

NEWSLETTER



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Dates To Remember

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Daily fruit and lunch on
Thursdays

Parent Information Night

Tues 27th from 6pm

Governing Council AGM

7pm Tues 27th Feb

Parents and Friends' Meeting

Wed 28th Feb 2pm
Kersbrook Hill Winery

Proposed Pupil Free Day

Friday 9th March

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Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Adelaide Hills Council Environmental Health Officer - visited us last week to inspect our food preparation areas. Apart from a few suggestions such as keeping a thermometer to measure that the temperature in fridges is in a good range, we got a clean bill of health.

Playgroup – Welcome to the new families who have joined our Playgroup this year. Playgroup is off to a good start and meets at 9am on Wednesdays. Please tell your friends. There is no charge to attend playgroup and it is a nice small group that has lots of fun.

Canteen – Belinda is getting prepared to open our canteen again this term. There have been some tweaking of the items on sale, but the cost will be the same at 50 cents or \$1. We will advise further when we have more information. Volunteers are needed to roster on to assist with the running of the canteen. Even a commitment of just one day a term would be greatly appreciated.

Invacuation – This week we had an invacuation drill. All students and staff remained in their classrooms, locked doors and kept out of sight during this drill. Each term we plan to have an invacuation and an evacuation drill.

Siren - We hope to be able to get a new siren system this year that will allow us to have different tones and sounds for different alerts. It might even be able to play music five minutes before the end of play time to remind students to return sport equipment and go to the toilet.

Assembly days – In order to cater for all of our parents, many of whom need to work on certain days, we will trial having Assemblies on different days this year. We will continue to have assemblies on Wednesdays for this term, Thursdays for Term 2, Tuesdays for Term 3 and back to Wednesdays for Term 4. Our next Assembly will be on Wednesday 7th March, hosted by the students in Room 2.

Volunteers in class – contrary to the message in our last Newsletter, if you are volunteering in your child's class you are **not** required to have DCSI clearance. Students and Teachers benefit greatly from volunteers helping out in class so please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in helping.

Out of School Hours Care – Is now at capacity for most days. Please make sure you try to book ahead for OSHC as a phone call on the day may not result in getting a place. If you know in advance that your child will not be attending on any particular night please let us know as soon as you can as we often have a waiting list.

Jill Gurner
Principal

Japanese Language and Culture



We are so pleased that Japanese is now being taught by Ms Warren with the help of Open Access which is streamed during the lesson. Our Open Access Teachers are Ms Hong (Rm 2 and 3) and Ms Phi (Room 1). Students are very excited to be able to Video Chat their teachers and are progressing well with their numbers and greetings. Please drop in to see our new Japanese room when you come in on Tuesday for Information Night. Ms Warren will be telling you all about it at 6.45pm.

There are many benefits to learning a language including:

- Learning a new language is fun!
- Students are very receptive to new sounds and they develop self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment. It is like cracking a code.
- Language learning develops strong interpersonal skills and presentation skills.
- Learning a new language grows our brains! New neural pathways are developed as we learn languages which helps with our critical thinking skills, creativity and ability to problem solve.
- Learning a different language broadens our horizons and enables us to learn about other people in the world and is also great for when you go on holiday!



Parent Information Night and Governing Council Annual General Meeting

As previously advised, Parent Information Evening will be held before our Governing Council Annual General Meeting next Tuesday 27th February. Each teacher will make a short presentation and you are invited to attend. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 6pm to 7pm.

6.00pm	Room 1 Mrs Lianne Zalac
6.15pm	Room 2 Mrs Nina Judd
6.30pm	Room 3 Ms Lauren Johnson
6.45pm	Japanese (In the old OSHC Room in the main building) Ms Jamie Warren

We encourage you to come along and see what will be happening in your child's class this year. It will be followed by the AGM at 7pm and we would also be pleased if you attend.

Kersbrook Governing Council Annual General Meeting is next Tuesday 27th February starting at 7.00pm in the Library. This was advertised in our newsletter on 9th February. All Staff, Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend this and any other Governing Council meeting. We have two meetings per term and they are usually on a Tuesday. Only Governing Council members having voting rights. If you are interested in being a Governing Council member, please remember that you can self-nominate or ask someone to nominate you at the AGM. This year we will have four Governing Council members who have finished their 2 year term.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

Parents and Friends' Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 28th February at 2pm at the Kersbrook Hill Winery. All welcome. We would love your input.

School Stream

School Stream is a convenient way to communicate and we hope the app is working well for you. We are currently sending out alerts and reminders and publishing the newsletter. You can use School Stream to advise us of your child's absence from school. If you would like to know more about School Stream please speak to Andrea.

In the coming year, we intend to improve School Stream to enable more functions such as filling in and returning forms. Just a reminder that you can customise your notifications so you only see what is relevant to you. School Stream's 'opt-out' model means that once parents have identified the categories they wish to keep and deselect the rest, they will only receive notifications for those categories they have selected.

1. Go to the 'hamburger' menu (3 horizontal lines) on the top left-hand side of the home screen.
2. Select 'Setup Groups'.
3. Turn off all groups that do not apply to you.

Head Lice

Head lice love the warm summer days, so here are a few tips that we use at school to keep free of head lice!

- Avoid sharing hats and hair bands or clips
- Discourage students grooming each other's hair
- Don't share brushes or combs
- Keep long hair tied up
- Try not to make contact with heads

If you do discover head lice you can talk to your pharmacist or simply apply conditioner and comb through with a nit comb every 3 days until the hair is free of nits.

OSHC



Aleena has been busy having fun in OSHC. Please ensure you have enrolled for this year, even if you think you only might use OSHC once. A current enrolment form is required if you are to use OSHC. Also, we would appreciate it if you could be as prompt as possible with your bookings or cancellations as it helps us to organise staff.

Calendar Term 1

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5	Monday 26/2/18	Tues 27/2/18	Wed 28/2/18	Thurs 1/3/18	Friday 2/3/18
		Parent Information Night 6 – 7 pm Governing Council AGM 7pm	Playgroup 9am Parents and Friends' Meeting 2pm Kersbrook Hill Winery	Right Bite Lunch	Clean up Aust Day
6	Monday 5/3/18	Tues 6/3/18	Wed 7/3/18	Thurs 8/3/18	Friday 9/3/18
			Room 2 hosting Assembly 9am Playgroup	Right Bite Lunch	Proposed Pupil Free Day
7	Monday 12/3/18	Tues 13/3/18	Wed 14/3/18	Thurs 15/3/18	Friday 16/3/18
	Public Holiday		Playgroup 9am	Right Bite Lunch	
8	Monday 19/3/18	Tues 20/3/18	Wed 21/3/18	Thurs 22/3/18	Friday 23/3/18
		Governing Council 7pm	Playgroup 9am Harmony Day	Right Bite Lunch	
9	Monday 26/3/18	Tues 27/3/18	Wed 28/3/18	Thurs 29/3/18	Friday 30/3/18
	Parent Teacher Interviews this week		Room 1 hosting Assembly 9am Playgroup	Right Bite Lunch	Good Friday
10	Monday 2/4/18	Tues 3/4/18	Wed 4/4/18	Thurs 5/4/18	Friday 6/4/18
	Easter Monday		Playgroup 9am	Right Bite Lunch	
11	Monday 9/4/18	Tuesday 10/4/18	Wednesday 11/4/18	Thursday 12/4/18	Friday 13/4/18
			Playgroup 9am		2pm Pick Up