FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

The Stirling Christmas pageant was held last Sunday and we had approximately 80 students and 40 parents/staff participate. Our sincere thanks go to Miranda Hampton (Cycle 4 assistant) and the Cycle 4 students for expertly designing and helping to create the wonderful sea themed costumes for all students who were involved to fit in with our “Prey & Predators” theme. This is such a wonderful school occasion that unites our students and campuses and also a great opportunity to engage with the wider community. Our “school entry” was visually stunning and the participation rate and subsequent “size” of our entry portrays a very positive message of unity and a strong sense of community whilst increasing the profile of the school. Thanks to all of the parents and staff who assisted in some way and supported this event. And thank you to the children for their enthusiastic participation!

Cathy France –Principal

STIRLING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Excitement in the air
People on the street
The Christmas pageant has started with our feet
Silver, purple, violet and green
Lots of colours to be seen.
Clownfish, sharks and scuba divers that were mini,
Mermaids, dancers and Santa with a chinny
Fire sirens, shouts and cheers
Drums and trumpets ring in our ears
Lots of lollies everywhere
Bubble gum, lollipops & chocolate bears
At the end the oval’s packed
Lots of stalls and that is that
Now it’s done
The parade has gone
The darkness is near
But we all had fun
Rest your head
On your bed
Get into your pyjamas
“Night” said Ted

Written by Charlotte Daly (Cycle 2)

INDONESIAN NEWS FROM ELLIS

Last Wednesday a group of Indonesian officials and talented artists from West Java (lead by the Head of Department of Tourism, West Java and accompanied by some members from The Australian Indonesian Association of SA) visited our school for a whole school cultural performance. The audience enjoyed a fantastic collaboration of ‘Ronggeng Uyeg’ dance with the background musical instruments of ‘Kohkoh Keprak’. Many students and staff praised how great the whole entertainment was. Below are some comments written and images drawn by Cycle 2 students:

I loved the Indonesian performance. The people were friendly. The karate was funny. The boys’ costumes were handsome and the girls’ costumes were so pretty, colorful and shiny. The instruments were very interesting and beautiful and they sounded great together. It is different to the music we have in Australia. One thing I noted was most of the instruments were made of bamboo and carved in the most beautiful ways. The dancers used instruments too. Some kids got to go up, tried on the costumes and got to do a little performance. I got to wear a cool hat with different type of flowers like daisies and a thing that goes on your chest. I think a lot of people enjoyed it.

Written by Charlotte Daly (Cycle 2)
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**2016 FEES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS – WHOLE SCHOOL**

All current families have been emailed these forms and you will also find them on the Parent Portal.

- **Guide to the 2016 Fees**
- **2016 Fee payment options** - Please note that if you wish for your payment option to remain the same as this year, you do not need to return the Payment Options form. You will be notified of your new direct debit amounts by the end of this term.

**OSHC 2016 Registration Forms**

Please return these forms to the office by **20th November**.

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**2016 Fee Assistance – Whole School**

Applications for Financial Assistance for 2016 have been emailed to those families who applied in 2015. We encourage other families to contact the office if you are interested in receiving an application for Financial Assistance in 2016.

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**Family Database Check – Whole School**

Next week you will be sent a link to your Parent Portal to check your child’s and family data. You will be able to make any changes necessary and update your data and then submit it to our admin staff for checking prior to it entering our database.

This is another new technology that we are implementing and in the future if and when your contact &/or health information changes you will be able to submit updates online throughout the year. It is vital that we have up to date contact & health information for each student. We also use this data to prepare the School Directory during the school holidays, ready to distribute early next year. When you receive the email link, please make this a priority.

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**2016 Class Placements - Whole School**

Notification of class placements for primary classes for 2016 will be posted to families this week. All parents of primary students should receive this. A transition session has been organised for all primary students to move to their new class and meet their 2016 class mates and teacher/s on **Friday 27th November** from 9.30 – 10.30am.

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**Wairoa Café – Whole School**

The final café of the year is **this Friday 20th Nov at 9.15am** in the studio at Wairoa! We serve great coffee, tea and cake in beautiful surroundings.

Small people are very welcome. If you have missed seeing Herby the shark at the pageant this is another chance, and there may even be a small amount of produce for sale. See you there!

***Wairoa adolescent community and guides***

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**Christmas Toy Catalogues**

Toy catalogue orders need to be finalised now to enable you to receive your orders in time for Christmas.

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**Lucky Squares**

Come into the office and buy a Lucky Square for $1 to be in the running to win a **$20 dining voucher at the Bridgewater Inn**. You’ve got to be in it to win it! - a 1 in 60 chance to win!

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**Library News:**

Due to the increasing number of books being returned to the library damaged please note that books will be billed if returned with either liquid /food damage or substantial rips. Marissa (Librarian) is happy to discuss individual cases with parents.

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**Board Communique – Whole School**

The Environmental Risks section of the 2015 Risk Management Plan was reviewed.

Susan gave a presentation on the work of the SPTG committee this year who explored the feasibility of CCB for the pre-school. Chairpersons from each school committee reported on their committee’s activities over the past month.

