



North Talk

FULHAM NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 1
Week 1
4 February 2016

★ ★ ★ Dates to remember ★ ★ ★

Thursday 11 February	'Sticks & Stones' Incursion	Whole school
From 11 February	'Life Ed' van visits	Whole school
Monday 15 February	Acquaintance Night & AGM	Details inside
Friday 4 March	Clean Up Australia Day	
" " "	District Swimming Carnival	Immanuel College
Wednesday 9 March	Nude Food Day	Whole school
Friday 11 March	Pupil Free Day	School closed
Monday 14 March	Adelaide Cup Day	Public holiday
Friday 25 March	Good Friday	School closed
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday	School closed
Friday 15 April	Last Day Term 1	1.50pm Assembly 2.10pm Dismissal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our continuing families and a special welcome to all of our new families. We commenced the 2016 school year with 57 new Foundation students and 434 students overall. From what I have observed all classes have commenced very well and the children have settled into the routines quickly. I trust that everyone had a good break and that we are all keen to see what the 2016 school year has to offer here in our learning community.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We have three new staff members joining us for 2016. Russell Barwell is our new Deputy Principal. Russell comes to us from Mark Oliphant College where he had been part of the leadership team for a number of years. Catherine Almond joins us as our Junior Primary Performing Arts teacher and comes to us from Glen Osmond Primary School. Di Smith is the new Reception/Year 1 teacher in Room one. Di has been teaching at Cowandilla Primary School. I am quite sure that you will make them all feel very welcome here at Fulham North Primary School.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the Fulham North Primary School Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 15 February at 6:45pm in the Gymnasium. Nominations are now being sought for Governing Council

vacancies. Please collect a nomination form from the Front Office if you wish to seek nomination to Governing Council. Elected members will serve a two year term on Council. If you would like to seek further information about what being a Governing Council member entails please give me a call or drop in for a chat. I have arranged for a guest speaker to talk for about 15 minutes about the 'GONSKI' school funding reform, which has been in the news of late.

ACQUAINTANCE EVENING

This year we are holding an Acquaintance Evening on Monday 15th February for parents to meet their child's classroom teachers. The teachers will be presenting information on how the class will operate, general expectations and some curriculum information.

We will be holding three sessions.

5:15pm - 5:40pm Junior Primary classes
5:45pm - 6:10pm Middle Primary classes
6:15pm - 6:40pm Upper Primary classes

Whilst you are in with the teachers the children can play in the yard. Russell and I will be on duty to supervise. Further details regarding the evening will be sent home shortly. The Acquaintance Evening will be followed by the AGM. Please feel free to stay on for the AGM which will go for around 40 minutes.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE

Please note that the Drop off and Pick up zone in North Street is exactly that. **No parking is permitted in that zone before school and after school.** The Charles Sturt Council will be patrolling the area so please be aware. The fine for parking in that Zone is \$74 .

COMMUNICATION

We are always looking to enhance our communication between school and home and currently use a variety of methods. These include, Face to Face, Paper Newsletters and Notes, Skoolbag, Email, the School Website, Diaries and some teachers use text messages. We are seeking your input as to what forms of communication suit you best.

Please take the time to list your most preferred methods of communication and return the slip to your child’s teacher. You may also suggest methods that we currently do not utilise. e.g.Facebook. We are also looking at reducing paper and would prefer to email the newsletter home. Please provide you email address if you would like the newsletter electronically.

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COMMUNICATION METHODS

(Please return to Class teacher)

My preferred methods of communication with the school are as follows...

(You may choose to list methods that we do not currently use)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Parent/ Caregiver name:

Child’s/children’s name/s:

Room Number/s:

Email address for electronic newsletter:

CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING CHANGES

The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) has updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time.

- Parent volunteering in their child’s class – no DCSI screening needed
- Parent volunteering in a class that their child isn’t in – DCSI screening required
- Parent coaching a Sport Team/ Arts program that their child is in – No DCSI needed
- Parent coaching a Sport Team/ Arts program that their child is not in – DCSI screening required
- Parent overseeing a Sport/ Arts program – DCSI screening required
- Parent volunteering in the canteen – DCSI screening required
- Parent volunteering at a one off event/activity (e.g. Games Day, Excursion) – No DCSI needed
- Parent volunteering at a camp (involving an overnight stay) – DCSI screening required
- Grandparent/Family member (e.g. Aunt/Uncle) volunteering in any capacity – DCSI screening required
- Grandparent/Family member (e.g. Aunt/Uncle) volunteering at a one off event/activity e.g. Games Day – No DCSI needed
- Community member volunteering in any capacity – DCSI screening required
- All members of Governing Council – DCSI screening required.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our canteen. If you are interested please have a chat with Mary in the canteen about the role and collect a screening form from the Front Office.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER the Honourable Susan Close

A letter from the Minister for Education and Child Development is attached to this newsletter for your perusal.

