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"Give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever." Psalm 118

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

### *LOOKING BACK AND GIVING THANKS*

We are almost at the end of another year, in fact we are about to celebrate our first 10 years!

It is time to look back at what this year has brought and give thanks to God and to one another for the many blessings we have received.

Firstly I believe that thankful people are happier people, so there is very good reason for us to complete this exercise and be able to encourage our children and our students to have thankful hearts.

This year has brought us so many unexpected blessings; I hardly know where to begin.

- We began 2009 with our highest student numbers and with 40 new students in our Middle/High School alone. What a challenge!
- Our staff grew to more than 35!
- Our School Board appointed 2 new members.
- Our very first cohort of Year 12's began their journey along the final year of their schooling.
- Our first small group of 3 pioneer students completed Year 12.
- Our school appointed Heads of Departments for the first time to ease the workload on the existing leadership team and Teacher Aides to assist our students with learning challenges.
- We received notification that we were to receive \$2,000, 000 for a new hall and \$1,000, 000 for a beautiful new Science Centre. Neither of which we would have been able to build with out the help of the BER funds. This along with a plan already in progress for a Drama/Performing Arts/IT complex has meant a building program of some \$4.5 million.
- We put on two more bus runs bringing our fleet to five!
- We opened our beautiful garden comprising 1/4 acre of land for the students to use to grow vegetables, plants and fruit trees

The list could go on and on, but it is important when we list achievements to remember the most important one and give thanks for it especially.

I believe that we have formed a community, in fact a Christian community. Even though many of our families have no formal church connection, each parent has joined us by placing their child in our care and teaching, and has honoured this by partnering with us along the way. We have cared for one another, laughed and cried together and recognised that "the body" has many parts, each one with its own function.

Our children (and young people) have grown and developed, made some mistakes and had some amazing successes too. I look at each of them with great pride, and thankfulness to their teachers and to you their parents.

As we close the year I wish to thank you for your encouragement, when you cheer us on, your support when you stand with us through tough times, your guidance when you bring to our attention things we can improve on and your celebration with us for all that has been achieved.

I look forward with you to 2010 being our best year yet!

Let's give thanks to God with a grateful heart together for all He has done. *Blessings, Paquita*

## **END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

**PRIMARY CELEBRATION NIGHT - Years R - 6**

**Thursday 10th December-Ascot Theatre, 7pm**

**All students are required to be in full summer uniform please.**

## ART SMOCK WASHING ROSTER

### Term 4, 2009

The parent on the art smock washing roster for the next week is: Week 9: Tania Tucker

We thank you for the support you give the school in this way. It is greatly appreciated.

## AWARDS

The following students received awards at assembly:

Nick Schulz, Mattia Johnson, Jasmine Smith, Aidan Schilling, Matt Cadd, Joy Lili, Amber Stock-Davis, Ben Nicholls, Morgan Hutchings and Anderina Manners.

Well done students!!

## 2010 Government Buses

If your child is eligible to travel on the Government Buses in 2010 then you will be automatically kept on the approval list. Forms will not be sent out to you this time. Please notify the Harvest Front Office if your child will not be using a Government Bus in 2010.

Government bus forms have been sent out to Ineligible families. If you have not returned yours yet, please now forward to Kadina Memorial High School for their approval. Please note that ineligible students are not permitted to travel on the bus in the first week of term 1 until numbers have been finalised.

## School Fees

All school fees need to be finalised before the end of Term 4. Please contact Sharon if you are having any difficulties in paying your fees.

If you would like an Annual Bill for your 2010 fees, please let Sharon know by the end of Term 4 or email her at [sharonh@harvest.sa.edu.au](mailto:sharonh@harvest.sa.edu.au). If you pay the FULL year fee amount by the due date, you will receive a 5% discount.

## Volunteer Thank You

On behalf of the staff and students we would especially like to thank all parents and grandparents who have come in to school this year to help in any way. Please accept our grateful thanks.

**THANK YOU**

## 2009 Term 4 Dates

### Dec

10th

Primary Celebration Night-7pm

11th

Last Day Term 4 -2pm dismissal

### Jan

22nd

Book and Ordered Uniform Pick-up day, 9am - 3pm

27th

**First Day Term 1, 2010  
(WEDNESDAY)**

## Term Dates 2010

2010	TERM DATES	LENGTH OF TERM (Weeks)
Term 1	27 Jan - 1 Apr	10
Term 2	19 Apr - 25 Jun	10
Term 3	19 Jul - 24 Sept	10
Term 4	11 Oct - 10 Dec	9

## Headlice

Before your child/children return to school next year, could you PLEASE make sure to check for Headlice. It has been a continual issue this year and we would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

## Lost Property

Please come and check the lost property box as we have a large amount of items and clothing. Anything left at the end of term will go to the second hand cupboard.

