Mayors’ Short Story Challenge

The Mayors’ Short Story Challenge is a wonderful collaboration between the City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina councils; celebrating and encouraging creative young writers from R-10. Our school participates in the challenge every year and this year would like to congratulate all our students who were shortlisted. In the R-3 category – Poppy, Monique, Lauren and Annika and the 4-7 category – Marelene, Aisha, Skye, Tika and Amber. An extra special congratulations to Amber and Annika who were the overall winners in their categories. Fantastic Effort!
Week five of term three was National Science Week. At VHR7 School one of the activities organised to celebrate this week was an expo of experiments and demonstrations by the students in years 5 and 5/6. The students were set the task of researching and choosing an experiment to demonstrate and explain to their peers. The three classes met in the gym on Monday and spent the morning both conducting their own experiments and watching those performed by the other students. It was a very successful morning and the students seemed to really enjoy the many and varied demonstrations.

Congratulations to all those students who achieved 100% attendance last term. Special congratulations go to Finlay from Mrs Crickmar’s class who won the iPad for her 100% attendance. Well done Finlay!

It is important that children attend regularly and punctually. Are you aware that arriving 10 minutes late each day means that the equivalent of one lesson per week is missed? Over a term that equates to missing 10 lessons. Over the year a student who consistently arrives late has the potential of missing over a week or more of learning.

As a whole school community we would like to improve our attendance rates and if there are issues around attendance for you please get in touch so we can offer support. If your child is absent please contact the school and let us know... we have to record a reason for absences and if there are none given and absences build up, we are asked by DECD for explanations. There may be illness or other issues and if we know we can put the reasons down.

Thanks
Liz Edwards

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 dl.0453.info@schools.sa.edu.au or writing a note in your child’s diary. You can also notify the school of your child’s absence the same way.

Please note if any of your child’s medical information changes it is important that you let the class teacher or the front office know ASAP.
Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. This year we celebrated the 70th anniversary of Book Week, with ‘Books Light up our World’ being the central theme highlighting the importance of reading. Classes from R-7 each explored a shortlisted book and created a piece of art work capturing an aspect of the story. The students then enjoyed sharing their work during our book week assembly and all looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book character.

**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 Victor Harbor on Friday the 16th October 2015, (so please put this date in your diary). We are holding the disco at the Victor Harbor Recreation Centre’s General Purpose Hall 5 George Main Rd Victor Harbor,(next door to the High School). 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 7-11years olds from 6.30pm – 8pm and 12 – 17 year olds from 8.30pm – 10.30pm on Friday the 16th October 2015.

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 through out 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 J.

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.
It is impossible to go on a school camp to Fregon and Uluru and not come home in awe of what you have experienced. Our students are privileged to be part of an extraordinary exchange programme that will give them an amazing new understanding of our breathtaking country and its beautiful Indigenous people who have retained so much of their language and culture in the APY Lands (Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara)

The days are warm and sunny and the nights are so cold we found ice in our swags. Friendships are forged on the very first day as you watch the children naturally play and talk. The Fregon kids are very cheeky and playful! Inma, the traditional dance, is performed as a welcome and then our true bush camping adventure begins when the Fregon mob come and teach our students how to dig for roots for their carvings and find witchetty grubs to eat.

Traditional carving, basket weaving, bead making, an amazing Aboriginal Band, Disco, Art, T-Shirt exchange and a local footy game featuring Mr Robinson were highlights of our visit.

After Fregon was our visit to Yulara where we could watch the sunset over Uluru (Ayers Rock) and trek through Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). This year the students were also treated to an Opal Mine tour in Cooper Pedy.

Many thanks to our Staff and Volunteers who made this trip possible and to the incredibly well behaved Year 7 students who attended.

Palya!
On Thursday, August 6th, Victor Harbor R-7’s year 6 &7 Basketball Teams travelled to Morphett Vale to play in the SAPSASA Carnival.

The Year 6 team consisted of Boycey (Ryan), Browney (Noah), DieSel (Bradley), Gunner (Grady), Pup (Joshua), Sloany (Jai), Steyny (Corey), Tatanator (Tate) and the super coaches Mrs Harris and Kayla.

We all tried really hard with good teamwork. Unfortunately we lost 1 game and ended up finishing in 2nd place.

It was a really good day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Bring it on next year! Noah Year 6

The Year 5/6 Girls were coached by Miss Leila and they won 3/6 games. The girls, Leah, Mathilda, Ella, Summer, Kailee & Taya.

The girls had never played as a team before but played well and were real competitors. Well done girls! Miss Leila.

The Year 7 Team won 3 of their 6 games, They were coached by Grant and were well supported by parents.

The year 7 team included, Lochie, Mitchell, James, Andrew, Jessie, Blake and Will.

This competition was pretty fierce and the boys fought hard all day. Grant Thompson

Welcome to Spring. Hopefully the cold days will be behind us soon.

We would like to inform everyone of a few price increases in our uniform range.

Our hat range of bucket and surf hats are now $7.00 each, Polo shirts are now $22.00 and microfibre shorts are now $12.00

We do try our hardest to keep all pricing affordable for everyone.

Regards

Kirsty, Julie and Cindy

‘FREE’ COME AND TRY TENNIS

All past players and new players to tennis most welcome.

Come and have a hit; bring your family.

All tennis grades and tennis experience most welcome.

Don’t have a racquet – borrow one on the day.

Date: Sunday 20th September, 10am to 12pm

Where: Victor Harbor Tennis courts, George Main Rd, Victor Harbor

(BBQ to follow. No cost)

For more details please contact:
Chris Scheid (President)
All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please phone 8222 8222 or visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)