

11 May 2017

No. 7

FOR YOUR DIARY.....

MAY	
Fri 12	NAPLAN Catchup
Thu 18 – Fri 19	Yr 10 PE
Tue 23	Yr 8/9 Netball – Pt Lincoln YR 12 English Excursion
Thu 25 – Fri 26	Warna Manda
Fri 26	Primary Assembly, Ms Kayser's R/1 class
Mon 29 – Tue 30	Outdoor Ed bike ride
JUN	
Mon 5 – Fri 9	SAPSASA Netball and Football
Mon 12	Queens birthday/Volunteers Day holiday
Thu 15	Yr 8/9 9 aside at Cleve
Mon 19 – Fri 23	Mid Year Exams for Yrs 10-12
Wed 21	Rock Run at Minnipa
Fri 23	End Semester 1
Mon 26 – Fri 30	Careers Trip – Yr 11s
JULY	
Mon 3	STUDENT FREE DAY
Fri 7	End of Term 2, Early dismissal 2:05pm
Mon 24	Term 2 commences
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 8	STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 11	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Fri 29	Last day Term 3, Early dismissal 2:05pm
OCTOBER	
Mon 16	Term 4 commences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



Hello Everyone,

Staffing

Welcome to Greg Shepherd, our second Far West Area PRT based at Streaky Bay Area School, who joins us from Roebourne District High School just out of Karratha in WA.

We will have Greg working in our school for the first few days of this week as he settles into the PRT role and gets accustomed to the DECD education system. Welcome to Jackie Fiebig, who will be teaching the Year 4 class for the remainder of this year with Tahla Montgomerie commencing maternity leave over the holiday break. Congratulations to Kerry Hill who will be acting Primary Coordinator for the remainder of this year – we are looking forward to her leadership in the Primary School and across the school. Sarah Brougham will now teach some lessons in Kerry Hill's R/1 class to

provide Coordinator NIT time. We also welcome back Julie Turner who will be backfilling for Misty Bassham for the first four weeks of this term.

Out of School Hours Care

Many thanks to the 17 parents who responded to the Governing Council's survey about Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) needs in the Streaky Bay community. Governing Council spent some time looking at the data at its meeting on Tuesday night, which showed that most families would use the service occasionally with only a low demand for consistent care. Governing Council felt that the indicated demand was not high enough to sustain a OSHC service. It is understood that there is a possibility that the Federal Government rules around OSHC will be reviewed in the middle of next year which may make maintaining a service more viable. Governing Council may consider revisiting OSHC services after this.

Mother's Day

This coming Sunday is a day to celebrate all the Mums and the special place they hold within their family. If you have the opportunity, I hope that you take some time out of your day to acknowledge your Mum and the special care she provides for you. I hope that all the Mums have a fantastic day. To acknowledge Mother's Day, the Parents and Friends are running a Mother's Day Cake and Produce Stall in front of Foodland from 9am – 2pm tomorrow, Friday 12 May. We hope that people will make the most of this opportunity to purchase some cakes and produce to support the school.

13 Reasons

Currently airing on Netflix is a controversial series, 13 Reasons, that focuses on the suicide of a teenager. Many concerns have been raised about this series and the messages it contains by both the media and our Education Department. It is classified in Australia as MA+ (suitable for 15 or over) and in other countries as R (18 and over). Further in the newsletter is some more information for parents of students who might be either watching, or wanting to watch, this series.

Capital Works

Governing Council have appreciated the feedback that parents have provided on the projects identified for upgrading through the Port Kenny amalgamation funding and encourage families to provide feedback if they have already not done so – please see feedback form later in newsletter. Discussions are continuing around the projects and the school expects a visit soon from the Capital Works team to scope out and put plans in place for the upgrades.

