NEW BUILDING PROGRESS

Welcome back to the 2016 school year.

The great news is that preparations for our new school building have begun! Romaldi Constructions will be undertaking the construction during this year with the expectation that students and teachers will be in on Day One, 2017.

I’m sure we would all agree that the wait will be worth it. Rather than temporary, portable buildings, our great school will be even better with the addition of an architecturally designed, flexible learning space that will meet our current and future schooling needs.

We hope that 120 years into the future, the Victor Harbor community will value our school buildings as much as we currently value the ‘old’ school building on Torrens Street (next to KFC).

DIARY DATES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FEBRUARY—MARCH</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY 9th</td>
<td>Boat Licence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY 17th</td>
<td>Tall Ships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY 18th</td>
<td>Brainstorm Anti- Bullying Performance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FEBRUARY 24th</td>
<td>SAPSASA Swimming Carnival (Strathalbyn)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 1st</td>
<td>Governing Council AGM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

BELL TIMES

DAILY ROUTINES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Activity</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8.30</td>
<td>Allowed on grounds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.50</td>
<td>School Day Begins</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8.50-10.40</td>
<td>Morning Session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.40-11.00</td>
<td>Recess/Play time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.00-12.40</td>
<td>Middle Session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.40-12.50</td>
<td>Eating Time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.50-1.30</td>
<td>Play time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.30-3.10</td>
<td>Afternoon Session</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.10</td>
<td>School Day Ends</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ABSENCES

LATE ARRIVAL

EARLY DEPARTURE

Students who arrive at school after 8.50 must sign in the front office.

If you are picking your child up early they must be signed out through the front office.

If your child is absent, please notify the front office on 85521166, via email to the above web address and or a note in their diary upon returning to school.
On the last day of the 2015 school year a Junior Primary boy, Noah, was the lucky student whose name was pulled out of the hat among those who had 100% attendance for the term to win an iPad. Congratulations Noah and well done to all those who achieved a great attendance record! We will continue the ritual each term of students who have full attendance being in the draw to win an iPad and we will also honour the class with the best attendance record by providing an ice block for every student in the winning class.

Attending on time and regularly is so important for students’ learning and wellbeing. There is a clear link between education and students’ subsequent health, wealth and happiness.

Too many absences mean that children miss out on important parts of the curriculum, which is detrimental to their learning and development. A week can be a long time in the playground, so frequent absences might also jeopardise children’s social relationships.

For some families there are issues where the child may state they do not want to attend….school refusal can also create conflict and strained relationships within families as a result of disruptions to their routines, and might even affect income as parents or carers forgo work to stay home with the child.

Children who miss school as a result of refusal might also face long-term problems. Some research has shown that school refusal can contribute to mental health difficulties, emotional and social problems, exiting school early and occupational dysfunction in later life.

If you have issues about your child attending please speak to the class teacher or make a time to come and have a chat with me so we can look at options to support you and your child.

Liz Edwards (School Counsellor)

---

**TERM 4 2015 100% ATTENDANCE WINNER**

**VICTOR HARBOR R-7 WEBSITE**

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY?
www.victorr7.sa.edu.au

Did you know you can report your child absent by using the links on our website home page? Also on the home page you will find the current canteen price list and menu and the most recent newsletter. Keep up to date with school events by clicking on Diary Dates or have a look through our photo galleries and enjoy some of the experiences offered to our students.

Have something to say? You can use the Feedback/Complaints link on the home page or you can e-mail anyone in our leadership team directly by using the leadership section of the website. All the current information regarding the new middle school building progress is also available. Please enjoy our exciting website as we hope it is another opportunity for you to feel a part of our school community.

**MONSTER TRUCK VISIT**

On Wednesday 3rd February a Monster Truck Called “Freak” visited our school. The children were amazed by the size of the enormous truck. We learnt how the driver has to climb up under the cab to get inside because the doors do not open. Monster Trucks have huge wheels and some of them can even do wheelies! We had fun seeing “Freak” when it visited our school.

---

**SCHOOL CARD**

If you are eligible to apply for school card, or you think you might be eligible please collect your form from the front office and return them as soon as possible

APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR!

