AGM Invitation - Monday 22nd February at 5pm
I would like to invite all families to our Annual General Meeting for Governing Council at 5pm on Monday next week. We will meet in the Resource Centre. This is a great opportunity to hear about what was accomplished in our school last year and our directions for 2016. Our directions will be further informed with the findings from our External Review which took place this week. I would like to thank the number of parents and members of Governing Council who made the time to come and speak to the review team. Your opinions are always greatly appreciated and were highly valued by the review team.
Please consider joining the Governing Council if you are interested in hearing more about directions for 2016 and contribute to discussions and planning for future improvement.

Parent Information Evening
I would also like to thank the many families who attended the Parent Information Evening last week. This evening gives staff the opportunity to meet with families and share their plans and expectations for the year. Ongoing communication between school and home is vital to ensure a positive learning environment for students. Please make a time to meet with your child’s teacher at any time throughout the year if there is something you would like to discuss.

Thank you,
Robyn O’Dea - Principal

Welcome changes to DCSI checks
DECD has updated its screening policy to make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time. Education and Child Development Minister Susan Close said the changes are consistent with recommendations outlined in the Working with Children Checks Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.
In short, DECD have now removed many of the requirements screening.

Volunteers DO NOT need to be screened:
- To visit their child at school
- Family members (parent, grandparent, aunty…) attending a single event: concerts, fundraising, swimming week, sports day
- When their child enrolled at school is direct receipt of their volunteers services

Volunteers NEED to be screened:
- Working with children with disability
- A family member of a child at the school (excluding single activities – see below).
- If they have no children attending the school
- Foster or Kinship Carer
- Students undertaking work experience
- Overnight Camps or Sleepovers

Student Personal Data

Families will receive a ‘Student Personal Data’ information page for each child this week. Please check that all of the details on the form are correct, make any necessary alterations, sign and return the form to the office as a matter of urgency. This will enable staff to update the information we have on record and to provide you and your child with the highest quality service and care possible.

An App for Parents

There is a free app called Learning Potential, developed by the Federal Government with more than 160 hints and ideas for parents to help their children with their learning. It’s very popular, with over 110,000 downloads since its launch in August 2015. Additional content and functional improvements will continue this year. It is available for both Android and Apple devices. For more information visit www.learningpotential.gov.au

Skoolbag Reminder

We have 217 people already registered to use Skoolbag.

This is a free app that can be downloaded onto your iPhone, iPad or android device. The app is also linked directly to our website. Newsletters, event dates, policies, class information and lots of other useful information will be available on the app and through this section of our website. We will also ‘push’ notifications and alerts of any important information directly to families using the app. You can also notify the school if your child will be absent and update your information on the app as the current messaging system will also be phased out early in 2016.

Please note paper copies of newsletters will only be sent home to those who register for this at the front office. We encourage families to try accessing the the Skoolbag app before registering for a paper copy.

Skoolmail is a FREE tool that enables you to subscribe to receive emails from the school. This feature will enable us to email the newsletter directly to you but you will need to subscribe. To subscribe for emails please click on the ‘Subscribe for email’ link on the app.

Out of School Hours Care

All of our new children and OSHC regulars have settled into the new school year well. Children have been taking part in a variety of fitness experiences. In the gym, running races, stretching and team games have been popular. They have also been enjoying team games like tennis and cricket outside.

Celebrations:

*Chinese New Year - we made dragons and explored the lunar calendar.

*Valentines Day - the children made personalised cards and necklaces for people that they love.

Over the next few weeks we will be doing activities around the Adelaide Fringe and Harmony Day.

To any families needing care we are open before school from 6:30-8:30am and after school from 3:15-6:30pm. To register please call our friendly customer service team on 1300 105 343 or visit our website www.campausralia.com.au.

Our phone number here at OSHC is 0450 265 054.

Thanks Morgan, Emily and Jess
2016 School Captains
We would like to announce our School Captains who are Madelyn Curry and Dylan Jones. Our Vice School Captains are Lauren Dent and Isaac Sanderson.

Around the School
with your School Captains
- Dylan and Madelyn

Each newsletter we will be interviewing one of the teachers at Angle Vale so everyone can get to know them a little better. This week we interviewed Mr Menadue.

