Dear parents and caregivers,

We have had an amazing start to learning at Nairne School this year and I am already really looking forward to seeing where children and staff will end up with their learning in 2015.

Classroom teachers have been working very hard to ensure a smooth transition for those students who are new to their class and have welcomed many familiar faces as well. Information exchange meetings (parent/teacher meetings) have started this week and will continue for the next few weeks. These meetings are vital in establishing strong relationships with families early in the year and help teachers enormously to know and understand your child’s needs. If you haven’t received a copy of the purple booklet and letter please contact the office and we can send another home. We appreciate the effort that so many families make to contribute to these meetings.

This year we are trialing having “science and technology” as a specialist subject alongside Art and PE. Kathy Fazakerley is coordinating this programme and will be supporting mainly junior primary classes this term but will move to older classes during the year and I know that she is very keen to embark on a Robotics course with some of our older children.

Our teachers of course are also well under way further enhancing their own skills and knowledge. Our literacy and maths mentors have already started working with us and we have a training and development programme scheduled for the year. The high level of professionalism and willingness to expand their own learning is fast becoming a signature trait of teachers at Nairne School.

There have been many smiles to start the year.

Kind regards
Leesa

New SMS Number
Please be aware that our SMS number has changed. The new number 0427025088.
Please use this number when contacting the school for absence or wait and reply to an SMS from us.
Notices

School / Preschool Fees Reminder

Fees packages were sent home via the eldest in the family last week. School & Preschool fees are required to either be paid in full - OR a payment plan put in place which has been negotiated with the school - by the end of Term 1.

For further information please speak to Jean or Julie in the front office, or e-mail jean.runckles817@schools.sa.edu.au

School uniform

Don’t forget shorts and long pants need to fit in with the school colours. We have navy shorts and tracksuit pants (especially selected with our senior students in mind but available to all ages) available from the Front Office.

Many people have also been in to get hats, iron on logos, school bags and t-shirts.

Canteen Requests

Just a reminder that if you haven’t completed or returned the “Request for Volunteers” slip as yet, please send it in as soon as possible to enable Jean to finalise the canteen rosters, and thanks to those who have replied so far.

Sticky Tape!

One request from our canteen volunteers is that you please refrain from using sticky tape on your tuck bags/orders as it makes it very difficult to remove without tearing the order and can be time consuming when we have to deal with so many orders. Please place the order and money in a paper bag, envelope or plastic re-sealable bag.

Separate Orders

Another request is that you please write out a separate order for each child and place in their relevant class tuck bag. You can pay the total amount in one child's order with a note listing the other siblings and their class numbers.

Battery Recycling Program

The Battery Recycling program that was in operation last year is sadly no longer being offered to us in 2015. Battery World Mount Barker, who ran the program continue to offer an in-store recycling service for domestic quantities of batteries.

Nairne School Traffic Update

A big thankyou to the vast majority of parents who have displayed the virtues of patience, cooperation and caring in regard to dropping off and collecting children.

For those families who use the Saleyard Road school entrance, the “D” shaped Kiss and Drop” zone is the quickest and safest area to collect children.

Children should get in and out of vehicles through the left hand side door only and parents must not park and leave cars in the “Drop Off” zone during school pick up and drop off times. Please make sure you stick to appropriate school speed limits at all times to assist with safety of students.

The new car park should be used if you are stopping and visiting the Preschool, School or classrooms only. Please only park in the proper line marked car spaces. For the safety of everyone do not double park behind other cars or stop in obvious no parking areas. The car park is not to be used as a “Kiss and Drop” area as this aids to further traffic congestion and is unsafe. All students can quite safely walk into school from our “D” shaped “Kiss and Drop” zone.

Parking in disabled parking spots outside the Preschool are for vehicles with a valid disabled parking space permit which is clearly displayed. Please respect the needs of all members of our community.

Please be aware there have been council parking inspectors and police patrolling our school roads to support a safe environment for all children and families, so please abide by all line markings and signs.

Walking to and from school is another healthy option which also helps alleviate waiting for car parks. Bythorne Park is a great spot to drop off and pick up children and the whole family could have a walk to school and learn about road safety along the way whilst using the crossing on Princes Highway.

Thanks for your assistance with these matters and helping to keep our whole community safe.

Derek Miller

Fundraising Advance Notices

Entertainment Books

The Fundraising Committee will again be selling Entertaining Books this year, and orders will be taken later this term. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Other Fundraisers

The Fundraising Committee will meet during the next few weeks to finalise events for 2015. Further information in the next newsletter.
We have had a great start to the year with older students quickly getting back into the routine of borrowing regularly and the preschool children learning all about the library and the joy of choosing and borrowing books.

