Snake Project could be famous!

Had an email from a Landscape Artist working with The City of Marion who had seen our snake project and was very interested in the design aspects because... they want one too! By the way from our research we have not found anything quite like our project anywhere in the world. We want our snake to have an authenticity and attitude that encourages respect of the environment rather than a Disney type cartoon character.

Helen Nieuwendijk, our mosaic artist has been busy working with small groups of our Year 5-7 students preparing the tiling work for the snake scales. The kids think it is going to look awesome!

BBQ Enthusiasm and Entertainment!

Our Meet The School Community BBQ went off really well last Wednesday with a great crowd, perfect weather and an enthusiastic choir performance! Hewina Jackson revved up the Year 2-7 students and Choirs to sing “Eagle Rock” and “Happy” which was very well received. Well done to Cammie Rouvray, Lauren Williams and Laniesha Gepp who sang the solos. Parents were able to get around and talk to teachers in an informal atmosphere and find out how the year had started. All classes have sent home information about class routines and programs with their students. If you haven’t received yours please ask your class teacher. A big thank you to everyone one who came along and to the cooks and canteen for their support!

COSTLY NEWSLETTER COSTS - and you can help reduce them

Each newsletter costs us a minimum of $224 for each run we print. Over a year that is a minimum of $4480. (280 COPIES @ 8 PAGES EACH @ 10C per page; 20 newsletters per year)

While we investigate other options it would help us greatly if we could have as many families as possible get the newsletter via email link. Great for the environment too! Can you help us out? How?

Email the school: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au

put “newsletter mail out” in the subject line and the content stating your child’s full name and room number. Done!!! We will add you to our email out group.
**BYOD 2015 update:**  
Year 5 classes have a high percentage of students with devices. Around 80 + new devices have been bought and are now able to be logged into the school web network. The uptake of the school SOE image has been excellent too. Students and Teachers alike are looking forward to using the devices in many varied school programs now. Thank you for your patience with this process – it being our first time we want to get it right.

* **ALL new schemes** have issues that need to be attended to as well as to be celebrated. If you have a concern regarding your child’s device please do contact us by emailing the school: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au and put BYOD in the subject line. It will be forwarded to me for my attention.

* **CYBER SAFETY AT SEACLIFF:** As part of our Cyber Safety policy we have a User Agreement for ALL students to sign along with their parent/guardian. This will come out this week. Please do read it with your child to clarify anything they may be uncertain about. If you have questions just email the school: dl.0913.info@schools.sa.edu.au and put Cyber Safety in the subject line.  

Cheers,  
Wes Moyle  
Coordinator ICTs 2015

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**Making Brighton Road Pedestrian Crossing Safer**

For some time our Governing Council has been working towards improving the safety of the Brighton Road Pedestrian Crossing. A group of Governing Councillors were joined by our local member of parliament David Speirs for a meeting with the Minister for Transport Tony Piccolo. This was unsuccessful with the reasons cited as their being higher priorities elsewhere.

However our case has been given more urgency with a near miss recorded at the end of last year. As well recently the crossing lights stopped working at the end of the day and we had to guide the students across the road using our red lolly pops. There were plenty of staff in attendance and everyone got across safely. However, Room 5 have taken this incident one step further and wrote a very sincere letter to a number of politicians asking for something to be done.

We believe that the Guardian has taken this up as story and a number of school community members have been interviewed. We believe that the volume of traffic has increased as well as the frequency of use of the crossing has increased over the last few years. The Brighton Road Crossing is unique in that it is at the foot of a long steep incline and it has a bus stop very near which contributes to traffic congestion and confusion. We also know there is a large housing development planned for the old Lorenzo industrial site on Scholfield Road and this will only increase traffic and use of the crossing.

