Dear Parents and Carers,

**Thank you**

I would like to thank our whole school community for your support throughout 2016. It has been a busy year and we have achieved a lot. Many of our programs could not occur without the support of parents. Thank you also to our fantastic staff of teachers and School Service Officers. We are very lucky to have such dedicated and quality staff here at North Adelaide Primary School.

**Farewell**

We would like to express our best wishes to all families and students leaving, especially our year 7 graduates. Thank you for your contribution to NAPS and good luck with your future endeavours.

I would once again like to wish Carol Mower all the best for her retirement. Carol will be missed and we thank her for many years of dedication and hard work.

Chanh Phu will also be leaving at the end of this year. We would like to thank her for helping us to further develop our Chinese program at NAPS.

Thank you also to Elise Mabbott who will be leaving us this year. We have appreciated Elise’s dedication and ability to work flexibly in a range of classrooms and year levels across the school.

Larissa Svanbaeck will be leaving us as well, at the end of this year. We would like to congratulate Larissa on her appointment at Hendon Primary School and thank her for ensuring continuity of the program and a similar approach to teaching Leanne’s class.

**Staffing for 2017**

We are very pleased to announce that Thalia Kouts, Tania Coulter and Laura Eliseo will be back teaching at NAPS in 2016.

We have found it very difficult to organise classes for 2017 as we have had a large increase in student enrolments. Below are our current configurations, and we are hoping these will be the classes for 2017. If however, we still continue to enrol new students, classes may have to change prior to the start of the year. If this occurs we will be in contact.
Classes 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year Level</th>
<th>Staffing</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reception</td>
<td>Cinzia Greco</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reception / 1</td>
<td>Leanne Heaven</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 / 2</td>
<td>Megan Kitchin / Jodie Lindsay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 / 2</td>
<td>Margie Burrow</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 / 2</td>
<td>Thalia Kouts / Kate Bennett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Dorothy Mann / Laura Eliseo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 / 4</td>
<td>Tania Coulter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>John Western</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 / 5</td>
<td>Jodie Ashden / TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Helen Carroll / TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Helen White</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Kath Gemmell</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Yard Play in 2017
Due to the increase in enrolments we will be having separate junior primary and a primary lunch times next year. Recess will involve all students playing at the same time but to create more space for children to play, we will be having a junior primary lunch and then a primary lunch. Further information in relation to this will be distributed next year.

We will also be resurfacing our basketball court and installing a synthetic grass playing surface to help alleviate the congestion in the yard. This play surface will provide the space for children to play several different games including basketball. We are hoping to complete the resurfacing within the first 6 months of next year.

Final Assembly
Our final assembly for the year will be on Friday the 16th of December, the last day of school. This assembly will be held in the gym.

A reminder that on the last day of school, Friday the 16th of December, students will finish at 2pm.

Save the Date
At North Adelaide Primary we combine Acquaintance Night and our Annual General Meeting (AGM). In 2017 this will occur earlier than usual, on Tuesday the 7th of February. We are keen to have our Acquaintance night as early as possible as it provides teachers with the opportunity to provide parents with information about class routines and expectations. Please save the date!

Our Parent Network are organising a Bingo Night as a fundraiser in 2017. It will be on March the 24th, so please also save this date!

Materials and Services Fees
As you are aware we conducted a poll to formalise the Materials & Services charges for 2017. The majority of parents were in favour and our Materials & Services charges will be $430.00 from Reception to year 7 in 2017.

On a final note I wish all families a lovely break and happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Kind regards,
Rebecca Pears

Assembly Awards 6.12.16
Caring Awarded to:
Pepper (TC); Sophie (TK); Airlie (DM); Adam & Sandra (KG); Jeremy (HC); Zephyr (MK); Shelby (JW); Arielle (LH); Joshua (CG); Arie (MB); Yash (HW)

Achievement Awards to:-
Matthew (TC) – An outstanding effort to increase the quality & quantity of your writing.
Claude (TK) – An outstanding, all round effort in 2016 in all aspect of school life.
Grace (DM) – For fabulous progress in all areas this year.
Maegan & Cooper (KG) – Being the best SRC Exec by using your initiative & working tirelessly to make sure things were done.
Honey (HC) – Being a reliable & caring class member all year.
Max (MK) – For your effort & creativity when writing narratives.
Anastasia (JW) – Your commitment to learning & being an excellent monitor.
Jacob (LH) – Always showing initiative & helping the teacher & other students.
Evangeline (CG) – For giving a confident oral language presentation about a sea creature & responding to questions in an articulate manner.
Annie (MB) – An outstanding year. Fantastic manners, amazing learning & for being a beautiful person. I will miss you.
Darcy (HW) – For working successfully in two different debating teams, for maintaining focus & managing time so capably.

Congratulations to Akshat (JWS) for outstanding academic achievement in Hindi and French taken through the Adelaide School of Languages. Well done Akshat.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

As the year comes to a close it is important we celebrate another wonderful year at North Adelaide Primary School in 2016. The achievements this year have been many and varied and in fact too many to cover in this small report. Well done to all.

