**STUDENT FREE DAY** : Friday 11th March  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY** : Monday 14th March

**JAPANESE STUDENTS FROM HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY VISIT ABB7**

On Tuesday February 23rd and Tuesday March 1st we had a visit from a group of 11 Japanese students from Hiroshima University. The students spent time in a few of our classrooms meeting our students and learning about schools in Australia as a part of their university’s English Language and cultural study tour program. Thanks to Kylie’s year 5 class, Ms Cheesman and Ms Crowe’s classes, Mrs Meyer and Mrs V’s classes, Ms Takos’ class and Mrs Arthurson’s year 1 class for hosting our Japanese visitors for the two days. The Japanese visitors taught our students some Japanese games and our students shared what school at Aldinga is like. It was a wonderful learning experience for our students and everyone involved really enjoyed the visits.

Jess Vincent (Japanese Teacher)
**PARENT NETWORK**

Last week we held our first parent network meeting and welcomed new parents. The parent network scheme aims to:

- Encourage parents to be more involved in school life
- Provide support to teachers and children
- Establish valuable links between families in the school community.

All parents are welcome to become involved. Speak with your child’s teacher to find out more. Our next meeting will be Monday 4th April of Week 10 at 2.00pm in the library.  

*Kris Mott (Senior Leader)*

**Parent suggestions box**

Did you know we have a new red suggestions box in the courtyard next to the notice board. We’d love to hear any suggestions from parents (and students!) to help our school grow.

If you’ve got a great story about an excursion or helping around the school let us know! A great way for parents to see all the fun and engaging things our kids are doing at Aldinga B-7 school.

Also check out the courtyard parent notice board for upcoming events and ways you can participate.

We’d love more parents to join us so see you child’s teacher for a parent network form or Tania in the front office. Even if you can’t physically come to parent network meetings you can participate in other ways.

*Corrynn Jones & Karen Jones*  
(Parent Network Members)

**Coffee & Chat**

COME ALONG AND CONNECT

Did you know that every Friday morning from 9:00am there is a friendly group of parents who meet in the yellow unit kitchen and have a wonderful time sharing stories over a specially brewed coffee and the yummiest of biscuits and cakes.

It’s very casual and you will be made to feel very welcome so if you have some spare time and want to meet other friendly people, come along. It’s on every Friday morning.

**PRINCIPAL’S TOUR**

Aldinga Beach B-7 School

Friday 18th March 2016  
9:30am—11am

Take a tour through our school to see our excellent facilities and grounds and learn about our excellent programs.

To register for the school tour, phone Tania on **8556 5060**

**Harmony Day**

Monday 21st March

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is  
“Our diversity is our strength”

Talk to your children about your family heritage.

This year Aldinga will be celebrating Harmony Day by having a whole school assembly at 11.00am and eating lunch with our buddies on the oval.

Students are encouraged to wear orange clothing instead of their school uniform.

*Leadership team*
Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th March, our eight newly appointed Young Leader Executives were able to attend a leadership conference at Hindmarsh to help them get off to a great start in their role this year. The ‘Student Leadership Conference’ was designed to give the students practical tools and fresh ideas to make a significant difference to our school community in 2016.

THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS CONFERENCE

- **PRACTICAL and HANDS ON** activities that students love
- Sessions allow students to **INTERACT** with leaders from other schools
- **GROUP WORK** allows for students to take steps whilst at the conference
- Dozens of **FRESH IDEAS** of things working wonders in other schools
- As well as loads of information it’s definitely **FUN** and **ENTERTAINING**
- **ALL STUDENTS** are treated as leaders who are important to their school
- **STUDENT CENTRED** and focussed on **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

Lee Adams & Mel Justice (YL Co-ordinators)

At the Executive Young Leaders Conference I liked all the hands-on activities that we did, like the Balloon Float and The Human Twist! There was also a fake meeting and that activity was called “Oh, what a meeting,” but it was really about how NOT to have a meeting! It was great to meet lots of new people at the conference, especially those at my table! - Katie, BL34

CAR PARKING

A reminder to all parents and caregivers, when dropping off and picking up school children to please use the “Kiss & Drop” zone in front of Evans Street crossing, Quinliven crossing and Greenlees crossing.

We ask for parents not to park your car in these spaces and leave unattended.
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

We have had a busy start to 2016. Our first project for the year has been to enter the Arabian Painted Horse Competition, run by the South Australian Jockey Club in conjunction with the Arabian Horse Society of Dubai. For this project, we have painted a life-sized horse. The designs were submitted by all students at the school, we then combined key elements from many designs, and the ATSI students, helped by the ATSI team and many parents and community members, actually painted the horse. It has been an exciting, popular and engaging project. The horse will be judged by one of the sheiks of Dubai this week – first prize in the competition is $3000.

