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DIARY DATES

Monday 12th Feb
GOVERNING
COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th Feb
AQUAINTANCE
NIGHT

Thursday 22nd Feb
SPECIAL LUNCH

Monday 12th March
ADELAIDE CUP
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st March
Week 5 Term 1

ISSUE 1

Thursday 8th February, 2018

Week 2 Term 1

WELCOME

Welcome back to all our **families and students**, especially our new students in the Preschool and school. The enthusiasm of our students was reflected in the calm and purposeful way that everyone has started this term's learning.

Welcome to **Melissa Matto** who is our new **Wellbeing Leader 0.6** and our **Aboriginal Education Teacher 0.4**. She will coordinate Kidsmatter, Child Protection Curriculum, Student Leadership Council, our parent sessions after Assemblies and Fundraising to name just a few. We welcome **Elle Tzanakis** teaching Year 6/7, **Matt Strother** teaching Year 5/6, **Taleah Thomas** teaching 0.4 in the **special class** and supporting children with complex learning needs 0.6, **Laura Murphy** teaching Year 2/3 for Terms 1 & 2 replacing Chris Bowen who has had foot surgery and will be on leave recovering for at least this term. Welcome back to **Kahlia Edwards 0.6** in our **Special Class** and **Tim Seidel Physical Education, Technology and Health** non-instruction time release.

FOCI FOR 2018

1. We are intent on ensuring every student becomes a confident reader. Reading confidence produces the following amazing life-long benefits.



To this end we have reviewed and reinvented our support processes within the school to guarantee that every child under the expected achievement level for their year is making the most progress possible to "catch up". Children not quite at year level will now receive four sessions of forty minutes of **intensive intervention** to increase their progress.

2. **Technology** is a key learning for teachers to help students acquire the foundation skills to be competitive in future job markets.
3. We will also continue to focus on students being **proficient users of Mathematics** to apply this across their learning.
4. Finally, we will continue to **develop our students' wellbeing** through Kidsmatter, Child Protection Curriculum, Student Voice and Restorative Practice.

Gaynor Steele
Principal



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Department for Education and
Child Development

Aim High. Achieve Together

Wellbeing News



Welcome back. My name is Melissa Matto and I am the new Wellbeing Leader for this year. I am very excited to be here and look forward to getting to know the community. I have been busy getting to know the students and starting to plan activities and events for the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have concerns around your child.

Student Leaders Day

Last week I worked with the students in Rooms 11 and 10 around leadership. Students participated in activities that looked at what is a leader, what makes a good leaders and explored different ways we can be leaders at home, school and in the community. We are now looking for students who are interested in becoming leaders for our Student Leaders Council. We have also spoken to our Year 7 students about extra leadership activities that they also can participate in. For example helping in the kindy, lunchtime activities and canteen helpers.



Pastoral Care Worker



Hello, my name is Sue Healy and I am the new Pastoral Care Worker at Noarlunga Downs Primary School for 2018. Pastoral Care Workers offer care and support to all members of the school community. My role at the school will include working alongside and complementing other welfare and wellbeing staff in the school.

I will be at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During this time I will mainly be helping out with breakfast club, be available in the yard at break times, will work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I will be an extra resource for teachers to support extra-curricular events and activities.

I have been working as a Pastoral Care Worker at another southern school since 2015. Prior to this I have worked in many community based settings, mainly with young people and families. I have two primary school aged girls and enjoy spending my free time and holidays with them.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the staff, students and families at Noarlunga Downs Primary School.



Breakfast club

Every Tuesday and Thursday

In the Galley from 8:10am



Keeping Safe

Child Protection Curriculum

This term our topic for the Child Protection Curriculum is "The right to be safe" Below is a list of topic that are covered during this theme for each year level. If you are interested in finding out more about what is taught please feel free to come to our parent session Tuesday the 13th of February after the assembly. This session will run for approximately ½ hour.

Ages 3-5 Kindy	Year R-2	Year 3-5	Year 6-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feelings Exploring the concepts of safe and unsafe Early warning signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feelings Being safe Early warning signs Risk taking and emergencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the concepts of safety Reviewing early warning signs Unsafe situations and risk taking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety and risk taking Early warning signs Emergencies

Early warning signs is one topic that is covered from R-7. Early warning signs are feelings that we get in our body to help us recognise feeling unsafe. Below is a list of signs that a child may have. Each child's feelings may be different.

My Early Warning Signs

If I feel unsafe my body lets me know. Here is how!

If I feel unsafe, I must tell a trusted adult on my Safety Network straightaway!

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My Body Safety Rules

My body is my body and it belongs to me!
I can say, 'No' if I don't want to kiss or hug someone. I can give them a high five, shake their hand or blow them a kiss. I am the boss of my body and what I say goes!

I have a Safety Network
These are five adults I trust. I can tell these people anything and they will believe me. If I feel worried, scared or unsure, I can tell someone on my Safety Network how I am feeling and why I feel this way.

Early Warning Signs
If I feel frightened or unsafe I may sweat a lot, get a sick tummy, become shaky and my heart might beat really fast. These feelings are called my Early Warning Signs. If I feel this way about anything, I must tell an adult on my Safety Network straightaway.

Secrets
I should never keep secrets that make me feel bad or uncomfortable. If someone asks me to keep a secret that makes me feel bad or unsafe, I must tell an adult on my Safety Network straightaway!

Private Parts
My private parts are the parts of my body under my bathing suit. I always call my private parts by their correct names. No-one can ask me to touch their private parts. And no-one should show me pictures of private parts. If any of these things happen, I must tell a trusted adult on my Safety Network straightaway.

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Thursday Special

**Pasta with vegetarian
tomato sauce**

\$2.00



Friday Special

4 Nuggets with wedges

\$3.00



2018 MATERIAL & SERVICES CHARGES

School fees for 2018 of \$235 per student are **due on the 23/02/2018**. Thank you to the parents who have already made payment or arrangement for payment of school fees, and to those who have returned their school card applications. School fees can be paid by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. If you wish to apply for school card, please complete a school card application form available from the front office and return it ASAP. **Eligibility income levels for school card have increased.** Please contact me for if you require more information.

Raelee Altus – Business Manager

Bring in your vouchers!

Noarlunga Downs School has registered to participate in the Coles Sports for Schools.



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IGNITE PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS AT ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Parents of Year 7 students, are you interested in the IGNITE program?

Aberfoyle Park High School is the only DECD Special Interest School in the southern suburbs that offers an IGNITE program for Gifted and Talented students. This program provides interaction and academic challenge with like minded students in a safe, nurturing environment where they can achieve their personal best.

How do I know if my child is gifted?

Gifted children possess, to an outstanding degree, a demonstrated ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:

- General Intelligence
- Specific academic strengths
- Visual and performing arts
- Psychomotor ability
- Leadership
- Creative thinking
- Interpersonal and intrapersonal skills

Students currently in Year 7 are encouraged to apply for entry into the 2018 program. Selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) assessment, which will be conducted at Aberfoyle Park High School on:

**Saturday 25 February 2018
8.45am – 1.15pm**

Applications to sit the test can be accessed via our website: www.aphs.sa.edu.au.

Click on the "Ignite" tab at the top and then "Registrations for Ignite" to access the online registration form.

Closing date for registration is Friday 17 February.

For further information email: ignite@aphs.sa.edu.au