



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 3 - Week 7

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Uniform Shop
Monday September 16

School Production
25 & 26 September

Pupil Free Day
Friday 22 November

Year 7 Tops
Orders with deposit due
Wednesday 25 September

From Leadership Team

R U Ok? Day

R U OK? Day (Thursday 12 September, 2019) is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you ok?" and support those struggling with life's ups and down. This year's theme is to Trust the Signs, Trust your Gut and Ask R U OK?

Looking out for one another and lending support is a key life skill for any age group. Leading up to this day, teachers will provide our children with learning experiences designed to emphasise the value of close connections and strong relationships, encouraging students to look out for their classmates by asking R U OK?

On Thursday 12 September children are encouraged to wear yellow and bring in a gold coin donation. Thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee for their organisation and support of this important initiative. Money raised will support the creation of a 'friendship' bench/table/space in our yard.

School Production – The Princess and the Frog

I have been blown away by the commitment and dedication of our children and staff in their rehearsals and preparations for our upcoming School Production. There is so much activity happening behind the scenes and the level of teamwork has been a real highlight for me. So many children, staff and families are investing large amounts of time and energy into ensuring another successful experience for our school community. A special thank you to Mr Wallis for his amazing work in organising and facilitating our whole production! His patience, positive rapport with children and sense of humour are certainly coming to the fore during these final few weeks of preparation time.

This term is certainly flying by and our school Production is now only **three** weeks away. I strongly encourage families and friends to purchase their tickets as soon as possible for either or both performances. Tickets can be purchased online with details found in this weeks' newsletter as well as our site's Schoolbag app. Please feel free to speak to one of our office staff for further information.

Joe Blefari, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Fowleraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience

From Leadership Team continued

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety continues to be a challenge for all us as educators, parents, carers and children. We are constantly reminded of the complexities of online use and the importance of continuing to educate ourselves and our children and young people about their use of technologies. In this weeks' newsletter I have provided a fact sheet from the South Australian Government which you may find useful in your thinking and actions on this very important topic.

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).

Here is some additional information about the Circle by Disney (web filtering for home users).

This device can do the following:

- Set online content filters that match each family member's age and interests.
- Compare time online today, last week, or months past.
- Provide a detailed breakdown of which sites were visited throughout the day.
- Safe Search defaults Google and Bing searches to remove explicit content from their results.
- Receive push notifications when a family member reaches a time limit or when a new device joins your network.

If you would like to know more please feel free to contact us, or Ben, our ICT technician who is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

RAN Training

Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training (RAN) is a mandatory requirement for all of our school volunteers. This training is being offered at St Agnes Primary School on Monday the 23 September at 9am. This is being run by Jenice Zerna, President of the SA Association of School Parent Communities. If you wish to attend please let our front office know and we will register you for this training.

Disability Policy and Programs Parent Conference

The 2019 Disability Policy and Programs Parent Conference is coming up in term 3 for parents or carers of children/young people/students with a disability on Wednesday 25 September (8.45-3.00pm).

Venue: Hilton Adelaide, Victoria Square, Adelaide

Opening: The Hon John Gardner MP, Minister for Education

Keynote: Positive Special Needs Parenting – Kirsty Russell

Workshop strands:

- Building capacity and knowledge to support parents
- Listening to experiences: Successful role models

If you are interested please contact Libby Brown, Manager SERU, on 8235 2871 to book into this conference.

It was great to see so many dads and other family members at our school breakfast last week. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us. Your presence at such school events helps us to continue to build community connections and sends a message to your children around the importance of school. I'm sure there were others that would have liked to have been there but were unable to due to work/family commitments.

I wish our school choir every success and enjoyment at the upcoming Festival Choir Performance on September 18. I look forward to seeing their gifts and talents on show during this special evening. Thank you to Ms Lucy for all of her fantastic work with our choir in 2019.

Assembly Merit Awards

Name	Room	Value / Key To Success
Matilda	Preschool	Being curious and confident learner and a kind friend to others.
Bradley	Preschool	Being a confident and involved learner, developing friendships and trying hard to write his name.
Oscar	5	Showing confidence and independence when starting your work. Well done!
Phoebe	5	The excellent Growth Mindset you are using in all your learning. Great job!
Bri	15	Working hard to complete high quality pieces of writing and persisting through challenges in Math. Great work Bri!
Dylan	15	Working hard on his time management skills and working really hard to submit his best work on a weekly basis. Great work Dylan!
Bradley	18	Getting the ultimate goal in kickball – legend!
Halle	18	Showing confidence in her oral presentation in HASS.
Molleigh	19	Always giving her best and trying really hard to improve all aspects of her learning. She is such a great role model and liked by all her peers because of her caring nature. She is a pleasure to teach.
Portia	19	Being an incredibly good role model. Always striving to be better and achieving outstanding results. She is a great leader and a pleasure to teach.
Kabir	Japanese	Settling in well to Japanese lessons and learning new phrases quickly!
Isabel	Japanese	Trying hard when pronouncing tricky Japanese words!

