



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 1 - Week 11

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School Resumes
Monday 29th April

Uniform Shop
Monday 29th April

From Leadership Team

Dear families,

It has certainly been a very busy and productive term 1. As the term draws to an end, I take this opportunity to reflect on some of the events that have taken place. Those that spring to mind include; Acquaintance Night & Community BBQ, Parent/Teacher interviews, year 6/7 Woodhouse excursion, pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, EYs Grandparents Day, Sports Day, SAPSASA Athletics Carnival, SAPSASA Softball Carnival, swimming carnival, school photos, Life Education Van, introduction of chromebooks, Preschool Sports Day, choir training, selection of school and sports captains, buddy class activities, room 3 & 7 Botanical Gardens excursion, Harmony Day, National Day of Action Against Bullying... the list goes on! I've also been pleased with the learning that teachers and children have shared with me during this term and the growth I've seen in children's social and emotional competencies.

On a personal note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making me feel like a valued part of your school community within such a short period of time. I've loved getting to know everyone and feel fortunate to be in such a positive, caring and vibrant school. I'm really looking forward to the opportunities which lay ahead.

Staffing

Thank you to Tamsin MacDonald for her wonderful efforts in room 19 in the last half of term 1. She has worked well with our upper primary team in continuing the learning programs for our students. We also look forward to welcoming Marc Wallis back from his LSL at the beginning of term 2.

As our preschool families may know, Sharon Vullings is on leave from her SSO position in 2019. I am pleased to announce that Michelle Furlan has been appointed for the remainder of this year in this role.

Thank you and congratulations to Kylie Burge who has completed a successful work placement experience with many of our early year's children throughout the term. We have enjoyed working alongside Kylie and wish her every success and blessing into the future.

Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

From Leadership Team continued

Volunteers

The Department for Education have recently updated their requirements for volunteers in schools. In summary there are four parts to the process.

Step 1 - Cleared Child-Related Employment Screening

To obtain a clearance you are asked to provide Kylie in our front office with some of your details (date of birth and current email address). Kylie will enter these details online and an automated email will be sent directly to you, requiring further action to complete the process. Once you receive your clearance this must be provided to Kylie.

Step 2 - Volunteer Application Form

This is a 3 page form that can be obtained from the front office.

Step 3 – RAN-EC Training

One must complete the Responding to Abuse & Neglect – Education & Care (RAN-EC) induction session for volunteers online. This training can be completed off site in one's own time and takes approx. 30-45mins. Further information and a link to the training can be obtained from Kylie.

Step 4 – Site Induction

A school induction session must be completed with one of the leadership team members. This session is now a lot shorter (approx. 15-20mins).

Online Safety

Whilst students are using their chromebooks and other such devices at school, they are protected by our internet filtering system. The ongoing challenge for students and families is that when chromebooks are taken home they are not protected by the school's internet filter, which only works at school.

If families do not have home internet filtering our ICT technicians have recommended the following products which can be purchased at most leading department stores.

Google Wi-Fi (https://store.google.com/au/product/google_wifi), or Circle (meetcircle.com).

If you would like to know more please feel free to come into school or contact our ICT technicians, Ben or Austin who are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

On Tuesday our year 6/7 students attended a presentation by the Carly Ryan Foundation. Our students are using the internet daily to connect with each other and the world around them. It is important to empower students to make wise choices, to look after their digital reputation and keep themselves and others safe while navigating the internet and apps. The presentation included the following online support and safety information; Cyberbullying prevention and support, resilience, critical thinking, understanding the law, communication, empowering young people, online choices and real life consequences, practical guidance, mobile devices and settings, managing applications and privacy settings and connection to support services.

Easter Raffle

Thanks to families and staff who donated items for our Easter raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to our PFC for organising and wrapping the Easter baskets. Congratulations to the lucky winners drawn at yesterday's assembly.

I hope our students have a happy and safe school holiday break and I look forward to them returning refreshed and recharged for the beginning of term 2.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.”

Yours sincerely,

Joe Blefari

Assembly Merit Awards

End of Term Awards:
For consistently displaying
all of the school values
and keys to success.

Room	Name
3	Serena
3	April
5	Adel
5	Lucas
7	Max
7	Emily
10	Liam
10	Saoirse
11	Kai
11	Mia
12	Hannah
12	Ryder
15	Evander
15	Seb
18	Grace
18	Bradley
19	Harley
19	Theruni
SSO	Halle Rm 18
SSO	Indigo Rm 11
Japanese	Zaydyn Rm 18
Japanese	Olivia Rm 18
PE/Drama	Seb Rm 15
PE/Drama	Emmii Rm 12

2019 SCHOOL M&S CHARGES

Payment due by Friday 12th April 2019

Payments can be made at the Front Office by Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Credit Card. Payments may also be made through the phone QKR app.

Payment by Instalments can be arranged either by paying in person or by direct debit from your bank account or credit card.

