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# COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**



## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Bike Ed - Year 4

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

R-2 Assembly 11:30am - 12:10pm, Year 3-7 Assembly 12:20pm - 12:50pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Bike Ed - Year 4

6pm - OSHC Committee Meeting

### MARCH

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

7pm - Governing Council AGM

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Bike Ed - Year 4

Year 6/7 Festival Choir Cluster 11:30am - 12:30pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Rec-Year 7 Assembly 11:30am - 12:10pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Pupil Free Day - Staff Training & Development

**Dear parents, carers, students and community friends,**

*"Be Brave - Participate to Progress. School is about stepping bravely into the unknown, which is often uncomfortable. The braver you are, the more you learn!"*

This theme from the Play Is The Way programme can apply equally to parents and teachers, not just to children. Are you missing out on learning more about yourself, our school and your child's education because you are too shy to participate? Be brave – put your hand up to be involved in a committee, or as a class parent representative, or a sports coach or on Governing Council. The rewards are there:

- for you, in getting to know other parents and a greater sense of community connection
- for your children, who see how much you value their school and education
- for the school community, who benefit from decisions made by a broadly representative group

This year a number of our long term committee members and governing councillors are retiring and we need other parents to 'step bravely into the unknown'. Could that be you? We especially need 6 Governing Council and 4 finance committee members, as well as a couple of new members on all committees.

Please see below an outline of the role of Governing Council and the subcommittees and the times they usually meet. Then turn immediately to end of the newsletter for a nomination form! Nominations are also happily accepted by email to [sue.woollard725@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sue.woollard725@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Governing Council

This important parent group has the responsibility for the governance of the school. Meetings are held twice a term on a Monday evening and deal with issues such as the budget, fees, school policies, goals and directions.

The Governing Council has a number of sub-committees:

**Finance** committee meets twice a term and its chairperson reports to Governing Council. This committee looks carefully at the school's financial statements, helps develop the budget and monitors spending. It has teacher and parent representatives, including the school business manager. It meets at a time agreed by the members, usually shortly after working hours.

The **Education** committee responds on behalf of the Council to consultation papers sent by DECD and provides advice on what parents will find useful in the way of parent information workshops. They meet at least once a term, as agreed.

**Sport** oversees the organisation of the sports opportunities we offer out of school hours. It has representation from all the competitive sports and Governing Council. It develops sports policy and fees, registers teams and promotes our code of conduct. It meets at least once a term of an evening as needed to get sports seasons organised.

The **OSHC** Committee has membership from parents who use OSHC and a representative from Governing Council. It examines policy and procedures, OSHC fees and budgets and makes program recommendations. It meets of an evening once a term or as required.



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**Canteen** committee meets in the day twice a term and provides advice on menus, compliance with relevant food and safety legislation and monitors the financial performance of the canteen.

The **School Environment** committee plans for the development of our grounds to ensure a safe and stimulating environment. It organises working bees and promotes environmental projects for students. It meets during the day as needed.

**Fundraising** committee plans our fundraising events for the year. It then co-opts parents to help out with each event.

Please consider if you can give up an hour or two twice a term to help these committees.

If you would like more information on any of the committees please speak to any of the Leadership Team or John Harvey, Governing Council Chairperson. Or you could ask for the name of a parent who has served on the committee previously. Return the tear-off slip to express interest in joining one of the committees.

We would like to extend our thanks to **Lynne Giles-Angley, Anna Smith, Graeme McDonald, John Harvey and Sarah Andrews** for their work on Governing Council. Sarah, Lynne and Anna have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election. We are grateful to Lynne for her role as Treasurer over the last five years in providing continuity through three different finance officers; Anna for her work on Grounds committee and getting the Working Bees happening; and Sarah Andrews for chairing the OSHC committee and leading them through all the regulatory changes of recent years.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of parents will be held on **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the staffroom**. The meeting will be brief and consist of presentation and discussion of the school's 2013 Annual Report and reports from the Governing Council and subcommittees. There is opportunity for questions, followed by the election of six Council members for a term of two years. There will be real vacancies to be filled on Governing Council. If you would like to nominate for Council or a sub-committee, please complete the tear off slip in this newsletter and return it to the school office, addressed to Sue Woollard.

## TAKING NOTE OF FEEDBACK

Late last year 111 families took the opportunity to respond to the on-line Parent Opinion Survey about our school. The results of this are included in the Annual Report which will be presented at the AGM on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, as well as the results of survey questions there was also the opportunity to make general comment. This aspect has provided us with lots of feedback which we are acting on:

- 1) Swimming lessons. There was lots of comment about the timing and organisation of these lessons. As a result we have now booked all our R-5 lessons at the Westminster Indoor Pool toward the end of term 3. This will mean that not only will the lessons be indoors; students can also get changed at the pool.
- 2) Requests for regular class-based information. Teachers have really taken this on board and are busy setting up their blogs and email groups. Please make sure you take the opportunity to read their posts and messages.