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop, which is run by the office staff, will be open between 2.30-3.30pm on the following dates in Term 3

Monday September 16

School Production Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for our upcoming school production are now open. Please click on the link below or type it into your web browser.

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=531598&bof=1>

The Princess and the Frog



Year 7 Tops for 2020

All orders **MUST** be in no later than Wednesday 25 September. A \$10 deposit is required per item ordered. Final payment will be due Monday 18 November.

Tops for sizing will be in the Front Office until Thursday 12 September if you wish to check your child's size.

Please note all children who are currently in year 6 have been sized

2019 Pupil Free Days

**Term 4
Friday 22 November**

Makers Empire Project

Rooms 15 & 18

Rooms 15 and 18 have been learning how to use the 3D printing program Makers Empire. Our classes are a part of the 3D Printing and Design in Primary Schools Project. We have been using design thinking to find a problem within the school and to come up with a solution that we can print on the new 3D printer.



We identified some problems that we could solve within the school and voted on the one we would like to use for our project. The problem of tangled cords was what we chose as our problem.



We are working in groups to decide how we could best solve this problem and come up with as many different ideas or solutions that we can.

Makers Empire Project

Rooms 15 & 18

Then we will make rough prototypes to help explain our best idea before we test and refine our designs. Our final solutions will be printed on the 3D printer and can be used to fix the tangled cord dilemma!



When we have finished our project we want to mentor other classes and teach them how to use Makers Empire to design and 3D print!

Some of the amazing benefits for students who engage in Design Thinking:

- Being able to identify problems and reframe them as actionable opportunities
- Understanding the value of collaboration and feedback
- Viewing setbacks and failures as valuable learning moments
- Developing self belief as problem solvers
- Developing a growth mindset
- Developing stamina and resilience
- Developing entrepreneurial and community-minded behaviours
- A focus that is both future and solutions-oriented!



Boy's Basketball

Earlier this term the boys travelled to Wayville Stadium where they participated in a knockout basketball competition. They all played really well and enjoyed the day.

Thank you to Rachael and Corey for coaching the boys on the day.

We wish them luck in their upcoming After School Basketball Grand Final



COMMUNITY NEWS

South Australian Association of School Parents Communities (SAASPC)
invitation to attend our annual parent conference

Speaker: Andrew Fuller **Shifting to excellence:** **connecting – protecting – respecting your kids**

Saturday 14 September
10.00am – 4.00pm
including SAASPC annual general meeting

Where
Australian Education Union Building
163a Greenhill Rd, Parkside

Cost
*For those from SAASPC affiliated
preschools and schools - free*
*For those from non affiliated preschools
and schools - \$50.00 per person*
Morning tea and lunch will be provided

We appreciate the financial assistance of
the Minister for Education which
enables us to meet many of the costs of
conference and to provide
accommodation for our country
affiliates

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist
who has worked with many schools
and communities in Australia and
internationally, specialising in the
wellbeing of young people and their
families.

He has recently been described as an
'interesting mixture of Billy Connolly,
Tim Winton and Frasier Crane' and as
someone who puts the heart back into
psychology.

This is also an opportunity to meet
and talk with parents from other
preschools and schools

For more information
telephone 1800 724 640
email info@saaspc.org.au

Accommodation

Limited free accommodation is
available on Friday 13 September for
parents attending from *affiliated
country preschools/schools*. It does not
include meals or other expenses
incurred.

If you do not belong to an affiliated
preschool/school or you wish to extend
your stay you will need to make your
own arrangements for accommodation,
although we are happy to assist you in
any way.

Childcare

While we are unable to provide
childcare ourselves, for parents
attending from *affiliated
preschools/schools* we are able to
reimburse you, so your costs are
covered.

