Congratulations Bailey!!

All the students who had 100% attendance in Term 2 were put in a draw to win an iPad because we wanted to acknowledge their (and their family’s) commitment to being at school every day. Bailey, from Mrs Jones and Mrs Kelly’s class was the lucky winner. Well done Bailey for being here every day. We will have another draw for all those who have 100% attendance in Term 3 so maybe your child will be the lucky one to get an iPad next time.

Bailey Williams
It is perhaps timely to remind ourselves why attendance and punctuality are important.

At our school we believe, as does the Department for Education and Child Development that students need to attend school regularly in order to gain the maximum benefit from schooling. Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers and with teachers. Research shows that students who are absent from school are likely to earn less than their peers as adults.

The Education Act also requires that all children of compulsory school age 6-17 years are enrolled and attending school every day. The Education Department requires an explanation if students do not attend. To support this requirement it is important that parents or carers contact the school if a child is absent. The Education Department has also suggested that when a student has more than ten days’ unexplained absence we need to follow up with relevant support services. However, we do understand if students are ill they are unable to attend.

When students come late to school on a regular basis this also has a negative impact on their learning and on their relationships. Many students use the first ten minutes prior to learning time catching up with their friends and sharing bits of news. When the first bell goes they are able to start their preparation for the day. This is when organisation skills are practised as they get their books, pencils and resources ready for the morning’s lessons and hand in any notes, homework or diaries. They can organise their lunch orders and see the day’s program that their teacher has prepared. They are satisfied that they have caught up with friends for a while and can more readily settle into the day’s lessons. Being organised and relating appropriately with others are essential skills to becoming a well-rounded and independent learner and gives students practice in being responsible.

If a student comes late 10 minutes every day, over a week 50 minutes of learning time is lost. In a term this amounts to 500 minutes. Over a year a student can lose 2000 minutes. This equates to just over 6 days of lost learning a year from just being 10 minutes late each day. If the lateness is greater than 10 minutes then the number of days lost increases as the following table shows.

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We are asking that a concerted effort is made to ensure students arrive regularly and punctually. If there is a problem please talk to your child’s teacher or to me as we may be able to support you in this matter.

We value healthy relationships and the educational programs here at Victor R-7 School and we encourage you to ensure your child participates fully.

Regards,
Liz Edwards
**Geography with an Aboriginal Perspective in the Early Years**

As part of the Geography Curriculum we have been mapping important landmarks along our coastline and the place where we live. Many of these landmarks are important in the Aboriginal Dreaming Story of Ngurunderi and his journey along the coast from Middleton to Encounter Bay.

The Reception students from Orange 1 went on an excursion to look at these Landmarks and hear the story told by Stacey Savage. The students also tasted some bush spinach and sat in a cushion bush.

This excursion shows how valuable the ‘outdoor’ classroom can be in our own coastal back yard. An Aboriginal perspective to Geography helps to reinforce and enrich the learning and concepts for our Early Year’s Students.

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**Southern Fleurieu Blue Light Disco**

**Blue Light Disco - Underage Rage**

The Southern Fleurieu Blue Light Disco Committee is happy to announce the next Underage Rage is going to hit the Streets of Goolwa on Friday the 1st August 2014, (so please put this date in your diary). We are currently planning the disco to be held at The Centenary Hall Cadell Street Goolwa. The drug and alcohol free event will again be located in a safe, monitored environment with police officers and volunteers of the Blue Light Committee where young people can dance catch up and have a fantastic and fun night.

The disco will be held in two age groups 7-11 years olds from 6.30pm – 8pm and 12 – 17 year olds from 8.30pm – 10.30pm on Friday the 1st August 2014.

Refreshments, giveaways and great music is on offer, so get those dancing shoes ready and don’t miss out. “This will be a great night out for all of you young people aged 7 to 17. DJ Roxy will be cranking the tunes and there will be heaps of fun giveaways throughout the night.

The Underage Rage is a LOCK IN event so we will need parents to drop you off and pick you up at the DOOR, also for the younger ones can you please leave your phone number in their pockets or hand bags just in case you are needed.

This event is an alcohol and drug free event for the young people of the Southern Fleurieu, so come along and have some fun, entry fee is $5 and tickets are to be sold at the door. A canteen is available with very cheap drinks, chips and chockies.

The Blue Light Disco is an initiative of the SA Police and is organised by the Southern Fleurieu Blue Light Committee.

For more information call Senior Constable Jane Pink on 83981752 or Lucretia Sperring on 85510586.

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**Updating Contact Details**

If your contact details have changed please notify the school by ringing the front office on 8552 1166, coming to the front office in person, emailing us on the above address or writing a note in your child’s diary. You can also notify the school of your child’s absence the same way.
The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year. The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2-17 year olds started 2014.

All children are very welcome to continue to access dental care at the School Dental Service. 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 also attend — a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

The School Dental Service is based at the South Coast District Hospital Bay Rd, Victor Harbor Ph: 8551 0460 for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au.

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**Boat/Jet Ski**

Marine Licence Exam Night

$35.00 seats limited – bookings essential

**Opportunity to sit the exam after hours!**

Victor Harbor Primary School, The Parkway Victor Harbor


Monday 11th August – Start 6.30p.m. SHARP

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 DETI 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 a community service: Proceeds to VHR-7 Primary 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.