Kind regards
Steve Marshall

SCHOOL NEWS

MEDICINES

The school staff are not able to administer medicines without a written note clearly indicating the dosage required and frequency, and preferably from a Doctor. We are not able to administer any form of pain relief tablets. If your child is in pain then we will call you as it would be better for them to be at home where you can give relief and monitor the results. We also need Doctor’s notes for students with any medical conditions (eg. Asthma, Epipen). These notes or Action Plans, tell us what the symptoms are we need to look for and what actions to take in response.

All Asthma action plans and Anaphylaxis plans are required to be updated each year, this is a DECD

requirement. Please supply these to the Front Office at your earliest convenience. Please note - Children will be unable to attend excursions etc without an updated plan.

As we do not have medical officers on site, we will only work to written Action Plans. For your child's safety, please bring them in to the Front Office for safe keeping.

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS 2016

If you intend to apply for School Card this year, applications are now available from Wendy in the Front Office. The invoices for 2016 fees will be sent home with children in the next few days as well as forms for updating family information.

CANTEEN NEWS

Prices will remain unchanged from the 2015 list for the time being. Please be aware that there may be increases in the near future but we will certainly let you know of any changes via the newsletter. Price lists and order bags are available from the Front Office staff. We are always looking for volunteer helpers in the canteen so if you are able to spare a few hours once a month please see me. Volunteers will need to have a current DCSI Clearance.

PERFORMING ARTS FOR 2016

Welcome back to Performing Arts at Fulham North in 2016.

This year we welcome **Catherine Almond** who will be teaching Junior Primary Performing Arts while **Heather McDonald** will work with **Room 5** Foundation students and the **Year 3 to 7** classes. Students have two 45-minute Performing Arts lessons each week. Our major performance focus this year will be the **Music Night** in Term 2, **Rap, Rhyme and Rhythm** in Term 2, the **Festival of Music** in Term 3 and the **Spring Fair** in Term 4.



AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

As of term 4 last year, we began reporting to parents in our three specialist subjects of Dance, Drama and Music. We will be teaching to the achievement standards set out in the Australian Curriculum and reporting to you on your child's progress through the written reports. We also see the performances your children do throughout the year as a valuable means of showing you their achievements in the Performing Arts. We love to see you there. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns about your child or would like to find out more about what the students call PA.

CLASSROOM PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts activities are a great way for students to get to know each other and build confidence with their new classmates. The first few weeks will have this as a focus for our JP students, along with using safe practice when moving in the classroom. The remainder of the term will have students expand their vocabulary as we build our Performing Arts Word Wall, which will include essential elements from Music, Dance and Drama. Students will learn about each element through a combination of Performing Arts games, play-based learning and explicit teaching. At the end of Year 2, it is expected that students can identify

these elements and use the proper terminology when discussing Performing Arts works.

The **Year 3 to 7** classes will also spend the first 2 weeks using Drama games and exercises as a way to practise Drama skills while getting to know their new class mates and the expectations of a Performing Arts class at a new level. The **Year 3 and 4 students** will then begin developing their dance step repertoire and start a musical trip around the world, experiencing music from several different cultures as they play, create, dance and work with tuned percussion, learn simple music notation and how to perform in a class band. **Year 5 to 7** classes have a focus this term on the music and dance of Africa. In the latter part of the term they will be able to specialize in either Dance or Music. In these units students will increase their skill levels in playing and reading music, and express their own ideas through composition.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Violin, viola and cello are taught at Fulham North through the Department's Instrumental Music Service. Lessons will begin next week. The program is currently oversubscribed and some students will be on probation for the first term. If you are new to the school and you would like your child to be involved, please contact Heather McDonald, as there may be some spare spots. Lessons are free and take place in school time but require the support of parents to assist children with regular practice.

YEAR 3/4/5 CHOIR

Bu Catherine will be starting an elective junior vocal ensemble this year, with rehearsals taking place every Monday at lunchtime in Phillis Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn essential choral performing skills and will prepare students who would like to participate in Festival Choir once they are in Year 6/7. Students do not need to audition, however, a strong commitment to attend all rehearsals is required after a try-out period. More information will be distributed later in the term and a note will be sent home with students who are interested in participating.

Our involvement in the **Festival of Music** continues. The **Festival Choir** is an elective choir for **Year 6/7** students, which rehearses on Wednesdays. This choir prepares a range of songs for the Festival that is held in the Adelaide Festival Theatre in September. They also sing at school and community events. All 6/7 students attended a rehearsal yesterday to find out about the Festival and the amazing opportunities it has to offer. Your child will bring home a note if they want to join. Congratulations to **Andrew Armitage** who auditioned successfully for the Festival orchestra this year.

The selection process for the **Fulham North Percussion Band** for 2015 was conducted at the end of last year. Two students have been chosen to join our current band members. Band rehearsals will begin in week three before school on Wednesday mornings from 7:40am to 8:30am. Again if you are new to the school, your child is in year 6 or 7, has a passion for percussion and would like to audition for this group please contact Heather McDonald

This year our annual **Music Night** will be held in week 5 of Term 2. This is an opportunity for students who learn an instrument, sing or dance to perform to an enthusiastic audience. Auditions for a place in the program will take place in Performing Arts lessons early next term but we will begin discussing how to successfully audition this term.

