NEWSLETTER
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From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to school! And a big welcome to all of our new families. It has been a great start to the year. Our returning students and new students have had a settled beginning and are already learning lots about Building a Positive Learning Community. We have started a three week program that we are beginning our year with to set everyone up for a positive start to their learning. All of our classes are looking at building Identity and Belonging as key issues for students settling into new classes. We will be having a focus this year on Positive Education and building resilience in our students. At our first assembly next week (in the gym) we will be sharing our new class mottos and flags that the students have been designing together. We have also established Buddy classes to allow for some cross age activities to build relationships and skills across the school. We will be celebrating our first 2 weeks back at school with a picnic lunch in buddy class groups next Friday on the oval.

Our Spanish teachers will be joining us next week to plan with our classroom teachers and then they will start teaching Spanish in week 3. We will be delivering Spanish in an integrated, play based/project based way to ensure all students are engaged with it in an age appropriate manner.

Acquaintance Night
Acquaintance night information is attached to this newsletter. We will be having some time in our classroom groups so that teachers can give a rundown of class routines, and also the opportunity for parents to visit other areas of learning such as Steph in the new Art Hub, Amber in the Gym and our SSO’s in the library talking about intervention programs. Please see the Passport attached. Everyone is welcome to join us for a sausage from the BBQ and to stay on for the Governing Council AGM.

Governing Council AGM
On Acquaintance night our Governing Council will be having their Annual General Meeting. This is an open meeting to all parents in the school. Becoming a member of Governing Council is a great way to become a part of the school community and be an active part of your child’s education. We have included nomination forms with this newsletter. If you are interested in nominating as a Governing Council member please fill in the nomination form and return it to the front office by Monday 13/2/17.

Marg Clark

Term 1, 2017 30th January – 13th April

February

13th Aquatics Years 6/7
15th Acquaintance Night
20th – 24th Swimming Years 1-5
22nd Bike Education years 6/7

Thanks to our traffic monitors

Week 1
Thank you to all the students who helped with the traffic monitoring in week 1
Family Information Pack
Prior to the commencement of the Term 1 we sent out family information packs. This pack contains a number of important forms for you to update as well as information for specific year levels.

If you did not receive this pack or require another copy, we ask you to please email dl.0570.info@schools.sa.edu.au or leave your name at the front office. A replacement pack will be given to your child. Included in this pack:

- Staff list as of 19/1/2017
- Cyber safety User agreement – this needs to be signed and returned to school for all students. (copy is attached to Newsletter)
- School Fees invoice and School card forms
- OSHC information
- Uniform Price List/Order Form
- Regency Studio information for years 5-7 only
- Student data update form. Please check all of your details, sign and return to school. (Yrs 1-7)

Line of Communication
If you have any concerns about your child’s learning, your first point of call is their teacher. Please speak to them to discuss you issues. Should you need to speak to any of our senior leaders, including the Principal, appointments must be made through the front office.

School Safety
All years 6 and 7 students trained last year to be traffic monitors so they could take responsibility for helping students cross the road safely. Children who need to cross Regency Road to get to school must use the school crossing. We ask parents to cross at the lights with your child and set a good example.
If your child rides a bike to school, please make sure they wear a helmet. Bikes are not to be ridden in the school yard, and children must walk them through the school. Skateboards, or shoes with wheels are not permitted in school grounds.

Parking
Please make sure that you follow the parking signs around the school. Prospect Council will enforce parking limits, and fines are sent to those who park illegally. Parking is available in Alice Street. We also ask that you do not park in or walk through the staff parking area. Parents must make sure their child enters the school grounds through the correct gateways.

School Hours
School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.15pm. Students need to be picked up at 3.15pm as teachers often have meetings and are unavailable to supervise students past this time. If an emergency arises and you will be late collecting your child, please contact the office.

Early Arrival and Dismissal
Staff are not on duty until 8.30am to supervise children, and for safety reasons we do not allow students in the yard before this time. Children arriving at school prior to 8.30am need to be booked into OSHC. Should you need to pick your child up early, please visit the office for an early dismissal form before taking your child.

Exemptions
If your child is going to be away from school we ask that you notify the front office. If they will be absent for an extended period of time, we require an application requesting an exemption. Forms are available from the front office.

Uniform
It is expected that all students attend wearing school uniform. The front office sells our t-shirts and jumpers, as well as a selection of black shorts and long pants. Hats are also available from the office.

Hats
Students are required to wear a hat when outside from September 1st to May 31st. Children who do not have a hat must be under the shelter shed at playtimes and when lessons are held outside. We encourage our students to be sun-smart and we ask parents to assist us by making sure that a school hat is always in their schoolbag. Please make sure your child’s name is written on the hat in case it gets lost.

Hot Weather
Students are dismissed at normal times during hot weather. As our school is fully air-conditioned, we do not send students home early on these days. Inside play at recess and lunchtime occurs when the temperature outside is over 35 degrees.