The Governing Council finished off the year with our last formal meeting followed by a small Christmas Dinner at the Queens Head Hotel (at our own expense) on Monday 5 December. A nice way to conclude a successful year as a team. I would like to thank all members of our Governing Council for their efforts throughout 2016 and you have all been a real asset to the school. There is a lot of passion, expertise and commitment from all of our Council members and we are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers giving up their time for the greater good.

The same should be said for the Parent Network who also give up their time and contribute enormous effort in so many ways and also our dedicated employees at OSHC who provide care, support and deliver programs for our children.

On Thursday 8 December we brought to a close our school year with a wonderful School Concert, nearly ruined by the rain, but in no way dampened the spirit of our students, teachers and school community who attended. To all those who brought this night together, sincerely well done.

On behalf of the Governing Council I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year and we look forward to supporting the needs of our students and teachers the best way we can when we return in 2017.  

Paul McFarlane  
Governing Council Chairperson

SRC NEWS

What a fabulous and productive year the SRC have had. Led by our two Executive Committee members Cooper and Maegan we have accomplished so much.

Maegan and Cooper attended the GRIP Leadership conference back in Term 1 and they haven’t looked back. They worked tirelessly throughout the year to fundraise with the sale of ice blocks and popcorn, school disco and casual days. With money raised they purchased a new bin for the yard, a play kitchen for the junior primary area, a notice board in the courtyard, they donated money to the choir to help with their end of year celebrations, they bought ice blocks for all the students who participated in the Instrumental Concert. Lastly, they purchased two school Christmas trees and had a blast at our final meeting for the year when we invited all the Year 3-7 class SRC reps to Room 6 where they all had a blast hand making decorations for the trees.

Thanks to Sophia, Isabella, Erica, Zafir, Maddie, Owen, Alfie, Anastasia, Lukas and Jesse for being fabulous class reps and always contributing positively to meetings. A HUGE thank you to Cooper and Maegan who have been the best SRC Exec and a joy to work with.

Principal: Rebecca Pears  Assistant Principals: Kate Bennett & Rene Wavell  Email: dl.0179_admin@schools.sa.edu.au  
Ph: 82671644  Fax: 82671287  This newsletter & other school information is on the web at www.nthadelaideps.sa.edu.au
We wish Darcy, Dan and Patrick all the best as they embark on the exciting adventure that is SRC Exec in 2017. Merry Christmas to all.

Kath Gemmell

O.S.H.C. NEWS

Vacation Care program – is available on the school website, front office and OSHC. The cut-off date for the early fee for Vacation Care was the 9th December. The daily fee is now $50 (**less CCB and/or CCR). **Please note that most families receive one or both of the following rebates reducing your OSHC fees. (CCR) Child Care Rebate and (CCB) Child Care Benefit. If you would like more information regarding fee reductions or have any queries please see Deb at OSHC or call Centrelink on 136150 (ask to be assessed for CCB).

Some of our popular days are filling up fast so make sure you book in for the days you require for work purposes. The children are really excited about the Human Foosball and the shopping days next week. Please remember to bring any unwanted items to donate to the charity shops on Monday. “The Wizard of Oz” Windmill production excursion still has a few more places available. Check out the trailer on their site as it looks like a great show. We’re excited.
2017 OSHC Bookings – All children that have permanent OSHC bookings will be automatically booked in for next year. Please remember to make the necessary booking updates and confirm required days prior to the new year. Before and After school care booking forms can be collected from OSHC.

Accounts - A friendly reminder to all OSHC families to please ensure that all fees are up to date before the end of Term 4. Thanking you in advance.

The OSHC Team look forward to seeing you all in the holidays and wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

Deb Benger - OSHC Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

SA Water VACSWIM, SA’s most iconic aquatic safety program has opened for registrations, with organisers encouraging all families to sign up early. 13,000 primary school aged children will take part at over 130 pool and beach locations from the 3rd-11th January 2017, in line with the Christmas and New Year holidays.

VACSWIM is a Government of South Australia initiative, providing children with opportunities to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures.

VACSWIM is described as the best value for money holiday program with individual enrolment starting at $30 per participant.
To register families can log onto www.vacswimsa.com.au

JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

FREE SUMMER ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 5 WEEKS
February 15 - March 15, 2017
5.30pm - 6.30pm for children 5 - 8 years,
5.30pm - 7pm for children 9-15years

JUST TURN UP WEEK 1 TO REGISTER!
Free for boys & girls, all fitness levels welcome
Bring hat, sunscreen & drink bottle

Woodville Rugby Union Football Club
Ailsa Ave, Seaton
Enquiries to Roy Utting
0400 850 505 or juniors@woodvillerugby.com.au
Summer ROCKSCHOOL

Learn how to play in a band and write songs.....record....film....do a gig....and more...

January School Holidays 2017

For ages 6-9 and 10-13  *30 positions available for each age group

5x 4 hour sessions including a
performance for parents and friends

Brought to you by

Learning Music
Australia

8395 4993
admin@learningmusicaustralia.com