Dear Families,

I hope all Mums enjoyed Mother’s Day and the gifts purchased from our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to the fundraising committee and volunteers who gave up their time to open the stall. The term has begun with our last school camp. I have had the pleasure of attending all camps and would like to personally thank the staff for their commitment to making these experiences so valuable.

Students have further developed their independence skills, been able to try new experiences and taken risks to build their resilience. Hopefully they have shared with you what they did, tried, shared with others, enjoyed the most and have transferred some skills into their everyday life.

Student Free Day

On our first day back to school staff were involved in a professional learning day. We began the day by looking at our school values and what values they believe our students should be taught and use in their learning whilst at school and beyond. We have developed a variety which will then be discussed and added to during our Governing Council meeting. We will then publish these through the newsletter and ask for feedback from the rest of the school community.

The rest of the day was spent on Powerful Learning. We are using Guy Claxton’s model of building learning power. Claxton’s Learning-Power muscles are Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Reciprocity. This term our staff have decided to focus on the Learning Power Muscle and disposition of Building Resilience which is being ready, willing and able to lock on to learning. Teachers and staff will be doing activities based around the capacities and using the language of Absorption – flow, the pleasure of being rapt in learning, Managing Distractions – recognising and reducing interruptions, Noticing – really sensing what’s out there and Perseverance – stickability, tolerating the feelings of learning.

Each newsletter I will share information about the learning muscles.

NAPLAN

Our years 3, 5 and 7 have completed testing this week in literacy and numeracy. The tests were on Reading, Writing, Spelling and Language Conventions and Numeracy. These tests give us a snapshot of how your child is progressing with their learning and shouldn’t be used as the only measure of assessment. We will receive the results from these tests in September and will then analyse the results, develop whole school directions, identify how best we can support our students and stretch their learning.

PlayPod

Our play pod has arrived and we are busy collecting items for it so that we can then open it up to our students to use to play during their lunch times. Each class will be introduced to the pod in week 4 or 5 and then lunchtime play will begin after this. We still need donations. If you have or know a business that may have items suitable to include in the pod, please let us know. We are looking for things such as: Off cuts of artificial grass, Cardboard cylinders, Lengths of fabric, PVC pipe of different width and lengths, Blocks of foam, Old telephones & keyboards, Wooden and plastic crates, ropes, Plastic chains, Safety bunting, Cardboard boxes, rubber mats, lengths of rubber, barrels, material-shade cloth, netting and other waterproof materials, tubes, boxes, tubs, wooden blocks, large reels, old sheets, curtains, material, bread or milk crates, saucepans, plastic cups, old fax machines, big storage boxes, child booster seats.

Warm Regards,

Melissa
Melissa Evans (Principal)
The colder weather and winter is fast approaching! For all your uniform needs please visit the School Uniform shop in the front office. Exciting news for the Preschool we now stock Preschool windcheaters in red and blue sizes 4 - 6.

- School Jacket $35.00 ea
- School Windcheater $40.00 ea
- Preschool Windcheater $35.00 ea

Pastoral Support

Over the past few years there has been a lot of talk about RESILIENCE in the Education world. But do we really understand what it is and why it is so important for each of us to have?

Here is a simple explanation to help us understand:

Resilience is:
- The capacity to cope with change and challenge and to bounce back during difficult times,
- Being able to bungy jump through life,
- The ability to cope with negative events in life feeling confident and capable,

We all go through difficult life challenges, no one can prevent that. Life is a list of unplanned events that is out of our control. Having confidence and faith in something greater can help immensely.

Parenting SA (Coping Skills Guide) explains that if children have a lot of adverse things happening in their lives there will always be some effect. In any group of children who have faced big challenges or problems, there are some who grow up able to cope with living and caring for themselves and others who have long term difficulties. We can help children build strengths so that they are more able to successfully face challenges and setbacks. Some people not only face and overcome a difficult situation; they can be strengthened by it!

Helping children understand that they are loved and supported makes all the difference. Making their lives as stable as possible can go a great way in helping them feel secure; children love predictable events in their lives.

On another note it is important to know that it is best that children not be sheltered from every negative event (allow them to make their own mistakes). Too much protection from disappointment and failure may not give children the chance to learn how to deal with difficult situations and this would naturally make them LESS RESILIENT. It is all about balance, isn’t it.

Ailsa Roberts
Pastoral Care Worker

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Governing Council News

At our next Governing Council meeting, on Thursday May 19th, Governing Council members will be making a wishlist on how to spend the money we have put aside for the verandah as members decided that the cost of $47 000 would be best spent elsewhere. If you have any ideas on how this money could be spent please share with a Governing Council member or email these ideas through to melissa.evans753@schools.sa.edu.au. These ideas could be around facilities improvements, computers, Information technology, furniture, educational activities, end of year whole school excursions etc. If you still wish Governing Council to consider the verandah as an option please email this information through too.

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National Volunteers Week 9—15 May

We would like to thank our volunteers for the work they do within our school. A message from our minister for education Susan Close. You make kids’ lives better in so many ways. You support them to develop a love of reading and to know their heritage and culture, you introduce them to the fun of sports and the value of teamwork and you help to establish safe and settled environments for kids in care. And just by being there and sharing your val-
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Term 2 Activities

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Class Success Awards
Term 1 Week 11 and Term 2 Week 1

Congratulations to the following students:

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge:
Lauren, Shae (A1), Wesley, Liam (A2), Layla, Anton, Casey, Ashden (A3), Lachlan, Magnus, Evie, Ava, Sienna(A4), Chloe, James (A5), Hannah, Charni, Brodie (A6), Eamonn (A7), Keeley (A9), Ashanyia, Bethany (A10)

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

Gemini Netball Club Inc - If you have not played netball before and would like to “COME & TRY” NO FEE APPLICABLE Players in the following age groups invited: 9 and under, 11 and under, 13 and under Expressions of interest register now!!!!!! via club’s website: www.gemininetballclubinc.com “Come and Try” held Thursday nights 19th May & 26th May at Atlantis Ave Golden Grove All inquiries will be responded to asap via email.

Birdwood Farm Day - Sunday 15th May 2016 10am - 4pm for more information visit www.birdwoodfarmday.com

KIDS TAEKWONDO - Beginners Classes Starting Now in this area. Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Respect and Leadership Skills. Children 5 and up, sports voucher welcome, Olympic sport martial art, qualified instructors all DCSI cleared, enrol your child now. Contact: 0412 965 905 Website: www.worldtaekwondo.com.au
Email: info@worldtaekwondo.com.au

MSP Photography Reminder
Fairview Park Primary School
Friday 13th May
Preschool
Tuesday 17th May

Please send money and forms to the Front Office ASAP.
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