NAPLAN

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been involved in sitting the NAPLAN tests this week, with the final test, Numeracy, occurring today. I have been impressed with the way our students have approached the tests, calmly working their way through and putting in their best efforts. Staff are looking forward to seeing how they have performed and also the opportunity to analyse their performance data to identify strengths and weaknesses which will help us with our future planning. Results from the NAPLAN tests are expected to be available to schools and parents in August.

Fleming workshops

Our School Improvement Consultant, John Fleming, worked with the school staff on Monday and presented at staff meeting. John was very impressed with the learning environment and of the engagement of the students during his walk through the classrooms. We received further information about providing stretch for students through promoting self talk, Vocab development and problem solving. We also explored the revised Blooms taxonomy as a tool to promote creative thinking. Seven staff will next week travel to Melbourne to attend the John Fleming Primary School Teacher Seminars which involve a day observing in a Primary (R-4) classroom and a day of workshops with their leading teachers. Teachers will be away from their classes from Monday through to Wednesday of this week – which involves all our teachers from Reception through to year 3; Karly Kayser, Kerry Hill, Laura Allen, Ross McTaggart, Karen O'Reilly (yr 7), Tim O'Reilly and Chris Roberts.

Uniform & Mobile Phone policy

Many thanks to the parents who have provided some preliminary comments about our upcoming reviews of the Uniform and Mobile Phone/Technology policies. Involved in the review committees will be Governing Council, parent, staff and student representatives – if parents would like to be involved, please contact the front office. The first meetings of the review committees will occur on Wednesday 24 May, with the Mobile Phone/Technology Committee meeting at 1.05pm in the School Community Library and the Uniform Committee meeting at 3.15pm, also in the Library.

DreamBIG

Next Thursday the DreamBIG Children's Festival, formerly the Come Out Children's Festival, will conduct its opening event at Telstra Plaza at The Adelaide Oval from 10.45am till 12pm. The parachute that the Streaky Bay Area School students designed and painted, as part of the Festival, will be used in the opening event when over 1700 students are expected to parade underneath parachutes decorated from selected schools around the state. Parents and community members are welcome to attend the event.

Regards
Chris

STORIES AND RHYMES

For babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

9:30 – 10am Tuesdays @ the Streaky Bay Area School Community Library. Reading, playing, talking and singing with children right from the start.

Georgina Elliott, Teacher Librarian

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We'd like to thank Nick and Toni Redding of Streaky Bay Foodland for their continuing support of the Breakfast program. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Kerry Dunn and the volunteers who come in to help.

Mischa Karp, Student Counsellor

TO GIVE AWAY

To give away – three small short necked turtles. See Ian Picken if interested.



SBAS Parents & Friends
**Cake & Produce
Stall**
Friday 12th May
9am until 2pm
Front of Foodland Supermarket
If you're able to donate, please bring your
goodies to the school office on Friday
morning (before 9am), or drop to the stall



13 Reasons Why - Netflix TV Series

You may or may not be aware but many young people are watching and discussing the Netflix series '13 Reasons Why.'

The series depicts the story of an adolescent who suicides. While some people believe the show allows for authentic conversations about suicide, others believe the show exposes viewers to harmful suicide messages and imagery. Others are highly concerned that the glorifying of suicide is putting our young people's mental health at risk. The concerning content relates to the graphic imagery of the central character Hannah Baker's suicide method and means.

Netflix suggests viewing *13 Reasons Why* is only suitable for young people 15 and over (MA15+), which is supported by the Australian Classification Office. However, elsewhere the series has been classified as only suitable for those viewers over 18 years. It is certainly agreed that the content of the series is not appropriate for people under the age of 15 years.

Australian organisations like the Raising Children Network, Mindframe and Headspace claim the series depiction of suicide as a culminating 'event' is not a responsible portrayal of the serious repercussions of suicide. Suicide is a significant problem in Australia for several age groups, particularly adolescents. Australian Bureau of Statistics data show suicide as the leading cause of death of children between 5 and 17 years of age.

