Last Wednesday night the Governing Council held its Annual General Meeting. The evening began with a presentation from Naomi Watkins, our Reading Support Teacher, who gave an interesting talk reading on how parents can support their child with their both at home and at school. The 2012 Annual Report was then presented to those attending along with the appointment of the new Councillors for 2013-2015.

It was also a time to thank the out-going Council members for their service to the school community.

I am pleased to announce that the newly elected or re-elected Councillors are:-

- Carol Douglas
- Anja Dickel
- Kathryn Lloyd
- Vivienne Hills

They join our continuing Councillors:

- Samantha Avard
- Jared Sullivan
- Megan Carter
- Sam Molloy
- Shelly Roach
- Meg Schroder
- Rebecca Sherman
- Carey Greenslade

The first meeting of the new Governing Council will be held on Monday 25th March, starting at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

**2012 Annual Report**

Copies of the 2012 Annual Report are now available in the Front Office. The Annual Report is a reflection of the 2012 school year and covers a range of aspects of the school. These include the numerous activities and special events that the students and staff participated in (e.g. Sports carnivals, Open days, Choir); the Validation report; the Site Improvement Plan achievements; Curriculum assessment data; NAPLAN results and the Opinion survey responses.

**3 Way Interviews**

Starting on the 25th March the school will be conducting 3-Way Interviews where the students, parents and teachers will be involved in a shared conversation about the student’s learning and future goals. Parents would have received an interview time sheet to be completed and returned to school. If you have not returned your time request slip please do so by Wednesday 20th March.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Week 8**
- Monday 18th March
  - School Directions Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- Wednesday 20th March
  - Breakfast Club
  - Finance Committee Meeting
- Friday 22nd March
  - Ride to School Day
  - Harmony Day

**Week 9**
- Monday 25th March
  - Three Way Interviews Start
  - SAPSASA Football & Netball Knockout Competition.
- Tuesday 26th March
  - Governing Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- Wednesday 27th March
  - Breakfast Club
  - Nude Food Day
  - Friday 29th March
  - Good Friday

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Monday 18th March**
- School Directions & Accountability Meeting - 7:30pm
**Wednesday 20th March**
- Finance Committee Meeting

**REMINDERS**

Materials and Service Charges can be paid at the front office. Instalment due date is:

- Second Instalment – 22nd March
- Third Instalment – 3rd May
- Final Instalment – 31st May
GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

2012 Materials and Service Charges
A reminder: - the second instalment for the 2013 Materials & Service Charges is due on FRIDAY 22nd MARCH.
If families are applying for School Card, please get your applications in as soon as you can.
Please note that the Governing Council will be pursuing outstanding fees through a debt collection agency.

PARENT CLUB
The Parent Club will be holding their AGM tomorrow (Friday 15th March) at 2:00pm in Room 7 Meeting Room. All new and interested parents are welcome.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

GRIP Student Leadership Conference
On Thursday 7th March the entire Student Voice leadership team attended a Student Leadership Conference where they learnt about the role of student leaders in schools and as school leaders how they can improve their leadership skills and personal qualities.
The conference was very ‘interactive’ with the students being involved in a variety of activities including strategies to help students understand what they as leaders need to be doing; understanding how they can lead in different areas of life; ways to set goals and make improvements and how to work collectively in a team situation. Thanks to Andrew Lloyd and Kate Pickford for assisting in transporting the students to and from the venue.

Primary Schools’ Music Festival South Orchestra
I am pleased to announce that James (Yr. 6) and Lauren (Yr. 7) have been successful in gaining positions in the Primary Schools’ Music Festival South Orchestra for 2013. Both James and Lauren play the violin through the school’s Instrumental Music Program. Lauren has played in the orchestra previously and this is the first time
for James. The orchestra will be playing at four of the Festival Music Choir performances at the Festival Theatre in August.

Congratulations to James and Lauren for their achievements and we wish them every success. Lauren has also been selected for the Primary School Stings Orchestra which will be touring the state next week. Congratulations Lauren!

**MONEY MONEY MONEY**

The Year 6 and 7 students in Rooms 12 and 14 have been learning about the history of Australian Money this term. We found out a lot of things that we didn't know. Did you know......?

