

# Latest News

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Adelaide West  
Special Education Centre

## *Dear Families and Friends,*

Welcome to the 2015 school year!

A special welcome to our new students and their families.

Kayleb Rogers (C1)

Dora Choraitis, Tristan Cubillo and Faith Livious (C3)

Lachlan Bull (C5)

James Ettridge, Oscar Grimm, Lachlan Reynolds and Harry Tafanidis (C8).

We also welcome Kate Williams (C5), Paul Macleod (C6) and Mike Norris to our teaching staff. Both Kate and Mike were relief teachers at our school last year and Paul was a Disability Co-Ordinator based at Clare.



We have had a very good start to the year. New students are beginning to settle well into the routines of school. Unfortunately some staff have been absent due to illness. When staff and students are unwell it is important that they stay home so that the health of others is not compromised.

## **COMMUNICATION**

A reminder - please do not send messages via your child's bus driver. All messages need to be written in your child's student diary.

If you need to phone classroom staff, please do so during recess or lunch breaks so that student learning is not interrupted.

10.-45 – 11.15 a.m. - recess

1.00 - 1.30 p.m. - lunch

## **AGM & FAMILY BBQ**



Last Monday evening was the AGM and Family BBQ. The Governing Council welcomes Father John Choraitis. Continuing members are:

Sonja Touli, Jamie Campbell, Sharon Carthew, Angela Johns, Kim Halcrow, Kirsty Sale, Narelle Vink, Janice Renfrey and Emilia Lewis.

Susan Close, Minister for Education & Child Development, presented a Volunteering Award for Outstanding service to Marie Brain (photo above). Marie has been a volunteer at our school for 20 years. She is 84 years old and has never missed a Friday through illness. Up until last year Marie still played tennis weekly. Every morning she rides her bicycle to the local beach with her dog 'Scruffy' and she also volunteers at Acacia Court Nursing Home on Tuesdays. Congratulations to Marie – a truly well deserved recipient of this award.



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## SEVERE ALLERGIES

Some of our students have life-threatening allergies to nuts, eggs and sesame seeds. As a consequence we are a 'nut free' school. Please assist us by ensuring there are no products in your child's lunch box containing nuts e.g. muesli bars, some cereals etc.

The classes with students who are allergic to eggs have been informed. Products that have been cooked with egg (e.g. cakes) are acceptable but please do not send egg sandwiches, boiled eggs or other meals containing pieces of egg e.g. special fried rice. Thank you for your co-operation.

## NEWSLETTERS

If you would like the newsletter emailed rather than a hard copy sent home via your child, please advise Sue in the school admin. office. Some families are already using this method and this will continue again this year

## MEDICATION



Attached is an 'Interim 24 Hour Parental Authorised Medication' form. This form needs to be filled in if medication is to be administered at school for a maximum of 24 hours (within a 4 week period) without medical practitioner authority e.g. if your child requires a dose of antibiotics for one day as you were not able to give it to them before coming to school that morning.

## NEP MEETINGS

Teachers are currently preparing to meet with families to organize NEP meetings. It is anticipated that all NEP meetings should be finalised by the end of week 6. The goals that are mutually agreed upon at the NEP meeting are the foundation for individual learning throughout the year. Staff at Adelaide West value the input of parents around goals for the students. We therefore encourage you to attend these meetings.

## JANE FARRALL

Jane returns to continue to support literacy development and communication. She is an expert leader in this area and a highly skilled and excellent mentor.

In term 1 she will be here from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February and 30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Jane's visits in terms 2, 3, and 4 will reduce to once per term.

Jane will be presenting a workshop for parents on self-selected reading on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Please put this date in your diary. More details to follow.

## LOST & FOUND

We have a pair of black runners, size 2, which were found on Tuesday morning in the play area. If they belong to your child please let us know and they will be sent home.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Pupil Free Day  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Special Persons' Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Book Week Parade  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Sports Day

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note that Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April (first day of term 2) is a pupil free day for all schools in the Le Fevre Peninsula Partnership. The day's keynote speakers and workshops will focus on assessment for learning.

## TERM DATES FOR 2015

*Term 1*  
28<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> April

*Term 2*  
27<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> July

*Term 3*  
20<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> September

*Term 4*  
12<sup>th</sup> October – 11<sup>th</sup> December

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**February**  
Grace Agius, Gebrela Masresha,  
Tristan Cubillo, Isla Sale



*Sylvia Flato*  
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