Headspace, Australia's National Youth Mental Health Foundation, has issued a warning about the series, and is encouraging counsellors, teachers and parents to discuss the serious issues in '13 Reasons Why' with young people who have been exposed to the series.

The Headspace warning is included in the links below. There are also resources that will assist you having conversations with children about '13 Reasons Why'.

Warning:

<https://www.headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/geelong/13-reasons-why-warning/>

A Headspace warning about the content of the Netflix programme '13 Reasons Why.'

Resources:

Headspace- 'How to talk to young people about 13 Reasons Why'
<https://www.headspace.org.au/assets/School->

[Support/Talking-to-Young-People-about-13-Reasons-Why.pdf](#)

Huffington Post- 'If your kids are watching 13 reasons why, you should too'

http://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/geoffrey-ahern/if-your-kids-are-watching-13-reasons-why-you-should-too_a_22055651/

Below are a useful list of services which provide immediate support for distressed young people:

- Lifeline: 13 11 14 or lifeline.org.au
- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 or kidshelpline.org.au
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467 or suicidecallbackservice.org.au
- eheadspace: 1800 650 890 or eheadspace.org.au

The series and flow-on responses act as a timely reminder of the impacts of children's viewing and exposure to the media. I would recommend that if you are aware that your child has or is viewing the series that you take the time to have a meaningful conversation with them about the messages. If you have any other concerns about your child that you would like to discuss, please make a time to contact me at the school.

Kind regards,

Mischa Karp,

Student Counsellor

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Ph- 86261202



Streaky Bay's Biggest Morning Tea

Thursday 25 May 2017

Streaky Bay Supper Room

10am-12 Noon



Any queries please
contact: Community
Development Officer,
Jess Davis on 86267033

Governor of South Australia visits Streaky Bay Area School

On Wednesday 5 April we hosted a visit from His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le Ac, Governor of South Australia and his wife Mrs Lan Le.

His Excellency, Mrs Le and District Council of Streaky Bay Mayor Mr Travis Barber were taken on a detailed tour of the school, conducted by our School Captains Angel Caddy and Tate Brands. Both captains highlighted key features of the school and spent time interacting with class groups and asking lots of inquisitive questions.

His Excellency made the following comments:

"We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your school and were very impressed by all of the activities offered at the school. Please pass on our thanks to the student leaders for hosting us. It was so uplifting to see bright and happy children thriving in a warm and caring learning environment. Please pass on our thanks to the teachers and students for welcoming us into their classrooms".

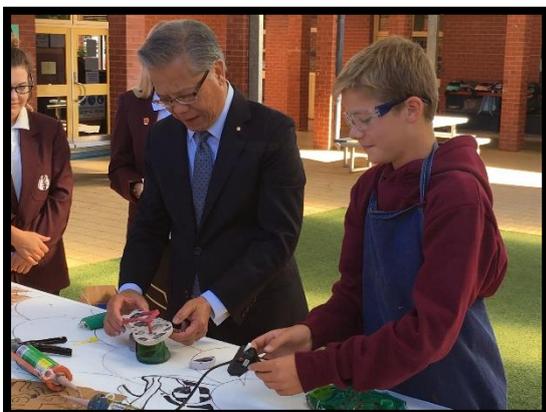
His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le Ac. Thursday 13 April 2017.

On behalf of the Schools Leadership Team we would like to acknowledge the School Captains on how well they spoke during the tour, the students for the respect that they demonstrated and all the staff for working to ensure this event was run successfully.

**Regards,
Tim O'Reilly**



Left to Right - Mayor Mr Travis Barber, Angel Caddy, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le, Mrs Lan Le, Tate Brands and Tim O'Reilly.



