Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the new school year well underway, we are off to a flying start. It’s amazing what an extra-long summer holiday can do to re-connect and recharge! Everyone has come back to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

The children have settled into their new classes and it’s wonderful to see old friendships re-establishing and new ones developing. We have been impressed with the commitment the children are making in their class communities to discussions about our school values of caring, respect, responsibility and connection. With so many new children joining our classes again this year, we have seen many examples of kindness and caring behaviour in partnering with new friends.

Relationships are the essence of a child’s success at school and we seek to nurture positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging for every child; to their teacher, peers, school leaders and to all the educators that support their learning.

It has been proven that positive and collaborative relationships between teachers and parents/guardians result in greater success at school for the child. At Aldinga we want relationships built on reciprocal respect where information is shared openly and concerns are raised promptly—where we work as team to ensure the best outcome for all students.

Please make time to come into the school and meet your child’s teacher. We have an Acquaintance night coming up next Tuesday 16th Feb (see flyer in newsletter) which is a great opportunity to not only meet your child’s teacher and other educators who work with your child but other parents as well… and to find out about the exciting learning opportunities that teachers have planned for your child this year.

We begin the year with 680 children, 27 classes and off to a great start, with teachers reporting close to 100% of children in classes during the first week. This is a major focus for our work this year to ensure that every child comes to school every day unless they are sick or have an appointment.

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Some of our newest children are our 74 Receptions who are showing real courage and bravery in their new environments. It’s been very rewarding to see the older children, often siblings, taking the younger children under their wing during play times showing kindness and supporting those who may be looking for a friend.

We want our children to be happy at school, to have friends and to be active learners. The first few weeks of school are about children working in their class groups to build positive relationships, to get to know each other, to learn the class and school routines and most importantly, to identify ways they will work and play together to build a strong, cohesive class community. If the start of the year is an indication of how the year will unfold, we have a lot to look forward to.

With David Dewar departing at the end of last year, our new leadership team comprises Lyn Langeluudee (Principal), Mel Justice (Deputy Principal), Kris Mott (Senior Leader), Jane Moore (Director Children’s Centre with leadership across Receptions), Kieran Moors (Senior Leader-Learning Resources Manager), Fiona Takos (Senior Leader-Literacy Coach) and Nicky Clark and Adam Blakely (Counsellors).

Aldinga Beach B-7 is a busy and exciting school. We have an experienced and highly skilled staff who embrace their work wholeheartedly and adopt a view that every child is important and entitled to a high quality program, to grow and learn in a safe and caring environment. We are confident that together we will achieve great outcomes for our Aldinga learners this year so they can be the best that they can be!

We look forward to working in partnership with our parent community and to meeting with you next Tuesday evening at the Acquaintance night.

So join us as we strive to bring our new school vision to life and “create a learning community where we work together to be the best that we can be.”…from the leadership team

Welcome new staff

Darren Martin (PE); Chris Broadbent (Yr 5/6 class with Ian Reed);
Deb Harris (NIT teacher and Yr 5 class with Nicole Hendy);
Ella Lonergan (Yr 1/2 class with Fiona Takos) and Miru Agil (Reception teacher with Kimberly Freer)
Welcome to our new Reception Students

Last year for our Year 7s
2016 STAFFING

**LEADERSHIP STAFF**
Principal - Lyn Langeludecke  
Deputy Principal - Mel Justice  
Children’s Centre Director - Jane Moore  
Senior Leader - Kris Mott  
Learning Resources Manager - Kieran Moors  
Literacy Coach Senior Leader - Fiona Takos  
Counsellor - Adam Blakely & Nicky Clark

**SPECIALIST TEACHERS**
Junior Primary Special Ed - Rosie Bradshaw  
Primary Special Ed - Jill Harvie  
PE - Darren Martin  
Japanese - Jess Vincent  
Science - Julie Cox  
Performing Arts - Lee Adams, Anj H-O, Deb Harris  
AET - Burda Sanders

**SSOs**
**Classroom:** Gillian Whiting, Kerry Mundy, Natalie Bentley, Tina Hards, Pip Lovett, Mary Angel, Rachel Bishop, Joanna Jenkins, Angie Gawen, Kerryn Coventry.

