



## Newsletter - Week 11 Term 1 2018

### From the Principal

#### Review of Term 1

It certainly has been a busy term with special events including our three way interviews and the Big Day In as some examples of the learning opportunities provided for our students. A group from our Peace Committee attended the 'Halogen Young Leaders' Day' at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, as well as other excursions including a visit by some of our year 1 and 2 students to the motor museum at Birdwood, SAPSASA Athletics and finally our year 6/7 students recently enjoyed their experience at the Aquatics Centre at West Lakes. Students have been focussing on their reading development with many students involved in peer reading programs across the school as well as some exciting maths learning with a continued focus on Big Ideas in Number. It is a pleasure to walk around the school and see these programs in action. We have also been including ideas to support your child's learning at home. I would like to thank the staff, students and school community for their efforts in *working together* to make this a successful term.

#### New role

I have been appointed to a new role during term 2. I will be working as part of the Review, Improvement and Accountability Unit from central office as a Review Officer. My role will include visiting schools and reviewing their improvement processes. While I am working there Vicki Poulain will be Acting Principal. I look forward to returning to PGR7 in term 3.

#### Pupil Free Day Reminder for Next Term

Governing Council have approved a **Pupil Free Day** on **Monday 30th April**, which is the first day of Term 2, with a further one on Tuesday 12th June following on from the public holiday. Staff will be working with staff from other schools in our partnership with a focus on assessment and moderation processes and plans for intentional teaching. The OSHC service will be open on these days so if you need to book your children into the service please do so soon.

#### Advance notice - 2018 NAPLAN testing

The National Literacy and Numeracy assessments for all year 3, 5 and 7 students will occur from **Tuesday 15th through to Thursday 17th May (Week 3 Term 2)**. We encourage all students to fully participate in these assessments. If there is some reason why you wish to **withdraw your child**, please see your child's class teacher with a written request and **also** see Vicki Poulain to complete an official withdrawal form. These must be completed by **no later than Friday 5th May which is the last day of week 1 next term**.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

I would like to thank all the families who made the time to have a discussion over the last week with their child's class teacher. These discussions are an important part of our reporting process and provide opportunities for parents, teachers and students to share information about your child's progress and what they need to continue to work on to improve. While it is possible for you to make other times to meet with your child's teacher, at the end of next term a written report will be provided.

#### New Canteen Pricelist

Please check the new canteen pricelist which takes effect at the beginning of Term 2.

#### Students' Mobile Phones

We understand that mobile phones do offer a service to some families. Safety and communication concerns demand that some students have a mobile phone with them for before and after school communications. Those students must take responsibility for their mobile phones if the family deems it necessary for them to bring them to school. Our policy states that on arrival at school the phone must be handed to the Front Office Staff and collected by the student at the end of the day.

*On behalf of all the staff I wish you all a happy and safe school holiday. We'll see you all back at school next term on **Tuesday 1st May**.*

**Simon Harding**

#### Out of School Hours Care

We would like to advise that our Vacation Care program is now available with limited spaces remaining, however before booking your children into the program all outstanding accounts must be paid in full. You will also need to make advance bookings for the Pupil Free Day on Monday 30th April. Please ring **8281 5104** or our mobile **0401 121 430**.

**Aida Chapman - OSHC Director**

#### DIARY DATES

**FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1**  
**THURSDAY 12TH APRIL AT 9:00AM IN THE HALL**  
Casual Day

**Friday 13th April**  
Last day of Term 1  
Early dismissal at 2:00pm

**REMEMBER :**  
**MONDAY 30TH APRIL IS A PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**TUESDAY 1ST MAY**  
**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**

# Reading Workshop for Parents Term 2



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## YOU'RE INVITED

### PARENT WORKSHOP: READING

Would you like to learn about the different ways we support your child at school with reading? Would you like to learn how to do this at home with your child so that he/she has a strong reading foundation? Would you like to know what teachers look for in order to further progress your child's reading development? Then come along to one of our parent workshops being held early next term.

Learn how to empower your child so that they develop more confidence with their reading while learning new skills. Learn how to make reading time more enjoyable and not just another thing that needs to be done!

Our Term 2 reading workshops are predominantly aimed at parents of R-3 students (5 – 8 year olds) but are open to all year levels. Please choose from one of the following workshop times and return to your child's classroom teacher.

**\*\*Please note: It is important that you bring your school aged child along with you to the session so that you can practise with them.**

How can I help my child develop good reading skills?

Come along to one of our Term 2 parent workshops.

Day, afternoon and evening sessions.

Translators available.

Crèche supplied for siblings.

***Book into one of the Parent Reading Workshops as soon as possible to ensure your place. Information regarding these workshops was given to every R-3 student last week, so please return the cut off slip to your child's teacher if you wish to attend. A crèche is available for daytime workshops for young siblings, however this also needs to be recorded on the returned cut off slip.***

- **Wednesday 9th May 3:30pm - 5:00pm**
- **Wednesday 9th May 6:30pm - 8:00pm**
- **Friday 11th May 9:00am - 10:30am**
- **Tuesday 22nd May 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

