



Aberfoyle Park High School

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates	
April	
1	Principal Tour
6	Principal Tour
8	SPORTS DAY
11	Ignite Test Day 2
12	Parent/Teacher Interview Night
14	ANZAC Assembly Year 9 Drama
15	APHS Japanese Trip departs End of Term 1 2.15pm dismissal
May	
2	Student Free Day Staff Professional Development
3	Day 1 Term 2 for students
5	Principal Tour
9	Principal Tour
10-13	NAPLAN
17	Finance Meeting 6.30 Governing Council 7.30
20	Principal Tour
25	Principal Tour

OPEN NIGHT 2016

The 2016 Open Night was a huge success with some 900 visitors coming on tour. It was great to see so many families and what a night they had. Visitors got to see everything from HPE, Science, Maths, Advanced Technology, Robotics, Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Home Economics, Languages, HASS, English and our specialist programs including Music, Tennis and Ignite. Our tour guides provided a running commentary and students ably answered all the questions that visitors put to them.

I would like to congratulate staff and students alike who ensured that visitors had a quality "taste" of Aberfoyle Park High School.

Liz Mead



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YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8 camps in Weeks 3 and 4 were once again a great success enabling the year 8s to mix and mingle, make new friends, learn new skills and get to know their Home Group teachers, Middle School leaders, Counsellors and Big Brothers and Sisters. Comments from the students tell us how much they enjoyed their time at camp.

What were your favourite activities?

- Canoeing was the best for me. I also liked the evening games like "capture the flag" with the teachers/students.
- *My favourite activity was the giant swing. I liked the rush of adrenaline I got from swinging like mad and then just dropping.*
- Giant swing because you can walk in the air and it felt like you're free falling.
- Raft making because we had to work as a team and ours stayed together and it was fun.
- The giant swing and the rock climbing wall were the best activities because they were exciting.
- *Canoeing because it was a new experience and it was fun!!*
- Giant swing because it was really scary but fun and very high up!
- *Pool because it was warm and it was a hot day!*
- Free time, giant swing and archery because they are very fun to experience and good things to do with your friends.
- *The big swing because it's scary but you enjoy it*
- Vertical challenge because it's great for team work
- *Raft making because it's fun to get into the water*
- This is one of the best camps I've been on. You need to give everything at least one go or you're going to miss out on a great time! It was a great meeting and making new friends.
- *Giant swing and the food...Also the rock climbing was really fun and scary.*
- Vertical challenge, canoeing, archery were the best; oh my god the bows were so good. Vertical challenge because of how high you could get and it was easy.
- *The pool was really nice and we got time to relax*
- Rock climbing- we got to try different difficulties of the wall
- *The river activities - we got to sit down, have fun in the canoes*
- Probably the giant swing because it was exciting and scary and awesome all at same time.
- My favourite activity was the vertical challenge because it was high up and I'm usually afraid of heights.
- The night walks, the giant swing, the trampoline and rock climbing.



Jenny Johns

DAYMAP

Daymap Connect – Parent Portal

Thank you to all parents who have logged onto the parent portal called Daymap Connect. At this time of year as we move into our first assessment period you will be able to see the first Summative Assessment grades and the Term 1 Interim report via Daymap Connect as tasks are published. You will also be able to view and print all past end of term and end of Semester reports.

To join Daymap Connect simply send an email to daymap@aphs.sa.edu.au and instructions will be emailed to you.

Greg Rolton



ABSENCE

If your child is absent or going to arrive late or needs to leave early please contact the school in one of the following ways:

1. Phone 82704455 and press 1
2. Email to: studrec@aphs.sa.edu.au
3. Text Message: 0432 001 935

LOST PROPERTY

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to put your name on everything you bring to school. That way we can contact you if a lost item is handed in.

If you have lost something please pop into Student Services and see if it is in our lost property box.

RELAY FOR LIFE



We're aiming high - help us reach our fundraising goal!

We have 50-60 students who will be participating in the *Adelaide Central Relay for Life* at the *Adelaide Show Grounds* on the *30th April - 1st May*. Our three teams of 20 students will keep batons circling on a track for twenty-one consecutive hours. This represents people living with cancer 24/7.

Many students at APHS have been exposed to Cancer in different ways. Some have been carers for loved ones, have known friends & family affected or have survived Cancer themselves. *Relay for Life* is an opportunity for students to come together and raise money for a cause that is meaningful to them and connect with the wider community.

Each student has a base personal goal of raising \$100 for *Cancer Council*. Some have set their sights even higher. So far we have already raised over **\$1,500**.

[If you would like to donate to our team please click HERE](#)

Thanks for the support.

