FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, this is our last newsletter for the year. I would like to thank all of you for the significant levels of support that you have provided to your children and our school. The old saying of, ‘It takes a village to raise a child’, is very true. If you were lucky enough to attend our end of year concert you would have witnessed a gala night of song and dance, a Testament to our multiskilled students and our hard-working staff who put it all together.

Congratulations to the 8 winners of the Christmas Hampers that were drawn on the night: Naomi, Meg, Peter, Satvik, Kylie, Eddy, Pauline and Bree.

Reports will go home Wednesday 9th December along with a note detailing their teacher and classroom for next year. Students will be visiting their new Teacher/classroom on Thursday.

Have a safe and happy festive season. I look forward to seeing all of you again in 2016.

Peter Reid
Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday 11th November was Remembrance Day and the whole school made poppies for this significant occasion. All the poppies were placed in the green garden box.

We would like to thank Pat for playing the flugal horn during the formal commemoration.

Each class learnt about our fallen soldiers including ‘In Flanders Field’ and the orgination of ‘The Ode’.

By Ashlee Rm 15

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

End of Term Friday 11th December
Early dismissal 2pm

Term 1 begins Monday 1st February 2016

2016 NEWS

To assist families in planning for 2016
- Term 1 commences on MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016
- Materials & Service Charge is $229 payable by 26th February 2016

Families with 3 or more children are eligible for a family discount of $10 per child.

Payment options include:
- Cash, Cheque, Visa Credit or Debit and MasterCard
- Instalment plans – contact Paula Kromwyk for further information.
- Direct debit to School’s Bank Account – contact Paula Kromwyk for more information
- Centrepay – a set amount is automatically deducted, over a period of time, from any Centrelink payment you receive, at no cost to families.

School Card information will be sent home in Term 1 Week 1 or is available from the DECD website. Early lodgement of applications would be appreciated as they are forwarded to DECD for approval, which takes a few weeks.

In 2016 the Swimming Program of five 90 minute sessions, for Years 3-7, will be conducted at Waterworld Aquatic Centre, Corner of Jack High Lane & Golden Grove Road, Ridgehaven in term 4. Reception to year 2 students will be attending Clovercrest Swimming Centre, Montague Road, Clovercrest, for five 45minute sessions in term 2 week 3.
We have had a very busy year in the library, with the Book Fair, Book Week, lunchtime activities, and lots of constructive learning happening in our Resource Based Learning lessons for the whole school. We have had lots to celebrate with those events and the Premiers Reading Challenge medals and certificates being given out at the last assembly. Well done to all the students in the school who have worked hard to develop their reading skills, and received a medal or certificate. Congratulations to those students who received the highest award, the ‘Readers for Life’ certificates given to some year 7 students and to those who received the ‘Hall of Fame’ certificates. Please see below:

Thank you to our dedicated Library monitors Angelina, Tamika, Joshua, Emilie, Sophie, Beatriz, Anneliese, Kelahn, Nazia and Felicity for helping keep our library tidy, shelving books, helping out at the Book Fair, Book Week, and taking pride in your role. As a recognition of their work, Mrs Howson and I will be taking them to visit the State Library to see some exhibitions next Monday the 7th December. After the tour of the State Library we will visit the Magic Cave.

Working behind the scenes, the tireless work by Sue and Natalie in barcoding and cataloguing new books, covering, shelving and organising resources, helping teachers and students when needed, and keeping up with returning stock (especially readers) and stocktaking is crucial to keeping our library running smoothly, Thank you both, you make a significant difference.

RETURNING LIBRARY BOOKS AND READERS
Please ensure your child has returned all their library books and readers to the library. Borrowing has stopped now, as all resources need to be sorted, stock taken, and reader boxes prepared for next year. If your child for some reason cannot find their book, please let the library know, and an invoice with be sent home for the payment of the book.

EARTH SQUAD
A big thankyou to our fabulous environmental team The ‘Earth Squad’ - Blake, Chloe, Jack, Jane, Max, Josh, Yehya, Youhansh, Michael, Ali and Bevan.. They have worked hard this year to help sort the yellow recycling bins every Friday, water the garden, make posters, and generally help keep our school a lot cleaner.

Sometimes their job is a bit messy, smelly and unpleasant dealing with rubbish, so thank you for hanging in there when it’s not always been pleasant as it’s a very important job! You’ve done a great job. We will be having a celebration this Friday by making pizzas and eating them for lunch.

I will be back in the classroom full time next year, however I have loved working with Sue and Natalie and working with all students and staff teaching RBL lessons over the year. I’ve learnt lots and appreciated the opportunity to develop my skills in the library.

Finally may all Families and staff have a Happy and Safe Holiday break.

Lucy Thomas

Thirty seven Preschool children spent four mornings with us as part of their transition to school. They made Christmas decorations, drew, wrote, listened to stories and played. As part of their transition, the Preschool children have been buddied with a year 6 student who will mentor and look after them while they settle into school life. We’re proud of our R-7 students and the way they care for and look after their Preschool buddy.

END OF YEAR RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
KONNICHIWA MINNASAN!

Congratulations minnasan on such a wonderful performance at the End of School Concert! Students performed a song about Japanese lunchboxes. In classes, students added carrots, lotus root, burdock root, cherries, ginger, sesame seeds and mushroom. After cutting and sprinkling these ingredients, they made a beautiful Japanese lunchbox. Jouzu Minnasan!

If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, please come down to the Japanese room and take a look at the mural that has been painted by a few teachers! The pictures represent the culture and tradition of the Japanese people. We hope you like it.

Amanda Mlynowskyj
Japanese Teacher

T-BALL

This term we have been part of a baseball program developed through the Northern Districts Baseball Club and The Adelaide Bite. Students from years 2-5 have been involved in PE lessons that focus on the skills and rules needed to play T-Ball. All their hard work was put on show this week with a carnival at the Northern Baseball Club at Ingle Farm. We took 48 students, 2 year 2/3 teams and 2 year 4/5 teams.

The students were kept busy all day playing games and grabbing autographs from the Adelaide Bite players. Our Students stood out for their good behaviour, great sportsmanship and great skill. All students thank Mr Fassina, Rob Fuller and Cooper from Room 15 for their assistance. Also thank you to all the parents who managed to come and support.

Andy Doran
T-Ball Coach

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of jumpers, bottles and containers, in the lost property box. Please collect before the end of term as they will be given to charity if not collected.

REMINDER SWIMMING EXCURSION

Whole school excursion to North Adelaide Centre on Tuesday 8th December. Last day for payment ($4.70) is Friday 4th December.
**SUN SMART ASSEMBLY**
Para Hills School had an Assembly last Tuesday and were awarded with a certificate in recognition of 15 years being a Sun Smart School. Suggestions that Mr Giulio was in the suit are yet to be confirmed.

**DIARY DATES 2015**
- Friday 4th December Rm 6 Assembly 9am
- Friday 4th December 9am Cultural Morning Tea
- Monday 7th December Yr 7 Graduation
- Tuesday 8th December Whole School Excursion
- Thursday 10th December Yr 7 Assembly 9am

**Friday 11th December (End of year)**
2pm Dismissal

**Monday 1st February** start of Term 1 2016 8.50am

**CROSSING MONITORS 2015 Term 4**
- Week 9
  - Tyler
  - Justin
  - Bryce