Dear Families,

We are already half way through Term 1 and so far it seems to have flown by. This term we have continued to grow in numbers and currently have a total of 274 students. This is extremely positive for our school.

**Governing Council**

On Wednesday, 25th February our first Governing Council Meeting for 2015 was held. At this meeting officers were elected and are listed below:

- **Chairperson**: Angela Silvestri
- **Deputy Chairperson**: Kylie Clayton
- **Secretary**: Kylie Clayton
- **Treasurer**: Kristy Chapman

Thank you to the above officers who were nominated and voted in. Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th March.

**Attendance**

This week at our assembly I was able to present our Class Attendance Trophy for the first time. This week the trophy was awarded to Room 1, who had the highest attendance percentage on 95%. Well done to all of the student in Room 1 for getting to school every day. We also had 3 classes who achieved a class attendance percentage of 94%. Next Monday the Attendance Trophy will be given out by our SRC Reps. Keep working hard everyone on helping our school reach our attendance target of 93%.

**SRC**

Class nominations, speeches and voting have been completed and our SRC members for 2015 have been inducted into their role. Last Friday we held an induction morning for the SRC members, which included relationship building activities, practising communication skills and the voting in of officers. Our officers for 2015 are as follows:

- **President**: Luke Karssen
- **Vie-President**: Jesse Marshall
- **Secretary**: Olivia Hudson
- **Vice-Secretary**: Kyra Trussell
- **Treasurer**: Lachlan Anderson
- **Vice-Treasurer**: Halle Devalle-Beaty

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended our assembly on Monday to see the SRC presentations. I know the students look forward to having you all there, making it more of a special event.

This week we have had many families attend a Parent—Teacher Interview, which is an important way of communicating between school and home. If you do have concerns or questions please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or make a time to speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

Sincerely,

Tracey Ward

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**WANTED**

Hockey players for the MOPS Hockey Team! Under 8’s, Under 11’s & Under 13’s Training starts this Thursday (5th March) at the Hockey grounds on Searle St. 4:00pm—5:00pm Sticks and shirts are supplied—No fees to pay Games are on Friday nights with the first game held on 20th March
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| Fri 3rd | **Public Holiday**  
*Good Friday* |
| Mon 6th | **Public Holiday**  
*Easter Monday* |
| Fri 10th | Last day of Term 1  
2:10pm dismissal  
Casual Clothes Day |

### School Crossing Monitors

**Week 7 Monitors**  
Lara Anderson, Brianna Bradtberg, Kristina Lowe

**Week 8 Monitors**  
Tayla Cartwright, Jade Richman, Georgia Anderson

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.

### Soccer Info

**Easter Raffle**  
Thank you to those who have already brought in a donation for our Easter Raffle. Please keep them coming in to the front office. Raffle tickets have gone home today with the newsletter. Please return them by Wednesday the 25th March. Thank you!
INFORMATION

Are you the parent or carer of a 10 – 15 year old? Are you worried about their online safety?
Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:
how teens connect online
how to talk with them about safety
making agreements and setting limits
dealing with cyber bullying.

Register to attend in person:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or
Register for webcast:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
When you register you will receive login details

Health and Wellbeing Evaluation for Children in the Community
Our school has been invited to take part in the OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) Evaluation now to be held on MONDAY 16th MARCH 2015. To help determine the success of OPAL, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and their parents/guardians to are being asked to take part in an evaluation of the program by completing a survey. The evaluation is managed by SA Health in partnership with Flinders University.

Students in years 4, 5 and 6 received a pack with an Information Brochure including the Consent Form for parents to complete and return to school, for your child/children to participate in doing an online survey and/or having confidential and private growth check measurements performed.

Could you please complete and return your child’s Consent Form to the school, (located in the brochure), whether it be a Yes or a No to participating in the health evaluation. Each child who returns a completed consent form, whether it be a Yes or a No will receive a gift of a yo-yo and a stress ball.

There is also a Parent Survey and Reply paid envelope to mail the survey back in. Please note the Parent Survey is not consent for the students. Personal details are collected for the matching of data/geocoding and will be removed. All data will be collated and the reporting will be done at a community level.

By allowing your child to participate in this evaluation you will be contributing to learning more about the health and wellbeing of children in the community.

AWARDS

Tuesday 17 March

When: 7.00–9.00pm
Where: Panorama Room
Adelaide
Convention Centre

Book Work Awards
Olivia Hudson, Hannah Gloede, Zac Moellner, Tevita John, Deckan Bowley, Taya Mason, Jenna Carpenter, Jag Drechsler, Elisha Hubner, Harry Linke, William Laybourne, Liam Franks

Class Awards
Emma Datson, Dakota Knowles, Lily Boralce, Cooper Jacobs, Olivia Hudson, Jacob Todd, Lachlan Anderson, Tayla Kogas, Connor Duncan, Kane Woolford, Abbie Main-Rae, Mayla Hebditch Bailey Laybourne, Lucas Yuill, Dimitri Milovanovic, Corey Cameron, Sebastian Colyer, Reggie Reupana, Hannah Spigiel
The National Australian Curriculum has 3 cross curriculum priorities, which are expected to be embedded into all learning areas. One of these cross curriculum priorities is Asia & Australia’s Engagement with Asia. The aim of this priority is for students to develop knowledge and understanding of Asian societies, cultures, beliefs and environments, and the connections between the peoples of Asia, Australia, and the rest of the world. Our 2014 language survey also identified Asian languages as the preferred choice for a language to be taught at Memorial Oval Primary School. When this is implemented completely it will provide us with another opportunity to develop this cross curriculum priority.

On Thursday, 19th February we celebrated Chinese New Year. Each class was able to learn about the Chinese festival and participate in an activity to extend their knowledge.

Thank you to Mr. Ma who took on the role of organising these activities for each class. Activities included making and cooking spring rolls (as you can see from the pictures), making a red money bag, creating lanterns, firework pictures and making dragon / lion masks.

In Week 5 Room 6 went on a 2 night camp to Wallaroo. While on camp the students participated in a range of activities, many of which were designed to build class cohesion and collaboration. Some of the camp highlights included visiting the Moonta Mines Museum, the heritage train ride and the Lip Sync Competition.

Mr. Ma spoke highly of the way in which his class bonded on camp and developed stronger relationships both with himself and each other. Thank you to Mr. Ma for the effort he went into preparing for camp. Also a very big thank you to Mr. Beveridge and Carolyn Foote. Without your support these special events would not be possible for the students. Mr. Ma would also like to thank the children in Room 6 for showing such responsibility while on camp and for taking care of each other so well.