From the Principal

We are officially over the half-way mark of the term and there is still so much to do. Teachers are currently writing Reports as well as looking at class placements for 2016. A reminder to please contact the school asap via email: dl.0444.info@schools.sa.edu.au, phone: 85202277 or in person if your child/children are NOT returning in 2016. You can also contact the school if there is anything you would like us to consider when placing your child in 2016.

At this stage we expect to start the 2016 school year on 320 students, which means we will have thirteen classes. As in previous years, class lists will be posted on the front of the hall the week before school returns in 2016. As we cannot confirm all of our staffing until well into the New Year, it is better to display the class lists once we know who the teachers are going to be.

The 2016 Material and Service Charge (school fees) notice, that was sent home last week, will be presented at Governing Council on Tuesday 24th November for approval. Fees will increase from $226 to $229 in 2016. Should parents/caregivers have any objection to the cost increase or wish to have any discussion about the charges, they are very welcome to attend this meeting, which will be held in the staffroom at the school at 7pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are very welcome to forward, in writing, to the Principal any comments pertaining to the Material and Service charges.

As per DECD policy all sites are required to have Evacuation and Invacuation (Invac) procedures.

Evacuation procedures are used in case of fire, chemical spills etc. whereas Invac procedures are used if there is an intruder, snake, student behaviour etc. These procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all students and staff. From time to time we practice these procedures and sometimes this results in parents/caregivers ringing the school concerned that there has been an actual incident. Parents/caregivers will be informed in writing if there is an actual Evac or Invac that impacts the whole school or where an immediate threat has impacted individuals.

Thank you to the Student Action Team and the students representing the Two Wells Scout Group who attended the Two Wells Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday. It continues to be important for our students to observe the one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Students who did not attend the service observed the one minute silence in their classrooms.

It's the time of year again where randomly selected parent/caregivers will be invited to participate in a School Survey posted home next week as part of the annual reporting process. Parent feedback is very important as it supports school improvement. We appreciate your time in completing the survey and look forward to feedback.

A warm welcome to our 2016 reception students who began transition this week. We welcome the students and their families, especially families new to the community, and hope they find their time at Two Wells Primary School a positive and rewarding learning experience.
We have been invited to participate in a free Rugby Union clinic through the Sporting Schools Program. Sporting Schools is a $100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools to increase children’s participation in sport, and to connect children with community sport. Every Thursday from now until the end of term students in years 4-7, through their normal PE lessons, will have access to a registered coach to work on their Rugby Union skills. It is an exciting opportunity for our students to have access to a skilled coach in a sport they don’t normally play.

The Pupil Free Day on Friday proves to be a busy day for all staff. Whilst students enjoy an extra-long weekend, staff will be busy planning for 2016. We will spend the day analysing student data gathered from testing at a school, national and DECD level to set priorities for improvement in 2016. Our site improvement plans need to focus on continuous growth for all learners.

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”
Benjamin Franklin
Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown

**From the Counsellor**

VIP awards winners from Week 3 assembly.

Congratulations to everyone,

Sarah Wood Room 14
Jacob Palmer Room 16
Lauren Kiely-Burkett Room 25
Brayden Calvett Room 28
Corey Van Groen Room 28
Nikki Cleaver Room 22
Tennille Dudley Room 1
Gabby Moyle Room 10
Mia Fidock Room 1
Tahlia Appleton Room 5
Riley Starkey Room 7
Kira Murphy Room 6

Mindfulness

Our year 4/5/6/7 girls were lucky enough to take part in a Mindful drama exercise taught by actor, Lisa Gormley. The girls learnt how being in tune with your own body, breathing and relaxation can help calm them during stressful and upsetting situations.

Lisa also visited our 6/7 classes to discuss Mindfulness, acting and encouraged the students to ask her questions about drama, relaxation and life in general.

We really appreciated Lisa coming to our school and sharing her experiences with us. We are hoping Lisa will join us again in 2016 for more Mindful exercises.

**Remembrance Day 2015**

The SAT and the Scout members from our school represented Two Wells Primary at the Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

Zoe Evans
As I was saying last newsletter I will be informing parents of services parents can access in the Two Wells area. One of these is ICAN:

ICAN (Innovative Community Action Networks) is a DECD initiative that brings together young people, families, schools, community groups, businesses and different levels of government to find solutions to local issues that prevent young people from completing their education.

ICAN provides coordination of:

- Effective school and community partnerships to promote positive child and youth development
- Advice on Flexible Learning Option (FLO) enrolments
- Brokerage of services including individual case management and flexible learning programs
- Advice on flexible learning spaces and resources
- Professional learning for staff

Carol Toole is the local ICAN Coordinator for the region and her details are carol.toole@sa.gov.au.

Tania Cattell

**School Dental Clinic**

Keep your kids smiling
Dental care is FREE for ALL preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Evanston Dental Clinic
30 Para Road
Evanston SA 5116

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome.
First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.
Please call 8522 3575 to make an appointment.

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.