



# Colonel Light Gardens Primary School NEWSLETTER

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ISSUE: Term 1, Week 3

## DIARY DATES

23/02/16	- ARBURY PARK CAMP
24/02/16	ROOMS 17, 18 & 21
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25/02/16	ROOMS 8, 9, & 20
26/02/16	
29/02/16	- GOVERNING COUNCIL
	7.00PM
01/03/16	- PRINCIPAL TOUR
	10.00AM
08/03/16	- MATH WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
11/03/16	- FAMILY PICNIC
15/04/16	- END OF TERM
	EARLY DISMISSAL
	2.10PM

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

## AN INVITATION

Parents are warmly invited to attend the school's Annual General Meeting on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. The meeting usually lasts an hour. At the meeting reports are presented from the sub-committees, as well as the Annual School Report containing achievement data. Elections are held for new Council members and nominations for sub-committees accepted.

*Everyone welcome!*

## PARENTS IN OUR SCHOOL.

The great strength of our school is its community, which is both diverse and highly engaged. Our school is a rich blend of nationalities, beliefs and socio-economic backgrounds. We want to hear the full range of parent views and ideas, because that will help us make better decisions. This is why our Governing Council and sub-committees are so important!

We encourage you to consider if you can give up an hour or two once or twice a term to help these committees. Please see below an outline of the roles and meeting times.

## 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 school policies, goals and directions as well as school fees and the school budget. 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 to 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 programme recommendations.

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PRINCIPAL: Sue Woollard  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Wayne Hunt  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Louisa Guest

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS CONTINUED...

It meets of an evening once a term or as required.

- **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 **Grounds & Environment** committee plans for the development of our grounds to ensure a safe and stimulating environment. It organises working bees and currently meets from 8:30am about once a term or as needed.
- **Fundraising** committee plans our fundraising events for the year. It then co-opts parents to help out with each event.

**We need at least 4 more parents on Governing Council and on the Grounds and Fundraising groups. Can you help?**

If you would like more information on any of the committees, please speak to a member of the Leadership Team or Governing Council. To nominate simply email [dl.0723.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0723.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

The **Class Parent Representatives** are another important way parents of children in classes from R to year 3/4 can be involved in our school — without attending any meetings! The role of the Class Parent Representative is to create and foster a sense of community and parent/family involvement in our school. They work with the teacher to organise a class contact list for families who would like to share their contact details. They help welcome new parents and assist them in getting to know other parents and feel part of the school community. They facilitate a social atmosphere by organising informal social gatherings such as class dinners, a coffee morning or a play date in a local park.

If you would be prepared to be a class parent please let your child's teacher know by the end of next week.

## PRINCIPAL POSITION

I would like to inform the school community that I have made the decision to retire as soon as possible after the start of Term 2, 2016. Much as I have loved working in this school community for nearly four years, I am starting to sense that I am slowing down. I don't want to be a principal who 'marks time' and does less than their best. Our students, staff and our community deserve more.

I plan to continue in the role until the newly appointed Principal can commence. I have also been informed of an External Review of our school scheduled for Week 1, Term 2. This will be an excellent 'handover' to the new Principal.

I believe the position will be advertised this week and that it will attract a strong field of applicants. Anna Lee, Governing Council Chairperson and a staff representative will be on the selection panel which is chaired by our school's Education Director, **Richard Costi**.

Principal, **Sue Woollard**

*It has been my great pleasure to work with Sue over the past two years, firstly as Chair of the School Environment Committee and then as Chair of the Governing Council. Her collaborative approach, action-orientation and vision have led to some great progress within our School; our students are being equipped with the problem-solving skills required in the 21st Century, our teachers are embracing new approaches to learning, and our school environment is on the way to being transformed.*

*Sue will be leaving us to retire and while her pragmatism, energy and humour will be missed, she has provided great foundations (literally and figuratively!) from which the School can continue to flourish.*

Anna Lee, Chairperson Governing Council.

## FIND YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL!

Sometime next week, probably Wednesday or Thursday, the laneway access will be open and many of the temporary fences will come down. This will give us access between Grange and the rest of the school, as well as getting our bike racks back. However, the section between Langley Hall and Grange will be closed for bitumen replacement, meaning parents will need to access OSHC from the laneway.

The students have been terrific about using common sense and listening to instructions to keep themselves safe.

Only a few more weeks and we'll have a beautiful new yard!



## CHANGES TO DATES

We have made a few important changes to some of the dates advertised in the last newsletter. Please adjust your diaries!

**Term 2:** **Lighting Up The Arts** is now Wednesday, June 22nd, as Thursday night is a football match at Adelaide Oval so parking would be a nightmare!

**Term 3:** **Show Day**, Friday September 9th  
**Staff Training Day**, Monday September 12th (making a four day break)

**Term 4:** **School Concert** Thursday December 8th  
**Year 7 Graduation:** Wednesday, December 14th.

*Sue, Wayne & Louisa.*

## SAPSASA & PE UPDATE

### SAPSASA CITY SOUTH DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A note was given out to any interested students who would like to nominate themselves for the carnival on Friday night **4<sup>th</sup> March**. All interested students (born 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002) will need to return their expression of interest to me no later than **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.10pm** so I can finalise the selections.

### SAPSASA KNOCKOUT CRICKET COMPETITION

The first game will be played before or on **4<sup>th</sup> March**. More information will be given out this week once I have had confirmation on team selection, playing dates and coaches.

### SAPSASA CRICKET STATE TEAM SELECTION

12 year old and under State SAPSASA Cricket team trial nominations due by **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. The trials will be in early April. Players must nominate online via the SAPSASA website to get a trial. <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport/pages/sapsasa>

### SPIKEZONE VOLLEYBALL

The Austral Nippy's Mini Volleyball competition at Westbourne Park is back again this year, starting with a nine week competition from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of April**.

