



*Dear Families and Friends,*

## DIARY DATES

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Pupil Free Day  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Special Persons' Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Book Week Parade  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Pupil Free Day  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Sports Day  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Photos  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Pupil Free Day

## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council meeting dates are:

20<sup>th</sup> May  
24<sup>th</sup> June  
12<sup>th</sup> August  
9<sup>th</sup> September  
4<sup>th</sup> November  
30<sup>th</sup> November

## MOTHERS' DAY FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. Winners of the raffle were:

1<sup>st</sup> Jan Swain (HSO)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rosemary Hallett (grandmother of Mason Anderson))  
3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Boettcher (brother of Harrison)

A special thank you to Natalie Armitstead, mother of Jessica, who sourced the gifts for the Mother's Day stall, provided prizes for the raffle and helped to set up and pack away. Thanks Natalie we could not do this without you!

Thank you also to Amanda Hazel, mother of Brianna, who donated a beautiful hand sewn wall hanging as one of the raffle prizes.

## SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY

This year the special people that we will be celebrating at our Special Person's Day event on June 26<sup>th</sup> will be siblings. Classes are all planning their own activities to celebrate the unique relationship between our students and their siblings. On June 26<sup>th</sup> class activities will start at 10 am and will then be followed by a whole school assembly and morning tea at 11 am. Please note this date in your diary.

## VACATION CARE

Due to strong demand from the community at Adelaide West Special Education Centre, the Governing Council have recently appointed Novita to run Vacation Care at the school during school holidays. Adelaide West Vacation Care will commence on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. Novita also run two Vacation Care programs called 'Teen Zone' at Regency Park and Hamilton College and have a broad range of experience of providing programs for children and young people living with disabilities. The program provided to the children and young people attending the Adelaide West Vacation Care will be developed to suit the needs of individuals once it is clear who will be attending on each day of the holidays. An application form and some parent information are attached to this newsletter, along with contact details of Vanessa Wardle, the OSHC Program Leader. If you are considering applying for a place at Vacation Care for your child or children, please submit the forms as soon as possible. A minimum of six children and young people and a maximum of twelve will be enrolled for each day during the July holidays.

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now overdue. I am sure families would agree that their children receive value for money. We only charge the basic allowable fee. Please contact Vivienne if you think you may be eligible for School Card assistance. Otherwise please pay fees now if you have not already done so. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Vivienne to arrange regular payment contributions.

Forwarding information regarding unpaid school fees to debt collectors is an option available to us when families make no arrangements to pay fees.

Thank you to those families who have paid promptly.

## EYE GAZE TECHNOLOGY

On May 22 staff will receive training regarding the use of eye gaze technology.

Through the generous donation of a number of gentlemen we have been able to purchase five sets of this technology.

Initially the system will be used to trial cause and effect for students who have extremely limited use of their hands and who are non-verbal. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

## CITY BAY FUN RUN

Start training! The City Bay Fun Run will take place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**



For the last two years, Adelaide West have had a team of parents, students and staff who participate – either walking or running the 3km, 6km or 12km routes. In 2015, Lorna would like to have a team t-shirt. In order to obtain these in time for the fun run, she would like to get early numbers of people who will be participating this year. Then shirts can be ordered in the correct sizes and a sponsor approached to fund the cost of the shirts. Please can you complete the attached form to register your interest in participating in the City Bay Fun run this year?

## MEDICATION



A reminder to please use the 'Interim 24 Hour Parental Authorised Medication' form when required. This form was sent to all parents in the January newsletter. The 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 as you were not able to give it to them before coming to school that morning or they require a dose at lunch time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please contact Sue in the school office if you need another form sent home.

## MY TIME PEER SUPPORT GROUP

This program is for anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition. The group meets at school on Tuesdays from 10 am- 12 pm and brunch is provided. There is also a free crèche for 0-5 year olds. This is a time to relax, and connect with others. Each week it something different e.g. massages, guest speakers, boxing or maybe just watching a DVD and having a chat. If you are interested please contact Sue in the school office for further details.

*Sylvia Flato*  
Principal

## TERM DATES

*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 the following  
students who  
celebrate their birthday  
in May:



**Thomas Goldfinch, Gebrela  
Masresha, Ramsey Soliman, Taylan  
Forster, Jaymie Sheehy,**



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