**Administration:** Sharon Penna, Kathryn Moule, Libby Thompson, Tania Smitheram, Samantha Topperwien.

**Kitchen/Garden:** Claudia Peoples & Tamara George

**Grounds:** Mick Fishlock

**Canteen:** Tania Billingsley

**Pastoral Care:** Jamie & Natalie Wells

**Mentor Co-ordinator:** Shane Scott

**ACEO:** Michelle Bilney & Russell Milera
2016 STAFFING

MIDDLE YEARS TEACHERS
Chez Klocke/Anj Habel-Orrell : Yr 7
Sue Kopp/Anj Habel-Orrell : Yr 7
Christian Smith/Anj Habel-Orrell : Yr 6/7
Elise Klocke : Yr 6
Mark Tuckfield : Yr 5/6
Ian Reed/Chris Broadbent : Yr 5/6
Kylie Brennan : Yr 5
Nicole Hendy/Deb Harris: Yr 5

PRIMARY YEARS TEACHERS
Alex Catalan : Yr 4
Sue Wevill : Yr 4
Airlie Cheesman : Yr 4
Liz Crowe : Yr 3/4
Ali Smith/Alida Cowan : Yr 3
Belinda Branford : Yr 3
Kylie Van Laarhoven : Yr 2/3
Jodie Meyer : Yr 2/3

EARLY YEARS TEACHER
Liz Pearce/Lorraine Hailstone : Yr 2
Karen Lehmann/Kirsten Marshall : Yr 2
Fiona Takos/Ella Lonergan : Yr 1/2
Sarah Pilmore : Yr 1
Hannah Galliford : Yr 1
Alison Arthurson/Alida Cowan : Yr 1
Helen Skinner/Alida Cowan : Yr 1
Kimberly Freer/Miru Agil : Reception
Prue Gobbett/Rosie Bradshaw : Reception
Jane Osborne : Reception
Kym Cooper : Reception
At school . . .

Monster Truck visit

Whole School Assembly

Rugby Tag workshop
Congratulations to the following Year 7 award winners from 2015 Graduation Service.

- Service to School: Alana Green
- Volunteers Award: Colby Jones
- Academic Award: Colby Jones
- Teachers’ Choice Leadership Awards: Jayde Moana & Zac Dean
- Sporting Awards: Maddy Watson & Kohan Hollitt
- Arts Award: Phoebe Higgins
- Class Awards: Maisy Upton, Kouhana Faith, Darcy Scott & Jade Snel

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

The aim of the Kitchen Garden Program is to introduce young children to the wonderful world of good food through developing a productive food garden and an exciting kitchen that includes a nurturing place to share food, as an integral part of the school curriculum.

In order to achieve our aim we need people who are not only enthusiastic about making a difference but who are also able to make a genuine commitment. You can volunteer in the kitchen or the garden or both.

We hope to engage the curiosity of the students and to help them learn how to grow the very best food in the very best way, how to care for it in the garden, how to recognize when it is ripe and at its best, how to prepare it easily and enjoyably and how to develop an expanding culinary palate and be excited by all these experiences.

Let the front office know if your interested in volunteering.

Tamara George & Claudia Peoples
(Kitchen/Garden teachers)
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT NETWORK MEMBER IN YOUR CHILD’S CLASS FOR 2016

PARENT NETWORK GUIDELINES
- Parent network reps are selected by the class teacher.
- Reps meet twice termly, week 4 and 8 alternating on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 -3pm in the boardroom.
- Meetings provide opportunities to share ideas and issues relating to the role and school and to plan for school activities.
- Network parents help with fundraising events.
- The group elects a parent convener and secretary.
- Meetings are convened by the parent convener and supported by the Principals.
- Parent reps work under the direction of school staff at all times.
- Reps need to have undertaken the school’s volunteer training program and adhere to child protection principles, confidentiality clauses and have a current police check through the Education Department.
- Information is shared in Week 3 (Tuesday 16th February 2016) at Acquaintance night by a parent representative.

