**Principal**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend and didn’t eat too much chocolate!

This is the last newsletter before the end of term. It’s been a very busy term but also very productive with lots of new learning for both staff and students.

Staff continued their new learning on Tuesday on the Pupil Free Day when we focused on the new History Australian Curriculum in terms of planning and programming. Next term students will be exposed to some aspects of the History curriculum in their classrooms. As well, History will become part of our written reports to parents. Next term we will continue working with the Regional Primary Australian Curriculum Facilitator as well as having a focus on the Maths Australian Curriculum (possible Pupil Free Day 7th June).

The Governing Council AGM was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to Jodie Simons and Trish Hardiman who were re-elected to council. We farewell retiring member Michele Renaglia and thank her for many years of service. Ernie Landherr will continue as the chairperson of the Governing Council. Unfortunately we did not attract any new members at the meeting but if you are interested please contact the school.

At the Governing Council AGM I presented the school’s 2012 Annual Report, highlighting our goals and achievements as well as plans for 2013. The Annual Report is available to parents on request, however next term I will put a condensed version into the newsletter.

It was great to see so many parents attending Parent Teacher Interviews last week. This is the only formal reporting until written reports go home at the end of term 2. If you were unable to attend the interviews and have concerns it is not too late to contact your child’s class teacher.

A reminder that the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is back for 2013 and we will be registering our school to participate. From Monday when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Earn and Learn points and place them on a Points Sheet. The more points, the more resources we can purchase for our students.

Did you know that children have to be thirteen years of age to sign up for Facebook? Despite the age limit, many of our students have Facebook accounts and either subject others to, or are victims of harassment and/or bullying online. This is unacceptable, particularly when we have to then spend time dealing with the fall out at school. Attached to this newsletter is a handbook titled Facebook Community Standards. It is definitely worth a read. Also please be aware that Cyberbullying is illegal and reportable to the police.

Doctor H. our wonderful librarian, will be going on long service leave at the end of the term for the remainder of the school year. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish her a well deserved break. We will miss her dedicated and enthusiastic approach in promoting a love of literacy.

I would like to announce that I have won the Principal’s position at Two Wells for the next five years. This is great news for me as I enjoy working within this school community. I will now be advertising for a Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2013. Hopefully this process will be finished by the end of term 1.

Have a safe and happy holidays.

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### Two Wells Primary School

**Term 1, Week 10, 2013**

**Demonstrating the values of**

- Honesty
- Caring
- Persistence
- Respect
- Responsibility

**Principal - Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown**  **Deputy Principal - Ann-Marie Ellis**  **Counsellor - Judy Sanders**

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**Community**

When you book your tickets can you please nominate the Two Wells Scout Group as the beneficiary group when you purchase your tickets.

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**TWO WELLS LOG COUNTRY FAIR**

**Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28, 2013**

10am - 4pm BOTH DAYS

Rotary Club of Gawler Inc present

Two dinner performances for $7

Sat-Sun 10-11 May
Sat-Sun 17-18 May
Fri-Sat 24-25 May
Mattara with 2-course meal ($20 for 1pm)...

Sun 19 May

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**School Holiday Clinics at Netball SA Stadium**

15 and 16 April 2013

Have fun while learning new netball skills, drills and techniques!

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**MUSIC LESSONS!!**

We have a few vacancies for the following instruments. Lessons are during school time. If you are interested, please fill out the slip below & return it to the front Office & we will contact you.

**My child _____________ is interested in learning**

- **Keyboard** [ ] Group (6) [ ] Shared (2) [ ] Private (1)
- **Piano** [ ] Shared (2)
- **Guitar** [ ] Group (5) [ ] Shared (2)

Parent-Caregiver’s Name ___________________________

Phone Number/Email ____________________________
Year 8 Enrolments

High Schools have begun their planning for the 2014 school year, with many of them holding their open days in the very near future. Most of our students will attend Gawler and District College or Balaklava High School. Information packs will be sent home in the first weeks of next term. We will keep you informed as we receive more information.