Monty (my dog) and I are settling in well to our new roles in the library. We have enjoyed meeting all the students and look forward to a busy but enjoyable year.

**Author of the Month**

This year we will be having a special focus on one author each month. The author of the month for February is ‘Senior Australian of the Year’, Jackie French, who has written over 140 books. Students have enjoyed looking at our colourful Jackie French display and learning interesting facts about her life. They have also been involved in reading and listening to her stories.

Two groups of students from rooms 20 and 11 have been working with Sally (SSO) in the school kitchen cooking some of Jackie French’s recipes. The chocolate and zucchini muffins were delicious!

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

This is the twelfth year our school has been involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage students to read and to increase literacy skills.

The challenge requires students to read twelve books before September 4th. Eight of the books read must come from the Premier’s Reading Challenge booklist and four books are the student’s own choice. Many of the books on the list are available in our library and also in public libraries. These books are identified with Reading Challenge stickers:

Students who complete the challenge receive awards from the Premier. The awards are:

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We are aiming for 100% participation in this year’s challenge and a whole school celebration when all students complete it.

Further information and activities can be found on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)

If you have any queries please contact us at the library.

*Jenny Pascoe, Jen and Sally*
All About Choice and Rock and Water.

This year we are having a whole school focus on making positive choices, being self disciplined and understanding about the processes we have here at Nairne to resolve issues.

We are very lucky to have Jen Binney back at Nairne to work with our Junior Primary classes using the program All About Choice. In these lessons the students will be learning techniques to get back to calm, be balanced and make good choices.

Belinda is working with the year 3-7 classes using the complimentary program Rock and Water - a program that uses physical activities to develop self control, self-reflection and self-confidence.

We hope that providing our students with these programs at the beginning of the year will develop common language and skills across the school, which will support a positive learning culture.

Counsellor’s Corner

From Student Counsellor Belinda Trowbridge

2015 Virtues

This year our staff, Preschool to Year 7, reviewed the virtues to choose virtues for particular age groups to focus on. Below is a collated list of the virtues that our school will be focusing on this year.

We will be continuing to use the virtue cards as acknowledgement of students demonstrating virtues in the class, yard, and excursions and in their work. At assemblies students will be acknowledged for demonstrating these virtues and given canteen vouchers.

Creativity
Joyfulness
Friendliness
Truthfulness/ Respect
Honesty
Self-discipline
Perseverance
Kindness
Commitment
Excellence
Integrity
Trustworthiness

The classes participating in Rock and Water have been paying particular attention to the virtue of self-discipline in each lesson.

Self-discipline means self-control. It is doing what you really want to do as long as you know it is OK to do it. You act instead of react. You take charge of yourself and get things done in an orderly and efficient way.

You are practising SELF-DISCIPLINE when you:

- Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry
- Use detachment so your emotions won’t control you
- Do what is expected without anyone watching over you
- Practice moderation
- Do things on time

“I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.”
This week students from years 3-7 are invited to apply for a position in the Learning To Know student voice group. This group is going to be involved in writing articles for the school newsletter as well as being involved in running writing competitions in the school. If you think your child would like to be in this group please support them to hand up a piece of writing to Belinda by Friday.

Choir
Belinda attended two days of choir training last week to learn all the new songs for Festival Theatre this year. Choir will begin on Wednesday afternoon in Week 4. Students in years 5-7 are invited to come and see what choir is all about. Students then need to make a commitment to choir by Week 6. Please see Belinda for more information if needed.

Lunchtime Activities

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Nairne School Choir
Choir begins on Wednesday Week 4 in the DeKhbang room at 2:15pm.
Belinda and Sharon would like to invite past members of the choir as well as new and enthusiastic members.
If you like to sing, then choir is for you!

Fact Sheet for Parents/Caregivers
What is the Sports Vouchers program?
The Sports Vouchers program is a State Government initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS). It is an opportunity for primary school age children from Reception to Year 7 to receive a $50 discount off sports club/membership fees. All families with eligible children in South Australia will receive a letter through school (or home if home-schooled) informing them of the Sports Vouchers program and how it works. Sport providers can then offer a $50 discount on fees and subsequently be reimbursed by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

What can the $50 be used for?
Each eligible child can access a $50 voucher which can be redeemed to offset the cost of membership fees for participation in a minimum 10 week sports program. The discount cannot be used for equipment purchase or a one-off 'come and try' type event.

When will the program start?
The letters will be sent to schools during weeks 2-4 of Term 1 2015. Sport providers will register to be involved from November 2014. You will be able to claim your $50 subsidy at any time until 31 December 2015.