*Lisa Palmer – Board Vice President*

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**2016 Staffing - Whole School**

We have now completed most of our staffing arrangements for 2016 and as you can see below, there will be a few changes.

- Alice Nisbet will be taking maternity/parenting leave and David Coulter will be replacing her at Wairoa.
- Attila Nandori will be taking 12 months leave and Lauren Kervers will be replacing Attila teaching PE at both Yultiwirra and Wairoa.

We welcome David and Lauren to our staff and school community:

- Chantel Tilley will continue teaching in Cycle 1 Primary for three days a week alongside Denise Connelly who will reduce to teaching two days per week.
- Natalie Costello returns from parenting leave and will teach two days a week alongside Stacey Lamb (3 days per week) in Cycle 3.
- Lisa Goodwin will take a further 12 months parenting leave. Tristen Turner (Mon/Tues/Wed) and Susan Harris Evans (Thurs/Fri) and will replace her in the Preschool.

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**Vacation Care Program - Yultiwirra**

We are pleased to be able to offer Vacation Care for our students from **Thursday 10th Dec. to Friday 18th Dec. ‘15**. Vacation Care will be closed from Monday 21st December to Friday 8th January 2016.

Vacation care will reopen on Monday 11th January 2016 and run until Monday 8th February 2016.

The OSHC staff have been working hard to prepare a new and exciting program for the children. I encourage you to look carefully through the program that is being sent home shortly.

We ask that families return the completed booking sheet by **Wednesday 2nd December** so that we can begin to organise staffing and confirm excursion bookings.

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**Technology Survey**

In Term 3 this year we launched a new website and then subsequently launched a number of new technologies to work towards less paper communication between the school and parents. Our aim was to make communication more efficient, accessible and “greener”. We would love to get your feedback and thoughts to help us to continue to refine our practices and processes. All families have been sent a link to the survey asking for your feedback or you can follow the link below. We would really appreciate it if parents could take a few minutes to complete the questions. Your input and feedback is valued. Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey. The results will help direct our future practices.

*https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ2TZPS*

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**Please be aware:**

There has been a case of Chicken Pox in the school. Children must be excluded from school until blisters are dry.
**INFANT PROGRAM**
Bethany putting finishing touches to her hand print fish.

**CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL**
Practical life is an important part of our preschool curriculum, teaching children many fundamental life skills including care of environment which links the home environment and the Children’s House. As the weather is warming up, the children have been very keen to get out into our garden to water our newly planted sunflower seeds and other established plants in our vegetable patch. At the end of last term they enjoyed making scare-crows to help keep the birds away! They have also helped with raking the bark chips, sweeping the pathways and trimming the grass. Connecting with nature is an important way for young children to learn about and make sense of their world, while also gaining an appreciation for nature itself.

**CYCLE 1 PRIMARY**
In Cycle 1 the understanding of number and the processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are supported by specifically designed hands on materials. These develop the child’s understanding of the procedures used to solve sums. Children enjoy learning maths and gain a real sense of accomplishment when they understand how a process works. With the support of Montessori materials children are able to accurately solve problems into the thousands.

**CYCLE 2**
This term we have read the story of the Coming of Humans, discussed early tools made by man and the significance of the human hand. Currently we are learning about Simple Machines. The students have produced a mural of their handprints that covers our classroom ceiling. They have been involved in Science groups, researching their own topics of interest and art and craft activities.

“I have enjoyed sewing my name onto my Christmas hat as a craft activity” Sarah Hart

“I like making our Christmas baubles” Pepe Zahra

**INDONESIAN WITH LYNDAL**
Ellis and I have enjoyed sharing cultural aspects of the Indonesian program of late. Sharing our gamelan skills and knowledge with parents and each other at Open Day, we each experienced resounding success during our term with this unique instrument. We ended Term 3 with an excursion to the Festival Centre where the Hong Community from West Java shared traditional crafts and games, and an Indonesian sense of fun. On Wednesday 11th Nov, the Yultiwirra campus was treated to a captivating dance performance, courtesy of the Australia Indonesian Assoc. Several intricate dances were performed by men and women, concluding with many students being invited on stage to try on costumes or attempt some of the moves. Ellis and I have very much appreciated these opportunities to enrich children’s inter-cultural understandings in tandem with our language focus.

**CYCLE 3**
This term in Stacey/Atilla’s class the theme is ecology and sustainability and in Christine’s class it is space and astronomy.
In Stacey/Atilla’s class students have been recreating webs of life and have researched the integrated systems of earth such as the cycling of materials and energy flow. They have explored the different biomes on our planet. They have been immersing themselves in nature and have sketched the natural environment around our school. They have made their very own mini ecosystem in a terrarium.
Christine’s class have been exploring the solar system. Students have thus far chosen two planets to research. They have calculated what their weight and age would be on each planet given the differences in gravity and the time each planet takes to rotate and orbit around the sun. They have created space art, made sundials and looked at how the sun interacts with our planet and made moon view finders to view the phases of the moon.
We all look forward to some astronomy and ecology activities on camp!

