Welcome back for Term 2

Welcome back to all our families for Term 2, it is a very busy one with NAPLAN testing in week 3 for all year 3, 5 and 7 students, an External School Review in Week 4, teachers have been planning for student learning across all area of the curriculum and Reports for Terms 1 and 2 will also be prepared by your child’s teachers to go out at the end of the term. Uni NSW tests and SAPSASA football, netball, hockey and soccer representative carnivals in Adelaide as well as cross country trials will also be part of term 2.

ANZAC Day and Assembly
I was extremely proud of our students who represented our school at the local Crystal Brook Dawn Service on Saturday 25th April in an exemplary manner; they showed great respect for this solemn occasion. Our Student Representative Council members – Matthew Fawcett, Georgina Grossman and Madeline Smart took part in the service, Sophie Wilson also spoke about her family’s connection with ANZAC, as well as the thirty one students who placed the cross for each life lost from our area. We also had many other students who came with their families to be part of this moving service. Thank you to families for supporting their children.

ATTENDANCE
Our aim is to have 95% of students at school, every day. Current Attendance is 94.5%
If your child is away, please contact the school.
On Monday our school also held their ANZAC Assembly which was organised by Davina Bellman with help from the ANZAC Committee and the SRC Executive. The theme of the Assembly was COURAGE, DETERMINATION and MATESHIP and this was explored by our students in a variety ways with poems, artefacts, diary writing, research, art works, and we have some of these items on display in the office area if you missed seeing it. President of the local Returned Service League Mr Ivan Venning spoke to our students, parents, RSL members and community members about the futility of war and how great it is to see how our students show such respectful behaviour, understanding and knowledge of what ANZAC Day means in our community and Australia. Once again I was extremely proud of the way in which our students showed their respect on this solemn and moving occasion with fantastic audience and presentation skills.

NO PHOTOS INCLUDED

External School Review
In Week 4 of this term our school will undergo an External School Review. This process is to support schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance. A Transparent process will contribute to the realisation of the department’s strategic plan to “build a high performing system”, provide quality assurance and build public confidence in SA government schools. Schools will be externally reviewed every four years to evaluate school performance and effectiveness. The overarching review question will be: How well does the school improve achievements, growth, challenge, engagement and equity?

The Review team of two lead by Dr Lyn Arnold will be in the school for two days, in this time they will spend time with leadership, teachers, students, Governing Council representatives and parents to gather information which will inform their report on our school. Later in the newsletter you will see a letter about the review and if you do not wish your child to talk with the review team please return the tear off slip or contact the school through SMS or Tiqbiz.

Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training for Volunteers in our School
This is mandated for people, along with the criminal history check, who are working/volunteering within DECD sites. We will be holding a training on Wednesday 6th May, Week 2 Term 2 at 7pm in Room 7 (Tracey Burns’ class). If you already have a responding to abuse and neglect certificate, please bring a copy into the office. This means you will not need to undergo the training. We are asking for names of people interested in attending this training. Please let us know via Tiqbiz, SMS, email or phone by Tuesday 5th May if you are planning on attending. Thank you.

Anne Franks
Principal
Cross Country - Wilmington Tuesday 5th May 2015. Please remember it is parents' responsibility to get their children to and from this event. First event starts at 10.00am.

Soccer - Soccer Trials will be held at Gladstone High School Oval from 4.00pm – 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th and 20th May. Any queries to Kerren Abbot on 0427181748. Thank you.

NEWLSETTER
Just a few notes regarding our fortnightly newsletter. If you have articles you would like put in our Newsletter (non-profit local community adverts only) please make sure they are received at the School no later than Tuesday afternoon of that week. Newsletters come out in odd weeks of the School Term. As of this newsletter, hard copies will only be given to the families who have requested them via the tear off slip below which has been in the last 6 newsletters. Everyone else will receive their newsletter via our tiqbiz app and at present we are still emailing newsletters. The tiqbiz app is our main form of communication and we encourage everyone to download it and make the best use of this great tool, this is a FREE App.

TIQBIZ
Thank you to those people who have already returned their Health Information Form via tiqbiz for each child. This will eliminate the need to send a new one home to be filled in each time your child leaves the school. The form is under the “Whole School” tab on tiqbiz. For those who have not already completed one, please do so for each child as soon as possible so we don’t need to send individual forms home each time your child leaves the school.

If you are a bus family, can you please make sure you have tiqbiz downloaded and have selected (ticked) the Merriton or Redhill bus tab. If we can get every bus family on tiqbiz we can use it for sending messages on catastrophic fire days.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CHANGE OF PERSON OR PLACE AT END OF DAY
If you need to change who is picking up your child/children from School or change the place they are going, you are required to notify the School in writing via tiqbiz, sms text message on 0416 906 260, communication book/diary, or yellow note. This is a legal requirement, we will no longer be taking verbal instruction via telephone. This is a safety issue as we need to be able to identify who is asking for the change to occur. Thank you.

UNIFORM DAY
Uniform Days for Term 2 will be this Thursday Week 2, 7th May and Thursday Week 7, 11th June 2015. If you would like to order uniforms for your children please collect a Uniform order from the Office. You can pay for your Uniforms between 8.30am and 9.30am Monday to Thursday at the Office and they will be delivered to your children on the Uniform days if they are in stock.

******DISCOUNTED ITEMS *****
Polar Fleece Jumpers $15
Limited sizes and quantities available! No size 6 available
Microfibre Tracksuit Pants $10
Limited sizes and quantities available!
**Special prices only include in stock items.**

Next term there will be a proposed new T-shirt on display in the front office for parents to view during weeks 1 - 3. After this consultation period a decision will be made as to whether we will change our t-shirt. If you are wanting to have a look, pop into the office and have a look. Please contact me with any feedback.
If you have any queries regarding Uniforms, please contact Liv Alpe on 0438 780 814. Thank you.

Liv Alpe/Kathryn Hansen
Uniform Coordinators

PARENT CLUB
Please find below events planned for Term 2 for your information. Thank you.

Thursday 14th May (week 3)
Parent Club Meeting – 2pm at the Kindy

Thursday 18th June (week 8)
Parent Club Meeting – 2pm at the Kindy

Wednesday 1st July (week 10)
Hot Dog Day – hot dogs for sale during lunch break