What schools have you taught at in the past?
Hewett and Riverton Primary Schools

What is your favourite sport?
Basketball

What is your favourite food?
Pizza

If you could be a superhero, what superhero would you be?
Ironman

What do you like to watch on TV?
Sport shows

Do you have any hobbies?
Playing Hockey

What is your dream holiday?
Going to America

What do you think of AVPS?
It’s really nice, nice kids, really welcoming

What would you like to be doing in 10 years?
Traveling in America

Student Governing Council News – 2015 update

Backpacks 4 Kids
Throughout the year children find money in the school which is unclaimed. One of our school values is honesty. At one of the Student Governing Council meetings it was decided to donate this money to an organisation which helps children. During 2015 the total money found was $81.30 which was donated to Backbacks 4 SA Kids Inc. Backbacks 4 SA Kids Inc. is a SA Non-Profit Organisation supporting newborn babies through to teenagers who are placed into foster or emergency care. The aim of the organisation is to provide a backpack full of useful items that these children can call their own, providing reassurance and comfort from their changing worlds.

Well done to all the honest students in our school.

SA Pinery Fire Appeal
Our Student Governing Council had a meeting in 2015 and decided to have a Casual Day on Friday the 11th December 2015. The money raised was donated to the ‘SA Pinery Fire Appeal’.

The Pinery Bushfire burnt out approximately 85,000 ha of land in the Balaklava / Roseworthy area in South Australia’s mid north. Sadly there were fatalities as a result of this fire. The fire destroyed houses, outbuildings and affected many businesses.

The total funds raised were $484.60.

Well done to all the students who made a donation.

Regards,
Ms Melissa
and Student Governing Council Members 2015
Recycling Story

At our first assembly this year the Year 4/5 class explained how we try and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. We wrote the story below and made large posters of bins that explain what we can put into each, e.g. recycling in the bin with the yellow lid. We recycle food waste by putting it in the compost bins or the worm or 'chook' buckets.

All of the posters are displayed in the front office.

The Happy Recyclers

Once upon a time there was a magical school called Angle Vale Primary School and everyone was great at recycling.

The classrooms were beautifully neat and the gardens were very tidy but best of all the students hardly had anything to put in the rubbish bins.

The children brought their food in reusable containers instead of disposable wrappers, they gave their food scraps to the worms in the worm farms and they recycled everything that they could.

One year a new teacher came to the school and didn’t put his food scraps in the worm bin. He also didn’t notice that he could have put his alfoil lunch wrapping onto the alfoil ball instead of in the rubbish bin.

“Have you ever heard of recycling?” asked the students very politely.

“No,” said the teacher sadly. He did not know about recycling and he asked his class to teach him.

The students were very happy to teach him about the compost bin, the recycling bin, the chook bin, the worm bin and just in case he didn’t know, they told him to put only his rubbish in a rubbish bin - not one of the other school bins.

Very soon he was a great recycling teacher and they all studied happily ever after.

Attendance

What can parents do about anxiety and attendance?

Continuing from last term’s articles on anxiety here are some more strategies you can use to support your child if they are feeling anxious about attending school. Remember it is important not to dismiss your child’s anxiety, listen to them and encourage them to talk about their feelings and fears.

• If your child has problems walking onto school grounds, arrange for them to meet a friend before school so that they can go to school together.
• If your child delays getting ready for school so that they will be late, encourage them to still go to school and reassure them that you will talk to the school to explain why they are late.
• Should your child find socialising before school a source of anxiety, arrange for them to arrive just before the bell.
• Be involved in your child’s schooling (e.g. volunteer). Support your child with homework and study, modelling skills for becoming more independent and resilient.

If you have concerns about your child’s anxiety and attendance please make a time to speak with their classroom teacher or leadership.

If you have concerns about your child’s anxiety you can make an appointment with your local doctor for further support.

Bunnings Mandarin Tree Gift

Bunnings donated a Mandarin Tree to the Year 7s at the end of 2015. The year 7 students passed it on to the Reception students to plant and look after it.

Emma, Jake, Georgia, Nate, Tyler, Mia

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
• school uniforms and text books
• computers, laptops and tablets
• excursions and camps
• sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
• music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Keep your kids smiling

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Elizabeth GIP Plus Dental Clinic
Phone: 7485 4000

Sellers admitted from 9.00am for a 10.00am start. $ 10.00 per allotment BYO Trestle.

Buyers welcome 10.00am until 2.00pm.

For enquiries please call Neville 0408 110440.