Sam Mosley

FINANCE OFFICE TIMES

The Finance Office is open for students at the following times.
 Before school: 8:30am – 8:50am
 Recess time daily

The Finance Office is open to Parents 8:30am – 3:30pm daily except Tuesday when it closes at 2:30pm



BEARS AND BLOOMS 2 AN INTERNATIONAL PRINTMAKING EXCHANGE AND EXHIBITION

Bittondi Printmakers Association Inc. are presenting an exhibition, *'Bears and Blooms 2'*. The exhibition will be held at *Urban Cow Gallery* later in the year.

Students are currently developing their ideas and experimenting with a range of traditional and innovative printmaking techniques. The aim is to produce prints celebrating the diversity of all plants and animals.

Our students will each produce an edition of 10 prints. One print will be exhibited for sale at *Urban Cow Gallery*, with all profits going to *'Free the Bears'*. One print will be kept by *Bittondi Printmakers Association Inc.*, and each participant will receive 8 prints, from printmakers working anywhere in the world.

Kate Toop

HOSTING A STUDY TOUR STUDENT

As a local family hosting a Study Tour student, you will have the chance to:

- Learn about other cultures, customs and traditions
- Make lasting friendships with your student and their family
- Participate in activities and meet other host families
- Explore fun things to see and do in South Australia

Study tours run throughout the year.

We are currently recruiting *Home Stay Families* so if you would like to host a *Study Tour Student* then please contact *Sarah Johnson (Senior Floor Receptionist)* for an information pack on 8270 4455 and select Senior Floor.



NICHON GAKUEN SCHOOL

In week 6 we hosted nine students from Nichon Gakuen, an all boys school in Japan. They enjoyed a very full program including mainstream classes of *Intensive English HASS, Japanese Art, Home Economics and Science* with their “buddies”.

The students stayed with host families many with children attending APHS.

Highlights of their *Study Tour* were the opportunities to be actively involved in *“Animals Anonymous”* an interaction with numerous native Australian animals, the experience of operating *Quad Copters* and a full day excursion to *Port Adelaide*, the *Maritime Museum* and a *Dolphin Cruise* on the *Port River*. They actually saw one dolphin!

The program created many memorable occasions and opportunities for many “happy snaps”.

Lyn Rogers



NO SECOND CHANCE SENIOR SCHOOL PRESENTATION

No Second Chance is a Youth Safety Campaign with the objective of saving teenage lives through education about the dangers of street violence and safe driving. The team of presenters included Matt Speakman who became paraplegic after being hit by a drunk driver while riding his motorbike, Paul Stanley whose son tragically died after an assault at a party, and Warren Luff a multiple time motor racing champion. The senior school students who saw the presentation found it powerfully moving and something they will not forget. These quotes from some of the students sum it up best:

The first presenter had me shocked thinking that something bad could ever happen. Then the second presenter had me in tears just thinking what it might be like to lose someone so dear to me and finally the last presenter really got me thinking. **Louise Weekley**

I thought the best part of the presentation was Paul's story and the way he told it. When I looked around during it, I saw many students, including myself, crying which shows that it was really getting through to many people.

Caitlin Fox

I thought that the way they all spoke about their experiences in a calm, controlled manner really helped students focus on what was being said rather than just going 'oh great another sob story'. **Emma Barclay-Tininczky**

One of our students will be lucky enough to win a day at the Porsche Sport Driving School Young Driver Program, specifically for selected graduates of our No Second Chance Youth Safety Presentations. The student and caregiver will be flown to Queensland for an unforgettable experience around the track.

The N2C team left the students with the message:

Make smart decisions and live your dreams...

Make dumb decisions and there is No Second Chance !!

Dave Roberts

STUDENT VOICE



We were lucky enough to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference at Adelaide Entertainment Centre. It was an amazing experience and we had the opportunity to learn and do lots of different leadership skills that we could bring back to school. We also got the chance to choose elective leadership activities that we felt best suited APhS.

It was important because it taught us skills that will be useful as a part of student voice and helps us come up with ideas about what we could do to make our school a more positive and enjoyable environment. At the conference we were able to gather inspiration and ideas for some activities and fundraisers we could do at our school and how to make days such as sports day more exciting. We also were able to learn about others stories that would inspire us in our leadership journey.

I would definitely recommend that more students join up with Student Voice and have the same opportunity I did.

Mikayla Fox

JAMIE'S MINISTRY OF FOOD SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Venue: Noarlunga, Colonnades Shopping Centre

Course 1: April 12-15

Course 2: April 19-22

Duration: Each course runs for 4 days (Tuesday-Friday 10:30am-2:00pm each day)

Cost:

12-16 year old students = \$80

17+ year old students = \$120

Adult (full price) = \$160

Book now at:

www.jamiesministryoffood.com

TENNIS NEWS

Our Open Boys and Girls Knockout tennis teams have been in action this term. The girls' were victorious against both Tatchilla and Seaview without losing a set, but were then beaten in a very tight match against St Peters. The team members were Holly Weatherall, Heidi Evans, Amy Hudson, Chenoa Norris and Emma Longhurst. Amy won all 6 of her matches, and Emma and Chenoa each won 5 matches.

