Principal’s Message

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Firstly I would like to acknowledge my staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing and presenting at the acquaintance evening last Wednesday evening. These evenings allow the teachers an opportunity to share with families, expectations, programs and events occurring throughout the year. Each teacher presented a document for families to take home and refer to as needed. Please discuss any concerns with the relevant classroom teacher when required, as open communication is a vital part of our school operating successfully.

On a personal note it was lovely to catch up with everyone that attended the BBQ tea. Thank you for supplying the yummy salads to share!

Following the BBQ and classroom meetings was the school’s Annual General Meeting. This was well attended by parents, Governing Council members and Staff. The School’s Annual Report was presented and well received. If you would like a personal copy of the Annual Report please see Michelle in the front office. Alternatively a copy will be place on the school’s website www.cobdoglps.sa.edu.au

Congratulations to our SAPSASA swimming competitors that competed at Loxton last Friday. It was a pleasure to hear from supervising parents how well the students represented the school, both in behaviour and sportsmanship. Special congratulations goes to Kaiden Coats for winning his freestyle event and being selected in the Riverland SAPSASA swimming team to represent the Riverland later in the Term in Adelaide. Finally thank you to the parents who supported this event by transporting and supervising students on the day. We now look forward to the SAPSASA athletics competitions in a few weeks time for year 4-7 students.

Regards,
Mary Shannon
Principal

Reminders

PLEASE NOTE:-No lunch orders until further notice

Tues & Weds - Active After School Programs 3:30
Thurs 25th Feb - Community Garden Meeting 9am
Fri 5th March - Playgroup AGM 9am
Fri 5th March - Clean up Australia Day
Mon 8th March - Adelaide Cup Holiday
Fri 12th March - SAPSASA Athletics
Mon 15th March - Finance & Gov Council Meet

URGENT!

New managers of the the Cobby Trading Post advise us that they are unable to supply lunches until further notice. They deeply apologise for any inconvenience and will notify us as soon as they are up and running again.

Sensational Students:
Kaiden Coats 10/2/10
Erik Vegh 11/2/10

Proud SRC Representatives with Karleen Maywald & Vicki Johnson:-
Sam Butterworth, Becky Hembling,
Jarrad Lowe, Kate Carlos, Aniesha Alderson, Dylan Richter,
Miranda Kuchel, Lucy Nettle, Toby Kassulke, Savannah Dawe & Amber Brewin
As part of my Coordinator role for this year and our Eat Well Be Active commitment, I have gathered some data on recess food eaten by the students over five school days. Individually wrapped food items, such as chips, shapes, biscuits and cookies were at the top of the list. There were 65 packets of BBQ shapes or similar, 61 packets of assorted chips and 31 packets of biscuits and cookies, such as Tiny Teddies. In comparison there were only 33 serves of fruit eaten over the same time.

If we pursue this information further, on day one, 52% of recess foods eaten were packaged chips biscuits, BBQ shapes or similar. On day two and three the percentage was 55%. On day four it was 45% and on day five it was 56%.

Over the five day period only 11% of all students ate some fruit at recess. This figure may be as low as it is, because many children may have eaten fruit during the 10am Crunch and Sip time. The next data that is worth gathering will be to record what students are having for Crunch and Sip each day and how many are having a snack at this time. One of our targets with our Site Learning Plan is for 85% of students having Crunch and Sip 3-4 times a week.

Healthy Eating
Rod Hanna

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The first meeting of the Governing Council took place on Monday night. Congratulations to the following committee members and their positions for 2010:-

- Governing Chairperson – Ian Clements
- Vice Chairperson – Daryl Wutke
- Secretary – Donna Gorman
- Treasurer – Nicole Coats
- Fundraising rep. – Wanda Thompson
- Grounds rep. – Chris Brewin
- Principal – Mary Shannon
- Teacher Rep. – Rod Hanna
- Committee Members
  - Hayley Richter
  - Megan Hembling
  - Rick Morrison
  - Clara Dawe

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th March
Finance 6:30pm Governing Council 7pm

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Would you like to become an Active After School Coach? Would you like to earn some extra $$?**

**About the course:** The Community Coach Training Program (CCTP) is **free** and intended to be fun, educational and interactive. We welcome all interested individuals no matter what their qualification or fitness to participate.

The course will be held on **Friday 12th March 2010 (9.15am-2.30 pm)** at the Berri Primary School

For more information and an enrolment form please see Monique Gillespie at the front office

**COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Reminder – **This Thursday morning any parents and caregivers interested in gardening or cooking are welcome to come along to a meeting in the staffroom at 9am.**