Registration form / tax invoice

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

Register by 2 September if accommodation
is required, otherwise by 9 September to
SAASPC GPO Box 2126 Adelaide 5001
email info@saaspc.org.au
or via website www.saaspc.org.au



ABN 60 901 906 615

*Confirmation of registration and
accommodation will be emailed or
posted to your home address*

Name _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Preschool/School _____

My preschool/school is affiliated with SAASPC – no charge

Please contact us if unsure about affiliation 1800 724 640

My preschool/school is NOT affiliated with SAASPC - \$50.00

My payment

By cheque - payable to SAASPC

By EFT - SA Association of School Parent Communities BSB 105-900 Account 950562040

Please indicate if required

Accommodation on Friday 13 September

Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities) _____

Reimbursement of childcare costs

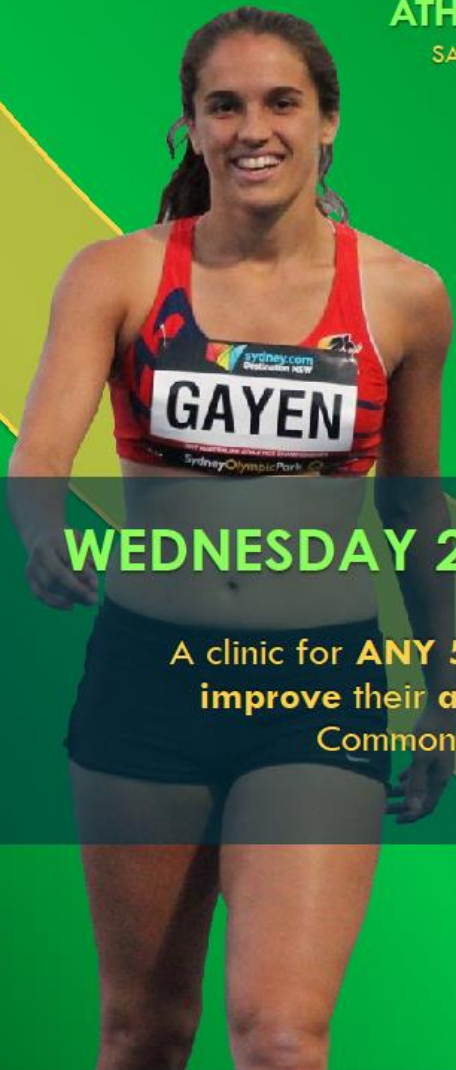
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DARE TO DREAM



ATHLETICS HOLIDAY CLINIC

SA ATHLETICS STADIUM, MILE END



WEDNESDAY 2ND & 9TH OCTOBER 2019

A clinic for **ANY 5-17 YEAR OLDS** to learn, have fun, improve their athletics skills, and meet Australian Commonwealth Games Long Jumper **Margaret Gayen!**



REGISTRATION CLOSES:
WED 25TH SEPT 2019



(08) 8352 8133



littleathleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics

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Cyber safety



The online world is part of everyday life for many children and young people. It is a huge virtual playground where they can play, learn and socialise. It can be accessed by computers, mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Parents can help children get the most from the online world by being involved from the start and helping them learn safe and responsible use. You don't have to be an expert. Knowing where to find things out and get help is what's important.

The online world

The best way to keep children and young people safe is to talk with them and be involved in their online world. You will be building your own technology skills, as well as a trusting relationship with your child. They will be more likely to come to you if something worries them.

Parents can:

- help children and young people understand the risks, and practise safe online skills at home and away from home
- supervise online activities and set rules and limits. These can change as children develop their online skills and become more mature
- talk about how and when you will use screen technology in your home. You might agree:
 - to keep devices in a room that is open. It will be easier to be aware of what children are doing
 - that devices will be out of bedrooms after 'lights out' as they can interfere with sleep
- make sure children and young people have plenty of technology-free time and develop a range of 'offline' skills and interests. Learning to entertain themselves without technology is a skill that needs practice.

Physical activity and creative play are important for healthy development

- model safe and responsible use yourself.

Don't let the online world shape children and young people's values. They need balanced information and guidance from you.

Helping children learn online safety

Make sure children and young people:

- question what they see online and realise not everything they see is real
- know your family values and become critical consumers. You might ask 'Why do you think they are doing that?' or 'What would happen if they did that in real life?'
- are respectful in all communication and don't do or say anything online they wouldn't in person
- do not share personal information without your knowledge
- know how to screen or block unwanted contacts that happen by phone, email, text, social networking or online games
- understand that what they put online can be seen by people they may not intend. It may be there forever and impact relationships and jobs
- know as they get older they can develop a positive online 'digital identity'. When well managed, this can showcase skills and creativity.

It is important to stay involved in your child's online life. How you do this will change as children gain skills and become more independent.