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE
The office is located in the courtyard next to the finance window and is used for ALL student enquiries; first aid, parent enquiries, handing in of notices, extra copies of notices, excursion information etc.
If students are late, need early departure or are to be collected, parents and students MUST COME to the window to be signed in or out electronically.

PHONE MESSAGES
Any messages that need to be relayed to children, please ring the office BEFORE 2:15pm so there is time to get the message to your child/ren.

Libby Thompson (Student Services)
Dear Parents,

In this concerning period of hoax bomb threats it is appropriate to let you know that Aldinga Beach B-7 School takes the issue very seriously.

We have tried and tested procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Should a bomb threat be received at the school we will:
- Immediately evacuate our students and staff to a safe area.
- Contact SAPOL.
- Advise you ASAP via SMS once students and staff are safely evacuated.
- We will not let students and staff back into the buildings until SAPOL have advised it is safe to return.
- Advise you via SMS once the issue has been resolved.

It is important to not attempt to get into the school as police will be in control of the grounds until they have advised us it is safe to return. Doing so will hamper SAPOL’s work and place increased stress on our staff and students.

Leadership Staff

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**BREAKFAST CLUB 2016**

The Breakfast Club for Aldinga Beach B7 School started **Monday 8th February 2016**.

**REGISTRATION FORMS** available from Student Services.

(Existing breakfast members **MUST** sign a new registration form for 2016)

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday MORNINGS**

8:00am—8:30am

*In the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen*

Parents and extra helpers welcome.

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**MATHS AT HOME**

See how many numbers your child can find in the newspaper. Page numbers, dates, advertisements, sports results, will be good places to search.

Cut out the numbers paste them in sequence on a sheet of paper. Which is the largest, smallest number? How many odd/even numbers?

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**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT**

Tuesday 16th February 2016

A reminder to all parents, you have been invited to join us and your child’s teacher in Week 3 on Tuesday evening, 16th February 2016. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child’s classroom, meet the teacher and other families in the class and to find out information about the class program, routines and class activities etc. Times as follows:

**Junior Primary** (Reception—Year 2)
- Meet in yellow unit centre at 5:30pm

**Primary Years** (Years 2/3—4)
- Meet in blue unit centre at 6:00pm

**Middle Years** (Years 5—7)
- Meet in the purple unit centre at 6:30pm

A pre-dinner snack of pasta bake or minestrone soup will be available in the kitchen from 5pm. Looking forward to seeing you at the Acquaintance Night.

Leadership Team

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**Text Messages**

When sending text message please include students' name, date, reason, class eg. BL33.

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**VOLUNTEER TRAINING & MANDATORY NOTIFICATION (RAN)**

**Tuesday 8th March**

If you are a regular volunteer you need to undertake the Volunteer Training Program (if not already done in the last two years), the next training session will be held on **Tuesday 8th March from 9:00am to 10:00am** in the boardroom.

It is also a DECD requirement all volunteers must complete a Mandatory Notification Training (RAN). Nicky Clark (School Counsellor) will present this presentation as part of the training from 10:00am to 11:30am. If you wish to attend these training sessions please return the slip below or phone Tania 8556 5060 or email dl.0222.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Lyn Langeluddecke (Principal)

Please return via your class tray

**VOLUNTEER & RAN TRAINING: Tues 8th March**

Parent’s Name: ...........................................

Child’s Name: ...........................................

Child’s Class Teacher: ....................................

Contact day time phone number: .........................

☐ I will be attending the volunteer training session from 9:00-10:00am.

☐ I will be attending the Mandatory Notification (RAN) session from 10:00-11:30am.
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it’s really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it’s important, it isn’t always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child’s education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child’s school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

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