## Canteen

There will be a new price list coming out next year. Unfortunately there have been a few price rises.

A reminder that the canteen is open Monday to Friday.



## Multi Purpose Hall

It is very exciting to see the progress of the Multi Purpose Hall. By the time we come back from holidays, the hall should have a roof and sides.

The roof sheets are 30 metres long. This week the sheets were rolled on site.



### *Friends of Harvest*

The Friends of Harvest would like to welcome all parents to join us for a cuppa in the Staff Room on the first day of Term 1, Wednesday 27 January, from 9.00am.



### **End of Term Dismissal**

**Friday 11 December - 2.00pm**

**Term 1 2010 starts on  
Wednesday 27th January.**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL 2010**

Please note that the first day of Term 1 2010, is WEDNESDAY 27th January, due to the public holiday on Tuesday 26th.

Book packs will be available for pick up on Friday 22nd January from 9am-3pm from the classrooms for primary students. Middle/Senior students will receive their book packs on day one and will cover them in class.

Uniforms that have been ordered can be picked up on Friday 22nd from 9am-3pm from the uniform shop. Uniforms can also be purchased on this day, but if you have not ordered, there is no guarantee that there will be stock available that you require. The uniform shop will be open from 8.45am until 9.15am on the first day of term 1.

# Senior Presentation Night

Last Tuesday evening the Senior Presentation Night was held at the Ascot Theatre. It was a very exciting time as our first year 12 students received their "Graduation Certificates", which were presented by Mayor Paul Thomas. Families were entertained by the choir, Year 7/8 Drama, Jazz Band, and the Staff Item, which brought laughter from the crowd as Mr Howarth was asked to be a "BOAD". If you're not sure what that is, make sure to come along tonight to the Primary Celebration Night where the Staff Item will once again be performed.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- *Royal Life Saving Society swimming program*-4th-14th January. Minimum age of 4yrs. Info at [www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au](http://www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au). Enrolment forms available at the school front office. 9 lessons.
- *Vac Swim* 5th to 13th January 2010, Moonta Bay, and Wallaroo Beach. Refer to website for enrolment details ([www.vacswimsa.com](http://www.vacswimsa.com)) or call the Vacswim office on 74247650.
- *Copper Coast New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular*: Free Family event, Wallaroo Foreshore: sideshows, food stalls and fireworks display at midnight.
- *Kid's Club*: Moonta Uniting Church is having a school holiday program (open to all school age children). 17th, 24th and 31st Dec, 10am to noon in the Church Hall. Cost \$2 per child. Activities include drinks and snacks, craft, games, Devotions, meeting new friends. 24th Dec will be an open Birthday Party to all, gold coin donation for the Christmas Bowl. For information call Carole Perkins 88252674
- *Kadina Dental Clinic*: Clinic will be closed from Thursday 24th December and reopen on Wednesday 27th January. For dental treatment during this time contact Salisbury School Dental Clinic on 82509254 during business hours and for afterhours emergencies or during a public holiday school students should contact the School Dental Service AFTER HOURS emergency number on 82322651 for advice. Adult Dental Patients should contact the RAH Casualty Department After hour emergency number on 82224000 for advice.
- *Vacation Care 2009*: Wallaroo Primary School is offering Vacation Care available from Monday 14th Dec to Friday 18th Dec and Monday 21st Dec to Wednesday 23rd Dec, 8.30am to 6.00pm for children of preschool to primary school ages. For bookings and enquiries, contact Heather Mullins on 88232190 during school hours or 0428280425 after school hours.
- *Make A Wish Beach Day Carnival*-10th January-10.30-4pm. South Beach, Port Hughes. Team events, market stalls, live music.
- Santa will be at the Kadina Arts office in the Ascot Theatre. 17th & 18th Dec 10.30-12.30, 19th 10-12.30, 21st & 22nd 10.30-1pm, 23rd & 24th 10.30-12.30 and 1-3.
- Kadina Library School Holiday Program—15th Dec @ 2pm, 17th @ 7pm, 23rd @ 2pm. Further info call 8821 0444.
- Salvation Army School Holiday Program—Wed 13th-Frid 15th January 9.30-12.30pm @ 1 Port Road for primary aged children. \$2 per child. Further info call 88213366
- \*\*\*\*ALERT to parents investing in expensive computer tutoring programs, to research before signing up. There have been several complaints to Consumer Affairs regarding these programmes.\*\*\*\*