From The Principal

Parents are invited to join the Governing Council for the Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the North School Community Hub. Brief reports will be followed by the election of Council members for 2015. Your Governing Council plays a very important role in the future directions and decision making within the school. If you are interested in aspects of the school from learning plans, to Landcare, or Music to Finances – or any other aspect of school life you will help us in our whole school journey.

Please think about being part of this team by putting your name down for the vacancies that exist.

Please complete the nomination slip included in this newsletter and return to school by Tuesday 10th March if you would like to become a member of the school Governing Council or bring it along to the AGM.

Anyone from our community can come along to the AGM or council meetings. Bring a friend to the meeting so you can check out what it is like, before deciding to sign up for the team.

Thank you,

Jane Turner

Diary Dates

Children arrive from 8.40am

Brekky Club  Mondays, Wednesdays 8.15-8.45
Assembly Friday  20\textsuperscript{th} February  
6\textsuperscript{th} March’  2.30

Monday 23\textsuperscript{rd} February  Pupil Free Day
Monday  9\textsuperscript{th}  March  Public Holiday
Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} March  School AGM
March 16-27\textsuperscript{th} March  Swimming Years 3-7
Friday  3\textsuperscript{rd}  April  Good Friday
Monday  6\textsuperscript{th}  April  Easter Monday
Friday  10\textsuperscript{th}  April  Term 1 ends 2.15

Term 2 starts Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} April

SCHOOL SURVEY
The Governing Council uses information from the School Community to decide what are the important things to work on.
This comes from parents, students feedback including informal chats with parents, ideas collected from the North School Community Hub and whole school surveys.
Watch out next week for a link to our new survey so you can send us your feedback.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TEAM

I am interested in being part of the North School Governing Council

Name:

Contact Phone or email:
Reminder

Please remember that North School has a Pupil Free Day on Monday 23rd February.
Teachers will be involved in Maths Training and Development.

School Dental Service

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service.

Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

IELP Parent Night

The IELP classes will have a Parent Information night on Tuesday 24th February and another Parent Information night for IELP High School students on Tuesday 3rd March.

School Captains

Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2015 who were elected by their peers.
We have been able to reach a wide audience via our Mt Gambier North R-7 School Facebook page. Please feel free to ‘like’ our page if you have not already. Thank you to all families for respecting our smoking policy and ensuring any lighting of cigarettes is done outside the car park fence.

**Christian Pastoral Worker**

This term, Rosalie Hunt will be working in some classes to provide social and emotional learning support. Rosalie will also be operating a drop in service via the Hub on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30 pm**. We are looking for parent support also in a few areas including:

- Making things like play dough and kinetic sand
- Painting furniture in the lunch shed
- Helping with our Indigenous Memorial Garden

Stay tuned as Rosalie will be seeking interest from parents in these kinds of areas over the next month.

**Common Approach Framework**

Are you worried about your child’s wellbeing or are keen to find out how they are feeling? I am trained in delivering a simple but comprehensive student survey covering important areas such as Physical Health; Emotional Wellbeing; Friendships; Learning and Development; General Safety.

The survey is a great way to start really important conversations and also highlight any areas of concern. Please see me if you would specifically like me to do one with your child. It is generally suited to Year 6/7 students; however I can adapt it for all ages.

Simone Badenoch
School Counsellor

**Attendance**

Please, please, please let us know when your children are away. It is a legal requirement and it really assists teachers. You can write a note, text 0400327509, inbox our face book page or ring the school, preferably on the day. To all those families who do this, thank you we really do appreciate it.

School is good for kids for so many reasons - learning, making friends and building happy experiences.

Talk to us if you are having trouble getting your child to school or if getting your child to school is hindered by personal or family circumstances. We can work with you to try and make sure your child attends school regularly and together, fix a problem before it becomes a pattern.

**Help your child to attend school regularly**

- Ask about your child's day
- Check the school newsletter and face book page for messages and reminders
- Make a quiet space for reading and homework
- Pack the schoolbag the night before
- Help your child get up and get ready on time. Set an alarm on your phone and allow enough time so the morning is not a stressful rush.
- Try to book non-emergency medical appointments out of school hours.

**Important Community Date**

**Understanding the Ice Factor**, Thursday 12th February, 7 pm @ Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.
SAPSASA

SAPSASA will be holding trials for their State Boys and Girls Cricket Teams soon (12 years and under). If your child is interested, please give names to Melissa Russell. Swimming trials will be held on Thursday February 19th. Students born in 2002-2005 are eligible. Please see the Front Office for more details.

Year 7 Jackets

Notices have been sent out to all Year 7 students regarding their 2015 jackets. Last day to pay deposit before orders are sent is Monday 17th February. No orders will be accepted after this date.

School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 1st April. Forms will be sent home shortly. Prices start at $30.00.

T Ball – After School Sport

Due to hot weather T Ball will commence next Friday night at the Blue Lake Sports Park. Kim Franklin has kindly offered once again to coach our little team. Please be there by 4.45pm for a 5pm start. We only have the minimum numbers, so it is extremely important that everyone shows up!

Important – Please Read

A reminder that students ARE NOT to be on site until 8.40am in the mornings, unless attending breakfast club. Children arriving early will wait in Room 12 until a teacher is on duty.

Fundraiser

A parent is holding a fundraiser to raise funds for a special little girl battling cancer. Avon has kindly donated $450 worth of goodies to raffle. Tickets are $5 each. For more information please phone Danielle Clare on 0432219483.

Dress Code

Long Pants: Navy, grey, black or blue jeans.
Shorts: Navy or black denim.
Dress or Skirts: Tartan navy, black or denim skirt or blue/white check dress.
Navy Polo Tops and Windcheaters
Hats: Broad brimmed or bucket hat for terms 1 and 4.

Suitable jewellery and accessories are to be worn to school.
Watch, single necklace, single bracelet and earrings – simple studs and sleepers.

We believe that wearing the correct school dress code allows each student to identify with the school, builds group spirit and helps prevent any discrimination, unhealthy competition and arguments at home.

Swimming

Please keep in mind that all swimming notices along with fees are required to be paid before Friday 6th March.

School Fees

By now you should have received the school invoices for fees. Please make arrangements for these to be paid in full or see Sonia to set up a payment plan. School Fees are due no later than Friday 20th February. School Card application forms are available from the Front Office. These need to be completed as quickly as possible.

Sonia Solly
Finance Manager

New Polo Tops have arrived and are now available from the Front Office.