Numeracy Keeps on Counting at Seacliff!

A recent and wide study conducted in the UK of “what indicates success as an adult at an early age?” found that the best indicator was children who are high functioning in numeracy are more likely to be successful as an adult. Keep this in mind when you read the following excerpt from our 2012 Annual Report.

“Seacliff student’s growth rates in numeracy have been higher than both comparison groups (Southern Region and similar schools) for four consecutive years. For the period ending in 2012 this growth rate for our year 3-5 student cohort was +26 points (14 points is considered significant) compared to our Southern Region. This is in the highly significant category. This shows that the teaching and learning programs we are implementing are highly effective. The year 7 cohort achieved significantly above the National Average and our Year 3 and 5 cohorts tested achieved at the National Average. All cohorts achieved significantly above the South Australian average in numeracy.

“Congratulations”

To our elected Sports Day House Captains

Blue: Jo Doherty and Lily Maddern
Red: Jye Thomson and Alesha Elliott
Green: Zac Giannes and Tylah Theel
Yellow: Luca Moloney and Eliza Lynch

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Resource Centre on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm. The 2012 Annual Report will be presented with some insights into what worked and what didn’t. Followed by some ideas for where we are heading in the future. We will elect some new members to Governing Council and then have a sumptuous supper! All this and we will be finished by 8.30 promise!! If you would like to join Governing Council please fill in the nomination form attached to this newsletter or let us know at the front office you would like to stand.

Nomination for Seacliff Primary School Governing Council

Name: ................................................................. Phone: ..........................................................
Child’s Name: ........................................................ Room No: ..................................
I would like to nominate to be on Governing Council.
Quicksmart is fast and fantastic!
The Quicksmart numeracy intervention program has been a stunning success! Twenty-four students from Year 4-7 who we considered were “at risk” in their maths achievement were put on this intensive training program during 2012. As this was a trial being run by the University of New England we were unsure how students would go. The university collected data on student progress and has recently sent us the results. These were beyond ours (or their’s) wildest expectations! When you consider that this was our first year running the program and the Effect Size improvement was in the two to three year growth category for the students we can only look to the future with anticipation! Already this year the program is up and running and students are enthusiastic and thriving! What was also heartening from our results is the improvement of students in the Comparison Group. They also showed improvement in the “strong” category. This means the normal student cohort in the classrooms are achieving strong growth as well!

SEACLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL - EASTER RAFFLE
THE MORE DONATIONS RECEIVED THE MORE PRIZES TO WIN!
All proceeds going towards JP Playground Upgrade
Tickets are $1.00 each. Please include name and contact number on tickets.
Drawn on Wednesday 27th March.
ALL tickets, sold or unsold, and money must be returned to the school front office by 10am by FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
All winners will be notified by phone and can collect their prize from the office at 3pm on the day
THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

SPORTS DAY
Friday 15 March
WANT TO HELP MAKE THE SPORTS DAY FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS?
PLEASE DONATE CUP CAKES & SWEETS
The Fundraising Committee are looking for donations of Cakes / Slices & Biscuits to sell on the day. If you are able to help we will require a list of ingredients with your donation.
We are also looking for Volunteers to assist with the BBQ and Cake Stall.
If you could spare 30 minutes during the day, it would be greatly appreciated.
A roster will be displayed on the notice board by the front office and updated accordingly.

FUNDS RAISED WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE JUNIOR PRIMARY PLAYGROUND UPGRADE
**High School Open Days 2013**

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**Bushwacked!**
Check these kids out playing at lunchtime in the school yard! How many kids could fit inside their cubby at once….great cooperation!

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**SCHOOL FEES DUE NOW**

Unless a payment plan has been arranged please finalise all school accounts within the next 2 weeks.

If you are eligible for school card assistance please phone the office or call in and collect an application form, complete and return ASAP.

Please make sure when paying on the internet that you use your child’s surname and initials or your EDSAS family code that is displayed on invoices and statements. Where you are paying for eg. volleyball, competitions etc you must list the individual students first name and/or initials.

Magazines at $25.00 are an optional extra to fees.

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**Yippy’s corner**

Hi all hope you had a good start to the year.

Parenting Tip this week -
You may ask how do I get my children to clean their very messy rooms (even when they tell you it’s an organised mess!?) without getting too frustrated and end up doing it yourself.

Make it manageable and break it down into smaller tasks for example tell them to pick up 10 items off the floor, or do one section at a time such as, do the book shelf then move to the desk and then the bed. Of course you always need to gauge as parents their age and responsibility as to the size of the task given. Like in my house my son’s book shelf is mammoth so I say, “do one shelf and I’ll help with the next.”

Next tip will come straight from the principals office (apparently some strategy that is tried and tested by Mr Miller himself) - It’s how to keep your house clean and manageable. Stay tuned…..
Hi everyone!

It’s week 6 already which means that once again, the holidays are just around the corner!

Vacation Care programs are out now and can be collected from both the office and the OSHC room. Electronic versions are available upon request. Book in early to avoid disappointment and please read all of the terms and conditions regarding bookings and cancellations. Some highlights of the program include excursions to Monatro Zoo and Laserzone, as well as exciting in-house days featuring Circus Skills, making slime and a bouncy castle!

Recently, three very popular OSHC staff moved on to other jobs. We’d like to thank Paul, Kiri and Jamie-Lee for their terrific work at Seacliff OSHC over the past few years. We have three new OSHC members we’d like to officially welcome to the team, Adam, Kasey and Ashleigh. They are already making their mark and are popular amongst the children. Please say hi to them next time!

The 2013 program has been reinvigorated. It is centred on children’s learning though encouraging participation in a wide-range of fun activities that stimulate the development of childrens’ social/emotional, cognitive, language, physical and creative skills. Each day a challenge is set on the white board, for example, decoding a message, a quiz ora what am I? etc. After a healthy snack and some afternoon talks, 2 different activities are offered. One is usually more active and the other creative. Children are encouraged to participate. During free time, you can expect to see children playing card/ board games, building and constructing, drawing and painting, playing pool and table soccer, dressing up, building cubbies, listening to music and dancing and doing their homework amongst other activities.

Once in a while, a David Attenborough documentary is screened and children have marvelled at the wonders of nature, shot in HD and played on Blu-ray. Spectacular viewing!

Seacliff OSHC and Vacation Care is one of the most affordable services in the area. It’s also very popular amongst children from other schools whom enjoy the safe, friendly and fun environment. I’m a tad biased, but I do think that we have some of the finest children attend our program.

Feel free to discuss with OSHC staff how to maximise the subsidies you can receive as well as any other topic. We are here to serve you and the needs of your children!

Seacliff OSHC is a non-for-profit organisation. Management are trained teachers or possess a high level of recognised training in the field of Education. I hope you and your children enjoy using the service!

Btw, feel free to ‘like’ us on Facebook!

Cheers

Adam Panetta
OSHC Director.

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We would like to remind that we are now able to send to you our newsletter via email. Many families have joined our eNewsletter and we are able to add your email address any time. All you need to do is to email us at: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au add the subject: “Seacliff enews direct “and “your child’s name”