

Dear families and friends,

*Welcome all families to the new school year.*

Welcome back to the students and children who were with us last year. A special welcome to those starting school for the first time and to those who have come from another school. We trust you've had a really good holiday break and you are looking forward to the school year. We'd like to report that the children have been fantastic in the way they've settled into to their learning and school routines. We are on our way to another exciting year and to building on the successes of 2017.

### Acquaintance Night & Governing Council Annual General Meeting– Tuesday Evening 13/2/2018

Parents are invited to meet your child's teacher on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please go to your child's learning space (classroom) and have a chat about the learning program and classroom procedures.

Your children can then show you other learning spaces that they use in the school day eg gym, performing arts studio, visual arts studios, science studios, Resource Centre etc

On behalf of Governing Council, please accept our invitation to attend the 2018 AGM.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday at the end of Acquaintance Night on the 13th of February, starting at **6.30pm**. The AGM is where councilors are elected to Governing Council for tenure of 2 years. This group is responsible for setting directions for the school and gives *parents a voice* in the way the school runs through policy formation. Governing Council is responsible for overseeing, the uniform policy, approving the annual budget, the

setting of school fees, the debt collection policy and fundraising. We have had a very enthusiastic council for the past few years and I would invite all families to consider this opportunity to have even greater input into your children's education. Meetings are twice a term usually on Tuesday evenings.

### Traffic



Please take care around the streets and in car parks when dropping children off or collecting them before and after school. We urge you to obey traffic rules and road signs.

Please do not park in disabled parking spaces unless you have a disabled parking permit displayed.



### Woodville Gardens School Uniform

All students are required to be in uniform every day. In Terms 1 and 4 this means wearing their school hat at break times and when outside for long periods. Australia has the highest skin cancer rate in the world, nearly two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70. Much of the damage is done when children are young, not understanding the damage they are doing. In order to protect our children from potential risk can families please support by ensuring that all children have a sun-safe hat.

We ask that parents support the school policy by ensuring their children are in uniform each day.

For all uniform inquires please contact:  
Sports Centre, 142-146 Port Road Hindmarsh.  
Telephone 83463411.

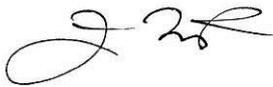
Order forms can be obtained from the front office and then submitted to Sports Centre.

### Welcome to new staff

Woodville Gardens School welcomes several new staff.

New to the Woodville Gardens School community are Mrs. Chris Stepien, Head of School- Early Years, Ms Tina Nesbitt- Assistant Principal; Innovation and Learning Mr Jason Dean - Years 6/7, Mrs Kelly Blandford – Years 6/7, Ms Jenna Sutton – Years 4/5. Clara Narinli– Learning together Program  
We welcome back Mrs Jackie Kalogerinis and Miss Rachel Dolman.

Kind regards,



*Fiona Voigt*



Chris Stepien



Tina Nesbitt



Jason Dean



Kelly Blandford



Jenna Sutton



Clara Narinli



Jackie Kalogerinis



Rachel Dolman

## Literacy Corner

### Tips to help beginning readers

1. Reading is not a test
2. When your child brings home their first 'reader' spend time looking at the pictures and model how to use the pictures to tell the story
3. Read the book to your child first, unless they are keen to read to you. If your child loses meaning, read the book to them
4. We do not want children to be put off reading by getting frustrated. At all times we try to build children's confidence so they feel good about reading
5. If they know what a word says, ask them how they knew by asking questions such as "Did you use the picture to work out that word?" "Did you look at the first letter of the word to help you?" Explain to your child that these are strategies good readers use to help them work out what words say
6. Read aloud with your child every day
7. Talk lots about the book you're reading with your child
8. Ask lots of questions about what might happen next in the book
9. Support your child to understand that reading is about making meaning so keep the focus on this
10. Read in front of your child, if they can see you like to read, they will value it too