The boys' played matches against Tatchilla and Encounter, both of which went to the wire, but ended up in narrow losses. However, most of our team consisted of Year 9s so we can look forward to the Year 8/9 Competition later in the year. Over the two matches Max Clifton was undefeated in doubles and singles. Other team members were Cody Menadue, James Chaplin, Bailey McCarthy and Matt Reed.

We also had 16 students playing in the Secondary Schools Individual Tournaments over 3 days recently. In the year 9 boys event Lachlan Madera made the main draw quarterfinals and Bailey McCarthy the semi finals of the consolation event. Heidi Evans made the Quarter Finals of the Year 9 Girls Main Draw, and Jayden Little the Semi Finals of the Year 8 Boys Consolation.

Finally, the third annual Primary School Challenge is being held on Friday of week 9 (1/4). This fun event is for Years 5-7 tennis players.

The Year 9 Tennis Academy students will be helping to run the day.

If there are any younger siblings that may be interested or you know of anyone who might be then contact Terry Ellis at the school by phone or email: terry.ellis@aphs.sa.edu.au

Terry Ellis



EXTRA EXPERIENCES AT APHS

Extra experiences enable students to *gain new skills, develop important personal qualities, challenge and extend themselves and enhance wellbeing* through building a wider network with peers and staff.

We encourage our students to enhance and enrich their academic experience, and develop personally, through involvement in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer.

Already in Term 1 students have had the chance to be involved in:

- ★ The Performing Arts – Breakdance, Tech Crew, Choir
- ★ Write4Fun Writing Competition
- ★ EQHQ group
- ★ The Big Brother Big Sister program
- ★ Relay for Life
- ★ International Ambassadors
- ★ Python Coding
- ★ APHS Environment Group
- ★ Inspiring Young Women in Engineering Conference
- ★ Dirt TV - Video-Making Competition
- ★ Tennis - Knockout Tennis & Secondary Schools Individual Championships

Many of these experiences will continue through the remainder of the year.

Coming up in Term 2, students have the opportunity to:

- ★ Join *Interschool Debating*, develop effective communication skills in a team environment
- ★ Join in the *Japanese Lunch Club* Cultural Experience
- ★ Develop their *STEM Capability* through the *Drone Challenge*
- ★ Foster leadership capacity through the *UN Youth SA Young Diplomats Program*
- ★ Compete in *Soccer Competitions* – 5 and 11-a-side
- ★ Explore and learn in *Science Club*

Karla Huffa

IGNITE TESTING – 2nd OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY

The **IGNITE** Team will be conducting a second round of testing for potential 2017 Year 8 students on 11th April 2016. Please contact the school for further details or check out our website www.aphs.sa.edu.au and click on the Ignite tab for details, Application: “Expression of Interest” form and a practice test.

Please note applications close on April 4th 2016.

Jenny Johns

IGNITE
SPECIALIST PROGRAM
FOR GIFTED AND
TALENTED STUDENTS



SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION

The Safe Schools Coalition has had a lot of media attention recently and in particular a lot of references to their “All of Us” program. The actual program is a tool that *can* be used to support the Year 7/8 HPE Australian Curriculum with additional information and resources to explore same sex attracted and gender diversity topics. Aberfoyle Park High School isn’t delivering this program, but it’s worth exploring if you are interested or have questions. The program ensures schools are inclusive in their practice in terms of acknowledging the experiences of LGBTIQ young people. The link for Safe Schools resources and this program is:

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/resources>

Being a member school with the Safe Schools Coalition means that as a school we are prepared to tackle homophobia and transphobia, and ensure we are a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. It’s about upholding our core values of “respect, care and compassion” and ensuring our LGBTIQ community have a voice. Last year a small group of students created a group for students who identify as LGBTIQ and their friends/allies. This group has grown to over 70 participating students in 2016. EQHQ (Equality Headquarters) is a safe place for students to express themselves and share experiences, and ultimately feel empowered.

If you have any questions or if you would like further information, please feel free to contact me on 82704455.

Carol Davey

ICE FACTOR UPDATE

2016 sees the Aberfoyle Park Dragons enter their fifth year of Ice Factor. In that time over sixty students have benefited from the acclaimed program, with the current team of year nine and ten students loving every minute of it.

As reported in the media, major repair work is being undertaken at the Ice Arena on the large rink, leaving the students to train and play on the smaller ice. During this difficult time, they have been commended for the great resilience they have shown, with an attitude of “the small ice rink is better than none at all”.

The tournament will take place in week ten, with all teams playing smaller “European type” matches as well as taking part in skills based competitions. The current team is made of of Zeke Haynes, Jon Hocking, Jared Trigg, Josh Jones, Justin Blake, Shania Germain, Brandon Deplanche, Cody Menadue, Jayden Glatzer-Allard, Lachie Ivory, Finn Ryan and Cooper Smith. Well done to them all, and good luck with the tournament!

Dave Roberts