Welcome to 2015

Welcome back to our returning students and families and, in particular, a warm welcome to our many new students and families.

As you know, several changes have been made to class arrangements due to last year’s fire. The positive attitude and resilience since that event has been a credit to our students, staff and school community. Staff have worked hard over the holidays to prepare their rooms for this year. This will be a work in progress over the next two years as we plan the new building. More information on the new building will be included in future newsletters.

We have also simplified the room numbers for our ‘transportable’ rooms (the long, single line of classrooms along the fence-line closest to the sea). These rooms have been ‘re-signed’ Red 1 to 11. (See photo)

We look forward to working closely with our school community again this year.
Natural Resource Management’s Youth Environment Leadership

2014 was a busy and productive year in the gardens and grounds at our school. Once again, students from Victor Harbor R-7 have participated in the Natural Resource Management’s Youth Environment Leadership Programme, kicking off the year with a visit to Nangawooka Flora Reserve. Shortly afterwards, we were recognised by the NRM for our commitment to the engagement of young people with nature, receiving a sign which is displayed on the fence near the new notice board. NRM Education Officer, Jason Tyndall, addressed staff on the importance of nature play and both Youth Environment Leaders and SRC representatives have been gathering feedback from the student body about the future direction of our grounds and play spaces. The result of this research, to date, indicates an overwhelming preference for nature which suggests that children sometimes already know what it takes grown-ups years and university degrees to work out! Reflecting this shift in attitude, some of the most popular ‘elements’ in our playground this year have been salvaged logs and rocks. While the ‘Fairy’, ‘Dinosaur’ and Indonesian gardens continue to develop and flourish, an exciting new addition to the grounds this year has been the ‘Pulgi’, or Aboriginal shelter, surrounded by a rough circle of rocks. This area has been designed to enhance indigenous studies at our school and will eventually incorporate an indigenous garden. It is already proving enormously popular with students from reception right through to the senior years. Several classes, including Mrs Crickmar’s, Mrs Eldridge’s and Mrs Vickery-Howe’s, as well as individual students and Youth Environment Leaders have been involved in the cultivation of edible crops this year while the FLO boys, under the mentorship of Mr Robinson, have ‘opened up’ the garden area formerly utilised exclusively by the Red 1 class. The FLO boys have also been doing great work maintaining the native garden on the embankment between the new gym and the netball court, while Youth Environment Leaders have been busy planting up the steep slope behind the grandstand in an effort to stop erosion. Finally, and perhaps most excitingly, the school has been successful in receiving two grounds and garden-related grants from the NRM this year: one for an organic waste recycling programme which is already underway, and another for the creation of a wetland garden/play space to replace the grass area in front of the canteen shelter which becomes waterlogged and unusable every winter. The wetland garden project will include a student field trip in 2015 to the adjacent Hindmarsh River Wetland with the Coast and Marine Estuary Office, as well as requiring plenty of volunteer help and support, so dust off those gardening gloves and watch this space!

Catie Milte

Catie, Archie, Paul, Jackie, Nikita
Boat/Jet Ski

Marine Licence Exam Night

$35.00 seats limited - bookings essential

Opportunity to sit the exam after hours!

Victor Harbor R-7 School, The Parkway Victor Harbor

- PLEASE ENTER MAIN ADMINISTRATION AREA -

Tuesday 10th February 2015 – 6.30pm

HELD APPROX. 5 times per year, call for the next date.

The SA Recreational Boating Safety Handbook should be studied before arrival. You will be shown a power point presentation (approx 90 Minutes) by our local Marine Safety Officer then sit the exam which is marked on the night, if you pass you are then accredited and can visit the DTEI Customer Service Centre (Service SA), and convert this to a full licence. (There is a licence cost of $34.00) age 16 and above.


Cost for Presentation and Exam $35.00 Pre-booking is essential as numbers are strictly limited.

Refresher $10 (already licensed, but would like to watch the presentation)

Juniors (12-16) $15 welcome to sit the exam for special permit

* (Please ring 1300 363 805 for full details of special permit)

* * YOU MUST BRING: Valid Photo ID to the Exam * *

Presented as community service: Proceeds to VH R-7 School Chaplaincy programme;
Chaplin Maureen Moores and the programme designed to cater for the needs of disengaged primary school students. Teacher in charge: Liz Edwards.


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A new children’s dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

Dental care is **FREE** for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children’s teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)