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Principal

Mark Shadiac

Diary Dates

Friday 23 June

Hockey Clinic
Jenna on Maternity leave

Friday 30 June

Hockey Clinic

Wednesday 5 July

Reports going home

Friday 7 June

Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal 2.30pm

Congratulations

Deb Wilson on becoming a
Grandma to
Rose Katherine Wilson



Dear Parents,

Life Learning

Last week I made reference to the changes to the reports for this year. Earlier in the year, we undertook a review of why parents sent their children to Rapid Bay. One of the overwhelming messages from that exercise was the importance of education being more about life-long learning. To “embrace life through learning” captured the essence of meaning in the responses we received.

Education is very much politically driven these days and the spotlight usually finishes up on the results of tests. While testing is an essential part of accountability, it sometimes takes up much of the attention at the expense of other valued aspects of child development.

When parents are asked what they most want for their child at school, they primarily want their child to be happy, socially well-adjusted and to be successful in their endeavours.

The revised report strengthens focus on capabilities and dispositions. In the past, these were valued and taught but not well reflected in the reports. What are capabilities and dispositions? They are the aspects of a person’s development that are built into their character. They are their skills, aptitudes, proficiencies, abilities and know how all wrapped up in one. Examples include their ability to take on challenges, learn from mistakes, be a good listener, problem solver, being respectful of others, being cooperative, resilient and at the same time have a sense of humour, have perseverance and take responsible risks.

The curriculum is more the vehicle to enable us to develop the capabilities and dispositions. The capabilities and dispositions will stand students in good stead, not just through school but in all aspects of life.

Staff Change

On Monday 26 June, Jenna McArdele will be taking Maternity Leave to have her fourth child. Her replacement is Amy Willcocks. Amy replaced Denise earlier in the term when Denise took some Long Service Leave.

I take this opportunity to wish Jenna and family all the very best for the birth of her baby.

Regards
Mark Shadiac
Principal

Week 5

Lilly – for taking on feedback positively to improve her work
 Della – for always trying to produce her best work and using her time effectively

Week 6

Vinnie – for working hard and always aiming for his personal best
 Jamie – super reader award
 Brandon – for displaying fantastic leadership skills

Aussie of the Month

Erin

For helping and caring
 for others!



Yankalilla OSCH

Yankalilla out of School Hours Care has a fabulous holiday program running in the school holidays and is available to students from Reception to Year 7. Some of the activities will include:

- Megazone at Noarlunga
- Inflatable World
- Noarlunga Cinema
- Belly Dancing Workshop

Programs are available at the Front Desk.

Centenary Celebration at Second Valley

Rapid Bay has been invited to participate in the centenary celebrations of the Second Valley World War I Monument and launch of the Memorial Hall's Honour Board on Saturday 23 September at 2pm.

The Upper Primaries will be doing a unit of study around this next term. Our students have been asked to sing the national anthem at around 2.15pm.

Students will be required to wear Rapid Bay School Uniform on the day.

Following the official proceedings, the students and parents are invited to join in the refreshments which will be served in the hall.

It would be fantastic to see most of our students attend.

If you think your child will be available on Saturday 23 September could you please mark it on the calendar?

A separate diary note asking for an indication of children participating and parents accompanying will go home in the diaries. This will help with numbers for catering purposes.

By Denise McGrath.





Hockey Clinics

Our students are enjoying the Hockey Clinics running weekly this term.

These photos show the students demonstrating their skills and enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having lately.



Butterfly Mural

Rapid Bay students have been busy making beautiful "Monarch" butterfly pictures. These pieces of art will be displayed on the water tank located on the oval as part of the School's Community Mural Project.



Recess at Rapid Bay



Community News

SAPSASA Netball by Erin



YACCA – Lilla

Youth And Community in Conservation Action



Yankalilla Library



SAPSASA Netball

In week six I went to SAPSASA netball to represent Rapid Bay in Southern Fleurieu. SAPSASA Netball was at Priceline Stadium, west of the city on Richmond Road.

In total we played nine games. There were eight divisions and ten teams in each div. We won 3 of our games throughout the week and one of our other games was close.

It was great to make new friends, learn new skills and play at a high level.

Thanks to Mum for transporting me all week.

YACCA (Youth And Community in Conservation Action) is an environmental youth group set up to educate high school aged students about their local environment. YACCA encourages and supports young people to actively engage in environmental projects in their local area.

YACCA – Willunga was set up in the late stages of 2013 and has been running successfully, with the number of members, aged 11-16, skyrocketing. These members attend different schools and come from different environmental backgrounds.

Some of the environmental activities the Willunga group have participated in include planting days with Trees for Life and NRM, surveys along the Aldinga Reef with Reef Watch, water and macro-invertebrate testing along the perennial creeks in Willunga, trapping nights at Tatachilla Lutheran College and much more.

YACCA - Yankalilla is hoping to run our monthly after-school sessions using a similar format, with a partnership established between Normanville Natural Resource Centre, the Yankalilla Library, the Community Services team from Council and Corey Jackson, Coast, Estuary & Marine Officer for the Southern Fleurieu Peninsula.

Not only do the members of YACCA get to participate in exciting activities; experienced scientists, leading experts and local community groups will enlighten them along the way, on environmentally significant issues. By coupling education with activities, the participants will receive hands on experience as well as knowledge, solidifying the understanding of the relevant issues.

The activities that the YACCA – Yankalilla group will participate in will give the young members enthusiasm about the work that they are doing and help to create a passion for environmental work. If the members are passionate about what they do, they will feel a sense of ownership towards it. If they feel ownership, they are more likely to try to protect the work that they have done; whether that be revegetation, helping a native species, or cleaning up an area of environmental significance. It is the YACCA organisers' hope that we will create a group of environmentally minded students who will invest and protect our local environment well into the future.

Benefits of YACCA involvement:

- Increased environmental awareness
- Connect youth with community
- Give life experiences
- Increase job prospects
- Develop leadership, confidence and team work skills



WANT SOME FUN?

Radical Reptiles

Will be visiting the
Yankalilla Community Centre
On Wednesday 2nd August
at 4pm
To celebrate the launch of

YACCA LILLA

A new environmental
After-school group for
ages 12-20 years
Bookings essential for
catering

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