



DATES TO REMEMBER

13 th November 2017	Student-Free Day
15 th November 2017	Red Building Assembly
16 th November 2017	Yr 7 Transition - Woodville High
17 th November 2017	Year 2 Excursion – Grange Surf Life Saving Club.
20 th -23 th November	SAPSASA Cricket – Shane Chatto coaching for the week

Dear Parents and families,

What a wonderful celebration of the talented students and staff we saw during last Wednesday evenings Arts Extravaganza. The confidence and resilience that so many students showed in taking to the stage and performing in front of their peers and families, literally under the spotlight, was phenomenal.

The musicians demonstrated skills, talents and creativity in the way they interpreted the music and lyrics. Our hosts, Kiah, Taylor and Ha did an amazing job; keeping the show rolling, often having to amend the script through unforeseen circumstances in the program. To the families who attended, you provided the audience, creating the atmosphere, energy and feedback.



Mr Brian Monger, Ms Ali Peacock and Ms Margie Sekulic have developed Arts Programs which give ALL students the opportunity to enhance their talents but for those gifted children, they create real pathways for children to continue Arts studies in their secondary and tertiary education.

School Uniform

A reminder that school uniform is compulsory at Woodville Gardens School, Birth-7. Uniforms are an indicator of belonging.

Belonging to a group (family, friendship), club or association is a basic human need, giving individuals (children and adults) the strength to grow and learn about themselves within a supportive environment. One of the most challenging aspects of life is learning to follow rules that we often disagree with, haven't had opportunity to shape or contribute to. Many children see uniform as restrictive, inhibiting their self-expression and the easiest course of action is to rebel, wear clothing that is creative and fashionable but not appropriate for school.

As a school community we ask families and students to remember that wearing school uniform is akin to wearing a uniform or clothing appropriate for a work situation. Additionally we are expected to follow dress codes for different venues eg sporting arenas, restaurants or hotels.

So when your child decides to express themselves by rebelling and wearing something other than school uniform, please remind them that they will be asked to either return home and change or you will be inconvenienced by being asked to bring a change of uniform for them to change into

Parent Opinion Surveys

The Leadership, staff and Governing Council would value feedback from the school community about a range of aspects. The Annual Report includes this information when reporting to the Department of Education & Children's Services and to wider school community.

The survey is online from next week but should parents wish to contribute a paper copy is available through the front office. All information is provided unanimously and valued as a means by which the school can continue to build positive relationships with families.

Fiona Voigt – Principal

BLUE LEARNING AREA

BASKETBALL

Our fantastic basketball teams have been playing against other school teams, after school each Friday. All players have made so much improvement over the year and the teams work together really well. The Hornets and Bulls would like to thank all the staff members who have coached, scored and supported them this year, especially Mr Chatto, Mr B and Mr Foale.



KITCHEN / GARDEN

The Year 6/7's have been working hard to make our garden grow and are now enjoying the produce. Some of the recipes we have cooked are: Tomato and basil pizza, Silverbeet and chickpea curry, Potato and silverbeet torte and Vegetable samosas. The best part of our lessons is when we all sit together in the common area and share the food. We can even have a second serve sometimes!! We also like to invite guests to share our cooking and they always tell us how delicious our food is. Another part of our cooking program is a weekly Café for staff members. This enterprise began in Term 2 with students cooking lunch on Wednesdays for about 15 staff members each week. We are learning about costing meals, how to run a small business and ordering supplies.



PARLIAMENT HOUSE VISIT



On Monday the Year 7 students were invited by Peter Malanaskus (Minister for Health) to visit Parliament House.

He personally gave us a guided tour and explained the process between the Lower House and the Upper House and how Bills are passed through Parliament.



Literacy Corner

Why ask questions?

Studies tell us that having one to one conversations with children helps develop their speaking skills. The more you talk to them, the more words they *will* learn!

The aim is for five conversational turns for each speaker.

Studies have shown that children with better speaking skills have greater academic success.

What can you do to help?

Ask questions that require a choice

For example:

"Do you want an apple or an orange?"



Would you like to go to the park or go home?



What did you do in science today?

Ask open questions that require more than a yes or no answer

For example:

"What do you think will happen?"

"What did you do at the party?"

School Card

2017

LAST CHANCE to sign up for School Card and get your school fees out of the way for 2017!

If you are a low income earner and have a Centrelink card please come to the front office to complete an application.

2018

Changes to school card eligibility

The state government is raising the school card income threshold from next year to help families with the cost of living. This means that families with 1 child and a gross income of \$57,870 and below in the 2016-17 financial year will be able to apply for a school card. Application forms for 2018 will be available from schools or www.sa.gov.au at the beginning of the 2018 school year.