Jay Johns explained the Year 6 marine mural



Kobi Capurso played guitar for our visitors

Middle & Senior School Drug & Alcohol Education

In term 2 classes from year 7 to year 12 will be participating in Drug & Alcohol Education programs through their Health and Pastoral care lessons. The resources and lessons are aligned to the Australian Curriculum in Health & Physical Education. The programs are designed to provide evidence-based approaches to help students explore positive ways to address drug-related issues, while recognising young people are faced with many influences to use both licit and illicit drugs and alcohol. Lessons will also develop students' confidence and skills to successfully negotiate risky situations and develop a culture of safety, moderation and informed decision-making.

Some classroom activities will also encourage students to bring their learning home and have conversations within the family. Many of these conversations are homework tasks and we would hope that you can support your child(ren) by engaging in these conversations to support their learning.

We are also aiming to support these classroom programs through a combination of additional sessions delivered by Life Education, Adelaide Crows Community Education program, West Coast Youth Drug and Alcohol Services and SAPOL Drug Education programs.

If you have any questions about these programs or lessons we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the student counsellor Mischa Karp.

Mischa Karp
Student Counsellor

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Many Senior School students completed the Surf Rescue Certificate last week. This certificate, along with the Senior First Aid certificate, has equipped our youth with skills and knowledge that hopefully they will never have to use!

The year 11 students will be going on the Careers Trip to Adelaide later in the term and then complete their work experience. The year 10 work experience will be in week 10 of term 3.

Again, the year 10 – 12 students will be having mid-year exams in week 8 of this term.

The Formal Committee has met and are looking at different fundraising events that can be held to raise money for the 2017 Formal.

Over the past few weeks the three universities from Adelaide have presented information to our students about university life. Students now have a wealth of information about scholarships available, accommodation options, the application process and course information.

The year 10 students will be attending a mock interview in week 7. To help the students prepare, please assist your child out of school hours to practise these skills prior to the interview.

Kind regards
Karen Box
Senior School Coordinator

Middle School News

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent / Teacher interviews at the end of term 1. It is fantastic to see the increasing numbers of parents at these meetings. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that you are welcome to come into the school at any time to discuss your child's progress with the class or subject teacher.

SAPSASA NETBALL AND FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the SAPSASA Netball and Football teams:

- Abbee Cash
- Mia Whitford
- Jasmine Gunn
- Danielle Hill
- Sophie Gill
- Emily Geraeds
- Bianca Necic
- Jay J Johns

I would like to wish all the students the best for the State Carnival in Adelaide during week 6. It is a wonderful experience for our students, and during the week it is great to see the students' skills improve and the connections they make with students from other schools.

I would also like to thank Toni Foster and Alana Elliott for helping out with umpiring during the day. The time you gave to help out our school, students and the SAPSASA trial was greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to Nick Schumann and Tim O'Reilly for making sure the football oval was set up for the Ceduna Convenor.

NAPLAN

Congratulations must go to the year 7 and 9 students for the positive attitude and concentration they showed during the NAPLAN tests. Hopefully, schools and parents will receive results in August. Once we have received the results we will look at the data, and look at what we can do to further develop the skills and understandings of our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR STUDENTS

This term the students will once again have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. These include:

- All primary / middle school students – Colour Fun Run – (Tuesday 13th June - week 7)
- Selected students in year 8/9 Football in Cleve (Thursday 15th June – week 7)
- Selected students in year 6-9 Tcharkuldu Rock Run (Wednesday 21st June – week 8)
- Selected students in year 8/9 Badminton at Streaky Bay Area School (Friday 30th June – week 9)

The Middle School staff continue to look forward to working with your child/ren over the course of term 2.

Regards,

Karen O'Reilly

Middle School Coordinator



Please return to the front office as soon as possible

Governing Council Amalgamation Upgrade feedback

Governing Council is seeking feedback on the areas prioritised for upgrading.

This is not a vote, but whether you support the ideas listed below.

Major Upgrade

- The School Pool
- Senior School Classrooms
- Art room

Minor Upgrade

- Primary quadrangle shade
- Concertina doors for primary classrooms
- Fibre internet connections to school

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