Dear Families,

The year is already off to a busy start with lots more in store for the remainder of the term. Again, it has been pleasing to see how well most of the students have been able to settle into their classes for the year.

**Attendance**

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are striving to meet an attendance percentage of 93% or above this year. Each week an Attendance Trophy will be presented to the class who has the highest attendance percentage for the previous week. On even weeks this will be awarded at assembly. On odd weeks the SRC will present this to the winning class.

Our school as a whole is currently meeting an attendance rate of 94.8%. This is a great achievement, which we would like to maintain. Please ensure that your children are at school every day, unless there is a legitimate reason for their absence. The graph below shows our current attendance rate for each year level. Well done so far on a fantastic attendance rate!

**Meet & Greet**

On Wednesday, Week 3 we held our Family Meet & Greet Night. This began with a range of activities for families to participate in, followed by classroom information sessions, a free sausage sizzle and our AGM. This year we had over 60 families attend our Meet and Greet with a total of over 150 people. This was wonderful to see. If you have any feedback on our Meet and Greet Night or suggestions on how we could improve this in the future please put your feedback in writing and drop it into the front office.

**Interviews**

In week 6 of this term we are holding our Parent—Teacher Interviews and our NEP Review Meetings. Please ensure that you complete and return the interview note to your child’s classroom teacher. It would be great for us to be able to share information about your child’s progress with you and set some goals for the year.

**School Uniform**

At the start of this year our revised uniform policy was implemented. Most students have been able to follow this extremely well, which has given our school a more uniformed and consistent look. An important change to our policy states that jeans are not acceptable. This is to ensure that the students can fully participate in the required school activities. If you need support in following our uniform policy please speak with a member of the Leadership team.

Sincerely,

Tracey Ward
### CALENDAR DATES

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### SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

**Week 5 Monitors**

Storm Collins, Brooklyn Tavra, Aidan Klose

**Week 6 Monitors**

Emily MacDonald, Emily Pyman, Sophie Pudney

Morning times: 8:30am—8:50am  
Afternoon times: 3:10pm—3:25pm

A teacher will be on duty from **8:30am** in the mornings and until **3:25pm** in the afternoons.

If your child is going to be away on a day that they are rostered on to do Road Crossing, please phone the school.

### NEWS FROM MRS. COWAN

Hello everyone,

My name is Jeanette Cowan and this is my third year as the Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET) at Memorial Oval Primary School. This year I am very excited to be teaching Media Studies with an integrated Aboriginal focus for years 3—7 on Mondays and Tuesdays in semester 1. In semester 2 I will be teaching Civics and Citizenship.

I would like to thank the Whyalla Computer Centre, who have donated a video camera to our school. Also, thank you to Joanne Jones who has donated two cameras. These donations will assist us in our Media Studies this semester.

I am aiming for this year to be enjoyable for the students, but also productive and challenging. If you ever have any questions or concerns please ring the school or send in a note for me. Thank you.
Free workshop for parents & carers of children with autism!

Whyalla- March 18

Register your place: positivepartnerships.com.au

AWARDS

Ryan Carn, Zac Leverington, Alec Smith, Tiarna Ezzy, Nathan Tavra, Jade Schuster, Matthew Martin, Jenna Carpenter, Mitchell Morris, Rhys Chilton, Alexus Lowe, Chloe Chapman, Hallie Drechsler, Sebastian Cash Aviikrit Deo, Rylee Elliott, Corey Cameron

Girl Guides in Whyalla

Meetings held at Rozee Street Guide Hall
Whyalla Norrie

Girls aged 5—8 years
Whyalla Dolphin Guides
Wednesdays 4:30pm—5:45pm

Girls aged 8—12 years
Whyalla Junior Girl Guides
Wednesdays 6:00pm—7:30pm

Girls aged 12—18 years
Whyalla Town Girl Guides
Thursdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Contact person:
Colleen Pattingale
Whyalla District Leaders
Mobile: 0428 374 344
Email: gcpattingale@gmail.com

Jake Murray, Dora Crentsil, Brody Stuart, Feebee Smith, Lilly Markadonatos, Corey Tetlow, Georgia Anderson, Kiara Cayetano, Kendall Colyer, Imogen Kelly, Aihen Turner, Anais Kermanidis
**SOCCER INFO**

**WHYALLA JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

**CLUBS TRAINING INFORMATION**

**Lions Soccer Club**
Training
Under 6s, 8s, 10s, 12s and 14s 5 - 6pm Wednesdays
At Lions Street Primary School
Contact Richard 86457175 or 042810046

**Woodenoor Booroor Club**
First Training Under 6s, 8s, 10s
Tues 17th Feb 5pm
First Training for Under 12s and 14s
19th Feb 5pm
At Woodend
Contact Shannon 0422823170

**Croatia Soccer Club**
Training Tuesdays 5pm
Under 6s, 8s, 10s, 12s and 11s
At Croatia Soccer Club
Contact Antton 0433 489 166
or Jack 0417 630 267

**Steel United Soccer Club**
Training Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30pm
Under 6s, 8s, 10s, 12s and 14s
At Steel Soccer Grounds
Contact Anthony 0417 491 470

**Woodlands United Soccer Club**
First Training for Under 12s and 14s
Monday 23rd Feb 5pm
First Training Under 6s, 8s and 10s
Wednesday 25th Feb 4.30 - 5.30pm
At Woodlands Soccer Grounds
Contact Andrew 0408 813 495

**FOOTBALL INFO**

**CENTRAL WHYALLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2015**

**5:30PM**

At Central's Clubrooms
McDouall Stuart Ave

Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 & Under 14 teams

Junior Teams—$10 per child
Under 14—$15 per player
Family club membership available
All new players welcome!

First Training Under 8 to 12
Wednesday, 11th March at 5:00pm
First Training Under 14
Tuesday, 10th March at 5:00pm

Please contact Kevin Hancock for any further information on 0477368989

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**ADVERTISED POSITION**

Memorial Oval Primary School is currently seeking interested applicants to put forward an expression of interest for the following position:

**Iron Knob Bus Driver**

The successful applicant will be required to pick-up and drop-off students from Iron Knob to their designated school in Whyalla. The applicant is required to have the following:

- Hold Department of Families and Communities (DFC) approved Driver Accreditation
- Have an approved ED222 ‘Application for Approval to Drive a School Bus’ form lodged with the Principal of the school responsible for their run
- Have a DCSI Screening Clearance

For more information or to submit an expression of interest please contact Tracey Ward on 8645 7991 or make an appointment through the front office.

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**SCHOOL CAMPS**

In Term 4, 2014 the Leadership Team, in collaboration with staff and Governing Council, developed a Memorial Oval School Camps Scope & Sequence. The purpose of this is to provide both staff and families with a clear overview of which camps will be attended and when. A condensed version is provided below. Please note that costs are approximate and may need to change from year to year as the costs for camp sites increase.

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