**CYCLE 4 & SENIOR STUDENTS (YR 10)**

**Transition day**
Last Thursday we hosted all of our new students for 2016 for a transition experience at Wairoa. Ten students came across from Yultiwirra and were joined by six new students who will be joining the school community.
The Event Management group had planned beautifully for the day – organising diligent buddy groups, preparing information stands and games, and helping Rhonda choose a menu that would work for over fifty people on the day.
Our visitors circulated through general information and Science sessions, morning tea, and community work both in maintenance and the kitchen, before taking on the Wairoa tradition of serving lunch at their own transition day! After a long lunch break, groups toured in more detail and visited the displays before finishing with another tradition – Kiwiball on the oval.

**Pageant**
Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Stirling Pageant on Sunday. It was a massive design & production effort from this creative arts group to manage our pageant entry in such a short time. They loved working with the younger students, both before and during the event, and were still busy on the day: applying clownfish face paint (very cute), fixing costumes with metres of tape, wrestling with the giant seaweed in a brisk breeze, ushering schools of fish and scuba divers in the right direction, and man-handling Herby, the huge shark puppet. We are really proud of the achievement of these Cycle 4 students (many are only 12 or 13 yrs old themselves) and the students certainly appreciated the thanks they received on the day!
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Wednesday Nov 18 – Friday Nov 20
Cycle 3 camp

Friday November 20
Wairoa Cafè - Parent Get Together – 9.15am
Wairoa Campus – All Welcome!

Friday November 27
2016 Class Transition session 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday December 1
Facilities Meeting 8.00am (Yultiwirra)
Executive Meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday December 2
Year 6 Graduation

Friday December 4
Adolescent Program Exhibition of Work & Learning
Cycle 4 (Yrs 9 & 10) Graduation

Monday December 7
End of Year Concert

Tuesday December 8
Finance Meeting 6.00pm
Board Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday December 9
Term 4 Ends – 2.00pm

Check the school website for the
detailed school calendar!

SEGAFREDO COFFEE MACHINE FUNDRAISER
A limited number of Segafredo coffee machines (The Gaggia Brera) are offered for sale at below recommended retail price with profits going to the school. These are brand new coffee machines, each with a 2 year manufacturer’s warranty supported by Segafredo in Adelaide. Also included is a 1kg bag of premium coffee beans. The Gaggia Brera is a fully automatic coffee machine with digital display. It provides cafe quality espresso thanks to its Saeco Adapting Systems and is ideal for home or office use. A Gaggia Brera coffee machine is on display in the school office. All orders can be placed at the school office. Price: $799
For any queries relating to the Gaggia Brera coffee machine please contact school parent Paul Evangelista 0407 719 844.

TERM DATES 2016

TERM 1: Tuesday 9th February – Friday 15th April
TERM 2: Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 8th July
TERM 3: Tuesday 26th July – Friday 30th September
TERM 4: Tuesday 18th October – Wednesday 14th December

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Wairoa Campus - 142 Mt Barker Rd, Aldgate SA 5154
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Email: enquiries@montessori.sa.edu.au
Web site www.montessori.sa.edu.au

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“The hands are the instruments of man’s intelligence.”
Maria Montessori

VACATION CARE
DECEMBER 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016

To help with your summer holiday planning you may wish to take note of the Vacation Care dates over December 2015 and January/February 2016.

Vacation Care will run from:
- Thursday 10th Dec. 2015 – Friday 18th December 2015
Vacation Care will close
Vacation Care will reopen:
- Monday 11th January 2016 and run until Monday 8th February 2016

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER - WHOLE SCHOOL
As a fundraiser for our library we have decided to trial the Scholastic Book Club offering a variety of books for all ages. All ordering can be done online with simple step by step instruction found inside every catalogue. Catalogues were given out to all families last week. The closing date for online orders is next Monday, 23rd November.

LOST PROPERTY:
is accumulating at a rapid rate – please check the hanging rack in the courtyard. Quite a lot is being left behind at OSHC.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kylie & Brian Lawrence on the arrival of a daughter, Lisbeth. A sister for Jessica (Rosí’s Class), Skye (Ruth/Tony’s Class) and Annalise (Emily’s pre-school).

COMMUNITY NEWS

ORIENTEERING – Summer Twilight Series (Nov 2015 – Feb 2016)
Friday evening events in Adelaide’s parklands and suburban reserves. Courses for runners and walkers, groups and individuals, any age, any level of fitness. More info at www.sa.orienteering.asn.au

KEEP YOUR KIDS SMILING: Dental Care is FREE for all pre-school and most school-aged children at School Dental Service clinics.
Your local clinic is located at Mt Barker Primary School, Dumas St, Mt Barker. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18mths. Please call 8391 0559 to make an appointment.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The Band of the South Australian Police CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR Concert at Lobethal Centennial Hall on Friday 4th December 7pm for 7.30pm start
Adults $10, Children 5-16yrs $5, Under 5 free. Tickets available from Lobethal Newsagency (cash only). Some tickets will be available at the door. Enquiries Ph: Robyn 0409 097 152 or Pamela 8389 6291