Week 4 Term 2 – Wednesday 20th May 2015

Cross Country
Yorke winners - congratulations!

SAPSASA Lawn Bowls

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
On Monday 18th May Tony Harrison, Chief Executive Department of Education and Child Development and Joann Weckert, Education Director for the Southern Yorke Peninsula, visited our school. This visit was a good opportunity to showcase our school and discuss current and future directions. Both Mr Harrison and Mrs Weckert were impressed by the upgrading of the school facilities, such as the painting, carpeting and new furniture across the school, the performance by our primary choir and the opportunity to talk with some of our students and staff. Our Senior School Captains, Georgia Stratton and Hannah Goldsworthy did a fantastic job representing the students throughout the visit. Mr Harrison was very interested in seeing our Literacy intervention programs of MiniLit and MultiLit in action and in participating in a discussion on the way data is being used across the school to inform decisions at the whole of school, class and individual student levels.

As most of you would be aware, the instillation of our new playground is progressing. Currently the construction area is fenced in order to prevent access for safety reasons. It is important that access to this area is prohibited until the construction, including the soft fall, is completed. Once the playground is ready for use, we will start by rotating access by year levels/classes. This will be necessary until the novelty factor settles. This playground has been designed with students in the primary and lower middle years in mind. Junior Primary students will be encouraged to use the junior primary playground.

On Friday June 5th teachers will engage in a full day of professional learning with their SYP peers in Ardrossan. On this day, teachers of Reception to Year 3 will be engaged in Numicon training. Numicon is a very hands on and visual approach to teaching Mathematics. The purpose of this training is to skill teachers up on how to effectively use this approach and associated resources for improved student understanding on number, number facts and patterning. Teachers of Year 4 to 12 will be participating in a workshop on Collaborative Moderation. Collaborative Moderation is a fantastic process that aims to improve consistency of teacher judgement, task design and understanding the achievement standards.

Last Friday our SAPSASA Lawn Bowls team competed in Adelaide. I would like to congratulate the team for both the exemplary way they represented the school and their efforts throughout the competition. Congratulation to our boys triples team of Daniel Holdsworth, Archer Rowntree and Bradley Stone for their gold medal performance.

This week we have Open Netball at Maitland on Thursday and Walk Safely to School Friday morning. Next week the busy timetable continues with SAPSASA Netball & Football, Year 11 Outdoor Education students heading on camp & 8/9 Netball at Maitland.

On Wednesday 27th May, Ardrossan Area School will have a focus morning on Reading culminating in our participation in the National Simultaneous Reading Time. Please keep an eye out for further information about this event.

Regards,

Karen Bond
Principal

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**From the Deputy’s Desk**

**Health and Wellbeing Evaluation for Children in the Community**

Our school has been invited to take part in the OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) Evaluation to be held on MONDAY 25TH MAY 2015.

To help determine the success of OPAL, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents/guardians are being asked to take part in an evaluation of the program by completing a survey. The evaluation is managed by SA Health in partnership with Flinders University. Students in years 4, 5 and 6 received a pack with an Information Brochure including the Consent Form for parents to complete and return to school, for your child/children to participate in doing an online survey and/or having confidential and private growth check measurements performed.

Families of students in Years 4,5 and 6 please complete and return your child’s Consent Form to the school, (located in the brochure), whether it be a Yes or a No to participating in the health evaluation. Each student who returns a completed consent form, whether it be a Yes or a No will receive a gift of a yo-yo and a stress ball.

There is also a Parent Survey and Reply paid envelope to mail the survey back in. Please note the Parent Survey is not consent for the students. Personal details are collected for the matching of data/geocoding and will be removed. All data will be collated and the reporting will be done at a community level.

By allowing your child to participate in this evaluation you will be contributing to learning more about the health and wellbeing of children in the community.

*Margaret Roads*
I love my Mum because... she makes tea for me.
- Cobi

I love my Mum because... she always gives me chocolate.
- Dylan

I love my Mum because... she makes me lunch.
- Seth

I love my Mum because... she cooks with me.
- Eliza

I love my Mum because... she cuddles me in bed.
- Maggie

I love my Mum because... she gives me ice cream after school.
- Alexa

I love my Mum because... she buys me toys.
- Sienna

I love my Mum because... she cooks all my food for me.
- Mikayla D

I love my Mum because... she buys chocolate marshmallows for me.
- Axl

I love my Mum because... she cleans my clothes.
- Jett

I love my Mum because... she lets me have lots of fruit and she is always nice to me.
- Sebastian G

I love my Mum because... she lets me feed the dogs.
- Sebastian R.

I love my Mum because... she gives me cuddles when we watch movies.
- Mikaylah E

I love my Mum because... she gives me lollies when we are at home.
- Ashlee
Community Mentoring

Sue & Deearna cooking
Hannah & Grace using the craft box
Kathryn & Jordan working with wool
Barry & Jaydn flying a homemade kite

Jill & Abigail making small kites

SAPSASA Lawn Bowls
On Friday 15th May, Ardrossan Area School had 3 teams compete at the SAPSASA lawn bowls competition at Lockley’s Bowling Club. Mitch, Blair and I won 2 games out of 3 and Kimberley, Mollie and Ebony won 1 game out of 3. Our teams did not make it to the finals but Archer, Bradley and Daniel won their games and made it to the finals. Archer, Bradley & Daniel won the Grand Final and each received a Gold Medal! It was a fun day.

By Nathan Rowe

Bradley, Daniel & Archer

Gold Medallists!!

National Volunteer Week  11 – 17th May
We would like to acknowledge all of our volunteers for their valuable contribution at our school. Parents that come in for reading & help with activities throughout the school, community members that work with our students through the Community Mentoring program, Governing Councillors, Parents & Friends group - your association with our school is extremely appreciated.

National Volunteer Week

National Family Reading Month! 2015
27th May: Celebrate Reading Day - Reception to Year 6
Parents, Grandparents, family members & friends are invited to attend (students will be sending home invitations)

Program
9.00 am R-6 Classrooms open for family members & friends to visit and participate in reading activities
10.15am Storytelling by community members
10.30 am Morning tea with families
Each family is asked to supply a plate of food to share
11.00 am National Simultaneous Storytime in the Gym
11.15 am National Simultaneous Storytime Classroom Activities
12.00 noon Conclusion of Celebrate Reading Day activities

May
AAS Calendar
21st Open Netball @ Maitland
22nd Walk safely to school
22nd Whole school assembly @ 2:40pm. Hosted by Yr 8
25th – 29th SAPSASA Football & Netball
25th – 27th Yr 11 Outdoor Ed camp
27th 8/9 Netball @ Maitland