

Aberfoyle Park High School

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates	
March	
3	Yr 12 Acquaintance Night
7-15	Nihon Gakuen Study Tour
10	Yr 11 Aquatics
11	Immunisation Day
14	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
15	Governing Council
22	Open Night
24	Zone Athletics
25	Good Friday Public Holiday
28	Easter Monday Public Holiday

WELCOME TO 2016

The school year started very smoothly with the Year 8 students getting to know each other on Day 1 through a range of fun and challenging activities supported by the Year 11 Big Brothers and Sisters while the Year 12's started with a full program at Flinders University. The other year levels joined us on the Tuesday and all students were in classes by lesson 3 and away we went for the 2016 school year.

I would like to welcome all the new Year 8s and their families and all the other new students who have just commenced at APHS as well as all the continuing students and families. 2016 will see our continuing focus on ensuring that all students achieve to a high standard enhancing our focus by providing more feedback to students on their progress and by seeking greater student feedback on teaching pedagogy and programs. Both these areas were identified in the 2015 External Review and will be embedded into the 2016 Site Learning Plan.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students for their outstanding achievements in 2015:

Six students also received A+ grades with 'MERIT'. The merits were awarded to the following students.

- ★ Chloe Blacket – Health (Teacher - Dave McCulloch)
- ★ Keegan Jones - Maths Apps (Teacher - Jane Hoffman)
- ★ Erin Simister - Psychology (Teacher - Jane Hoffman)
- ★ Rebecca Langhans - Food and Hospitality (Teacher - Lyn Rogers)
- ★ Ben Schofield- Visual Art (Teacher - Kate Toop)
- ★ Katerina Kozaderova – Yr 10 student 2015 - French (Teacher - Andy Vinter)

92% of students who applied for University received their first or second preference, which is an improvement on last year. In addition the overall percentage of A and B grades achieved by students at Stage 2, was 57.51%. Well done to the 2015 Graduating class.

In closing I would like to introduce you to our 2016 School Captains, Amy Davis and Lachlan Bruce, and I can assure you they are already demonstrating the skills we would expect from School Captains in both words and actions.

Liz Mead



Merit winners at the SACE Merit Ceremony.



Amy Davis & Lachlan Bruce
2016 APHS
School
Captains

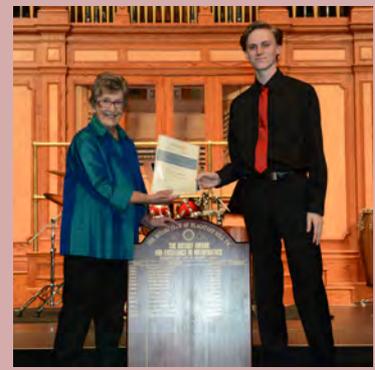
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VALEDICTORY 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 Year 12 prize winners who were recognised for their success at the Valedictory in December.

- APHS Dux - Erin Simister & Holly Withers
- Ben Mitchell Award - Nathan Crawford
- Vicki Ryan Award - Madyson Tunn
- Caltex All Rounder - Erin Simister
- Zonta Award - Caitie Schneider
- Elite Sports Award - Ashley Colliver
- Sport Award - Erin Simister
- Principal's Award – Jason Fok
- Service to School Award - Jess Scott
- Rotary Mathematics Award - Joshua Leyshon
- The Long Tan Award - Max Ford
- ATSI Indigenous Student of the Year - Kira Curtis
- International Student of the Year - Rebecca Yiru
- Community Service Awards - Caitie Schneider & Jason Fok



DAYMAP CONNECT PARENT PORTAL



We are asking all parents to log onto the Parent Portal, called Daymap Connect. This gives parents access to student attendance, course information and results. This year we will be publishing all summative tasks (major assessment tasks) in real time via Daymap Connect so you don't have to wait for the formal reports.

If you are comfortable with Information Technology (Computers, tablets and phones) simply email daymap@aphs.sa.edu.au and instructions will be emailed back to you.

