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Week 1

25 July 2019

Term 3:

23 July – 27 Sept

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Welcome Back

I hope that all families and staff had a relaxing and restful break. Once again we are set for a busy term with many events planned including Sports Carnivals, Choir Performances and our Sports Day. We will also be celebrating Science Week and Book Week during week 4 and 5. Our Governing Council Fundraising Committee has also organised a Colour Run to be held on Friday August 16th (see the back page for more details). Finally another date to be aware of is Friday September 6th which is the Whyalla Wide School Closure Day.

Staff Changes

As highlighted at the end of last term we have some staffing changes for the remainder of the year. We know that this is not ideal but unfortunately at times this cannot be helped. Our new staff for the rest of the year are as follows:

- Cindy Francis will be in Room 4 replacing Jodie Murphy who has welcomed baby Annabelle into their family.
- Sophie James will be in Room 6 replacing Miss Kloeden.
- Brooke Candy will take over in Unit 3, in Week 3, as Tegan Maher will be taking leave to have her baby.
- Michellie Willner will be in Room 18 replacing Kylie Rogers who has taken up a different position in the Port Augusta Education Office.

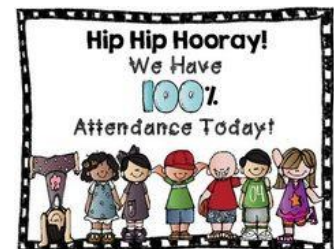
We thank you for your patience and trust you will make our new staff feel welcome in both the Nicolson and Whyalla communities.

Building Removal

During the holidays the portable building out the back in our Primary Campus was demolished. Work is still continuing in this area and the fencing will remain in place until the area has been resurfaced. As much as this is an inconvenience at present, the end result will be better for our students.

Attendance

Students need to maximise attendance at school to gain optimum benefit from education. Parents and caregivers are responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care. Regular attendance and participation in schooling is an important factor in educational and life success. Students who miss school are at risk of alienation from education that can lead to decreased options for future pathways. Currently for this year our school's attendance rate is 86% and our target is 95%. We are concerned that currently we have many students that have unexplained absences on their record. We understand that students are sometimes unwell or that pressing issues arise. On these occasions it is important to advise the school of the reason for the absence. Presently the rate of unexplained absences for our school is far too high. If you could assist us to improve this, it would be greatly appreciated.



Parent Teacher Interviews

You should have received an invitation to book a time to meet with your child and their teacher regarding your child's progress at school. Please take the opportunity to attend the school for this important meeting as research shows that when we all work together as a team the outcomes are better for our students.

Year 7 Transition

Over the next two weeks our Year 7s will have the opportunity to spend a half day at both of the Public High Schools in Whyalla and you can attend their Open Nights as a family. These are wonderful opportunities provided to help you and your children make informed choices about where they would like to attend High School.

Pam Peters

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Deputy Principal: Ben Harris-Jones

Senior Leader: Sally Rowe

Finance: Phillip Datson

Secretary: Catherine Worby

Admin Assistant: Margaret Dawson

Student Wellbeing Leader: Cynthia Spangenberg

Diary Dates

Stuart High Yr. 7 Transition Visit	1/8/19
Whyalla High Yr. 7 Transition Visit	8/8/19
Colour Run Day	16/8/19
Book Week	19/8 – 23/8/19
Soccer	23/8/19
Hockey	30/8/19
Whyalla Wide School Closure Day	6/9/19
Hot Shot Tennis Yr. ¾	23/9/19
Sports Day	27/9/19



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COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER



This term we will be having a COLOUR RUN as our fundraiser for Term 3.

Colour run day will be the 16th August.

Teachers have handed out the sponsorship form and a note outlining the details you will need for this fundraiser.

Please check with your child or their teacher if you have not received this information.

GET EXCITED!!!

BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Well done to the girls that played in the Whyalla Basketball Carnival.

They did not win the carnival but showed true integrity throughout the day.

They now have the opportunity to play in the SAPSASA round, to be played in Term 3.

Mrs Harvey



QKR - Tips

Thank you to all the parents using the QKR system to order and pay for student lunches online.

You may order and pay in advance for lunch orders – please note that the cut off time for ordering on the day is 8.50am.

No orders can be processed after this cut off time.

We ask that you check the order date when you place an order online, as we have had a couple of instances when orders have been placed after the cut off time and the order goes to the next available date.

To register or for more tips you can also visit:

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>

This new system will apply to lunch order items. All 'over the counter items' will still be paid for at the counter, with cash only.

Remember the canteen is only open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.