Week 9  Term 4 – Wednesday 9th December 2015

Presentation Night

Year 3-6 swimming

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
Last Thursday night, our annual Presentation Night was held in the Town Hall. This was a wonderful night of celebration, recognising the academic achievement, citizenship, leadership and sporting achievements of many of our students. It was also a time to acknowledge those students graduating from Ardrossan Area School. Congratulations to all our award winners. I would also like to thank and congratulate the students in Reception to Year 7 for their entertaining performances on the night.

Such a night requires considerable organisation and work. To our Presentation Night committee, particularly Lori McClelland and Leonie Peterson, thank-you for all your work. To the backstage crew and lighting and sound team, well done. Thank-you also to the Reception to Year 7 teachers for their efforts in directing and assisting the students with their class performances. To Lori McClelland for her work with the AAS Instrumental Music students and the Rock Band; a big thank-you. Lastly, thanks to Deb Schwartz for her work with our Choir and to Jonn Gorden for his piano accompaniment for the Choir and for producing the DVD.

This year we say goodbye to 4 of our staff. These were announced at Presentation Night; however, I would like to identify these teachers again for those who were not at Presentation Night. Farewell and thank-you to:

- Neil Edwards
- Andrew Moschou
- Janet Edwards
- Hannah Fryar

In 2016 we welcome Mr Peter Carter back after a year of leave. We also welcome two new teachers: Ms Cherie Beech: Science and ICT and Ms Samantha Florance: Humanities and Social Science (HASS).

On Thursday, reports go home. In these reports, 2016 class allocations and the class teacher will be included. In the junior section of the school, class configurations will be:

- Reception/Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 2/3, Year 4/5, Year 5/6

These class configurations are based on predicted numbers for 2016. Changes in enrolment numbers can impact on such configuration, so it is important to note that if numbers increase, some rethinking could be necessary.

Recently the school has had a number of students with a confirmed diagnosis of whooping cough. I remind families that it is important to notify the school of a confirmed diagnosis of any communicable or infectious disease. This allows us to inform the school community so that all families are in a position to monitor theirs and their children's health. It is also recommended that if your child is awaiting test results for a communicable or infectious disease, it is best to keep them home from school. This can help reduce the spread of the disease. I would like to thank those families that have communicated with the school recently regarding confirmed cases of whooping cough and/or absence due to the testing process.

Please keep an eye out for the Whale Memorial unveiling, which was held at Parara Beach, in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times. Some of our staff and students were involved in the unveiling ceremony and catering. Thank you to Patrick Clark’s Year 3/4 class for their participation and to Katie Eden along with Rebecca Christopher, Georgia Kuhndt, Shania Badari, Jasmine Biddle and Caitlin Roads for volunteering their services to prepare a delightful afternoon tea.

A reminder to our Senior Students and their families; SACE results will be released on 15th December at 8:30am.

In 2016, Year 7 Aquatics will be held on 8th – 9th February and Reception to Year 2 swimming on 10th, 11th and 12th February (week 2). Information about both activities will be sent home in week 1 of Term 1, 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous festive season and a safe and happy summer break. School will recommence on Monday the 1st February 2016.

Kind regards

Karen Bond
Principal
Year 2/3 stories on “G’Day Asia”

On Tuesday Hue came to Ardrossan to tell us about what sorts of things people did on New Years in Asia. One was to make an elephant suck up colourful powder and spray it on everyone. By Serenity

Gday Asia was really good. I liked the colourful dragon and the Year 7’s got to get up and make the dragon move. By Sofie

On Tuesday when Hue came he brought an Ogaoga. He said you have to put your sad feelings onto it while you decorate it and then you put it on fire. You do this on New Years Eve and he said all your sad feelings will go away once the Ogaoga becomes ash. By Bella

At 2pm we had a man named Hue come to our school. He showed how people celebrate New Years day in parts of Asia. In one of the countries they would make really loud noises and bang pots and pans. Others would have a chime that has a yellow lion on it and looks really freaky. By Matilda

Season’s Greetings from the Pastoral Care Worker

Another year goes by… another AAS Presentation Night and it feels like the festive season is beckoning once more. Again it was so wonderful to watch the class performances and celebrate the year of school that has been. It’s also rather touching to farewell students and staff that have each been a special part of the AAS community.

For Kathryn and me, this year has been especially memorable with the recent birth of our son, Joel, and we would like to thank all of you for your excitement and well-wishes for us on this special occasion.

As our thoughts move towards the Festive Season, it causes me to think how Christmas means various things for all of us. For many it includes holidays and the bringing together of family, consuming festive foods and beverages (sometimes too much of them!), exchanging gifts and many other fun traditions. Sadly, for some who perhaps live apart from family or are bereaved, it can be a lonely time.

For Christians, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ, the promised Saviour, God with us. We remember the demonstration of God’s love and grace which brings us forgiveness and liberty from sin, and reconciliation with Him, our Creator, because we are precious to Him.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and wonderful, safe and refreshing holidays!

Eric Adams
Christmas Carols in the Town Square
20th December
BBQ at 6:30pm and carols begin at 7:30pm
If inclement weather; it will be held in the Town Hall

SA Water VACSWIM
“SA Water VACSWIM is a program to waterproof the confidence in young South Australians, in and around the water. It is a South Australian Government supported initiative to provide children aged 5 to 13 years with opportunities to develop a range of skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.
These skills are delivered at over 130 pools, beaches and lakes throughout South Australia by one of three primary program providers – Royal Life Saving Society, Surf Life Saving and YMCA – who engage qualified instructors to teach the children of South Australia.
The majority of programs take place from Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th January 2016; they run for 45 minutes a day for 7 days.”

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