DIARY DATES 2013

- 26-11-13 Tuesday Governing Council Meeting 7:30pm
- 26-11-13 Tuesday Bike Ed (Yr 6/7’s)
- 26-11-13 Tuesday Bluearth
- 27-11-13 Wednesday Beach Volleyball Glenelg
- 29-11-13 Friday “Celebration Night” 5:00pm—9:00pm
- 29-11-13 Friday Footsteps Yr 6/7’s
- 2-12-13 Monday School Closure Day
- 3-12-13 Tuesday Governing Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 4-12-13 Wednesday Volunteer’s Morning Tea 10:30am
- 4-12-13 Wednesday Footsteps Yr 6/7’s
- 5-12-13 Thursday Circus Troupe Tour
- 10-12-13 Tuesday Year 7 Graduation
- 10-12-13 Tuesday MP’s Pool Day
- 11-12-12 Wednesday End of Year reports go home
- 13-12-13 Friday END OF TERM 4 2.15 pm DISMISSAL

REMINDER - School Closure
Monday 2nd December

CANTEEN NEWS

The meal deal was popular although we understand that the order forms did not make it home with all students.

We will try and correct that problem next meal deal!

A big thank you to our Term 4 Meal Deal sponsor, Harcourts Plus who are located at Shop 9, Hallett Cove Shopping Centre (adjacent Stainless Laundry)

Email: plus@harcourts.com.au
www.harcourtsplus.com.au
Phone 8328 1400 (24 hours)

“LETS GET RIDICULOUS”

Rap Boys strut their stuff at Friday assembly. They performed at a recent concert and due to public acclaim did a repeat.

Thanks to Cooper, Jack, Charlie, Tyler, Matt and Josh from Room 11.

Playground Design Update

The latest design comes with a swirl slide and slightly different climbing ramp. While this costs slightly more it provides the slide the kids really love. Comments and feedback are welcome!
CELEBRATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2013
5 – 9 PM

CIRCUS PERFORMANCES (School Hall 7-7.30pm)
DJ/DISCO, BBQ, FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLE
COLOURFUL HAIR SPRAY, CRAFT STALL, PHOTO BOOTH
RAFFLE PRIZES and more...

Craft stall : There will be an opportunity for students to sell homemade craft (for a gold coin donation) with proceeds going toward the school fundraiser.

Volunteers: We will be asking for volunteers to assist with various service areas. If you are able to help on the night, please complete & return the volunteer slip being sent home to families.

School Start Time Changes in 2014

Due to changes in the Work place and Industrial Conditions for schools Governing Council has made a change to the start time of the school day beginning in 2014. Various alternatives were discussed but it was decided that the least disruptive change was to begin the school day 5 minutes later at 8.55am. The time that students are allowed to enter the school grounds will remain the same ie 8.35am. There are some other changes to times during the day as lunch play will now be 5 minutes longer. We can’t see the students complaining about that change! The total learning time remains the same. In 2014 the school day times will be as follows:

8.35  Students are allowed to enter the school grounds
8.55  Lessons commence
10.45  Recess
11.05  Lessons
12.45  Lunch eating time
12.55  Lunch Play
1.35  Lessons
3.15  Dismissal
Special Invitation to all our wonderful Volunteer helpers

If you have assisted our school in any capacity throughout the year you are invited to attend a "Thank You Morning Tea" to be held in the staffroom from 10:30am on Wednesday, December 4th 2013 in appreciation of your valued support. Hope you can attend.

Staff and Students of Seacliff School

ROOM 0, 6 & 8 CONCERT

On Tuesday 19th November we all did performances. It was a good day for the children to show off their moves in front of all the adults.

We would like to give a big Thank You to Mrs Jackson who put a lot of time and effort into teaching us all the songs for our concert. Another big Thank You to Julie who played the piano and kept us in tune.

Emma M - Room 0

We would like to thank the people who helped with making our jackets. These people are Jan, Sandy, Jenny, Denise and Robyn Smans. They taught us how to cut out patterns, use a sewing machine, sew, hem and add lots of bling!

Eden - Room 0
VISITS TO ROOMS 5 & 17

We had a lovely trip to Malawi! What a journey! In every sense! What an emotional roller coaster….From the intense joy of meeting the beautiful, strong, trusting children at Mpasa Children Centre and the wonderful staff, to the deepest despair seeing families in the villages where toddlers dressed in plastic bags watch their parents succumb to HIV. The look of hopelessness in the eyes of those dying from AIDS leaving their starving HIV infected children behind…. I can’t count the tears we shed. We were handing out food in the poorest villages and met a mother with no life left in her eyes. She was to weak to carry the bag of flour to her house and with tears streaming down his face Rasmus ran up to her, grabbed the bag and carried it for her. That moment will stay with me forever! I felt a despair that was bottomless…

But the children at MCC are all doing well! They get so much more than only their basic needs covered. Not only are they well dressed, well fed, kept clean and diligently sent to school but they also get to play, explore and learn things with lots of amazing adults around them supporting them, loving them and encouraging every step forward. And the joy these children show in everything they do is such a wakeup call! If moments of misery will stay in my memory forever so will sitting with 21 children in the starry African night listening to them singing and giggling while they give you and each other cuddles. We feel like we have a whole new extended family!