Spikezone is a modified version of the game aimed at students in years 4-7, boys and girls, for beginners and advanced players, and is a great way for kids to be part of a weekly competition with a few friends whilst learning the skills of volleyball through a fun and supportive manner. If you are interested please fill in the online nomination form that can be found at the following link: <http://www.volleyballsa.com.au/spikezone/austral>

### CITY SOUTH DISTRICT GIRLS SOFTBALL TRIALS

Notes are available from Mrs Boothey or on the PECLG blog for downloading.

Please note the first trial date is on Monday **February 29<sup>th</sup>**, subsequent dates are **March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. The Softball carnival will be held in week 10 of this term, **April 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### SA's FASTEST 12 YEAR OLD BOY AND GIRL

Little Athletics are searching for potential 12 year old students who can run -100m. If you think you would like to nominate please see Mrs Boothey by the **26<sup>th</sup> February**, 2016. The heats will be run on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**, 2016 at SA Athletics Stadium, from 9am-10am- Finals 1-3pm. Athletes wishing to compete in this event must complete and submit an online nomination form by **Sunday 3rd April**, 2016. To register please visit [www.salaa.org.au/alac](http://www.salaa.org.au/alac)

### COME AND TRY SWIMMING

Unley Swimming Centre is inviting children from 7-12 years old, to come along to the centre, if they are interested in joining a swimming club or want to be a competitive swimmer. **Contact Swimming SA on 7123 0848 or [zoe.williams@sa.swimming.org.au](mailto:zoe.williams@sa.swimming.org.au)**

## 2016 MATERIALS & SERVICES FEES - PAYMENT OPTIONS

The 2016 Materials and Services invoices for all students were mailed late January to addresses in our school database. These invoices must be paid in full by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016, unless you have signed a pay-by instalment agreement, which will extend the due date to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**The school office is open from 8.30-11am each day for the payment of charges.**

Payments may be made by cash, cheque or by using Visa or MasterCard either in person or over the phone.

- **Online payment with Credit card**

Go to [www.colgrdnspes.sa.edu.au](http://www.colgrdnspes.sa.edu.au) and select 'pay my bills' and then 'Pay Your School Invoice Online Now!'

- **Instalment Plans**

Please see Amanda in the front office to make arrangements for instalments plans. Parents wanting to pay by instalments will need to sign a Pay-by instalment agreement, and fees must be paid in full by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

- **Direct Debit by Instalment**

Please see Amanda Jackson to complete an agreement with the school that allows for a specified amount to be deducted from nominated bank account on a periodical basis. The scheduled payments are:

***fortnightly - 10 payments of \$37 / student, commencing Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016***

**School Card** – Applications for School Card (financial assistance) need to be completed every year, for every child. If you have not filled in and returned the application form, can you please do so immediately. Applications are available from the school office and Amanda is happy to provide assistance with the form.

## CANTEEN NEWS

# Rec - Yr 7 SPECIAL MEAL DEALS

**Years R - 2 Tuesday 8th March (Week 6)**  
**Years 3 - 7 Wednesday 9th March (Week 6)**

**1 x Sushi with Sunburst \$4.50**

**2 x Sushi with Sunburst \$7.80**

**If ordering 2 Sushi they must be the same**

**ORDERS CLOSE AT 12 Noon Wednesday 2nd March**

**Please supply own lunch bag and correct money**  
**Stick order to bag and put wrapped money inside**

**SORRY NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN**



## TITLE

### NEW OPEN HOURS

From Term 1, 2016 the uniform shop will open on **Monday Mornings ONLY** from **8:30am - 10:00am**

*If this time is not convenient, you will still be able to make your orders either online, over the phone or at the schools front office.*

**Rachel Benton**  
Uniform Shop

## RESOURCE CENTRE

# ★ WANTED ★

## BOOK LOVERS FOR BOOK CLUBS

We are looking for enthusiastic readers and their parents to join our OUT OF HOURS book clubs in 2016.

BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB (Yrs 2/3) To be held before school

WORD PLAY (Yrs 4-7) To be held at night at a negotiated time.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY FRIDAY 19 FEB

👉 **CONTACT SIMONE** 👈

Drop into the library OR if you prefer email  
[Simone.petherick915@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Simone.petherick915@schools.sa.edu.au)

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE LIBRARY BLOG @**

**<http://simonepercy.edublogs.org/>**



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## 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear families,

Colonel Light Gardens Primary school is offering students in Years 3 to 7 an opportunity to participate in the ***International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)***.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

### ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
  2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
  3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
  4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
  5. **Participation** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form  
overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

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Please return *THIS* page to the front office along with your payment *OR* pay online through BIZgate by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

To pay with Bizgate, go to the school website [www.colgrdnspss.sa.edu.au](http://www.colgrdnspss.sa.edu.au) and select "Parent information". Choose, "Online Payments" Choose "Pay your school invoice online now!". In the student's ED ID box, type 999999999s (9 9s followed by an s). Halfway down the screen under "item/description" type ICAS competition and then put the amount. In "other comments" type your child's name and the names of the test(s) you wish your child to take. If paying by Bizgate, you **STILL NEED TO RETURN THE SLIP BELOW**.

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I give permission for my child

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Child's name* *Room no.* *Year level*

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- ☐ Science – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- ☐ English – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- ☐ Mathematics – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- ☐ All three competitions (\$26.40)

I have paid by Bizgate ☐ OR Payment is enclosed ☐

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