Thank you
A big congratulations to the Victor Harbor R-7 School and a huge thankyou to all the students and their parents for making “Book Club” so successful in our school.

The VHR-7 School has been named as the highest seller of books in the Southern region of South Australia and second highest in the state. This is pretty impressive as our school is quite small in comparison to many of the other schools that participate.

We take this opportunity to thank Elsie who tirelessly volunteers at Victor Harbor R-7 School. Elsie receives, sorts and distributes the brochures. Collates and sends the orders into Scholastic and upon arrival checks all orders and then ensures all students get their books. This is by no means an easy task.

Thank you Elsie!

---

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

---

**PINK PANTHERS SOCCER**

**Pink Panthers**

**Come & Try Session**

South Adelaide Panthers Women’s Football Club (Soccer) is holding a

**Come and Try Session**

For girls born in 2005 or after in preparation for the 2016 season.

Pink Panthers are looking for girls that want to play in an all-girls team. Pink Panthers are the only club in the Southern Suburbs that fields teams in all age groups - Junior Girls through to Senior Women.

**Saturday 20th February from 9.00am**

Our club is located on Galloway Road, O’Sullivan Beach. No previous experience necessary - beginners are more than welcome.

Bring a Friend

All Welcome

For further enquiries please contact:

Lars Petersen 0433 062 809 or Darren Clay 0415 526 021

---

**LAP SWIMMING**

Lap Swimming  Monday & Thursday evenings from 6.30pm, 1/2 hour sessions.

For enquiries or bookings please call Linda on

Ph: 0417823815

---

**REMINDER-NO HAT NO PLAY-TERM 1**

Please remind your child/ren to have their hats on whenever they are outside for an extended period of time.

Our school policy dictates that a student without a broad brimmed hat (caps not allowed) will be redirected to an area under shade. If this is not followed, the student may receive a consequence for not following instructions.
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it’s really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it’s important, it isn’t always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child’s education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child’s school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development
27/01/2016

---

Simple things you can do to support your child:
- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:
- The curriculum your child will be following this year: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
- An app to help you unlock your child’s learning potential: https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/primary-school
- Parent easy guides, including dealing with peer pressure: http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas: http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1st Feb Welcome back</td>
<td>2nd Feb</td>
<td>3rd Feb Monster Truck Visit</td>
<td>4th Feb</td>
<td>5th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>8th Feb</td>
<td>9th Feb Boat Licence Exam</td>
<td>10th Feb</td>
<td>11th Feb</td>
<td>12th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>15th Feb</td>
<td>16th Feb</td>
<td>17th Feb Tall Ships</td>
<td>18th Feb Brainstorm Anti-Bullying Performance</td>
<td>19th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>22nd Feb</td>
<td>23rd Feb</td>
<td>24th Feb SAPSASA Swim Carnival Strathalbyn</td>
<td>25th Feb</td>
<td>26th Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>29th Feb</td>
<td>1st March Governing Council AGM</td>
<td>2nd March</td>
<td>3rd March</td>
<td>4th March</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>7th March</td>
<td>8th March</td>
<td>9th March</td>
<td>10th March</td>
<td>11th March</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>14th March ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY</td>
<td>15th March</td>
<td>16th March</td>
<td>17th March</td>
<td>18th March</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>21st March</td>
<td>22nd March</td>
<td>23rd March</td>
<td>24th March</td>
<td>25th March GOOD FRIDAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>28th March EASTER MONDAY</td>
<td>29th March</td>
<td>30th March</td>
<td>31st March</td>
<td>1st April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>4th April CAMP RED 7/8 Narnu Farm Leaves</td>
<td>5th April YR 5,6,7 Forensic Science</td>
<td>6th April Narnu Farm Camp Returns</td>
<td>7th April</td>
<td>8th April</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>11th April</td>
<td>12th April YRS 3-5 Swimming Carnival</td>
<td>13th April SPORTS DAY</td>
<td>14th April</td>
<td>15th April Early Dismissal 2.10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Denotes newsletter week
SA DENTAL SERVICE

Keep your kids smiling

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

All babies, children and young people 0-17 years are welcome to attend.

Phone your local School Dental Service clinic now for an appointment.

For clinic details visit

www.sadental.sa.gov.au