A reminder that if you are new to Information Technology and would like hands on assistance we are offering a:

Get to know the Parent Portal session

When: Tuesday March 1

Where: Information Technology Lab 1

(Please enter via Taylors Road gate and follow the signs)

Time: 5:00pm till 6:30pm

The log on process and information about the program features only takes about 15 minutes. Please RSVP to greg.rolton@aphs.sa.edu.au if you are interested.

Greg Rolton

CHANGES TO TERM 1 STUDENT REPORT

Following discussions with staff and Governing Council there will be some changes to the Term 1 Report for 2016. In the past students in Years 8-10 have received an A-E grading and Senior Students have received a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory (S/U) grade in the Term 1 and 3 interim reports. With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the reduction in summative tasks we will use the Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory (S/U) grade in the Term Report for ALL year levels. This allows the summative tasks to be more evenly spaced throughout the semester. Allocating an A-E grade so early in the year is not an accurate guide as it may only be based on one summative task.

The Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory (S/U) is an indicator of the progress a student is making based on formative tasks, participation in classroom activities and any summative tasks. If a student receives a Satisfactory (S) Grade then they are on track to pass that subject. An Unsatisfactory indicates that there are concerns with regards to the student passing the subject if there is no improvement.

The Term 1 Report will be issued on Tuesday 5th April and followed by Parent/Student/Teacher interviews on the evening Tuesday 12th April. Further information will be sent home later.

Liz Mead

APHS STEM Roadshow

Coming to a Primary School Near You!

Throughout the first term of 2016, Aberfoyle Park High School teachers have been involved in delivering a taste of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) to Primary School students in the south.



Our teacher team Sam Mosley, Cameron Sparkes & Jen Shennick

The experience requires the students to apply some real problem solving skills to crack codes to complete a challenge, as well as getting their hands dirty with *Ooblek*, a non-Newtonian fluid. STEM skills are needed in today's workplace: problem solving, analytical thinking, and the ability to work both collaboratively, as well as independently.



Getting down & dirty with Ooblek!



Cracking codes

Russell Johns

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This year every English teacher is encouraging all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books, enjoy reading and improve literacy levels.

The PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE begins NOW and ends in early September.

The challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September. There is a list of appropriate books and further information available from the following website -

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home>



There are many reasons we should encourage our students to read more, including the following:

- Reading benefits ALL learning areas and life outside the school gate
- Reading expands a child's vocabulary
- The act of reading works as an exercise to improve reading fluency and comprehension
- It takes you to places you've never been to before, and it enhances your imagination
- It teaches you about grammar, sentence structures, and enhances your communication skills

Sowhy not get lost in the benefits of reading? Maybe you could encourage your child and make it a family challenge! Happy Reading!

Brionie Zilm

2016 NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

During the end of the summer holidays, I was lucky enough to be amongst 400 students from all across Australia attending a once-in-a-lifetime event called the NYSF.

Officially speaking, the NYSF is a two week program in Canberra for students heading into Year 12 who wish to pursue a career in a STEM field, but there's so much more to it than that.



I got my first taste of Uni life by staying at student lodgings at the Australian National University and exploring a huge range of career options through hands on lab visits, talks and panels with leading Australian scientists and made new friendships that will last for the rest of my life.



It was truly an experience that cannot be put into words and I completely recommend applying to any Year 11 student who wishes to make a difference in the world of science.

Ellie Wall

Aberfoyle Park High School OPEN NIGHT Tuesday 22nd March

Tours will leave from
the marquee every 10
minutes between
6.00pm & 7.30pm

Come and meet our
great students and
teachers, be inspired by
our dynamic programs
and state of the art
technology in a school
where your child is our
focus.

DON'T FORGET APHS IMMUNISATION DATES

Put them in your diary now!

- Visit 1 Term 1 Week 6 2016
Friday March 11th
- Visit 2 Term 2 Week 7 2016
Thursday June 16th
- Visit 3 Term 4 Week 5 2016
Thursday November 17th

Joff Sander

TECHNO CRAFT

Design IT. Make IT. Use IT.