Students interested in forming or participating in **lunchtime groups** will need to see Bu McDonald.

During this term other opportunities in the Performing Arts will be offered to students. Information regarding these opportunities will be placed in North Talk.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our many performances this year.

Heather McDonald and Catherine Almond

COMMUNITY NEWS

COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL AT LOCKLEYS FOOTBALL CLUB

Places are available for boys in the following age groups:

Under 13's (Birth year 2003)

Under 16.5's (Birth years 1999 (after 1 July); 2000 and 2001)

Limited places are also available for boys and girls to play Australian Rules Football at Lockleys Football Club in the following age groups:

Under 8's (Birth years 2009 (before 30 April) and 2008)

Under 9's (Birth Year 2007)

Under 10's (Birth year 2006)

Under 11's (Birth year 2005)

Under 12's (Birth year 2004)

Training will be on Friday evenings from 5.00 pm at the clubrooms located on Rutland Avenue Lockleys. Entrance to the club rooms off of Netley Avenue Lockleys.

Games are on Sunday morning or early afternoon and play home and away in the new junior league to be run by the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

Please call Philip Fedele, Junior President on 0412 57 55 30 if you have any questions or email to fedelephilip@yahoo.com.au

On-line registration is available for all new and previous players at Lockleys or any other club at www.lockleysfc.com.au

Registration evening on Friday 12 February 2016 at the clubrooms from 5.30pm to 7pm

Season starts with Carnival on Sunday 10 April and season proper on 1 May

SOCCER

Henley Heat Soccer Club is now accepting applications for Sunday morning FFSA Club soccer, April-Sept 2016. Total fees are U6/U7= \$200, U8-U11=\$300 and U12-U16=\$350. Local training after school on Tues and/or Wednesday evenings. Free Kindy soccer Monday nights 4-5 for players 3-5yo. Email/msg Alan O'Neill on awoneill@adam.com.au / 0414168574 for details."

WOODVILLE WASPS RUGBY UNION SUMMER ACADEMY

Woodville Wasps Rugby Union Club is hosting a 5-week Summer Academy in 2016. This FREE event is offered to boys & girls aged 5-13 years, with no previous skills required. Come and join the fastest growing Junior Rugby Union Section in the country, with qualified coaching staff there will be lots of fun to be had, special guest coaches and events as part of the 5 week program. We already have some students in your school playing at our club, it would be great to see some of you along to join them. If

you have any questions or need any more information please don't hesitate to contact us at Woodville Wasps Junior Rugby on Facebook or via email junior@woodvillerrugby.com.au or Head Coach Roy on 0400850505.



STATE TENNIS

State Tennis West Lakes is now taking tennis coaching enrolments for Term 1, 2016 2-5 year old motor skills program 'Jump Start' / ANZ Tennis Hot Shots lessons from Age 4+ / Adult lessons. State Tennis is also registered for the school Sports Vouchers program. So why not call State Tennis, grab your \$50 sports voucher from school and start or recommence tennis coaching Phone 8355 4466 or visit statetennis.com.au

STATE SOCCER

State Soccer is now taking soccer coaching enrolments for Term 1, 2016. Lessons are available for all skill levels Wednesdays after school at Kidman Park. The first lesson of the term will be on Wednesday, 10 February. Phone 8235 1877 or visit statesoccer.com.au

ADELAIDE FRINGE SHOW

We are happy to advertise the upcoming Fringe show of *Total Nonstop Tricks* which features the son of Fulham North SSO Sue Gardiner. We wish the very talented Josh all the best for the show!

A promotional poster for the 'Total Nonstop Tricks' show. The top half features a photograph of several performers in a parking lot, engaged in various acrobatic and juggling acts. The text on the poster includes: 'TOTAL NONSTOP TRICKS' in large, bold, black letters; 'FEB 12TH - MARCH 14TH EVERY WEEKEND!' and 'THE EMPYREON - GLUTTONY' in smaller text; 'AN EXPLOSIVE MIX OF JUGGLING, ACROBATICS & DANCE!' in a black banner; and a larger white banner with the text: 'TOTAL NONSTOP TRICKS, BRINGS TOGETHER DIFFERENT ART FORMS AND EXPLODES THEM ONTO THE STAGE! THE SHOW COMBINES MODERN ACROBATICS, HIP HOP DANCE, JUGGLING AND CREATIVE TUMBLING!'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, along with the text '@TOTAL_NONSTOP_TRICKS'. Logos for 'ADELAIDE FRINGE' and 'CIRCUS' are also visible.



Government
of South Australia

Hon Susan Close MP

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it's really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it's important, it isn't always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child's education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child's school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

27/01/2016



Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year:

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy:

<https://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents>

- An app to help you unlock your child's learning potential:

<https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/primary-school>

- Parent easy guides, including dealing with peer pressure:

<http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au/>

- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html

- Ideas for outdoor play in SA:

<https://natureplaysa.org.au/>



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school file to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