Who is eligible?
- Children who are at Reception to Year 7 age during the 2015 school year
- Children who are residents of South Australia
Note: only one $50 subsidy can be claimed per child per year.

Who are the providers?
Incorporated not-for-profit sport clubs and registered businesses affiliated with State/National Sport Organisations are eligible to register for the Sports Vouchers Program. Sport providers will need to demonstrate that they comply with the Children’s Protection Act 1993 and provide a Child Safe Environment. Registered organisations will also be subject to random audits of membership, financial reporting and Child Safe Compliance Statement.

Which sports will be included?
The Sports Voucher can be used for fees associated with any sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. Organisations for people with disabilities recognised by the Australian Sports Commission are also eligible.
Jumping Castles, waterslides, cinema excursions, plaster painting - WOW!

We had one week of Vacation Care leading into Christmas last year, then a two week break followed by a massive three weeks of Vac! In the first week we celebrated Christmas with lots of Christmas themed crafts, watched ‘Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day’ at Wallis and a yummy roast lunch! We also swam in the pool and sang our hearts out with the karaoke machine!

In the three weeks that followed the New Year celebrations we went for three different trips to Wallis Cinemas and watched ‘Paddington’, ‘Big Hero 6’ and ‘Penguins of Madagascar’.

We were planning a walk to Plaster Planet but unfortunately the weather was against us. Luckily the lovely ladies from plaster planet came to us and we had a fantastic day making colourful plaster creations.

The rainy and cold weather also ruined our plans for most of our swimming and waterslide days as well, but fortunately we could still use the slides in the gym and made up for the lack of pool use with other activities.

Over the Vac Care period we also enjoyed many fun activities like playing with giant bubbles, had a water fight, drew with freezy chalk, made our own pizzas, made tie-dye shirts and painted beautiful pot plants with the staff from Bunnings.

We hope all the children that attended OSHC throughout Vacation Care enjoyed themselves as much as we did and we look forward to the next school holidays.

If any families have feedback regarding the Vac Care program please contact us.

OSH Director: Jill Bache
Welcome to the 2015 school year!

During term one I will once again be offering counselling and psychotherapy sessions at Nairne School on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

We all appreciate support at times around parenting, difficult behaviours, challenging decisions or self-development.

I work with both children and adults so if you or your child would like some confidential support please phone or email me to make an appointment.

All sessions this term are free of charge.

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au
## Available Now! The Nairne School Community Business & Services Directory

The Community Business & Services Directory is an initiative of the Nairne School Governing council aimed at connecting families, staff and supporters of our school in a practical and mutually beneficial way. The directory will be available via the School Website and in print shortly. It will be included in new student packs and be promoted through the Nairne School Facebook page.

### School of Languages

**Is your child interested in learning another language?**

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<td>$26 per half hour lesson. There will be 3 or 4 free spots in 2015 if any new students are interested. Enquire at the front desk for an application form. Phone 0402 255 859 or <a href="mailto:guy.hap@hotmail.com">guy.hap@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Erica Graf teaches guitar</td>
<td>At home after school. Students and adults: $25 per half hour. Phone 0412 160795</td>
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<td>Located in Dawesley. Vacancies on Wed, Thurs, Fri for children from 6 weeks old to school age. Phone 0438 880342</td>
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<td>Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Self Respect. Kids can start at the age of 5. Phone 0412 909 500 or 0417 802 186</td>
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<td>Supportive Holistic</td>
<td>Jill Hardy Specialising in Sandplay Therapy, Process Work. Phone 0431 686 039 or <a href="mailto:withgratitude@live.com">withgratitude@live.com</a></td>
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### Hockey Players wanted – all ages

**Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 14s, Under 18s**  
Boys and Girls  
( adults welcome too )

**Come ‘n Try and Registration day**

**Sunday Feb 22, 4-5pm**

**Juniors training starting in March**

At Cornerstone College (synthetic tennis/hockey surface) Mt Barker. Enter via bottom gates.

For more information ring:  
Sally: 0428 849 755

### Adelaide Hills Hockey Club

**Eastern Hills Basketball Association Aussie Hoops Program**

The Aussie Hoops program is a perfect way to introduce your child to the game of basketball. Sessions are based around learning the basic fundamentals of the game while being in a fun relaxed environment.

The program caters for children aged 5-10 and of all skill levels.

**Program Details:**

- **When:** Tuesday Afternoons starting week 4: 17/2/14
- **Where:** @ The Mount Barker Recreation Centre
- **Time:** 4:00pm - 4:45pm
- **What to Bring:** Water bottle / fun attitude
- **Cost:** $3.00 per session. Please pay in the Eastern Hills Office near basketball courts.

For more information please contact  
Melinda Todd on: mindi_10@hotmail.com