Week 7  Term 4 – Wednesday 25th November 2015

G'Day Asia

Beach Party Disco
On our student free day this Monday, teaching staff reviewed whole school data sets. In this review we monitored progress toward the targets set in our 2015 Site Improvement Plan and to identify areas for improvement in 2016. These identified areas for improvement will become our site priorities on the 2016 Site Improvement Plan and therefore set our directions for 2016 and beyond. At next year’s Annual General Meeting completed copies of both the Site Improvement Plan and the 2015 Annual Report will be available in hard copy and via the schools website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents/carers that have responded to the annual parent opinion survey. This opinion survey and the results for the student and staff opinion surveys formed part of our review process. It is important that we consider this feedback as we undertake our improvement planning processes and as we review our school policies.

During our discussions, in relation to the opinion surveys, we noted that the statement that ‘student behaviour is well managed’, while slightly improved since last year, was still lower than we would like. One of the bigger drivers to improved behaviour is effective respectful relationships between students and between staff and students. What we know from analysing our behaviour management data is that the majority of Focus Room referrals are for behaviours such as refusing to follow a reasonable instruction, disrupting the learning of others and inappropriate language. These types of behaviours demonstrate a lack of respect for self and others. While the school explicitly discusses respectful relationships and behaviour through our Pastoral Care Program and each student is aware of the expectations via our code of cooperation, we ask that families support the school in our endeavours to build respectful relationships amongst our students. These types of relationships and their associated behaviours help prepare students for the world beyond school.

Since early 2014, the school has had a deliberate focus on keeping students in their learning. To help with this, the school updated the student behaviour management procedures and guidelines outlining the use of community service/bench time and time out class for students who breach the code of cooperation. These consequences were introduced to help reduce the escalation of behaviour to the Focus Room level and to assist students to stay in class for the purpose of their learning. Please see our website for the detailed Student Behaviour Management Procedures and Guidelines or collect a hardcopy from our Front Office.

A number of cases of whooping cough have been reported within our school community. Please refer to the attached fact sheet from the department of health for information on whooping cough, including symptoms, diagnosis, infectious periods and treatment. If your child presents with the described symptoms, please seek medical advice before your child returns to school or preschool. Immunisations with vaccines that protect against whooping cough are effective in reducing the likelihood of illness and complications from the disease. Children within the school community who have received the recommended number of doses of whooping cough vaccine are much less likely to become infected with the disease. If your child is not immunised, it is recommended that you contact your local doctor for more advice regarding preventative measures.

I am pleased to advise the school community that Year 12 students, Brooke Ottey and Alicia Davey, have been nominated for an award at Open Access College this year. We won’t know the title of the award until the presentation which will be held on Friday 4th December at Sferas Convention Centre. Well done to both girls.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our School Captains for 2016. Please see Ms Leonie Peterson’s article for more information.

Kind regards
Karen Bond
Principal

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**From the School Counsellor’s Desk**

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as school captains for 2016:

**Senior School Captains**
Hannah Goldsworthy
Georgia Kuhndt

**Middle School Captains**
Leah Rowe
Fergus Rowntree

**Junior School Captains**
Mollie Rowntree
Calvin Perrie

All of the students who nominated for the school captain positions are to be commended on the quality of their presentations to the selection panel.

Leonie Peterson, School Counsellor
**Students Comments about Gym Jams**

Mark, Angus and Archie: *I liked playing Lego Star Wars on the big blocks*

Tia, Cormac, Buya; *I like playing on the trampolines*

Lily: *I played with Jacob. We played ‘Robbers’ in the home corner*

Tyrone and Shayla: *I liked swinging on the bars at Gym Jams*

Aleisha: *I liked laying on my tummy and going down the slide*

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*Rachael Rowntree, Parents & Friends*

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**Choir Students**

Choir students have been invited to perform at the Community Carols in the Town Square on Sunday 20th December. Those students that wish to perform can let Miss McClelland know.

*Debbie Schwartz, Choir Teacher*

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**SRC News**

**Miracles Babies Day**

Friday 27th November 2015

- Casual Clothes
- Jelly Bean guess - 50c
- Dummy Spit competition - 50c
- Baby crawl obstacle course - free
- Face Painting - 50c

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**Presentation Night DVD**

I would like to order _____ copies of the 2015 Ardrossan Area School Presentation Night DVD. I understand the cost will be $10 per DVD.

Name ___________________________

Signature ______________________ (Parent/caregiver)

Date __________

*Please return this slip with payment of $10 to the Front Office by 1st December 2015.*
### Merit Cards - Week 5, Term 4

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<td>Mikaylah Elsworth – for excellent organisation and participation in class jobs</td>
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<td>Oden Batts - for having a positive attitude towards all learning</td>
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<td>Adrian Ten-Hoeve – for quickly settling into school routine at AAS</td>
<td>Zaiya Cross – for communicating well with class members and her Reception buddies</td>
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<td>Chlo Purnell – for completing home learning more regularly</td>
<td>Bella Chapman – for creating an information poster to a high standard</td>
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<td>Nicole Whittaker – for commendable effort in poetry writing</td>
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<td>Kimberley Jones – for settling in quickly and working well</td>
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### November

- 26th – 27th: Year 11 First Aid course
- 26th: Year 12 Formal
- 26th: Band performance at Minlaton District School presentation night
- 27th: Last day for Year 11s
- 27th: JS Assembly @ 2:40pm. Hosted by Year 1

### December

- 3rd: Presentation Night. Doors open at 7pm
- 4th: Last day for Year 10s
- 4th: Band tour
- 7 – 9th: Year 3-6 swimming
- 7th: Governing Council
- 8th: Band performance – Maitland Area School presentation night
- 10th: Reports go home
- 11th: Whole school assembly at 1:40pm. Hosted by Year 8
- 11th: Early dismissal 2pm

### 2016 Materials and Services Charges

Governing Council has approved the following fee structure for 2016:

- Primary School Students (R – 7) $229.00
- Secondary School Students (8 – 12) $303.00

Governing Council would also like families to consider making a Voluntary Contribution to support the Christian Pastoral Support Worker. Separate invoices for $25.00 per family will be available for the families who wish to support this valuable service to the school.

Student stationery packs will be available for collection prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year. Payment of fees, negotiation to pay fees by instalments & school card applications can also be completed at the following times.

**The collection times for 2016 are:**

- Thursday January 28th 12.30pm – 3.30pm
- Friday January 29th 9.00am – 1.00pm