**Principal’s Report**

**Thank You to Our Volunteers**

At Crystal Brook Primary School we are very fortunate to have people within our school community who volunteer in a variety of ways to enrich and support our school.

Our Parent Club plans a variety of fundraising events which raise money which is used to support the school with resources such as i-Pads, Interactive white boards, laptops to run the boards, cold water unit and extra money towards shades. These are a few of the more recent purchases which they have supported. The Parent club members also support the school by helping with head-lice checks, cleaning of class fridges, cutting up of fruit and hearing children read. The students and staff really appreciate the work that this group do.

Parents who are part of the Governing Council also give their time at meetings of council and of the sub committees and we appreciate their support of our school and in decision making.

We also have other parents and community members who come in to support learning and help out in other ways in our school. We have people who have shared their cultural knowledge and heritage when classes have been learning about other cultures. This firsthand knowledge adds to the understanding and experiences our students gain of other cultures from other parts of our world and from within Australia.

We really appreciate and value our volunteers but we also have an obligation to ensure we keep our students safe, this means that regular volunteers, Governing Council, Parent Club members, parents who go on excursions or camps need to undergo a DCSI Criminal History Screen. If you are planning to volunteer in the school please come in and see Olga Smart so we can arrange to have your screen done. We also have an induction process which will be undertaken before you begin working with or around children in the school.

**Naplan**

Our year three, five and seven students have been sitting the Naplan tests this week, these tests give a snap shot of how students are developing their skills, understanding and how they are able to apply them to problem solve. We will not receive the results until later in the year but our teachers are continually reviewing how students are going with their learning and making adjustments to their teaching in order to support student learning.

**SunSmart UV Alert**

During the cooler months many of our students do not understand the need to have a hat on or to use sunscreen as it is not hot, we need to be educating them that it is not so much the heat but the ultraviolet rays which can do long term damage. We are beginning this process by having a UV Meter in the window of the staff room next to the hat information and by installing the free SunSmart App on our iPads at school.

When the UV rating is 3 or above it can be damaging to the skin, yesterday the rating was 4, so it is still important to be SunSmart on cooler days. We ask that you support us by encouraging your children to check the meter or the App on the ipads and to be SunSmart. You are also able to download the free App onto your phone of ipad or tablet if you wish to be a SunSmart family.

Anne Franks
Principal
Leadership Day

During Term 1 the SRC leaders Joel, Sophie, Ellen and William travelled to Adelaide with other students from the area to attend a Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. This event is held every year all over the country to inspire young leaders to set their aims high, as nothing is impossible.

Mike Martin: Mike Martin is the CEO of the Halogen Foundation, he told us that Stuff is Safe, Stuff is fair and Stuff is Awesome. Mike told us that learning to be a leader didn’t have to be done in high school but it should be done as soon as possible.

Aneka Deaton: Aneka Deaton is a squadron leader in the Australian Air Force. She said that every girl who is told she is bossy should know that she has leadership skills and that even though you fail don’t stop trying.

Daniel Flynn: Daniel is the co-founder of Thankyou water, he was very inspirational. He told us that even though someone tells you that you are too young or don’t look the part you keep dreaming. He also said that impossibility is only someone’s opinion not fact.

Andy Griffiths: Andy Griffiths is a writer of children’s books. Andy said that just keep asking questions. Just keep thinking about what you can do next with your life. He was very funny and we all loved listening to him.

Julia Gillard: Julia Gillard was the first female Prime Minister of Australia. Julia said that you need to have courage and never stop believing about what you can do. She said that we need to work towards our goals.

It was a pleasure to listen to all of them and we have learned lots of vital information to help us in our leadership roles during 2014.

William Crouch
SMS SYSTEM

Thank you to all parents who are using the SMS Text Messaging system. The Roll Books are done every day at the Office and if your child is marked as an unexplained absence or lateness, the system automatically selects you to receive a message asking for a reason for the absence or lateness. Just a quick reminder to please send your child’s name, Room number and reason for absence eg. illness or family.

You can use the text messaging system at any time of the day or night. I check the messages first thing in the morning and at regular intervals during the day. If you need to pick up your child during the day and you know what time you are coming, you can also send a text stating the date, time and reason and child’s name, or, alternatively, you can come into the office and fill out a yellow form to explain the absence.

The School SMS Text number is always on the front of the newsletter if you have lost the number, but I encourage all parents to save the number in their phone as CBPS School Text. Please note, you cannot ring this number, it is a message system only. If you would like to ring the School, please use the landline number 86362134. Thank you.

Jacqui Head

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email only, please let me know at Jacqui.Head764@schools.sa.edu.au. If we get enough responses for this, we can reduce the number of hard copies required every fortnight. Please remember, no photographs are included in the emailed copy, so if you like to see the photographs, please do not choose this option, and you will continue to receive both hard copies and emailed copy. If you are not receiving your newsletter via email and would like to, as well as the hard copy, please let me know at the above email address and I will add you to the list. Thank you.

Jacqui Head

SAPSASA

Soccer

I have faxed off our nominations for SAPSASA Soccer, and all children who have nominated have received an information letter. North Eastern SAPSASA Soccer Trials are to be held on Monday 5th May and Thursday 15th May at Gladstone High School from 4pm - 5.30pm. Students in Year 6 & 7, boys and girls, are welcome to try out for the North Eastern SAPSASA district teams. If selected, the student must be available to play in Adelaide from 23rd - 27th June. Games are at Barratt Reserve, West Beach, opposite Adelaide Shores Holiday Park. Steve Garden will be the coach and following the selection of the team, there will be trainings to attend. Students who are selected will need to organise their own transport and accommodation for the week in Adelaide.

Cross Country

The District Cross Country trials will be Term 2, Week 4, Tuesday 20th May 2014, at Wilmington Primary School. Cost of entry is $1.00 to be paid on the day. Children going to Wilmington will need to have a parent/caregiver take them and supervise them, as a teacher will not be in attendance on this day. Children will need to select which Division they are entering, as any child wishing to represent our District in Adelaide needs to enter Division 1 and be available to compete in Adelaide on Thursday 5th June at Oakbank Race Course. First event starts at 10am and last finishes at 2.30pm. You need to be able to find your own way to Oakbank and back.

Jacqui Head

UNIFORMS

Thank you for your patience with uniform orders. If you have any queries, concerns or suggestions about uniforms, please feel free to contact myself or office staff at any time. I have heard that there are a number of hoodies with zips that have broken. We can return these jumpers to our supplier if we know about them within a reasonable time frame, so please contact me asap if the zip breaks and your jumper may be replaced. The next uniform day is Thursday 12th June. Polar Fleece jumpers are still only $20 (limited stock, no size 6). Thank you.

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