated in daily quizzes and fitness challenges. On Tuesday, students participated in an Orienteering Course, set up around the school. Student’s worked in pairs or small groups and with the aid of a map and cryptic clues, students had to orientate themselves around the school to find a secret message. For most students this was the first experience they have had of orienteering and they all had a fantastic time learning a new way to stay physically active. The secret message was linked with the theme of 2015 – “Active living is cool”.

The year 7’s and some year 6’s had the opportunity to verse the teachers in a Volleyball match Tuesday lunchtime. Unfortunately the year 7’s lost 12 – 21 to Miss Hannah, Miss Aistrope, Miss Roberts, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Martin.

On Thursday Mr Ly’s class participated in a Beach Volleyball Competition at Glenelg beach. The students had a tough time beating the wind but when they won the serve were able to get a run on. We entered 4 teams and each team played 4-5 games throughout the day. We did not make the finals but we did leave the day with our heads held high and finished the day with a couple of wins.

On Friday, the Specialist Netball group participated in the Get Court Netball competition at ETSA Park. The girls played a total of 8 games over the day, and had the chance to play in many different positions and play against a range of schools.

Ascot Park PS has been successful in securing a psychologist to work on site.

If you would like your child to be able to access this support, please contact the school

LOST PROPERTY
ALL LOST PROPERTY WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE COURTYARD IN WEEK 9 ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.
TEAM FUTURE CAMP AIS
India Colombi attended a Team Future Camp at AIS last week. India had a great few days there – “very intense and lots of different types of training, but lots of fun too!” she says. India made some new friends with other squads around the country – and really made the most of her time there.

SKYDIVING
Elizabeth Ling is one of our mums at Ascot Park Primary School, and she will be doing a skydive at the end of this month. She will be raising money for the school. If anyone is interested in donating some money, please enquire at the front office.

Pastoral Care Corner
Saturday November 21st was a memorable day in Adelaide. On the one hand the city was taken over by the wonderful sights and sounds of the Christmas Pageant. 340,000 people lined the streets as the pageant wound its way through the city on an absolutely beautiful day. The pageant brings people together to share in the joy, happiness, love and excitement of Christmas. As with everything that brings love and happiness into our lives, Christmas asks us to share this love and happiness with others: hence the tradition of gift-giving at Christmas. It is a wonderful thing to see someone with a huge smile on their face giving a gift to another person who lights up in a smile in response. And that is the greatest gift of the exchange - the smile! A smile is always a gift that we give each other. A smile reflects peace and brings peace and it is in the sharing of smiles that the magic comes.

But, while Adelaideans were smiling, an event was taking place on the other side of the world in the French capital Paris that was wiping away the smiles of the French people. A group of people without smiles on their faces took guns and shot at people having fun at concerts, sports matches and restaurants and cafes. Because the aim of these people is to scare and terrify other people they are referred to as terrorists. These people took away smiles, and away with the smiles goes the peace. It is going to be a very difficult Christmas for many people and the smiles will need help to come back. Christmas will be celebrated again this year in the French capital and it will work its magic in helping to bring back the smiles.

As I write I am thinking of the terrorists who are also people who have husbands and wives and partners and family and friends and children. I do not know these people personally but I wish I could share the smile of Christmas with them so that we could all learn to smile at each other. The other people I am thinking of are those people in the armies of the world who are working out ways to protect smiles and to bring smiles. The smile of Christmas will also help them to do the difficult job that they have to do.

There are some people who are new to Christmas in our country. I hope that you will be able to share in the smiles of Christmas too. (And – if for some reason you can’t – please talk to someone.)

Please enjoy the celebrations of the end of the school year over the next couple of weeks!

Til next time
Karen Tromans
PCW
ICE THE COLD HARD FACTS

POLICE AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE IN THE FORUM

SAPOL AND OTHER COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES WILL PRESENT ON ISSUES RELATING TO ILLICIT DRUG USE IN THE COMMUNITY.

- Hear about illicit drugs and how the use of drugs is impacting on the local community and how you can help reduce its impact.
- Find out what services and supports are available for those affected—from alcohol, friends, family or professionals.
- Learn about the dangers associated with the drug and how easily addiction occurs.

When: Thursday 3 December 2015
Where: Marion Cultural Centre Theatre, 187 Diagonal Road, OAKLANDS PARK.
Time: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm)

Limited spaces available.
To register your interest contact: Stuart Crime Prevention Section 8207 4779

MC - Amanda Blair

With guest speakers from South Australia Police, Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia, The Clinical Services Coordinator from The Queen Elizabeth Hospital and SA Ambulance Service.

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