Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Open Morning was held yesterday, and although it was not the best weather, it was a lovely opportunity to meet some new people, show off our classrooms and learning, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

It was a very busy hour, moving from each classroom and then out to the garden where there was some additional planting going on. Visitors were able to see our church space as well as the resource centre and computer suite and study area as part of a tour of the school and its facilities. We were treated to stories from our 'old scholars', including their antics in the playground, while we answered questions about the school and how we use the spaces we have. The kitchen was a big draw card and visitors were impressed, I think, with the links between our garden and lunch programmes.

Special thanks to the teachers, Nicky, Laura and Belinda, for organising the activities for parents and visitors to see and share and to Marie and Emily for helping out and ensuring things ran well. Linden’s efforts also need to be acknowledged as he spent two days tidying up around the school and swapped his working days around so he could come in on the Monday. Thankyou, too, to the parents who dropped off some morning tea, even if they couldn’t stay, it was very yummy. Everyone was keen to put their best foot forward, staff, students and parents, and on behalf of the school community, I thank you for that.

Your efforts were very much appreciated and I love being able to show off a school I am very proud of!

A copy of the revised Parent Information Book is being sent home with this newsletter. These were also available at yesterday’s Open Morning. Feedback would be appreciated.

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be taking the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLaN) tests next week. The NAPLaN tests are just one of the ways we have of gauging how students are going in relation to their peers in other schools, across the state, and nationally in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. Teachers regularly conduct their own classroom based assessments and use other standardised testing to confirm where each student is with their learning and the next steps in the process. Results of the NAPLaN tests will be forwarded to parents later in the year.

Governing Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 12 May will be rescheduled as a number of people (five at last count) have another commitment that evening. Please expect a note home about the new meeting time next week. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Enjoy your week.

Tracy Griffin
A day in Banksia Class

Monday 4/5/15

We were brainstorming words that had the letters s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d in them.

Maths

We were learning about time. It was 5 minute intervals past the hour.

We were writing when people’s birthdays are in 2015.

Literacy Block

We stuck in letters to make our tricky words.

We were writing about ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’. We did the White Crayon and how he felt.

We wrote 4 things to describe the Black Crayon.
We wrote 'What would the Crayons write to you'

Spelling

Our words are ‘schwa’ for ‘or’.

Our words have ‘air’ in them.
Our words have ‘ck’ in them.

Science

Listening to Ms Griffin read a story

Writing by the Banksia Class. Photography by 2/3 students and Miss Tilbrook
ANZAC Day
Towards the end of term one, the focus for much of our Literacy and History work was around the ANZACS, with the centenary of Gallipoli commemorated. It was a great opportunity to find out what life would have been like for the soldiers on the front line and families back home in Australia.

To coincide with the Centenary, Riverton RSL asked the students to take part in their ceremony and find out about a soldier that fought in the First World War. Students could choose a family member, a soldier with the same last name or even a soldier from around the world. The name of this soldier was then written on a small white cross that was planted in the lawn of Scholz Park at Riverton, where the ANZAC Day Ceremony was to be held.

One student was then chosen to read their information at the ANZAC Day Ceremony. The Manoora student was Sasha Willmott. Sasha spoke beautifully and represented the school with pride and maturity.

To start off the term we have continued our work around the First World War. Part of this learning has been looking at the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’. Students are now creating both visual and written responses to the text and look forward to sharing these at assembly in week 5.

Congratulations!!!
We would all like to say a big WELL DONE to Sam Nicholls who has been selected to participate in the SAPSASA District Football Carnival in week 5. We wish you every success.

Good Luck
On Friday 8th May 7 students from year 5/6 will be having a go at the Burra Cross Country. Sam, Caleb, Alister, Ross, Jesse, Heidi and Sasha will once again take on the Burra Golf Course, and we hope that the weather is much more agreeable for them this year!!

Thank You
Friday lunches are still going very well and with the weather cooling down, these hot lunches will be appreciated. We would really like to thank Abby Walker-Schwartz, Judy Hollamby and Rachel Willmott for all their help in making batches of food with the students at school. It has kept the freezer well stocked and ready each week. Look out in the coming weeks for spot specials, maybe some soups and even dishes made with the produce from the gardens!!
Attached today are Order forms for our School Photo Day to be held Thursday 18th June. Orders can be either done online or send forms and money back to school by Thursday 11th June. As in the past, family photos can be purchased as an add-on, and will be taken first on the day at 9.30 am.
Clare Busy Bee Developmental Screen

Are you keen to know more about your child’s development? Would you like any information about maximising your child’s skills and growth?

The Healthy Families Team (formerly Growing Healthy Kids) is running free developmental screenings for children aged 0-4 years of age who aren’t already accessing our services.

The Healthy Families Team
Busy Bee Developmental Screen
At: Healthy Families Building,
located next to the Clare Valley Children’s Centre, Clare
On: Wednesday, 10th of June 2015

We plan for this day to be a day of fun filled activities – whilst also providing you with the opportunity to find out more about your child’s skills and abilities and ways that you can continue their growth at home.

Dietitian Deb Butler will be presenting a Healthy Eating Q & A session at 10.30am with the opportunity for parents to ask questions.

At your screening appointment the Speech Pathologist, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Social Worker, Podiatrist and Dietitian will be present for you to ask a range of questions such as language and concept development, play skills, cutting, drawing, running, jumping, healthy eating, play and attachment, appropriate footwear, etc. There will be additional activities running outside of the screening appointments for all children.

