Dear Families,

Welcome back to school. I look forward to working with you and our staff to develop your child’s skills and abilities, providing an engaging curriculum and safe environment in order for your child to be successful. Student wellbeing and their learning is our priority. We want to be a high performing school so we need to be continually looking at areas for improvement.

Communication

Communication between home and school is vital for us to be able to work together. We have introduced ‘Skoolbag’ app as another means of keeping up to date with events and news throughout the year. Instructions on how to download the app were sent home last Monday. Please see the front office if you need new instructions. Your child’s diary or communication book is also another source and we ask that parents check these on a daily basis.

This year we will be seeking feedback from you on our school values and vision as well as areas for development. Feedback can be given to our Governing Council Representatives (who we have listed below), class teachers, through newsletters and surveys, in person or through email.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Tania or myself if you have any issues or concerns which are not addressed at a class level.

This first edition of the Yakka includes details of our staff team. The Yakka is published each Wednesday fortnight, on even weeks. I encourage you to keep updated through the Yakka and class newsletters. The Yakka continues to be available on the school website in the unlikely event your hard copy is lost within the mystery of a school bag! [www.fairviewc7.sa.edu.au](http://www.fairviewc7.sa.edu.au). It will also be placed on Skoolbag.

The morning is a time to focus on supporting students so we respectfully encourage a ‘quick’ drop off once the 8:45 am bell rings so that the school day can begin efficiently. By 8:50 am, when the learning bell rings, it is important that teachers and specialist teachers (Physical Education and Spanish) can begin the learning program. There are many ways you can support your child’s class through our Volunteer System. If you need to talk to your child’s teacher, an after school time slot or an appointment at an alternate time is a great option.

Attendance is also an important part of communication. Please ring, write or email if your child is going to be absent. I would also like to highlight the importance of arriving at school on time. This supports your child to be set up for success and it also supports the rest of the class to be settled without disruption to start the morning learning program. Learning is supported by consistent attendance together with routine and structure. Together we can develop organised, resilient and independent learners.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please note our staff will be involved in a Professional Training and Development Day with other schools in the Tea Tree Gully Partnership on Friday 26th February. Thank you to Governing Council who have endorsed this day. Schools are entitled to 4 Pupil Free Days and 1 School Closure throughout the year and we will be confirming other proposed dates at our first Governing Council meeting to be held on Thursday 18th February. OSHC will be available on this day. Please speak to our OSHC staff to book your child in if required.

Road Safety and Awareness

A concerned neighbour has contacted the school to remind us to all be vigilant when crossing our local roads and to remember to look and listen whilst walking on the footpath and check that it is safe to cross driveways as sometimes drivers may not be aware you are there. Care needs to be taken to avoid accidents occurring.

Warm Regards,

Melissa
Melissa Evans
Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

**Week 2**

- 9/2 Acquaintance Night

**Week 3**

- 15/2 Finance and Executive meetings 8:45am
- 17/2 Schoolastic orders are due Assembly-A9 hosting 2:20pm
- 18/2 Volunteer Training 9:30am in the Staffroom Governing Council meeting 7:00pm
A useful internet site for information about anaphylaxis and health planning generally, is: http://www.chess.sa.edu.au

Out of date medical forms can not be enacted by staff. These together with current contact numbers support us to ensure safety and support for students. Please take a few minutes to read our policy and contact us with any questions or clarifications you may require.

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We also ask that you ensure any medical plans, relevant to your child(ren) when they are at school, are updated annually.

School Services Officers (SSOs)

Mrs Sarah Robertson – Front Office, Intervention & curriculum support
Mrs Madeleine Pontifex – Front Office, Resource Centre, OSHC finance & ICT
Mrs Janine Ingham – Finance Officer – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
Mrs Cheryl Keelan – Curriculum support - preschool
Wendy Keddie – Intervention & curriculum support
Mrs Cathie Diprose – Intervention & curriculum support
Mrs Jo Smart – Intervention & curriculum support
Mrs Leah Watkins – Intervention & curriculum support
Mrs Christie Mahony – Intervention & curriculum support
Ms Shiree Luders – Intervention & curriculum support
Ms Cheryl Whitmarsh – Intervention & curriculum support

Governing Council Members

Chairperson - Kate Hurst, - Deputy Chair - Keturah Stock , Secretary - Jane Sternagel, Treasurer - Paul Miller
Members - Kelly Webb, Kelly Wegener, Magdalena Moise, Kate Harris, Claire Robertson, Nathaneal Scherer
Principal - Melissa Evans, Assistant Principal Tania Dodd, Staff Representative Christiane Stankevicius

Volunteers at Fairview Park

Once class teachers have concluded our Setting up for Success Program over the beginning weeks of the term, they will be inviting volunteers to participate in their classroom program in a variety of different ways. For the safety and well being of all students, DECD has clear processes in place to ensure that volunteers meet training requirements.