- Use cool apps and programs to create and code.
- Have a go on tech devices
- Share your existing skills gain new ones.



For ages 8-15

Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm during
school term.

Hub Library, Hub Drive, Aberfoyle
Park Ph 8384 0100

A TASTE OF FLINDERS UNIVERSITY – YEAR 10 STUDENTS

On Friday 19th February our year 2nd
Year IGNITE students took part in the
following workshops at Flinders
University

App Development

Students used MIT App Inventor, a
cloud-based visual programming
interface, to develop their own
Android app.

Cooling Gases

Chemistry and Physics combined in a
fascinating show about states of matter.
Students were shown some of the
more exciting aspects of this using
liquid nitrogen.



Marine Biology

Students were given the opportunity to
identify and discover various
invertebrates, and consider aspects
such as how their body plan suits their
function.

Practical Maths

Students applied mathematical ideas to
one or more different STEM areas to
help develop their understanding that
all STEM areas rely on maths at some
level.



It was a great opportunity for students
to checkout some of the facilities,
including the university laboratories,
lecture theatres and the Science
Innovation Learning Centre.

Russell Johns

YEAR 12 PARENT ACQUAINTANCE EVENING

On the evening of Thursday, 3rd
March 2016, from 6.30–7.45pm
there will be a Year 12 Parent
Acquaintance Evening. This will be
an opportunity for parents of Year
12 students to hear from and meet a
number of people within the school
who will play a significant role in the
lives of all Year 12 students. The
Acquaintance Evening will be held on
the Senior Floor and will start with a
formal gathering where a number of
speakers from the Senior Team will
address you.

Topics will include

- Senior School Expectation
- Senior School Structures
- SACE Information
- University & Vocational Pathways
- Work Completion

The second part of the
Acquaintance Evening will be
informal and provide an opportunity
for you to meet your child's Home
Group Teacher and Year 12 subject
teachers.

As per the email sent home
previously please advise Sarah
Johnson if you will be attending for
catering purposes

Sarah.Johnson@aphs.sa.edu.au

After School Study on Senior Floor

The Senior Floor will now be open 3
nights a week after school for Year
11 and Year 12 students to
undertake private study and seek
assistance if required. This will occur
on Monday, Wednesday and
Thursday nights from 3:30pm to
5:00pm. Students who wish to utilize
this will be required to sign in when
they attend and they must be on the
floor by 3:30pm.

All Senior School students have
been emailed regarding this and we
would like parents/caregiver to
please encourage students to take
advantage of this opportunity.

If you require any further
information please contact:
Dale Hoffman – Director of Senior
School

[\(Dale.Hoffman@aphs.sa.edu.au\)](mailto:Dale.Hoffman@aphs.sa.edu.au)

APHS LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Executive Team

Principal - Liz Mead
Deputy Principal - Greg Rolton
Director Middle School, Ignite & Transition - Jenny Johns
Director Senior School & International - Dale Hoffman
Pathways Assistant Principal Andy Vinter

STEM Assistant Principal

Russell Johns

Daily Operations & Timetabling
 Maurice Akele

Business Manager - Carolyn Vowels

Ignite Executive

Jenny Johns, Kate Berry, Claire Forsyth & Karla Huffa

Middle School Team

Jenny Johns, Claire Forsyth, Richard Garrett, Karla Huffa, Chris Jones, Jane Hoffman & Sally Wilson

Senior School Team

Dale Hoffman, April Grava, Kass, Holmes, Oksana Kaczmarzsky, Brian Stratfold & Andy Vinter

Well Being Team

Jenny Johns, Carol Davey (Counsellor), Sam Mosley (Counsellor), Jo Dean (Youth Worker) & Sally Wilson (Learning Support)

Curriculum Leaders

Arts - Vicki Holland
 English - Karla Huffa
 HASS - Claire Forsyth
 Home Ec – Jenny Johns
 HPE - Richard Garrett
 LOTE - Andy Vinter
 Maths & Science - Kate Berry
 Technology - Russell Johns
 Learning Support - Sally Wilson
 SACE - Brian Stratfold

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and punctuality is an important part of education and builds the necessary skills that are required in the workforce. Missing lessons has short and long term impacts on academic success. Please let the school know if your child is absent.