School Card forms must be completed every year. Forms are available from the front office for eligible families whose combined family income (from your 2017/18 tax return) is under the following limits:

No of children	Annual Income	Weekly Income
1	\$59,432	\$1,143
2	\$60,493	\$1,164
3	\$61,554	\$1,185
4	\$62,615	\$1,206
5	\$63,676	\$1,227
Each addt child	\$ 1,061	\$21

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has relocated to the front office and will be run by the office staff on the following dates in Term 2

Monday 29th April
Monday 13th May
Monday 27th May
Tuesday 11th June
Monday 24th June

2019 Pupil Free Days

Term 2 - Friday 7 June
Term 3 - Friday 30 August
Term 4 - Friday 22 November

2019 School Closure Day
Monday 2 September

Year 7 tops

We have Year 7 polo tops and Hoodies for sale.
Polo top – small, large and XL - \$40.00
Hoodies – small and 2XL - \$55.00

See front office staff if you would like to purchase any of these items

Have your say on the Parent Engagement framework

The [Parent Engagement framework](#) seeks to deliver the department's vision of parent engagement in education.

The framework recognises:

- the key role parents play in their child's education
- that it is important for our education system to build strong partnerships with parents and engage them in their children's education
- that parent engagement is key component of effective teaching.

Comments on the draft [Parent Engagement framework](#) are welcome via a [short survey](#), which will close on 12 April 2019. Your comments will inform the final framework.

PCW News

Digital Safety these School Holidays.

Pretty well as soon as I've closed the front door after picking up my 6 year old daughter from school she asks me "can I watch TV?" This type of request isn't unusual and hasn't changed since I was a kid. TV screen time in my household is normal as I am sure it is in most of our houses but in spite of this we haven't yet allowed regular internet use to creep in.

I am realistic though and know that it's only a matter of time before using the internet will become a major feature of her life. The digital world is only speeding up and household use is rising and this means understanding digital technology is more important than ever.

Digital literacy is a common term used in education concerning how confidently someone can use digital technology. 87% of adults access the internet daily and a lot of us spend many hours of our day connected. Aussie children (aged 9–16) certainly aren't any different. They're confident in using computers and devices and unsurprisingly are among the highest users of the internet in the world. 76% of children access the internet daily for approximately an hour and a half each day. This time is spent generally doing homework, watching YouTube, and gaming and as students approach high school they start using social media.

As a parent who works in education I wanted to let you know that the Australian Curriculum doesn't yet contain a digital footprint component. Schools teach our students how to use digital technology but it isn't yet mandatory to teach about how their interactions online leave a trail behind them or to teach them how to use the internet responsibly. In the last year at Ridgehaven we have had different organisations come in and teach our young people about cyber safety and this has been very valuable. Nonetheless, because the Australian Curriculum doesn't require schools to teach about cyber safety it is important households learn how to use technology to help make life easier but also protect from the negatives.

In the coming months I'll be having a special focus in my role on digital technology and wellbeing. Some tips to help understand and regulate our children's use of technology:

- For a week use a timer to monitor your own and your child's usage of the internet and put info onto chart to map hours. The internet is addictive and teaching our children to regulate their own screen time can become problematic if they spend too much time on applications designed to take all the attention.
- Whatever application your child uses spend some time on the application to know what type of content is on there and the community he/she checks in with.
- Content that goes on the internet is for keeps. Teach your child that his/her online actions and photos can't simply be taken off the internet.
- Have screen free family times set into each week. Especially these holiday periods.
- Netflix and YouTube are full of great family friendly content but also full of a lot of click bait and inappropriate cartoons and vloggers. Install 'YouTube Kids' on devices and make sure children are logged into a Netflix Kid's account. I'll write a list about some more specific online content in a future newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE



FIRE DANGER SEASON DATES EXTENDED



The Fire Danger Season for the both Mount Lofty Ranges and Adelaide Metro Area has been extended to now end at midnight on 12 May 2019.

Just a reminder re burn offs, NOT to be conducted until the end of fire danger season.



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN
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Nurturing Environment

Skills for Life

Build Confidence

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of unforgettable experiences. They are included in a number of different performances each year. Some of these involve special costumes, sets, lighting and are staged in professional theatre spaces.

Students are often invited to participate in additional optional events such as TV work, charity concerts, Adelaide Fringe events, Christmas Pageants, modelling and more!



SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAMME

NEW CLASS
TERM 2
2019

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Keithot Farm Children's Centre Wynn Vale



WEDNESDAYS
4.45PM - 5.30PM
TERM 2 & TERM 3

AGES 5-12 YEARS
16 week Program

by Mark Le Messurier & Madhavi Nawana Parker

WHO IS IT FOR?

All Children
High Functioning autism
Specific learning difficulties
ADHD
Reactive behaviours
Anxiety
Shyness

BOOK NOW

Call Ursula on 0419 188 716 for more info and bookings

8 STUDENTS PER CLASS
MAXIMUM

WHAT IS IT?