Xavier College enrolment for 2015

Applications for year 8 enrolments for 2015 close on the 31st May 2013. Information packs are available from Xavier College by phoning Jane Montgomerie on 85214545. The College will be open on the Sunday 5th May from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

Counsellor

The first term is almost at its end and students can feel pleased with such a positive start to 2013. As part of my role I regularly review attendance patterns. The figures look quite good for the first part of the year. Punctuality is one issue that crops up from time to time—being on time at the start the school day is important—class organisation and the day’s learning tasks are discussed during this time. When a student is late this key part of setting up for the day is missed and often results in having to try and catch up for the whole day.

Classrooms open at 8.30am and the learning part of the day begins at 8.50am.

Next Monday, students from Reception to Year 4 will have a road safety talk with a member of SAPOL. Observations of some of the unsafe behaviour demonstrated by our students when using the roads, both on foot and bike riding, indicates that this talk will be very necessary.

A Volunteer training session for parents/community members will be held on Friday 3rd May (Week 1).

This session will be an overview of the Responding to Abuse And Neglect guidelines for Volunteers. The session will begin at 9.15am and run for about 75 minutes.

An information note will be sent home on the first Monday of next term.

THANK YOU to all of the students who have undertaken a monitor role during Term One.

Have a wonderful first term break—enjoy the fabulous Autumn weather.

Cheers from Judy Sanders

Important Information

It is DECD Policy if a student is going to be away for 5 or more days an exemption form needs to be filled in. Please see the front staff if you require a form.

If your child/children are away from school please contact the school by phone or a diary note the next day.

If students are late they must go to the front office to sign in and collect a DOCKET to give to their teacher. If a student is being picked up early, a parent/carer needs to attend the front office to collect a DOCKET to give to the teacher.

If you visit/volunteer in the school between 8.50am & 3.05pm, YOU MUST come to the Front Office and sign in before going to classrooms.

Canteen

100ml Jelly Cups are available at recess and lunch time and not part of a lunch order, Orange or Lime one week and Pineapple or Strawberry the alternate week.

1/2 serves of hot BBQ chicken and ham and cheese rolls are now available. A whole roll $4.50, 1/2 roll $2.50.

Newsletter

If you have any community announcements that you would like to place in the school newsletter please email:
twps.newsletter842@schools.sa.edu.au

Community

Two Wells Football Club

U17’s coach - Adrian Daly will start this Thursday 29th Feb.
U14’s coach - James Lowick will start Tuesday 12th March at 5pm
U11 coach – Michael Kotsano start Thursday 14th March at 5pm
U8 coach – Joe Cannizzaro start Thursday 14th March at 5pm

Auskick starting date for this is still being discussed.

For more info in the Junior Footy area, a good contact is our Junior Football Manager – Joe Cannizzaro M. 0413 620 601

Check out our new website, still in the process of having all info downloaded on to it www.twfsc.com.au

Nab AFL Auskick is an introductory program to the game of Australian Rules Football for primary school boys and girls. The program aims at teaching participants the basic skills of Australian Rules football with an emphasis on fun activities conducted in a safe and friendly environment.

All boys and girls are welcome. Parents are most welcome to attend and join in and have some fun with the kids.

For more details visit: www.aflauskick.com.au or contact SANFL Regional Development Coordinator Todd Thorne : 0419830204

Program includes: football sessions, player insurance, Auskick benefits pack and much more.

$55

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SA Public Teaching Awards

Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2013 SA Public Teaching Awards.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding educational professional of the South Australian public education system.

The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to the young South Australians.

To nominate a member of your school go to: www.decs.sa.gov.au/teachingawards.

Nominations close 5pm Monday 13th May 2013

We’ve got great news. The Dollarmites have found treasure on Saving’s Adventure Island and they want to share it with you, your students and your school. Your school can win $5,000!

All your students need to do is make three or more deposits through your school during Term 2 and they're automatically entered into the competition. Each student that enters, gives both you and your school a greater chance of winning, so make sure you get them saving!