We ask that all volunteers attend a school based volunteer training (which lasts for 3 years), sign in via the front office and wear badges to represent their role in the school. This supports us during WHS evacuation processes and also ensures you are welcomed into the relevant space for each session.

In terms of student wellbeing and engagement, our volunteers add to our sense of community so that students feel connected and develop belonging.

DCSI clearances are no longer required for all volunteers in schools however some roles still require clearances. Please check with Front Office Staff or your class teacher if you will require a DCSI clearance before volunteering. Front office staff are currently collating lists for class teachers so if you are already trained you may be approached by class teachers.

The next site based training will be held Thursday 18th February at 9.00am in the staff room. (Please note change of day that was published in Welcome letter).

Allergies, First Aid and Medication Updates

Enclosed in this addition of the Yakka is a copy of our ‘Health Support Policy’. Fairview Park is a Nut Free School. This is a recommendation placed by DECD to all schools to ensure the safety of students with severe anaphylactic reactions to nuts. We thank the families that have spoken with their children about this. We have students at Fairview Park School that can have potentially life threatening reactions to nuts.

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**Fairview Park Primary School**  
**Out of School Hours Care and Vacation Care**  
**OSHC Office Telephone: 8251 6770 or 0421 414**

**Term 1 Activities**

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please check the Term 1, 2016 Canteen price list for updated prices this was sent home last week with students. If you require a price list please visit the Canteen or you will find it on Skoolbag.

When filling out lunch order please check that new prices are used.

Please also remember to include 5 cents for a lunch bag if you have not provided one. You are able to purchase 10 lunch bags for 40cents.

**YEAR 6/7 LEADERSHIP**

Our Year 6/7 students were involved in a training day on Monday 8th February to prepare them for this year’s leadership roles. This year we will be introducing School Captains and the students wishing to take on this role will need to do a poster, written application and oral presentation to all of their year 6/7 peers who will be part of the selection process. A number of other leadership roles will also be introduced. These include House Captains, Media Crew, Enviro Kids, Choir Captains, Magazine committee, Fairview Bear, Library Leaders, and Display Leaders.

At the training our students discussed the qualities of a good leader, observed others to determine who they thought would make a good leader and reflected on their own leadership skills and qualities. We look forward to reading their applications and further developing their skills by providing training to students who are successful in their applications.

**2016 SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to all those who have paid their School Fees in full, commenced part payments or applied for School Card. Fees are due to be finalised by the end of Term 1 (Friday 15th April 2016). If you are still to arrange part payments, please complete one of the following forms, available at the front office, by the end of next week (Friday 19th February 2016):

- “Agreement to Pay By Installment” – for cash or cheque installments
- OR -
- “PAYWAY” - for direct debit or credit card installments

If you are applying for School Card an application form is required to be completed at the beginning of each year (available from Front Office).

**Community News**

For more information please contact the front office or view our Notice Board located in the Northern Unit.

- **4-5 year Health Checks** - If you missed your child’s preschool health check or are unable to make it on the date offered at your Preschool please phone 1300 733 606 for an appointment.
- **Holden Hill Blue Light Disco Splash Bash** - Friday 26th February 2016 7:00 -10:00pm at Water World corner Jack High Lane Golden Grove Road, Ridgehaven. Tickets $10 available from Water World or Holden Hill Police Station. Ages 12 - 17yrs, lock in event, DJ, games and prizes.
- **Modbury Vista Soccer Club** – Modbury Vista Soccer Club invites new players for the 2016 season we currently have vacancies for the following age groups: U6, U9, U10, U12, U14 and U16.
  
  Visit www.mvsc.com.au All phone enquiries to the club Registrar on 0431 366 241 for more information.
- **Tea Tree Gully City Soccer Club** - Players wanted, the TTGSC will be holding our Registrations day this Sunday 7th February 9am till 12 (noon) for the 2016 soccer season. John Tilley Hall, Tilley Reserve corner Hancock road & Yatla Vale Road Surry downs. Player of all ages and abilities are welcome to join a team. Age groups range from U/5 to U/18. Anyone who is interested attend our registration day or alternatively contact our registrar Rach Robbins on rachrobb@bigpond.net.au
- **Gemini Netball Club Inc.** - Player Registration Now!! Winter 2016 season. Player nomination form and full fees required, uniform fittings will be done February 2016.

Players required for the following grades:

- 9yrs and under, 11yrs and under, 13yrs and under, 15yrs and under, 17yrs and under, Seniors – open age. If you are interested in playing winter season 2016 please contact as soon as possible via club’s website: www.gemininetballclubinc.com As all Club and Team Registrations have to be submitted early February to South Australian Districts Netball Association Contact: Margaret 0414641063
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