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**First Impressions Reports**

Parents/Carers will receive an initial report on how their children have settled in on Wednesday 25th February. This is quite brief and to the point. At the end of this term there will be Three way discussions for Parent/Carers, Students and Teachers to discuss in more detail how the students are learning and highlight areas of need. These meetings are scheduled for Week 10.
FINANCE NEWS

We welcome Lynda Baxter to our Front Office Team! Lynda will be processing payments from the front desk on Mondays 8.30am-11.30am, Wednesdays 12.30pm-3.30pm and Fridays 8.30am-11.30am. This means she will be available to take your payments for M&S, camps, excursions and purchases from the Uniform Shop which is also open on Wednesdays and Fridays. We appreciate you making your face to face payments during these times.

Payments can also be made by providing your credit card details on the payment section of excursion notes and returning them to the front office. An internet transfer is our preferred method of payment: BSB No. 105-112 - Account No. 408872540 (please include your child’s initial and surname and details about what you wish to pay, ie, M&S, volleyball, etc.

We understand that sometimes the above options are just not possible, please feel free to call the front office on 8296 1950 to discuss alternatives.

Materials and Services Charge

We would like to thank all families who have paid, or made arrangements to pay, their M&S and Excursion Levies for 2015. These funds are used to pay for goods and services for your children this year so prompt payment is appreciated. Statements will be sent home next week, please finalise your payments before the end of term 1, 2015.

School Card application forms were sent home with your invoices this year. If you would like to submit an application, please do so as soon as possible so we can forward them to DECD School Card Section for processing. Remember, School Card must be applied for every year, so if you were eligible last year and your circumstances have not changed, you will need to complete the application form again. (If you have applied for School Card, please wait for notification of eligibility before making any M&S payments.)

Suzi Ban

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Resource Centre on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm. The 2014 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.

Governing Council Nomination form

Nomination for Seacliff Primary School Governing Council
Name: ............................................................................. Phone: ........................................
Child’s Name...................................................................... Room No. ........

I would like to nominate to be on Governing Council.

Please return this cut off slip to the front office
**Areas of Care:**

Each class has selected an area of the school to care for. In the coming weeks they will be going into their area and reporting any issues or ideas they have for caring for or improving the health of plants, pathways and play areas. If you are able to help in an area can you please let the teachers know. We could looking for safe recycled materials too, so please let us know if you have something at home that can be recycled in our garden (such as large rocks or logs). Here is the list of classes and areas.

**AREAS OF CARE**

1. Northern and Western edges of the oval, long jump, fence and gateways (Rm 7)
2. External Northern and Western fence (Rm 0)
3. Western and Southern edges of oval, wooden playground and Southern fence (Rm 10)
4. Oval and surrounds, western stairs (Rm 6)
5. External Southern Fence (Rm 0 & 15)
6. Coloured playground and Japanese garden (Rm 1 & 2)
7. Junior playground and fence (Rm 4 & 5)
8. Surrounds of Rooms 16 & 17 (Rm 16 & 17)
9. Beach volleyball court, boat, back fence (Rm 3 & 15)
10. Hall surrounds, car park, frog pond (Rm 13)
11. Courtyard and Office area (Rm 11)
12. Eastern fence line and buildings (Rm 14 & 15)
13. Courts, undercroft and steps (Rm 13)
14. Bins, shed, crossing garden (Rm 14)

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Michael Laing and I am of Aboriginal descent. I am the Aboriginal Liaison Officer for Seacliff Primary School.

One of my roles here at Seacliff is to provide academic, cultural and wellbeing support to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students. My employment at Seacliff includes time to work with students, parents/caregivers, teachers and the community. I am very passionate about this role and my heritage.

It is for these reasons that I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to the school community and ask if there are any families who have or believe they have Aboriginal heritage, to make themselves known to me so that we can share this connection and see if I may be of assistance in any way to them culturally or otherwise.

Please do not hesitate in seeking me out to have a chat.

Michael.
Is your son or daughter taking up the Challenge in 2015??

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, get them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to the school contact person, in the Library before: **Friday 28th August**.

The Challenge is to read a minimum of **twelve books in total**.
- Reception to Year 7: eight of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and four of their own choice and these can include class novels and research texts.

Student reading records are available from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child’s teacher) or download one from the website.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, by reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us. A winner wins a book prize every month and their first name and school are posted on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for both primary and secondary students to post and share thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your son/daughter to have a go.

