Week 3  Term 1 – Wednesday 17th February 2016

Year 7 Aquatics

R-2 Swimming

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The year has started well, with students across all year levels quickly settling into class routines. Along with this there have been a number of extra curricula activities. Already the Year 7s have participated in 2 days of Aquatic activities at Port Vincent and our Reception to Year 2 students have enjoyed their swimming program which was conducted at Highview Holiday Village. It was pleasing to see a number of families at the Annual Acquaintance Night on 9th February. Thank you to the Governing Council members for cooking the barbeque.

The School Leadership team for Term 1 is now finalised: Margaret Roads - Principal, Robbie Hering - Deputy Principal, Kallie Eglinton - R-6 Coordinator, Leonie Peterson- Student Counsellor and Dianna Honner - Business Manager. As well as congratulating Robbie and Kallie on their new roles, we welcome Olivia Clifford to the staff. Olivia has a 3 day a week contract for Term 1 and will primarily be working in the Year 1/2 class; to cover Kallie’s coordinator time. There have been a few changes to teaching roles in the secondary section. Amy Harding is now teaching the Research Project and Samantha Florance will be full-time for Term 1 and has added the Year 9 English class to her teaching load.

Students in Year 7-10 will receive their Home Learning timetable this week. Home Learning is considered an integral part of the school curriculum and the expectation is that Home Learning will be completed by students. Expectations are as follows:

- R-2: reading each night, 4 days a week. Years 3-4: maximum 30 minutes per night, 4 days a week. Years 5-6: maximum 40 minutes per night, 4 days a week.
- Year 7: 3 subjects x 15 minutes per night. Year 8: 3 subjects x 20 minutes per night. Year 9: 3 subjects x 25 minutes per night. Year 10: 3 subjects x 30 minutes per night. Year 11: 160 minimum per night. Year 12: 180 minimum per night.

If you have any questions regarding Home Learning please contact the appropriate teacher.

Currently 7-12 staff are working on work submission guidelines. These guidelines will detail consequences for failure to complete assessment/learning tasks.

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 7th March at 7.30pm. It is at the end of this meeting that voting in relation to the nominations for Governing Council parent and community representation will occur. Nominations for Governing Council are now being accepted. There are several vacancies for the 2016 Council. If you would like to nominate please complete the tear off slip and return to the Front Office by the close of the school day on Wednesday 24th February 2016. If you are unsure of what Governing Council entails, please consider attending the AGM to find out more. Nominations will also be taken on the night.

For those parents/carers interested in being involved in the school in another way, please consider attending the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting scheduled for Friday 26th February. This AGM will be held in the Library, starting at 9:00am. Parents, carers and interested community members are welcome to attend.

The AAS Sports Day will be held on Friday 18th March at the Ardrossan Town Oval. The input of parents/carers on the day to assist with activities such as set up, the running of events and pack up is always greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist please notify Andrew Lawless via the Front Office or email Andrew.Lawless579@schools.sa.edu.au

There will be a Student Free Day on Monday 29th February. Staff will be working on task and assessment design, with a focus on differentiation. Differentiation ensures that we are meeting the needs of all of our learners.

This Friday is the SRC Induction Assembly. This is an important occasion on our school calendar, as we induct the student leadership team for 2016. The assembly commences at 2.15pm in the Gym. All families and community members are invited to attend.

Kind regards

Margaret Roads
Congratulations to Brooke Ottey who was presented with a Merit for Stage 2 Health at a recent ceremony held at Government House.

Year 7 Aquatics

On the 8th – 9th February the Year 7’s went to Port Vincent Aquatic Centre, where we learnt; windsurfing, kayaking, sailing and knee boarding, which was everyone’s favourite.

I learnt how to kneeboard.  
Alanna

Aquatics was fun! Sailing was the best because we all had a race!  
Tre F

Sailing was amazing and fun!  
Aiden

I loved knee boarding!!!  
Elisha

Kayaking was awesome!  
Grace

It was a good experience to learn how to do all the water sports.  
Jack W

We went to Aquatics at Port Vincent and it was fun!!  
Angus

It was fun and a good experience!  
Jack C

I had to get rescued when wind surfing.  
Blair

I learnt how to kneeboard, it was fun and I want to do it again!  
Deearna

At Aquatics I learnt that knee boarding is fun and that wind surfing is hard.  
Roger

I learnt how to sail, kneeboard, wind surf and kayak.  
Paige

I enjoyed sailing because we were racing the other group!  
Lachlan

I enjoyed wind surfing because we had a race and I came second.  
Archer

Last week on Monday and Tuesday we went to Aquatics. I had so much fun, my favourite part was knee boarding.  
Oscar

We went to aquatics and it was awesome!!  
Tyson C
Office hours 8:35am – 3:30pm
Bookroom will be open from 8:35am – 9:00am each school day

Has your family details changed?
New mobile phone, address etc?
A family information form will be sent home in the near future via students. Please change any outdated information and return to the school.
Any queries please contact Front Office staff.
Phone: 88373025

Can you help?
The annual Ardrossan Area School Sports Day is approaching (18th March) and we are appealing to parents and volunteers from the community for assistance. To ensure that as many events as possible can be held on the day we are asking for help with setting up, management of events, time-keeping, marshalling, and packing up.
No experience in athletics is required and any help would be appreciated, even if it is for only a small period of time.
If you’re able to assist, please ring Andrea or Carolyn at the front office on 8837 3025 or email me at: Andrew.Lawless@schools.sa.edu.au
Thank you in advance
Andrew Lawless
PE and Sport Coordinator

Parents & Friends news
This Friday’s meeting is cancelled.
The AGM will be held 9am Friday 26th February at the school. All welcome

Keep your kids smiling
Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.
Please call now for an appointment.
Maitland School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8832 2254

Diary Dates
February
19th
SRC Induction 2:15pm in Gym
23rd
School Photo Day
26th
Junior School Assembly. Hosted by Year 4/5 at 2:40pm
26th
Parents & Friends AGM 9am
29th
Student Free Day
March
1st
R-7 Dinosaur Science Performance
11th
Whole school assembly 2:40pm. Hosted by Year 12
14th
Adelaide Cup Day holiday
18th
AAS Sports Day