Email Student Reception on:

studrec@aphs.sa.edu.au

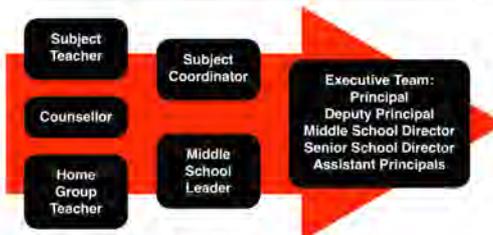
or phone 8270 4455 & press one (1)

or email your child's Home Group Teacher on

firstname.lastname@aphs.sa.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

**Resolving Your Concerns
 Who to contact at school**



When you have a concern, Start Here.

Still have a concern, Go Here.

Concern still not resolved, Go Here.

You can contact a teacher by:

- teacher's email
- school email: info@aphs.sa.edu.au marked "Attention Teacher name"
- school phone: 8270 4455

Not sure who to contact regarding your concern?

- If a subject matter, then start with the subject teacher,
- If a general matter, then start with the Home Group teacher,
- If a personal matter, then start with a Counsellor.

SCHOOL SKIRT FOR SALE

School pleat skirt for sale \$15.
 Size 18 (fit size 12 - 16 adjustable waistband)
 Contact: Fay 0400 212 902

LOST PROPERTY

Please check with Student Services if any items have been lost or misplaced.

INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAY

We are currently looking for families to host International students studying at APHS. We are anticipating a number of study groups throughout the year.

To find out more and to register your interest please phone the front office on 8270 4455 or email

info@aphs.sa.edu.au

Host families will receive financial reimbursement for hosting students.

Dale Hoffman



cultural Cooking Connection
 A MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING BACKGROUND

- Interactive cooking demonstrations in an informal group setting with an experienced tutor and 'Community Foodies' to support you
- A wonderful opportunity for you to get involved in your local community and to make new friends.
- A chance to practise your English language speaking and listening skills, learn kitchen vocabulary and to share recipes and cooking techniques.

7 SESSIONS BEGIN TUESDAY MARCH 22ND 2016 UNTIL JUNE 30
 11.45AM – 1.45PM
 THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND
 A CRÈCHE IS PROVIDED ON SITE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - VERY LIMITED NUMBERS CAN ATTEND

ABERFOYLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
 100 Jewell Street and Sanderson Crescent, ABERFOYLE PARK, SA 5199
 Telephone: (08) 8270 5377 Email: admin@aberfoylecc.org



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2016 8.30AM TO 12NOON
 Everyone welcome



GET STARTED ON THE DAY WITH OUR OPEN DAY MEMBERSHIP OFFER!

Aldinga Recreation Centre
 7 Mangle Street, Aldinga Beach, SA 5212
 8.30am - 12noon - FREE gym session
 FREE Come n Try Classes
 8.30am - 9.30am Tai Chi
 9.30am - 10.30am Badminton
 10.30am - 11.30am Tai Chi
 FREE Ball Zone
 Nutrition testing
 Massage
 Personal Training Advice
 Chi Ball Circuit
 Health and Wellness Displays
 Active Aging Australia

Seaford Recreation Centre
 4010 Grand View, Seaford Park, SA 5169
 8.30am - 12noon - FREE gym session
 11.30am - Yoga
 FREE Circuit
 Nutrition testing
 Massage
 Personal Training Advice
 Chi Ball Circuit
 Strength 4 Life
 Active Aging Australia

Hub Recreation Centre
 150 Teatona Road, Aberfoyle Park, SA 5199
 8.30am - 12noon - FREE gym session
 11.30am - FREE Badminton
 FREE Ball Zone
 FREE Circuit
 Nutrition testing
 Massage
 Personal Training Advice
 Health & Wellness Displays