Dear Families,
Thank you to the many families who shared Acquaintance Night with us. It was great to see families represented across the site. We did change the format this year so teams of teachers could provide an overview of teaching and learning programs in addition to class routine information. Any feedback you have would be appreciated for future planning.

Many thanks to Athalie our canteen manager and her volunteers who cooked sausages for this event. Teachers have kept copies of learning overviews and handouts. If you were unable to make it on the night, please make sure you have this information as a guide to your child/ren’s curriculum areas and ways you can support their success for Term 1. Staff appreciated the opportunity to meet families and share information.

Homework
All classes have now begun formal homework. Homework is that 'compound' word that evokes a wide range of responses and emotions! Many of us base our thoughts on homework around our own experiences at school. At Fairview Park, staff accept there is unlikely to be any homework structure that works for all families on any given night. We therefore follow our homework policy that provides an overview for times over a weekly period. The policy states:

‘As homework is an integral part of a child’s schooling experience.
Suggested times are:
Years R - 2 – Opportunities during the week to complete school and home tasks
Years 3, 4 and 5 – up to 30 minutes, 3 - 4 days per week
Years 6 and 7 – up to 45 minutes, 4 days per week.

Each class will have slight differences in format however the expectation is that as primary educators we are providing an opportunity for students to work on their organisational and time management skills at home to complete tasks over a weekly or fortnightly time frame. These organisational skills are expected in high school and serve well as life skills in any chosen career.

We ask that you promote opportunities at home to support your child(ren) to use time efficiently within other commitments to complete set tasks.
We also remind you that tasks set for homework are to encourage students to practise or complete skills that have been taught at school. The teaching and learning occurs at school and can be consolidated at home through practice and revision.

If your child/ren experience difficulties, please talk to teacher/s so that concerns can be resolved quickly. Teachers are experienced, qualified professionals who provide students with new learning at school in a planned, sequenced manner with expectations of each individual student’s achievement potential. It is important students complete and practise tasks in the manner they have been taught. Families play a significant role in supporting study habits. It is the teachers’ role to scaffold the learning processes. We appreciate feedback about how successfully your child/ren manage their homework routines. Student communication books or diaries are a great way to keep in touch with teachers regarding homework clarifications, successes and records.

- Site Words
Families often ask for copies of lists we use for our students when they are first learning site words in the early years. Our site uses the Oxford list. There is an online version that may be helpful for homework activities.
http://www.oxfordwordlist.com/pages/
Assembly
Assemblies are scheduled for Thursdays, odd weeks, across each school term, at 2:20 pm. We love to see family members in our audience. Please refer to the newsletter calendar for reference to when you child/ren’s class/es are presenting.

Volunteers
I look forward to seeing those of you who have booked in this Friday at 9:30 am in Area 4 for our site based volunteer training. Thank you in advance to those who have either joined our volunteer register or who are attending as a refresher. Please remember Relevant History Screening (RHS) and site based training are both required prior to volunteering. May I also remind current volunteers that signing in through the front office is still required so we have a record of visitors on site in case of emergency and routine evacuation practices.

School Fees
Many thanks to all of you who have paid school fees or made arrangements to pay in instalments. We rely on school fees to support our learning programs and purchases of resources. We are unable to carry outstanding debts without negotiation. Our Governing Council has annually endorsed our site policy to address outstanding fees. All outstanding accounts will be automatically submitted to DECD Debt Collectors where communication and arrangements are not in place.

Car Park Courtesy
A friendly reminder that parking before and after school is not available in the staff/ visitor car park unless a site permit has been provided for extenuating circumstances. The family car park is via Pangari Drive. Although other side streets also have available parking, I would like to caution families that Anona Way in particular, has become quite congested. Residents report not being able to access their properties. Neighbours are seeking intervention from the Tea Tree Gully Council. We do know these times are very busy, with limited spaces, however we ask that you show patience and respect – think of it as great role modelling for your child/ren. The Council and SAPOL have been asked to monitor car parking around our site as a response to concerns raised over the previous few weeks.

