General Information

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a relaxing break. We are off to a quiet start but looking at the calendar for term two, it won’t be long before things get extremely busy.

A warm welcome to our new students, Connor and Madelyne Langsdfor, Nikko Bismark, Shaquira Henning and Adam Ludewig.

We also welcome Ms Maryanne Rischmueller, who will be working Monday to Thursday with students and staff in her role as Teaching and Learning Coordinator. We welcome back Leonne Hewson, who will resume her role as ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) on a Thursday and Friday.

As mentioned in the last newsletter NAPLAN — National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take place Week 3 (12-14th May). Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parents/caregivers. This is a matter for individual parents/caregivers in consultation with the school. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. Some students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempt from the national tests.

If you are considering withdrawing your child or believe that your child should be exempt from NAPLAN testing, please contact me at the school to discuss your concerns before the 7th May. Students cannot be withdrawn or made exempt on the day testing begins.

We expect all students to sit the NAPLAN, so attendance is very important. NAPLAN should be taken seriously by students with their best effort given for all components of the test. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Again, I encourage parents/caregivers not to buy into the continuous media hype about NAPLAN causing stress etc. In my experience, the biggest challenge faced by students, is having to sit still and stay quiet for the test!

Early next week Year 7 students will receive their Starting Secondary School 2016 information pack. The pack includes general information about secondary school enrolment as well as the Application for Year 8 Enrolment Form (ED176). This form must be filled out and returned to the school on or before Friday 15th May. On this form you will notice that your child is guaranteed a place for year 8 at their zoned high school. If you are looking at alternative schools, including private, you must indicate this on the form where you are asked to indicate your 'First Preference'. The forms for the Australian Science and Maths School and Enter for Success Program are also due back to the school on or before Friday 15th May. Please contact me at the school if you have any questions.

Throughout the year students will be, or have already engaged with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS: CPC). It is a DECD responsibility under the Children’s Protection Act (1993) and the Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented.
From the Parents and Friends

Happy Mother’s Day!

Parents & Friends are having a Mother’s Day Stall on:

**Friday 8**th **May**

Gifts will range in price from: $1.00 - $5.00

Please bring a bag for your purchase.

Children will be collected from their classes during the day to come and buy presents from the stall.

Reconciliation Week – Barossa

Reconciliation is all about understanding.
Achieving it involves raising awareness of, and learning about, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

**Wed June 3rd**

10am – 3pm
at the Barossa Bushgardens

Join us anytime between 10am and 3pm for a self-guided cultural information walk through the Barossa Bushgardens.

Then drop in to the “shed” for some refreshments, yarnin’ and creative nature play activities.

Book in for a guided tour of the Traditional Uses Trail with our Barossa Bushgardens tour guides.

The Barossa Bushgardens are located in Nuriootpa. For this event, enter through the main gate on Research Rd. There is also a sign on the side road off Nuriootpa Rd with a “Birdlife SA” sign. Admission is free.

For further information, to book a Traditional Uses tour or to notify larger groups attending: 

lauran@health.sa.gov.au

Two Wells Celebrates 150 Years of Schooling: I Remember When...

This is an opportunity as a community to celebrate the many people who have contributed to what we have today, and enable Two Wells Primary School to be recognised as a community resource that values and prepares its young people for the future based on the richness of its history. A storybook of memories will be developed.

Event type: Open Day - display/exhibition

When: Sun 17th May, 11am-3pm

Where: Two Wells Primary School, 17 Gawler Rd, Two Wells

This event will provide an opportunity to hear the stories of past and present staff and community members. It would be great to see families attend the event.

Two Wells Primary School (Old Port Wakefield Rd) 1930.

We are still looking for a bus driver with a current accreditation and heavy vehicle license to do a school bus run. If you are interested, or know anyone that might be interested in applying for this position, please contact the school.

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All children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. The KS: CPC has 2 main themes: We all have the right to be safe, and we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust. There are 4 focus areas: The Right to be Safe, Relationships, Recognising and Reporting Abuse and Protective Strategies. Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act (1972), we encourage parents/caregivers to seek further clarification, if required, and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

As part of the South Australian About Time History Festival 1-31st May, Two Wells is hosting the following event:

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