



NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

July-August

21st July	Welcome Back
6th—8th August	SAPSASA Basketball
6th August	Governing Council Meeting
11th—22nd August	Fregon Camp
15th—22nd August	Flinders Camp
18th—22nd August	Book Week

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

Attendance

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 often 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.

Number of minutes late daily	Amount of learning time lost if late consistently over a term	Amount of learning time lost if late consistently over the year
10	500	1+ day
15	750	2 + days
20	1000	2 3/4 days
30	1500	4 = days

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

VOSHC News

Southern Fleurieu OSHC – July Vacation care review VOSHC, POSHC and GOSHC

Lots of fun, play and learning this holiday period with large numbers of children spending time at vacation care. We went old school roller skating which was a little challenging for some children and staff. We all left with smiles on our faces. We had henny penny hatching chickens at all sites which were a delight to hold, watch and see grow from the egg into adorable, loud chirping chicks. The Goolwa farm barn was a muddy, cold and rainy adventure had by all sites with over 100 children visiting our local Goolwa Farm barn. Allan and Sophie were fantastic hosts and we all left very muddy, wet with huge smiles on our faces. Come in and book into oshc to partake in our great adventures.

Thanks Again Jani Mitchell Director



Canteen News

Last term's Spaghetti Bolognese day was an overwhelming success. Due to the large number of orders there were some minor hiccups which will be rectified next time. Our volunteer helpers—Hazel, Colleen and Sue helped to make this an enjoyable, successful day. Lynette & Matt Fahey came to the rescue with the loan of some electrical equipment. We are extremely grateful for their assistance. Each term a Volunteer request notice will be sent home with your child. This term's schedule is listed below.

Wk 2	Miss Andrea/McClaren	28th July — 1st Aug
Wk 3	Special Ed/Simon	4th Aug — 8th Aug
Wk 4	Eldridge/Reilly	11th Aug — 15th Aug
Wk 5	Camac/Cole	18th Aug — 22nd Aug
Wk 6	Robins/Harvey	25th Aug — 29th Aug
Wk 7	Jones/Niven	1st Sept — 5th Sept
Wk 8	Kwong/Irvin	8th Sept — 12th Sept
Wk 9	Crickmar/ Miss Jenna	15th Sept — 19th Sept
Wk 10	Morris/Vickery-Howe	22nd Sept — 26th Sept

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



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.

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 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.

Butterflies

A group for women

Are you/have you been involved in a relationship in which you

- ❖ Fear for your safety
- ❖ Find it hard to cope
- ❖ Have no control or freedom
- ❖ Feel like you're walking on eggshells

Then you are invited to come along and meet with other women who are or have been in a similar situation. Butterflies is a safe and confidential support group for women who wish to explore the effects of violence and abuse on their lives and become aware of the various supports and services in the community.

Where: In the Yankalilla area
When: coming in October 2014
For more information, and bookings contact Heather on 8555 0817
Some transport available

This is a joint initiative of Junction Australia's Fleurieu Domestic Violence Service and Women's Health, Southern Fleurieu Health Service



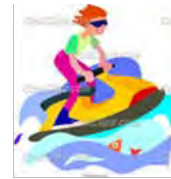
The School Dental Service is the major provider of dental services for babies, children and young people under 18 years in South Australia. Around 130,000 children attend every year.

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.



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

<http://maps.google.com.au/maps?hl=en&tab=w1> – Please park near the ‘DROP OF ZONE’ enter there, sign up.

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.

The SA Recreational boating Safety Handbook is available locally at Fleurieu Crash Repairs, Liberty Fuel, The RAA shop in Victor Harbor and BP Goolwa. No charge for the Recreational boating Safety Handbook.

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.

PRACTISE THE COMPULSORIES HERE: http://www.ondeck.sa.gov.au/online_quiz/user_interface/compulsory