The horses (6 of them from 6 schools) will be displayed at Morphettville Racecourse this Saturday March 12th.

Burda Sanders (AET)

FINANCE NEWS

Material and Services Fees - Material and Services Fees are due on Friday, 15th April. If you will unable to finalise your account by this date please contact the finance office.

EFTPOS – Savings, Cheque and Credit options are now available.

Direct Debit - If you wish to pay using internet banking please contact the Finance Office and you will be given the details you require.

School Card – School Card applications need to be in asap. If you believe you are eligible and meet the financial criteria please fill in the form and send it back to the finance office asap.

Credit Card Direct Debit - If you would like to set up a direct debt by credit card please phone the finance office.

Excursions – Last Day to Pay
The last day to pay for any excursion is to be adhered to this year. If you are unable to pay by the due date you must contact the finance office to make alternative arrangements.

Excursions Due:
Birdwood Motor Museum – 24/3/16

Finance Window Opening Times:
Mon – Friday 8:30am – 9:30am
Mon – Thursday 3:00pm – 3:15pm
No payments will be accepted outside of these hours.

Sharon Penna (Business Manager)
Dear Parents

This Year the school is going online with our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews which will be held Tuesday 29th March to Friday 8th April. Bookings must be finalised before the 18th March at 3pm, when bookings for this event will close.

If you do not have internet access to make a booking, please come and see your child’s teacher after school to assist you in making a booking.

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Select the teachers you wish to see
3. Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews—until the bookings close on Friday 18th March at 3pm.

Kieran Moors (ICT Co-ordinator)
**Kitchen Garden Stall**

Cakes, slices and savoury muffins will be available for sale at varying prices.

Tea and coffee will also be available from an outsourced coffee van and proceeds will be given back to the school.

**Canteen**

**Sports Day Meal Deal $6.00**

Ham or chicken salad pack, fruit cup, bottled water *(notes already distributed)*

This meal deal is available to all students, staff and parents. Drinks and icecream will be available for purchase (no soft drinks).

No other lunch orders on the day. All orders must be payable to the canteen by Monday 21st March 2016.

**BBQ**

A BBQ will be available during the day selling:

- Sausages $2.00
- Sausages with onion $2.50
- Hamburgers with lettuce and tomato $5.00

If any parents are available to help with setting up on Sports Day, it would be very much appreciated. Set up starts at 8am.

Sports Day will start at 8:50am.

Class events until lunch time.

Individual team sprints after lunch.

Let’s hope it’s a great day for everyone.

**House Teams**

- **Lovelock (green)**
- **Culley (yellow)**
- **Croser (blue)**
- **Pengilly (red)**

**Medication Regulations**

If your child requires medication at school e.g. Ritalin, Asthma Puffer, Panadol, Antihistamine, Antibiotics, Car sickness tablets etc.

- The medication **MUST BE** in its original container with a chemist sticker with child’s name, medication name & dosage.
- Two forms **MUST BE** completed by your child’s doctor. (1) Medication Authority (2) Medical Plan both obtainable from Student Services.

Without these requirements the school will not be able to accept medication for your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Libby Thompson (Student Services)

**Maths at Home**

Tracking Time

Together with your child keep track of the time he or she watch television, playing outside, doing homework. Make a table listing the 7 days of the week. Record using a clock how long they spend on different activities. Can you make a graph of this with your child?
Friday 4th March the entire Yellow Unit (Junior Primary Students from Reception to Year 2) had a wonderful time at the Port Willunga Beach. It may have seemed a long walk from school to the beach, but when the children got their feet into the sand, it was a magical classroom — fresh air, cool breeze and having lots of fun with classmates being adventurous and using their imaginations.
The Years 5/6—Yr 7 classes have had the opportunity to experience different outdoor water sports during Aquatics week 22nd—25th February. Students experienced fishing, snorkelling, waving surfing, kayaking, boogie boarding.

I was doing snorkelling and I thought it was really fun and educational because when you’re snorkelling you get to see all the fish and sea stars. I enjoyed the whole experience and particularly liked the windy day.

Zhaidyn Hamdorf

I was doing surfing. The instructions were really good and they helped me a lot. The equipment was good too. My favourite day was Wednesday when we walked to the mouth of the river.

Imogen Leverington

I like the last 2 days because I learned how to duck dive under the chain. I picked up sea stars and we thought we saw a stingray. It was great being in a group with my friends.

On the last day, everyone was doing boogie boarding and it was really fun.

Kian Daneshjoo