## WHEN YOU HAVE A CONCERN

Working together will give us the best chance of solving any problem that may arise during your child's years at our school. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child's experience and learning, and also improve our processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child's teacher, and then one of the Leadership Team if you still are not happy.

A copy of the school *Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint* brochure can be found on our website and is also available at the school office. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure. Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

### About complaints or concerns

A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely.

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of service
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or Federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you'd like more information visit the Department's website at [www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint) or email [DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au). There is also a Freecall number 1800 677 435.

## SOCIAL MEDIA – TEACHERS AND “FRIENDS”

Teachers are bound by strict rules around using social media (eg Facebook) with students and their families. The Education Department has a policy document outlining these rules for teachers. Section 6.1 states: "Do not friend students (or their parents) on Facebook, not even with a "teacher presence". You can like a page or even participate in groups together, but don't click "add as friend."

It can be embarrassing for teachers to have to decline friend requests from parents so please support our teachers by not making these requests.

If you have any questions about the DECD social media policies please do not hesitate to contact me at [louisa.quest741@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:louisa.quest741@schools.sa.edu.au) or 8276 1523.

## OSHC – PUPIL FREE DAY - TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

OSHC is visiting Mitcham Cinemas to see the musical "FROZEN". Children must be at OSHC no later than 8.45 am to allow sufficient time to catch public transport. There are no half day bookings and all children must bring their own recess and lunch (no spending money) Afternoon tea is provided as usual.

Parents please make sure that appropriate clothing is worn (i.e. hats, sensible walking shoes and sunscreen).

The second half of the day will be spent back at OSHC "headquarters" participating in craft activities and indoor/outdoor games.

Cost of the day is \$50.50 (normal CCB applies.) Cancellation on the day will incur the full fee.

Staff must be given any medication (in original packaging with instructions) that their child might require during that day.

Please return booking form below to the office or Inta WITHOUT FEES no later than 12 noon on Monday 3rd March. NO BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. Any queries please ring Inta on 8276 9065

## AFTER HOURS SPORT

### AFTER HOURS SPORT COORDINATORS

**BASKETBALL:** Graeme McDonald 0419 851 534

**CRICKET:** Barry Earl 0423 027 354

**FOOTBALL:** Kendall Zimmermann 0400 009 314

**SOFTBALL:** Sharon Harvey 0439 285 311

**SOCCER:** Olivia Kemp 0433 177 793

**NETBALL:** Sue Camero 0438 704 266 or Teresa Rosenzweig 0417 854 639

### CRICKET

Coaches will be in contact with their players and organise which night they will be training. Games start this week.

**Kanga Cricket** (Years 1-3) starts Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Glandore Oval. (Kanga Junior is 5:00pm – 6:00pm and Kanga Senior is 6:00pm -7:00pm).

**A & B Grade Cricket** starts on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and is played between 8:30am and 11:30am.

**C Grade Cricket** starts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 5:00pm – 7:00pm

### NETBALL

Thanks to everyone who has registered and returned their forms so promptly, we really appreciate it. For those of you still wishing to register your daughters to play school netball, it's not too late. Please collect a form from the front office and return by the end of February. If you have any questions about school netball please contact on the mobile numbers above or [clgpsnetball@gmail.com](mailto:clgpsnetball@gmail.com)

## ASSEMBLY VALUES AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received the Safety Award at last week's assembly:

Paige M, Oscar C, Toby M, Haydee K, Alissa H, Thomas R, Tarique K, Clara H, Ayesha F, Oliver B, Christian S, Max B, Oskar E, Lauren R, Jessica Y, Lucas C, Paraskevi V, Zack W, Charlie G, Alex B, Ben W, Tayla C, Ari C, Tahera K, Zoe W, Elly C, Megan B, Anthony T, Ekaterini K, Spencer M, Parvaneh P, Chris D, Aaliyah W, James P, Amy R, Pete L, Austin B, Alana B, Ebony V, Dylan N, Giselle D, Aleksander G, Anne H, Emma L, Cooper P, Samuel B.

Our next Assembly: is student run and will be on Friday 21<sup>nd</sup> February. The R-2 assembly (hosted by Room 22) will be from 11:20am- 12:10pm, and the Year 3-7 assembly (hosted by Room 17) will be from 12:20pm – 12:50pm.

## UNIFORM SHOP

WOW! The first shipment of new polo shirts sold out really quickly!! Another order was placed in the first week of school, and we are waiting for that order to arrive. We have been advised that there will be an approximate 4 week wait for the order to arrive, so hopefully in the next few weeks we shall have it. Once the shipment arrives, we will let you know. Please note that the current light blue polo top can continue to be worn and there is no requirement to change to the new polo.



## COOL GIRLS!

Kahlia from Room 3, entered in a 25 words or less competition for Radio Station Nova 91.9

"Cool Ride To School" on the 'Big Red Bus'.

To her surprise she won the competition and took some of friends on the experience.



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## CANTEEN

Welcome back to everyone! A new menu and price list is being finalised and will be sent home in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please continue to use last year's menu/pricelist.

