Diary Dates
Reconciliation Week 27th – 3rd May/June
Jack Buckskin Performance 30th May
Working Bee 5th June
Pupil Free Day 10th June
Public Holiday 13th June
Rugby Carnival 17th June
Governing Council 21st June
Jump Rope for Heart 30th June
Grandparents’ Day 8th July
Last Day of School 8th July

General Information

From the Principal

The process for Vacation Care at Two Wells Primary School is well under way. DECD, on behalf of the Minister for Education and Child Development and the Two Wells Primary School Governing Council, is now seeking offers for the provision of Vac Care at Two Wells. A Request for Quote (RFQ) and supporting documentation has been sent to three OSHC providers with responses from the providers needing to be lodged with DECD by 2:00pm Friday 3 June 2016. When parents were originally surveyed about Vacation Care needs within the community, the results indicated an average of 11 students would attend on a daily basis. I have some concerns about the viability of a service with such low numbers but given our increased enrolments I am sending out another survey to obtain more accurate figures.

Speaking of surveys, as mentioned in a newsletter last term a number of parents expressed concerns about our current Homework Policy. I would really appreciate your feedback on current homework procedures via the attached survey so that when the Homework Policy is reviewed we can aim to meet the needs of students and staff. Thank you.

In week 2 students in years 3, 5 and 7 participated in NAPLAN. Overall participation rates were high with only one student absent from one element of the Year 3 test. Overall, we had ten parents withdraw their children from NAPLAN, with seven exempted by the Principal. Withdrawn students are not counted as a part of the cohort of assessed students. Exempt students are considered as assessed and are counted in the ‘below minimum standard’ calculations for reporting purposes in national and state level summary data. Results for exempt students are not included in school-level calculations of means (average score).

All Site Leaders from the Greater Gawler Partnership attended a Partnership Performance review on Tuesday 17th May at DECD Hindmarsh. The review panel consisted of five DECD personnel including the Chief Education Officer Jayne Johnston. Leaders were asked a variety of questions related to NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy results. We also showcased the work we are currently doing across the Partnership in relation to Maths and Growth Mindsets, with a spotlight on the work we are doing at Two Wells. Summary of Panel recommendations for the Partnership:

1. Establish a Partnership wide strategy for getting and retaining students in the higher bands.
2. Develop a shared and common understanding of who your best educators in Literacy and Numeracy are and what the Partnership is going for in strengthening teaching practice.
3. Consider how, as a Partnership, you can build greater community commitment to learning?
4. Understand the ‘Closing the Gap’ of Aboriginal learners to year 5 and how to maintain this.

We have another Working Bee on Sunday 5th June, 10-2pm. If you are able to support this event please come along. Bring the kids, water, a hat and sunscreen. BYO rakes, shovels, gardening gloves etc. We will have a Sausage Sizzle at lunchtime, so if you are able to attend, please fill out the slip below. Hope to see you all there.

Generosity: The habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return.

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
**Thank You from SAT**

**Thank you Two Wells Blue Light**
How WONDERFUL that the Two Wells Blue Light Committee donated $600.00 to our School! The money was used to subsidise transport costs for the recent camp. Thanks to Josh for coming to present the cheque to us at Assembly.

*Look out for us in the ECHO!*  

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**Uniform Shop**

We currently have an excessive amount of lost property, some of which are named. If you have lost a jumper or jacket and see your name below, please call into the uniform shop to collect it. Thanks.

- Brodie Ramsey  Max  Joey
- McIntrye  Liana T  Seth G
- Hannah Moore  Brient  Ben Mc
- W Martin  R June  Zack C
- J Palmer  Amie Roberts  Alycia P
- De Kirah  Presland  Sam W

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**Child Protection**

Here is another great website for younger students that cover road safety, stranger danger, bullying, pool safety and internet safety. They have a ‘fun zone’ with games and adventure.

www.safety4kids.com.au

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**Balaklava High School**

**OPEN EVENING**

**WEDNESDAY 25th MAY**

**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Balaklava High School**

**New Science Building**

Staff and students warmly welcome you to spend an evening with us to find out what makes Balaklava High School so special.

Year 7 students and their parents are especially welcome.

Crèche provided - please contact the front office to make a booking for this service.