We have updated the website to address: students, teachers and staff and the families page. Check it out for some great ideas.

Enjoy the Challenge.

Yours Sincerely,

*Carmel Jones*
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Department of Education and Children’s Services Level 2 West, 31 Flinders St, Adelaide, 5000
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Sports Day

During week three all students from years 4 to 7 meet in their house teams to select their team captains. Students from years 6 and 7 were eligible for nomination. Those nominated were required to prepare a speech outlining why they would be an effective team leader. These speeches were presented on Friday and then team members cast their votes.

Congratulations to our 2015 captains:
- Acacia (gold) – Laniessha G, Alissa S, Tyson M & Harrison C
- Waratah (red) – Ruby P, Michaela K, Luka M & Jack B
- Yacca (green) – Olivia J, Erin A, Seb R & Charlie W
- Myrtle (blue) – Bella B, Caitlin E, Lachlan W & Josh K

**Sports Day is scheduled for Friday March 13th**
**Are you the parent or carer of a 10 - 15 year old?**

**Are you worried about their online safety?**

Come and hear internet safety experts and a child and adolescent psychologist talk about:

➢ how teens connect online
➢ how to talk with them about safety
➢ making agreements and setting limits
➢ dealing with cyberbullying.

Tuesday 17 March
When: 7.00–9.00pm
Where: Panorama Room Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace Adelaide

Register to attend in person:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/ Phone: 8303 1660 Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or

Register for webcast:
Online: http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au/ When you register you will receive login details

This seminar is designed for parents. Presented by Parenting SA. For more information about raising children and teenagers go to www.parentingsa.gov.au and www.cyh.com.

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**Being Nut Aware**

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (cashews), cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

Parents are encouraged to pack the foods of their choice for their children to eat at school, however we ask that you are mindful that at Seacliff we have children who are anaphylactic, a condition that can cause death.

Teachers at Seacliff Primary will reinforce that we don’t share food and that we should wash our hands after eating. Where it is known that students have brought nut products to school and there is an anaphylactic student in the classroom, the teacher will take all precautions to minimise risk. Parents can help us maintain a safe environment by not providing children with nut products if possible.

Food such as cakes or other foods may be sent to school to celebrate birthdays however a full list of ingredients needs to be provided. On special occasions when food is freely available, teachers will ensure that a safe environment is maintained for all students. Prior to commencing units of work that involve cooking, teachers will discuss the individual needs of students at risk with parents.
Zanshin Freestyle Karate

Kids Self Defence
Learn to defend yourself, gain confidence and have fun.
Get Fit, friendly atmosphere, qualified instructors.
First two lessons **FREE**.
Seacliff Primary School Gym

Wednesday Nights  Kids 6:00pm to 7:00pm Teens & Adults 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Phone Renshi Ant’z on 0422 331 388  www.zanshinfreestylekarate.com.au

**Junior League Summer Camp!**

We invite you to attend a day of indoor volleyball coaching from some of Australia’s best players – including past Olympians, and our current international volleyball stars.

**Who:** Year 7-9 students – no previous experience required!

**When:** Sunday February 22nd

**Where:** Brighton Secondary School

**Cost:** $10 – includes lunch

Email us at [henleyhawksvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:henleyhawksvolleyball@gmail.com) to reserve your place today!

**Raising money for children in Kenya**

On Tuesday Ella, Sarah, Yezha and Lanieha held a cup cake stall to raise money for children in Kenya. They raised $250.40 and had a lot of fun. We hope everyone enjoyed the cupcakes.
Hi everyone,

The OSHC team would like to thank the new families and our new reception children for their wonderful support as they transition to the OSHC environment. The children have settled in really well and seem to be enjoying the fun and exciting challenges and activities happening each day.

Take a look at some of the children and staff in action.

OSHC has purchased a lot of new equipment this week. Check out our new walk in cardboard cubby, a toy car road set and construction straws.

If you have any concerns about your child or you would like to know more our service please feel free to come in and have a chat with us.

Before School Care: 7:15-9:15am
After School Care: 2:45 – 6:15pm
Vacation Care: 7:15 -6:15pm

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