We all know how important it is for students to be able to read fluently and comprehend what they are reading. Reading is at the core of being literate. Research shows that students who are heard read or are read to on a daily basis are much more likely to be proficient at reading. The earlier in life that children are exposed to reading materials the better.

This year we are having a major focus on reading in particular on students who are reading well below their expected level. The Reading Army consisting of Year 7 Students is one way we will be supporting those students to improve their skills. A group of year 7 students have volunteered to participate in the army and will be trained in how to listen to reading.

Each morning between 8.30—8.50 based in the library a group of Year’s will hear students read. This will be done on a roster system both for the Year 7’s and the students who have been identified for this extra support. Parents/Caregivers will receive a letter explaining the program if their child/children have been identified.

We are very excited at being able to start “The Reading Army” as we are sure it will be a positive intervention for our students.

Julie Kelly
Deputy Principal
FRIDAY, FEB.14th [WEEK 3]

As the Australian Curriculum is implemented and reviewed, it’s important for all staff to engage in quality professional development. We are extremely fortunate to have booked Martin Westwell to work with our teachers on strategies to implement the new curriculum areas. This workshop will occur on Friday, February 14th, so that we can work on successful strategies throughout the year. Martin is a highly sought after presenter who has held critical positions in DECD [Department for Education & Child Development] as well as at Flinders University. We thank our Governing Council for approving this learning opportunity.

Please note: VOSHC will be open on the day.

CANTEEN

New menus have been distributed to all classrooms to go home with the youngest child in your family. If you haven’t received a term 1, 2014 menu, please contact your child’s teacher or pop into the canteen where we have extra copies.

The Tuesday and Wednesday Specials have been altered and there have been a couple of price increases. Some of our ice block lines have been reduced in price so take advantage of those. Please remember to check your new menu before ordering.

We’ve had a great response to our canteen volunteer notices this term. Thankyou to all those parents and carers that have given up their free time to volunteer, if you are able to assist anytime between the hours of 10 am-1.30pm please contact Julie or Linda on 85525105.

Your child’s class will receive a notice requesting volunteers in the following weeks:

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Welcome back to another school year. We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. It is great to see so many children starting school and buying the uniform.

A reminder that in first term everyone must wear a hat.

We sell surf and buckets hats for $5.00. If you can’t get to the uniform shop you can purchase these hats from the front office as well as the Iron on logo’s.

There is a new price list available and there has been a price increase for the Zip Jackets now $25.00 as our price has gone up from our supplier. Fortunately for everything else there will be no increase in price. We try very hard to keep our costs down to keep the uniform affordable for everyone.

We now have available in the uniform range for girls Pleated Sport Skirt with built in shorts $16.00. These are very comfortable with elastic waist, the material is cotton and spandex and with pleats at the front and a zip pocket. Come in and try them on!!!!!!

Regards

Kirsty, Julie and Cindy

2014 MATERIALS AND SERVICES FEE

You should have all received your 2014 Materials and Services fee notices. Payments can be made at the front office or online EFT.

School card forms need to be filled yearly and are available from the front office.
On Monday, February 3rd the Adelaide Football Club Community Development Team visited the school with Claude the Crow (mascot) to talk to the students about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. This finished with an impressive dance off between Claude the Crow and our own Sarah Howe.

The following week on Monday, February 10th Victor Harbor R-7 students met with Daniel Talia, Rory Atkins and Lewis Johnston from the Adelaide Football Club. Heaps of prizes were given out on the day and plenty of autographs. Students who couldn’t get enough of the crows had the opportunity to be involved in a clinic held by the Adelaide Football Club at Encounter Bay that night.

Fleurieu Dental is participating in the new Medicare Child Dental Benefit Schedule (CDBS). CDBS will commence on 1 January 2014 and provides basic dental services to eligible children, replacing the Teen Dental Plan. Children are eligible if they are aged between 2 –17 years on any one day of the calendar year and they receive, or their family, guardian or carer receives, certain government benefits such as Family Tax Benefit Part A or youth allowance for at least part of the calendar year. Fleurieu Dental will be Bulk Billing with no out of pocket expense for eligible dental services. Please call Fleurieu Dental on 8323 8457 (McLaren Vale) or 8552 3961 (Victor Harbor) for more information or to arrange an appointment.

The Southern Breakers Soccer Club is a friendly, family orientated club expanding the global game of soccer on the south coast. We are currently looking for junior and senior players. Junior ‘Come and Try’ sessions will be held at the Port Elliot Oval starting Wednesday 12th of February at 4.30 U6 to U11, 5.30 U12 to U18 and continuing on the 19th of February (same times). A BBQ will be provided. Seniors are in training and start at 6:30 Monday and Wednesday evenings. For more information please visit our website: www.southernbreakers.com or
Students in years 2-7 are invited to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW Global Pty Limited, an independent, not-for-profit provider of education, training and consulting services and a wholly owned enterprise of the University of New South Wales. Students from over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific and the USA participate in ICAS each year. Educational Assessment Australia produces ICAS papers that test students in the following skill areas:

- Computer Skills for Years 3-7
- English for Years 2-7
- Mathematics for Years 2-7
- Science for Years 2-7
- Spelling for Years 3-7

Writing for Years 3-7

Sitting dates will be in Term 2 and Term 3.

If you would like your child/ren to participate please complete the attached tear off slip and return to School together with payment Thursday 3rd April.

ICAS Coordinator
Margaret Wilkinson

Student Name:
Class Teacher:
Year level: 2

I would like to sit the ICAS Competition and Assessment in [please tick appropriate box]

r Computer Skills $8.80
r Science $8.80
r Writing $18.70
r Spelling $12.10
r English $8.80
r Mathematics $8.80

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $__________

Please return to the Front Office with payment by Thursday 3rd April.

Sitting dates will be sent home prior to the competition.

Student Name:
Class Teacher:
Year level:

I would like to sit the ICAS Competition and Assessment in [please tick appropriate box]

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