Phone: 8862 0600
Email: dl.0799.info@schools.sa.edu.au

excel today to challenge the future

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**Canteen Reliever**

The Two Wells Governing Council requires a Canteen Reliever. This is a 12 month contract position offering paid work when the Canteen Manager is absent. The winning applicant is expected to complete a Safe Food Handling course, if they haven’t already done so, as well as undertake regular volunteer work (to be negotiated) in the canteen. Food handling/catering experience is not essential.

Please apply in writing to:

**Mrs C Scott**

Chairperson Governing Council
Two Wells Primary School
Gawler Road, Two Wells

Telephone: 8520 2277

Written Applications due 5pm 10th June 2016

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**Working Bee**

I/We will be attending the Working Bee at the school on Sunday 5th June 10-2pm.

**Family Name:** ________________________________

**Number of family members attending:** _________
Vacation Care Survey

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Do you currently use a vacation care service?
   Yes / No

Name of vacation care service:
......................................................................................................................................................................................
....................................................................................................................................................................................................

If a vacation care service was provided at Two Wells Primary School would you use it?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

2. What preschool or school/s does your child/ren attend?

Name preschool / school in space below and number of children attending in brackets.
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3. Why would you use this service?

   You and/or partner work full time [ ]
   You and/or partner work part time [ ]
   You and/or your partner are looking for work [ ]
   You and/or your partner are studying [ ]
   Opportunities for your child/ren to participate in recreational experiences [ ]
   Respite [ ]
   Other [ ]
4. When would you use a vacation care service?

*Please complete the appropriate box/s and specify the number of children.*

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- [ ] Monday
- [ ] Tuesday
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Thursday
- [ ] Friday

*Please indicate the school holiday periods you would use:*

- [ ] December/January
- [ ] April
- [ ] June/July
- [ ] September/October

9. For what period of time would a vacation care service need to open to meet your needs? *(Please circle)*

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- [ ] Other ………………..……
- [ ] Other ………………..……

*Please provide the following details:*

- Name: ...............................................................................................................................................................

- Contact details: ..................................................................................................................................................

*Thank you for making the time to complete this survey. Please return to the Two Wells Primary School Front office.*
Two Wells Primary School
Parent Homework Survey

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Persistence

Name (optional) ________________________________________

1. I/we have children in Years:
   R  1  2  3  4  5  6  7

2. Should children have to do homework?
   YES  NO

3. I/we believe children work hard enough at school. They should be encouraged to use their time out of school (down time) in undertaking active, non-academic activities. E.g. outside playing and socialising with their friends or participating in sporting activities.
   YES  NO

4. How much time should be spent on homework?
   • In Reception  _______ minutes a day
   • In Years 1 and 2 _______ minutes a day
   • In Years 3, 4 and 5 _______ minutes a day
   • In Years 6 and 7 _______ minutes a day

5. How much time does your child spend doing homework?
   • Reception child: _______ minutes a day
   • Year 1 and 2 child: _______ minutes a day
   • Year 3, 4 or 5 child: _______ minutes a day
   • Year 6 and 7 child: _______ minutes a day

6. Do homework issues cause conflict in your household?
   YES  NO
7. Completing homework is imperative to children’s success at school?
   YES   NO

8. Should homework tasks be marked by the teacher?
   YES   NO

9. Should parents help children with homework?
   YES   NO

10. Should parents check their children’s homework?
    YES   NO

11. Do you have a special time and location set aside for homework?
    Time:   YES   NO
    Location:   YES   NO

12. Should failure to do homework be reported to parents?
    YES   NO

13. Should children be kept in at lunchtimes to complete assigned homework?
    YES   NO

14. Should homework be given out:
    • DAILY:   YES   NO
    • WEEKLY   YES   NO
    • FORTNIGHTLY   YES   NO
    • NOT given out at all   YES   NO

15. How many days a week should children be asked to do homework?
    0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7 days
16. What is the best day of the week for homework to be due back at school?

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17. Should children have homework to do on the weekends?

YES  NO

18. The school’s 2016 targets are:

- To improve students’ reading fluency and comprehension
- To improve students’ numeracy - Thinking and Working Mathematically

Would you prefer set homework to ONLY focus on?

- Daily reading (Home Reading program)
  YES  NO
- Daily or weekly numeracy tasks
  YES  NO
- Combination of numeracy and reading tasks
  YES  NO
- Other: Please state your preferences ____________________________

19. Any other comments:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for sharing your thoughts