What's The Buzz? Programme offers
- skills to fit in
- read social situations
- make lasting friendships



Course Facilitators
Michelle Harris, Ursula Nagel, Katie Richards
mob 0419188 716 (Ursula)
ursulanagel@outlook.com

Qualified Counsellors
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SWIMVAC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM GOLDEN GROVE

SWIMVAC is an ideal introduction for all new swimmers to experience the State Swim program, or for swimmers having difficulty mastering a particular skill. SWIMVAC is a great way to fast track skills and participate in a healthy school holiday activity



Week 1: Monday 15th – 18th April
Week 2: Monday 22nd – 26th April
Closed Thursday 25th April

4 Day Program: \$66 (\$16.50 per lesson)

Book online, call or email

www.stateswim.com.au

Ph: 08 8289 5522

Email: goldengrove@stateswim.com.au

Payment required within 48 hours of booking.
Great opportunity to use any make ups

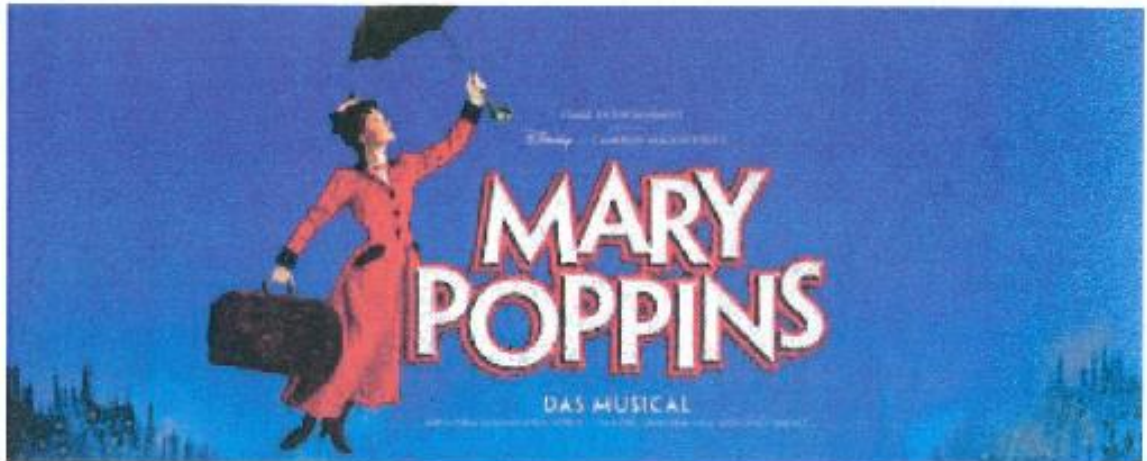




AUDITIONS

**THIS IS OUR BIGGEST MUSICAL YET
AND IT PROMISES TO BE -**
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

SHANE DAVIDSON PRESENTS will undertake its biggest musical for youth yet! **MARY POPPINS** will boast moving sets, hundreds of costumes and a live orchestra. Produced and directed by Shane Davidson, this show will be a jolly holiday for all ages!



OCTOBER PRODUCTION 4-6th October 2019
This production is open to ages 8-20 years

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Shane Davidson *Artistic Director*

SHANE DAVIDSON PRESENTS shanedavidson@internode.on.net



State Soccer enrolments for Term 2 are now open!

When: Mondays

Where: Kings Baptist Grammar School

Starting Time: 3.30pm or 4.30pm

Duration: 45min / week – 10 Week School Term

Family Discounts available \$20/each referred enrolment

Midterm enrolments accepted

We believe youngsters deserve a great environment to improve their skills, enjoy the game and develop self-awareness!

Who can attend:

Pre-Schoolers (2 – 4 years old) - Reception up to year 8.

Skill Acquisition Training available! For the serious ones!

BOOK NOW!

Phone: 8235 1877 or Email: admin@statesoccer.com.au



School Holiday Tennis Clinic

Jason Todd

TA Club Professional



Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club

88 – 100 Elizabeth St, Banksia Park

April 15 – 17, 2019

Monday - Wednesday



Peewee or Red Hot Shots (Beginners up to 9 years old)

10am – 11:30am each day

Coaching, drills and games

Prizes to be won

Cost \$30 per day or \$75 for the 3 days

Orange Level Hot Shots (Beginners up to 12 years old)

11:30am – 1pm each day

Coaching, drills and games

Prizes to be won

Cost \$30 per day or \$75 for the 3 days

Green Hot Shots and yellow ball (Competition players)

1:30pm – 3:30pm each day

Coaching, drills, games and matchplay

Prizes to be won

Cost \$35 per day or \$90 for the 3 days

Bookings can be made by contacting me on mobile 0401 559 163 or by
emailing jason@just4tennis.com.au