When notes are too damaged they get recycled by being shredded first, then they are passed through a machine which melts them and turns them into pellets. They are then ready to be made into products like bins, water bottles and household appliances. - Jaydon

There are 7 security features on all of our notes including a clear window, serial numbers, Australian crest, micro-printing, ultra-violet micro printing, intaglio printing and an off set background. - Faite

The dollar could have been called the 'Royal'. - Tom

All our notes used to be made out of paper. - James

There are currently 62 million 10 dollar notes in circulation. - Kim

The person who wrote the poem 'Waltzing Matilda' (Banjo Patterson) is featured on the $10 note. - Thomas

Australia was the first country to use polymer notes. - Maddy

John Flynn who is on the $20 note is important to Australia's history because he started the Royal Flying Doctors Service. - April

If you put a note under ultra-violet light you can see the glow of the serial numbers and the black writing becomes more visible. - Caitlin

The Aboriginal art on the old $1 note was printed without the artist's permission. - Tyo

**ICAS Curriculum Competitions Reminder**

Each year, students throughout Australia are given the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) formerly University of NSW, curriculum competitions.

The students will receive a certificate of achievement as well as an analysis of their results. The subjects and costs are:

- Computer Skills - $8.80
- Mathematics - $8.80
- English - $8.80
- Science - $8.80
- Spelling - $12.10
- Writing - $18.70
- Or $66.00 for all subjects

If your child is interested in participating in any or all of these competitions please see Robyn in the Front Office. The closing date for entries in all subjects is Friday 5th April.

**Literacy on the Go!**

The following literacy tips have been taken from an Early Childhood Resource called ECLIPSE (Early Childhood Literacy Includes Parents, Staff and Education). I like these tips because they are quick and easy to prepare and can be integrated into daily life.

Reading books with rhymes are not only fun but they also help children to begin developing their knowledge of word families for example the 'at' word family bat, cat, mat, sat. They will then continue to explore these word families within the class phonics program.

Writing on calendars teaches children how to use and interpret the text of a calendar. It is also a fantastic opportunity to teach children about time...
including days of the week, ordinal numbers, how many days in a week, months of the year, and predicting how many days there will be to a special event.

_Naomi Watkins - Reading Support Teacher_

**Nude Food Day Part 3**

Our third Nude Food Day for the term is scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please support our efforts by having all recess and lunch packed in a reusable container to help us reduce the amount of rubbish collected in our bins.

**Clean Up Australia Report**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March the whole school was involved in the Clean-Up Australia campaign. Each class was assigned an area of the school to clean up. The Year 4/5 students in Room 3 sorted out the litter collected around the school and their results were quite disappointing. Here is their report:

"After we had removed the things that we could compost or recycle like bottles, the overall results were:-

**Canteen:**
3 paper bags
43 freezers food (including Slushies, ice blocks, Zings, Nice n Joosey)
18 food packets (like chip packets)
1 noodle cup
2 plastic items (straw and fork)
Result: 68 pieces of rubbish - mostly freezer foods - not good!!!!!!

**Rubbish from home:**
14 straws
123 packets
48 plastic (cling wrap and snap lock bags)
Result: 185 pieces of rubbish from food packaging, mostly packets - not good!!!!!!!

Altogether there were 266 pieces of rubbish from food plus 188 other kinds of rubbish like lids and paper. _That makes 441 pieces of rubbish!!_

**Program Achieve Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who were given the Program Achieve Awards for Week 6:

- Rm. 3: Mia & Kade
- Rm. 4: Angelo & Sarah
- Rm. 6: Jaan & Michael
- Rm. 8: Imogen & Emily
- Rm. 9: Amy & Jade
- Rm. 10: Lily & Emily
- Rm. 12: Micaela & Jasmine
- Rm. 14: Jazz & Faite
- Rm. 15: Dylan & Ashley
- Rm. 16: Kate & Fatonah
- Rm. 17: Amaya & Charlotte
- Rm. 18: Koula & Ethan

**FESTIVAL CHOIR**

Our choir had a great rehearsal at Paringa Park Primary on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. We rehearsed with Brighton and Paringa Park School choirs and our new choir members got to meet Ms Hepworth from the Festival Choir. Thank you to the parents who provided transport: Andrew, David and Carly. We were glad not to be walking in that heat!

**R-5 CAMP**

Intention to Attend Camp Forms and the $20 deposit are now overdue. Please get these forms in immediately if you would like your child to attend.