Assemblies
Assemblies are a great way for classes to showcase their learning. They run on alternate Friday mornings and are held in the Activity Room. Parents are always welcome to attend.
Mobile Phones
Children who bring mobile phones to school must turn them off when entering school grounds. The phones need to be given to their teachers for safe keeping at the start of each day. Should you wish to contact your child during the day, please phone the office on 8344 4604.

School Fees
Invoices for school fees have been sent home last week. Governing Council has set the fees this year at $265 per child.

Newsletter
Newsletters are sent home each fortnight. If you have an email address on our records, you will receive an electronic version only. If you require a newsletter sent to a different email address, please let us know.

For parents who don’t use email, we will send a paper copy home. Our newsletter is also available to read on our website at www.prospectnorth.sa.edu.au

ATTENDANCE

This year the state target for attendance has again been set at 95% with unexplained absences targeted at less than 5%. To achieve these state targets it is important for teachers and parents to work together to ensure students are at school on time every day and that there is regular communication regarding absences. To support us to achieve these targets please ensure you make contact with the school via phone call, email or note on every occasion your child is absent. Any more than 3 days away in a row requires a doctor’s certificate stating the reason for absence or an exemption which has been pre-approved by the principal.

DID YOU KNOW ...?
• Missing one day a week of school from reception to year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
• Being half an hour late to school each day from reception to year 10 equals missing one year and one-and-a-half terms of schooling.
• Being absent five days a term from reception to year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.
• Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.
• Indigenous students are absent twice as much as non-indigenous students.
• There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.
• Students who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the juvenile justice system.
• Girls who are frequently absent from school are over-represented in the statistics for teenage pregnancies.

DO I HAVE TO SEND MY CHILD EVERY DAY?
Yes, unless:
• The child is too sick to leave the house.
• The child has an infectious disease like chicken pox, mumps or measles.
• The child has an injury preventing movement around school.
• The child is going with caregivers on a family holiday that cannot be arranged during school holidays. This is arranged with the principal prior to the absence by applying for a school exemption.
• A medical or dental appointment could not be made out of school hours (If possible, appointments should be made out of school hours).
**New Learning Space**
Our old Activity Room has had a make-over. It is now the bright, cheerful and welcoming ‘Art Hub’. Our new visual Art teacher, Stephanie Wright, will be teaching classes in this amazing new space! We are sure the students are going to enjoy using it!

**Reconciliation Garden**
Our new play area is now finished, and ready for our students to explore in! The plants and trees that have been planted are all natives that would have grown in the area over 200 years ago. This part of the garden will become part of a bigger story – the story of the Rainbow Serpent will be developed through the school with the new garden becoming the body of the snake.

A big welcome to all the new students who have started at our school this year. We hope that you all enjoy being part of our school community.
Prospect North Primary School Staff 2017

Marg Clark  Principal
Christine Fowler (Term 1) Senior Leader: Wellbeing and Engagement
Nicola Launder  Senior Leader: Learning Support

Classroom teachers
Brooke Edwards/Stevi Day  Rooms 1/2  Reception  Angwin Unit
Jasmin Smerdon  Rooms 1/2  Reception  Angwin Unit
Rachel Cornell  Rooms 1/2  Reception  Angwin Unit
Vivienne Lutzte  Room 3  Year 1  Angwin Unit
Mal Cameron  Room 4  Year 1  Angwin Unit
Sarah Pressler  Room 5  Year 2  Regency Downstairs
Deanne Jensen  Room 6  Year 2/3  Regency Downstairs
Carol Berryman  Room 7  Year 2/3  Regency Downstairs
Vicki Sandstad  Room 8  Year 3/4  Regency Downstairs
Sharni Finlay  Room 9  Year 4  Regency Upstairs
Anna Weinert  Studio 10  Year 5/6/7  Regency Upstairs
Casey Gouck  Studio 11  Year 5/6/7  Regency Upstairs
Gail Powers  Studio 12  Year 5/6/7  Regency Upstairs
Bridget Haskett & Amy Haskett (Term 1)  Studio 13  Year 5/6/7  Regency Upstairs

Specialist teachers
Amber Heaft  Physical Education
Stephanie Wright  Visual Arts

Administration
PJ Willmott  Finance Manager
Gillian Hodges  Administration
OSHC Director: Jill Grundy
Groundsman: Ferry Cillessen
ICT Technician  Chris Szumylo

Learning Support Team
Zena Kauschke  Classroom Support, Library and Newsletter
Vivien Gillard  Classroom and Intervention Programs
Lynda Livori  Classroom and Intervention Programs
Sue Wilson  Classroom and Intervention Programs
Teresa Rowe  Classroom and Intervention Programs
Durkhani Wahabzada  Classroom and Intervention Programs
Rebecca Bennetts  ACEO (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)

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