**Urgently Needed** - counter staff help please on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 1:00pm & 2:00pm. Thank you to Kelly G, Kelly B, Kellee W, Ruzelle, Nina and Suzanne for their help to date. Your assistance has been invaluable! Please can more people help out especially over lunch period with counter service? I know everyone is busy, but just one hour really helps.

You will have received this week the new special meal deal order forms for week 5. The meal deal is:

A Big Halal Pie & Chocolate Custard **\$4.80** (Tomato Sauce is 30c extra) **OR**

A Sausage Roll or Junior Pie & Chocolate Custard for **\$3.70** (Tomato Sauce is 30c extra)

**Reception - Year 2** meal deal day **is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Year 3-7** meal deal day **is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Orders MUST BE RETURNED BY 12 noon WED 19<sup>th</sup> February - SORRY NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN**

Help is urgently requested due to the intensive labour required.

**Helen Parsons, Canteen Manager**

## DO YOU LIKE TO SING, DANCE OR ACT?



Want to try out for a solo in 'Take to the Sky'?

Are you in Year 6/7? Want to try something new and challenging?

Everyone is welcome!

Then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you!

**Audition bookings open on Monday, February 10, 2014!**

Audition bookings close on Friday, March 7, 2014.

**Weekly rehearsals** are held at 3 locations across the metropolitan area:

North – Parafield Gardens Primary on Tuesdays

Central - Gilles Street Primary on Wednesdays

South - Darlington Primary on Thursdays

Rehearsals are from 4.15 - 5.45 pm. There will also be a few Sunday workshops.

Each troupe will be involved in 4 performances accompanying the massed choirs at the Festival Theatre between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

Ask your choir teacher for more information. Check out our website:

[www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au) or call the Festival Office on 8261 5438 for more information.

## Instrumental Music Service

Students in Years 5 – 7 at Colonel Light Gardens PS can access free instrumental lessons provided by the DECD Instrumental Music Service. Trumpet, trombone, bass guitar and percussion are taught at Edwardstown PS, clarinet and saxophone at Westbourne Pk PS and flute at Colonel Light Gardens PS. There are also band lessons several times a term at Edwardstown PS, where all the students play together. Carpooling is recommended.

**Costs:** Lessons are free BUT you will need to borrow, buy or hire an instrument. *Instruments are available for hire through the Instrumental Music Service for approx. \$180 per year.* If you intend on hiring an Instrumental Music Service Instrument, you will receive an invoice for your instrument hire from your school in Term 1, 2014.

For an expression of interest form, please contact Wayne Hunt or email Sally Eads at [Sally.Eads551@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Sally.Eads551@schools.sa.edu.au)



**Independent**

**Risk Takers**

# Year 6/7 Aquatics at West Lakes



**Resilient**



**Team work**



**Communicators**



## GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for nomination to the Colonel Light Gardens Governing Council for 2014/2015.

*Please attach a short paragraph outlining your interest and any relevant experience.*

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOMINATION

### Committee Nomination

I nominate for:

- Sports Committee                       Finance Committee                       Canteen Committee  
 Fundraising Committee                       OSHC Committee                       Education Committee  
 School Environment Committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Advertisement or sponsorship is not to be seen as an endorsement by the school, or its staff or students, of any particular product or service.**

### SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

Is your child interested in learning Chinese? In 2014 School of Languages is introducing classes for students R-7 at Westminster School on Monday afternoons from 3:45pm – 5:15pm. For more information, contact the School of Languages on 8301 4800

### TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS

\*Basketball U8, U10, and other under age teams will be entered in the Church Basketball winter competition.

\*Kids Club for all primary ages, weekly Friday 4:30 to 6pm with light meal to follow.

\*Playgroup for pre-schoolers and carers each Tuesday 9:30-11:30

For more information, contact Kevin on 0412 996 519 or visit [www.trinityclg.org.au](http://www.trinityclg.org.au) for information and forms.

### ANGLICARE FOSTER CARERS

Foster carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions: **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**, Marion Bowling Club (262 Sturt Road, Marion SA 5043) from: 6.30-8.30pm

For more information or bookings call Linda on 8131 3456 or visit [www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care](http://www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care)

### MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment. Please find below a list of all MILO in2CRICKET Centres in the North East area:

Adelaide Oval i2C Centre, starting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 5:30pm

Adelaide CC, Glandore Oval, Starting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 4:00pm

Brighton CC, Brighton Oval, Starting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00pm

Flagstaff Hill PS, Flagstaff Hill PS Oval, Starting Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February at 9:00am

Glenelg CC, Gliderol Stadium, Starting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 4:00pm

Reynella CC, Reynella Oval, Starting 8<sup>th</sup> of February at 9:00am

Sheidow Park CC, Sheidow Park Primary School, Starting Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 12:00pm

Coromandel CC, Hewett Sports Reserve, Starting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 4:30pm

Cricket this season will be a very popular sport with all the excitement from winning back the Ashes from England, the high energy KFC T20 Big Bash League and much more cricket fun! By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this Ashes Summer but every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes! To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for a Term 1 Program, log on to [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) and type in your post code.