After School Yard Play
We love to see students spending time with friends and their families after school on the equipment. Please remember however students do need a supervising adult during this time. Class teachers and yard duty teachers spend this time supervising safety as students leave the school grounds and talking to families informally. For safety reasons, students will be asked to stay off the playgrounds if they are without family supervision. Please note the role of the after school yard duty teacher is to supervise student departure via Pangari Drive. Fortunately we have a fantastic OSHC available on site if you need any support after school. If additional spaces are available Billy can support last minute emergency bookings. Please see Billy Graves our Director for bookings.

As the new school year is now well underway and class relationships and routines are in place, I look forward to a settled and learning focussed partnership with you to ensure we collectively support each of our students to achieve at the very best of their ability.

Warm Regards,

Vanessa Mortimer
(Principal)

Principal Awards
Congratulations to the following students:
Isaiah (A1), Chiara (A2), Kaicee (A3), Cameron (A5), Briannah (A6), Toby (A7), Ben (A8), Hannah (A9), Holly (A10), Chelsea (A11). Specialist Award: Tahlia (A11)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge:
Levi, Alex (A2), Dylan, Indiana (A10), Alana (A8)
**OSHC News**

Hi and welcome back to the new school, year. This term has already been an exciting one for OSHC. We were recently assessed as part of the National Quality Standards, where we were rated as 'Exceeding the National Quality Standard' I believe this is a good reflection on our daily routines and practice. We have seen new enrolments increase our numbers each day and are approaching if not meeting our maximum licensed limit of 30 children. If you need care for before or after school, it is important that you call in advance to ensure we have available space. Our program for this term is based on ensuring that the new children to the service are supported to feel safe, secure and have a feeling of belonging. We are also looking at the interactions each child has with each others, developing respectful and collaborative relationships. If you would like more information regarding before or after school care please call in to see us in the southern unit, or call Billy or Reannon on 0421 414 730.

**Week 4**

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**Community News**

For more information please contact the front office or our Notice Board located in the Northern unit

**Cancer Council** - The Woodley Family, including our 3 girls, Chelsea (A11), Briannah (A6) and Charlotte (A1) are participating in the Cancer Council’s Adelaide Northern Relay for Life from March 28-29. That’s 18 hours of relaying for our team “Family Rocks”. Each of us has been effected by cancer in some way – and that’s why we choose to relay – to raise money to help the Cancer Council with research and to support those fighting this horrible disease. You can help us achieve our fundraising goals in two ways:

1. Chelsea and Briannah have both decided to donate their pony tails to ‘Pantene Beautiful Lengths’ to be used to make wigs for cancer patients. They would like to raise $500 each – all donations of $2 or more are tax deductible. You can either donate online or in person.


2. By purchasing Krispy Kreme donuts. Glazed Original Donuts are $18/dozen and Classic assorted are $22/dozen. Orders and payment need to be in by Thursday 19th March, with donuts to be collected from school on the afternoon of Friday 27th March. Order forms are available from Kristen or the front office.

Thanks so much for your support. Kristen Woodley
## TERM 1 DIARY DATES 2015

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**MILO in2CRICKET Program**
MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids aged 5-7 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop their motor skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment. Your nearest Centre/s will be run at Modbury CC, Hazel Grove, Ridgehaven, starting Saturday 7th February at 9am Payneham CC, John St, Payneham, starting Saturday 7th February at 8:30am

Cricket this term will be a very popular sport with the ICC Cricket World Cup starting on the 14th of February. By registering and paying for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this term 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 this season, log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code. **MILO T20 Blast Program** - MILO T20 Blast is the next step in the pathway for girls and boys looking to start playing cricket! Aimed at ages 7 and up. T20 Blast runs one night a week for 8 weeks throughout Term 1, and is the perfect introduction to playing matches and continuing to learn skills. All Centres start with a FREE Come & Try Session with appearances from Adelaide Strikers players, giveaways and the Strikers mascot, SMASH!

All T20 Blast Programs are professionally run by qualified SACA staff and coaches. Free T20 Blast Come & Try Days in your area: Golden Grove MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Wednesday 11th February 5:30-7:00pm, Kensington MILO T20 Blast – Free Come & Try Day, Wednesday 4th February 5:30-7:00pm