I know that some of them probably won’t make it to adulthood since the Malawian government only have access to older generations of anti-viral (HIV) drugs which only buy you an extra 10+ years. That thought is deeply disturbing and makes me very sad. But the only thing we can do is to work for the pharmaceutical companies to ALLOW Africa to buy the cheaper generic brands of the newer antiviral drugs (today the pharmaceutical companies have put a ban on selling generic/cheaper versions of anti-viral drugs to Africa!!!!). And in the meantime do what these children and the staff are doing. Live here and now with lots of joy and laughter.

The books were an absolute success, far beyond what I had dared to hope for! It was amazing! The children LOVED them! They poured over these books and the books that Robyn donated from the library every night and pointed to every picture asking us what they showed, everything from Australian wildlife to how a digger works. It was amazing to see them show such interest for illustrations of a world completely unknown to them. It was so inspiring and touching! Each child got his or her own book from your class with his or her name written on the front and I think that for most of them it was the first personal belonging they have ever had.
AQUATICS - YEARS 6 & 7

In week 5 the year 6 & 7 students went to Aquatics. We went to Noarlunga beach. The activities were snorkelling, wind surfing, sail boarding, boogie boarding, fishing, surfing and canoeing. They were all really fun. On Friday we got to order our lunch from Becks Bakery.

Written by Chloe & Eliza
MORE CANTEEN NEWS

We are no longer purchasing Paddle pops from Streets Ice creams, so we will be selling our stock of Paddle pops at $1.00 each until our stock is sold out.

Once our supplies of ice cream are gone, our limited offer of ice cream in cone, or ice cream and Milo will finish.

Our new supplier for ice creams is Peters Ice creams. We now have available Lifesaver Ice blocks and they will cost $1.00. New varieties of ice creams/ice blocks will be available next year.

For the remainder of Term 4 we will have Gluten Free bread available for Toasted Sandwiches only (not fresh sandwiches). Please contact the Canteen for prices.

The Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice has sold out.

Please note that we will be deleting HASH BROWNS from our menu when our stock is sold out. There is limited numbers available at the moment.

YARD STAR
WINNERS:
Week 4 Term 4
Will H - Rm 16
Kip D - Rm 5

The PRC medals have arrived!

Medals will be presented at Assembly on Friday 29th November to SRC representatives.

All students who handed in completed forms will receive certificates or medals from their class teacher later in the day.
GREAT NEWS FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT:
WE ARE BRINGING BACK RARE ORIGINAL PLANTS

One fantastic surprise happened on our walk around the school – our Holdfast Bay Council Environment Officer (Mike Hemus) found rare plants that we haven't planted. That means the birds are taking seeds from Barton Gully and using our trees as sanctuary sites and dropping the remains onto our school biodiversity gardens. This is bringing back the original species to this area through the great land care projects we are doing here at Seacliff. Big congratulations to all of you who have planted and watered and looked after plants in our school grounds.

SEACLIFF'S GOT TALENT

On 12th November Rooms 10, 11 and 13 had a concert to show off our talents. We called the show “Seacliff's Got Talent”. There were heaps of acts including circus, dancing, singing, magic, playing instruments and Choir. During a short intermission there were kids on stilts giving out food that they had made.

Because it was a talent show there was a panel of judges and of course there was a big audience. Right at the end we let off heaps of party poppers. We all had fun even though we stayed up late. It was awesome!

By Orlando Elliot and Lachlan Goodwin
Hi everybody!
The summer vacation care program is now out! OSHC staff all agree that this is our best program yet! Please note that 2014 enrolment forms are also available at the OSHC desk and we must have a completed enrolment form before your child can attend during the New Year. It would be best to return your 2014 enrolment form with your vacation care booking form.

You may have noticed that attached to the new enrolment forms is a child portfolio page. We’d like parents/caregivers to fill this form out with their children. The Early Years Learning Framework requires Child Care services to gather information about children. Staff analyse the data and use it to guide the program for your children to better achieve learning outcomes and cater for individual needs and interests.

Congratulations to Kira who is the legend of the week! At OSHC Kira is trying a variety of new fruits, and her manners are exceptional. Kira is a great helper and a fantastic OSHC member!

Kind Regards,
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"Since the start of term 4 Room 13 have been working on their Personal Interest Projects. Today Room 13 students presented their PIPs to 12 classes across the school. Some exhibitions were: garden, computer mouse games, labyrinth toy, clay animation, bone cakes and much, much more. All in all it was a great, fun day!"

Fin, Pat and Sam G