Registration forms are available from your childcare centre, kindergarten or playgroup or by ringing Healthy Families on 8842 6520 and providing your details to us.

Please return completed forms to Kerry-Lee, Allied Health Assistant, Healthy Families, PO Box 239, Clare, SA 5453 or fax 8842 6556 by Friday, 29th of May 2015. Places are limited so get in quick!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration Forms in the Front Office at School.
Volunteer Leaders and volunteers from all sectors are welcome, including community services (youth, disability, aged, families); health; education; arts; conservation/environment; service clubs; special interest groups; emergency services; sports; no matter where you’re from, we have something for you!

You are invited, and here’s the Top 7 Reasons to attend:

1. need more volunteers on your team
2. are tired of dealing with red tape
3. want a happy, productive team
4. will appreciate a fun, interactive way of learning
5. will learn tips for running your business better
6. will meet and learn from experienced trainers
7. will be with others who share similar experiences

**Program Details**

**To be held at the Clare Town Hall**

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**Friday**

| 5.00pm - 7.00pm   | Tea & Chat                               |
| 7.00pm - 9.30pm   | Retaining Volunteers                     |
| 7.00pm - 9.30pm   | Confidentiality & Privacy                |
| 7.00pm - 9.30pm   | Organisational Culture                   |
| 7.00pm - 9.30pm   | Writing Good Grants                      |
| 7.00pm – 9.30pm   | Child Safe Environments (Refresher)      |

**Saturday**

| 9.30am - 10.00am  | Hot Topic - Whole Group                  |
| 10.00am – 12.30pm | Social Media                             |
| 10.00am – 12.30pm | Committees (1)                           |
| 10.00am – 12.30pm | Managing Conflict                        |
| 10.00am – 12.30pm | Food Safety                              |
| 10.00am – 12.30pm | Child Safe Environments (Full day course) |

**Saturday**

| 12.30pm - 1.30pm | Lunch & Chat                             |
| 1.30pm - 2.00pm  | Hot Topic - Whole Group                  |
| 2.00pm - 5.00pm  | Risk Management (If things go wrong)     |
| 2.00pm - 5.00pm  | Committees (2)                           |
| 2.00pm - 5.00pm  | Succession Planning                      |
| 1.30pm – 5.00pm  | Child Safe Environments (Full day course) |

**Please note that sessions may be combined depending on numbers of attendees**

All are welcome! Please pass along to others in your group, organisation or network you know who would benefit from attending.

We are a community based organisation. This project is sponsored by Community Benefit SA and supported by the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council.

Book your spot online here: [http://e.mybookingmanager.com/VolLeaderClare](http://e.mybookingmanager.com/VolLeaderClare)

OR phone reception on 8250 1582. Bookings close Wednesday 27 May 2015

Enquires to Ms Adaire Palmer PH: 8250 1582 or MOB: 0408792762

Workshops: 29 & 30 May at the Clare Town Hall, 229 Main North Road, Clare.

find us on Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/northernvolunteering](http://www.facebook.com/northernvolunteering)
This year’s writing competition has two categories. There is an **Open** category and **Haiku** category. The topic for the **Open** category is **Celebrations**. The topic for the **Haiku** category is **Free choice**.

*We are proud to announce our new partners……*

*The SA Women’s Writers Group* will sponsor and award the Lochee Anderson Youth Literary Award to our **Open** category Year 8-10 winner.

*The Bindii Japanese Genre Poetry Group* will sponsor and judge the new **Haiku** category.

Competition is open to South Australian students only.

There are fantastic individual and school prizes available for winning entries across the 5 age groups……

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Schools need to shortlist and enter their best entries. Shortlisted entries from each school, in each age group and category will be invited to a special presentation day at Langhorne Creek Campus – Eastern Fleurieu School. Published authors will be running workshops on the day to further inspire the budding young writers.

*All details* including teacher’s notes, entry forms and requirements can be found on our website at [http://www.langhor necreek.com/events/regional-view/2015-young-peoples-writing-competition](http://www.langhor necreek.com/events/regional-view/2015-young-peoples-writing-competition)

Any other enquiries, please contact via e-mail at [writing@langhor necreekwritersfestival.com](mailto:writing@langhor necreekwritersfestival.com)

Entries close 21st August 2015.
SADDLEWORTH
CHRISTMAS STREET
PARTY

Following the AGM on the 4th February a decision has been made that this year’s event to still
hold in the main street utilizing volunteer to support the road closure on Saturday 19th December.
As no further community members were present to offer support to the current group, those
present will see out this year but will not be carrying on for the 2016 Christmas festivities.
If you want to see this event carry on after this year NOW is the time to put up your hand so you
can take over for next year.
A decision has been made to separate the regular BINGO get together with any surplus funds
raised going to supporting either Street Party committee or other community groups.

This year we are doing a HOT DONUT Fundraiser through winter.
So look out for us in front of FOODWORKS.
SUNDAY 21st June, 19th July, 23rd August

If you would like to help out in any form throughout the year please contact Tonya Robson on 0417890552

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

INVITES YOU TO OUR
Gifted Information
Parent Evening
Tuesday 5th May 2015
3.30pm to 4.30pm

Topics covered
- Difference between gifted and bright learners
- The Ignite program explained
- Open questions and answers

RSVP to Michelle Crush by 29th April 2015