**SCHOOL SPORT**

Winter Sport nominations are now overdue. Please get these back straight away or risk missing out. There won't be any school football this year so senior students may wish to consider soccer as an option. If you are keen to play a winter sport which our school isn't offering, let me know and I'll help you find a team at another school.

**SAPSASA Softball**

Congratulations to Evalyn, Abby and Mia (Yr. 6/7), on being selected to represent the South West District at the SAPSASA Softball Carnival. The girls have been playing softball this week at West Beach against schools from throughout the metropolitan and country areas. This is the first time that the girls have played softball and from all accounts they are learning a lot and having fun.
**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Harmony Day**
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 22nd March each year. The theme for 2013 is *Cultural Diversity* where we will celebrate the cultural diversity of Australia. Our school has planned to celebrate Harmony Day by allowing students to wear something orange on the day as this is the colour that symbolises Harmony Day. To support the theme of Harmony Day, the students can also wear a traditional costume or clothing that represents their country of origin. The canteen will be offering a special ‘International’ menu throughout the week leading up to Harmony Day. Further information will be sent home via your child’s classroom communication book or folder.

**Ride to School Day**
On the 22nd of March, 2013 it is also National Ride to School Day where children are encouraged to ride their bicycle or scooter to school or if you live too far away, drive half way and ride the rest. It is really fun and a good way to exercise for you and your child and it will help our world with less pollution and we can stay healthy without using a car. Did you know that in the 1970’s 80% of children rode or walked to school and now only 20% do? Thank you for being active.

**A Word from Elaine**
Hello again, I can't believe that we are already in Week 7! Time is really flying by again. We have had a late burst of hot summer weather which has been good but my garden is really suffering from the heat and lack of rain. I hope we get a bit of rain from the cooler change so that planting can begin in the garden. Autumn is a great time to plant the winter vegetables and flowers. I love being in the garden in the autumn as there are lots of fruit and vegetables ready for harvest and also it is seed collecting time. The trees also look great as their leaves begin to change colour and prepare for the cooler months.

Breakfast Club has been really busy over the last few weeks which is really good to see. Lots of families are coming in to enjoy a good breakfast with each other before they set off for the day. If anyone would like to donate items for the breakfast club, we have need of Long-life Milk, Long-life Apple Juice and canned peaches in juice. Thank you to all who have given items already it is all appreciated very much.

I read an article the other day about self esteem and thought that it was very good and would like to share it with you all over the next few weeks.

*Building your self-esteem is one of the most important things you can do to achieve good mental health. If you have a healthy self-esteem, you will cope better with the times when life isn’t easy and will be able to take the credit when things go well. It is important to be honest with yourself and others. You need to follow through on promises you make, even to yourself. Do not promise what you cannot deliver. Guilt from breaking promises eats away at self esteem also if you force yourself to keep your promise you may feel resentful which again eats away at self esteem. You need to be honest and say whether you can or cannot do what has been asked of you. There is nothing wrong with saying ‘no’ to someone when you know you will not be able to follow through with what they want from you.’*

I know at times it is difficult to say no to family or friends but it is better for all involved for you to be honest with them and yourself. Being honest with yourself is essential for you to feel good and happy with whom you are.

Until next time, keep safe. Elaine

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Brighton Secondary Special Interest Volleyball Program**
Trials for the Special Interest Volleyball Program for OUT OF ZONE students and students who do not have a sibling currently at Brighton Secondary School will be held on Monday 13th May 2013. If successful in this initial trial, students will be invited to participate in the Final trial on 27th May 2013. Please ring the school on 8375 8200 to book an appointment time and to request your information package.

Trials for students who are in the zone or do have a sibling currently at the school will be held on 12th August, 2013.
**District Secondary School Visiting Dates & Times for 2013**

Outlined below is a list of district Secondary Schools that our students may be eligible to enrol in 2014. These visiting days enable parents to find out more about the school and the programs they offer. Please note that Secondary Schools are zoned and entry to an out of zone school is not guaranteed.

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All other DECD Secondary Schools will also be conducting Information sessions and School Tours. Lists of schools and tour times are available on the DECD website: - DECD.sa.gov.au and then follow the links.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Guitar Lessons Available**

Guitar lessons are available at school. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please contact:

Kym Skurray ph: 82969957