Fregon Return Visit

Sunday 15th through to Friday 20th November the Fregon Exchange took place. A variety of activities over the 5 days kept everyone on their toes. With perfect weather for the entire week, they started with an aquatics session at Day Street where new skills were acquired by some!

The staff and students of the Victor Harbor R-7 School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

School resumes on Monday 1st February.
They enjoyed creating colourful t-shirts, some with more design skill than others but they all looked great when they were finished.

They played sport, spent time on the equipment and generally spent a lot of time together throughout the week. A bus trip from Goolwa to Victor Harbor, learning about the cultural significance of the local area. A day at Greenhills Adventure Park was thoroughly enjoyed by the group, where they could chat and get involved in different sporting activities. Our students were a great group and worked and played with the Fregon students, resulting in an amazing cultural exchange.

Billet Families are incredible. The billet families are to be commended on their assistance in looking after the students after hours and showing the students so many extra activities, while adding another two children into their daily routines and sporting commitments and also having to work. We know the exchange wouldn’t be able to work as effectively without the support of these families. So Thankyou!!
12 of our students faced various weather conditions this term. Rain & wind did not deter our surf team from having some great surfs, mainly at day street. Well done to Ella, Madison, Molly, Jesse, Amelia, Gabrielle, Eloise, Mitchell, Cameron, Riley, Phillippe and Amber. Our Spirit of Surfing Trophy winners for Victor Harbor Primary were Mitchell (boys), Gabrielle (girls) and Amber was the overall trophy winner for the 3 competing schools. Congratulations to our surf team for showing great school values and to our wonderful instructors led by Andy Daveron.

Congratulations to Megan (Year7) for coming second in the Prints of Whales–South Australian Whale Watching Photographic Competition. The nature-based competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers with four award categories: Whale Watching, Winter Wildlife, Junior Talent and People’s Choice, with over $3,000 worth of prizes available.

Her image was voted on by the public in the Junior Talent section. It has ended up in the Whale Watching calendar for 2016. Megan is a very gifted visual artist and photography is another passion that she is pursuing. With natural talent like this, we are sure her future in photography will be very successful.
SCHOOL CROSSING

Recently your child’s school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section.

After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Thank you
Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN
Program Co-ordinator Road Safety

UNIFORM SHOP

The end of 2015 is here and we would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting the school by encouraging students to wear our school uniform. Our Uniform shop hours will remain the same next year. They are every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30-9.15am and the first Monday of every new term.

We will be open the week before school returns on Wednesday 27th January from 10.00-12.00

We would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year"
Kirsty, Julie and Cindy

WETLANDS OPEN

After a great deal of time and effort our wonderful interactive ‘Wetlands’ play area in our yard was opened last week. Caite & Grant (Grounds People) officially cut the ribbon held by our student leaders, Kyle & Amber. Our Principal, Brenton Robins acknowledges all the ‘behind the scenes’ work that has occurred. A big thank you to Caite, Grant, Matthew (Volunteer) and some of our student body who also helped with the planting.

AFTER HOURS SWIMMING AT VHR-7

The swimming program runs during term time, Monday to Thursday evenings starting from 3:45pm. The program is designed to teach water safety and stroke technique to children starting school through to the advanced swimmer. All the instructors are trained and are Austswim Accredited.

Bookings are made on a term by term basis.

For more information: Contact Teresa King on 0429 840 944
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards

Expiry Date

Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to www.zoowhiz.com. They expire on 31/12/15*. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to $89.95 instead of the discounted rate of $29.95.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has full access to ZooWhiz (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours for FREE. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to partner with our school to further support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

ZOOCation Care

A school holiday program for 5 to 12 year olds*

9am – 4pm

Spend the day with a qualified conservation educator exploring the Zoo!

$65 per child

$55 for Zoo members

For enquiries contact: Adelaide Zoo Learning on 08 8230 1258
azes@zoossa.com.au

Book online @ http://www.zoossa.com.au/zoolearning/

*5 year olds must have spent 2015 at school

Do you like to swim in the sea?
Do you like catching waves?

We offer a fun program for children aged 5 to 13 to learn surf safety skills in a supervised environment.

Our Nippers program has been running successfully for the last 10 years. Our focus is on safety and surf skills, with 8 sessions offered between October and March.

Joining Nippers builds general confidence, team skills and fitness. Older children are encouraged to train for awards in First Aid and Lifesaving.

Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club has been running for nearly 60 years on the South Coast, between Victor Harbor and Pt Elliot. We consist of a dedicated group of volunteers, helping to keep the beaches at Chiton Rocks and nearby safe.

The club offers a friendly community-minded environment that encourages children and their families to enjoy beach activities. We regularly schedule social dinner nights to coincide with nippers sessions.

For more information, please contact:
Andrew O’Callaghan, Nippers Coordinator: 0418 896 239 or email: nippers@chitonrocks.com
Amanda Dean, Membership Manager: 0407 945 515 or email: membership@chitonrocks.com
Website: www.chitonrocks.com/nippers
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for ALL preschool and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
South Coast District Hospital
Bay Road
VICTOR HARBOR-SA 5211

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

Please call 8551 0460 to make an appointment.

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.