Newsletter 6, 14th April 2016

Tanunda Primary School & Tanunda Disability Unit

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“Together we achieve”

Important Dates

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Principal’s Report

It has been a very busy & productive term and it has been exciting to see the progress our students have made over the past 11 weeks. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the TPS staff for their hard work & dedication again this term. Thank you also to all of our families for their on-going support and involvement in the school. This was reflected in the record number of families attending our parent/teacher interviews last week.

There have been many highlights over the term, including the completion of the mural in our Disability Unit, Harmony Day, Meet & Greet Night, Hot Shot Tennis, SAPSASA Lawn Bowls, Student Leaders’ Conference and our “Wacky Day”.

Another highlight has been the commencement of our lunch time activity program. This term students have had the opportunity to participate in Chess Club, Drama Club and ATSI Club each week. All of these activities have been well attended and the children have enjoyed participating in these sessions. Special thanks to Tish Fortune, Claire Gaston & Dianne Oliver for their organisation of these lunch time options.

Over the past week, the Drama Club has held a “Tanunda’s Got Talent” show during some lunch times. Students have performed a range of different acts in front of a large & enthusiastic crowd. It has been a really positive way to end the term and a terrific forum for showcasing our students’ performance skills. Well done to the performers and a big thank you to Claire, the compères, judges & stage crew for their involvement.

Next term will see a number of additional lunchtime activities being offered, including Netball, Lego, Craft, Yoga & Dance sessions.

Staffing News

We are pleased to have appointed Rachel Gepp to our unit, as a replacement for Alex Parson & Kristen White in LA4. Rachel comes highly recommended and we look forward to working with her over the year.

We are also farewelling Mostyn Daniel today, who has made a recent decision to retire from teaching. Mostyn has made an enormous contribution to Tanunda Primary School over the past 22 years, and he will be greatly missed by the staff, students and families alike. We thank Mostyn for all that he has brought to Tanunda Primary School and wish him all the best for the future.

Canteen Planning

The Governing Council’s Canteen Committee met on Wednesday night to review the feedback received regarding this term’s lunch order trial. The information received regarding the current lunch ordering system was very positive, with families appreciating the variety & quality of options being offered. However, there was still a strong preference for having an on-site canteen facility evident within the 76 responses received. For this reason, the Canteen Committee has recommended that the Governing Council investigate options for reopening the canteen later in the year. In the meantime, our current lunch order system will remain in place until an alternative option is established.

Happy Holidays

We wish you all a happy & safe holiday break and will look forward to seeing you again on May 2nd.

Kind regards,

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Growth Mindset Workshop

This year, all Barossa Valley Partnership schools have a ‘Growth Mindset’ focus underpinning our teaching and learning for this year. This is based on a large body of research that supports the idea that with a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities, including their intelligence can be developed through dedication and hard work. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is important for high achievement. Students who embrace growth mindsets—the belief that they can learn more or become smarter if they work hard and persevere—may learn more, learn it more quickly, and view challenges and failures as opportunities to improve their learning and skills.

We are very excited to now invite all parents to attend an engaging and informative presentation workshop on the topic of ‘Growth Mindset’ which will be presented by Mr James Anderson from Mindful by Design http://mindfulbydesign.com/

All schools across the Barossa Partnership fully recognise the importance that student disposition (including Growth Mindset) has in learning and are involved in this work. The presentations are being funded by the Partnership so come at no cost to you.

In order to facilitate attendance for as many parents as possible there will be two sessions, as follows:

- Thursday May 5th 1:00pm – 2:30pm Nuriootpa PS Activity Room
- Thursday May 5th 6:00pm – 7:30pm Nuriootpa PS Activity Room

We strongly encourage you to make the effort to attend one of these sessions – it is the first fully funded and supported event for parents across the Partnership and we believe that the information/learning to be gained from it will enable you to understand, support and encourage your child(ren) throughout their schooling.

Attached is an Expression or Interest form. Could you please fill this out and return by the beginning of next term – Monday May 2nd. This will give us an indication of how many parents/caregivers we will be accommodating. Alternatively, you may like to email Vicky Ireland at Light Pass Primary School at Vicky.Ireland21@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest.

We hope that you are able to attend one of these sessions

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Growth Mindset Workshop

I / We will be attending: (please circle)

- Thursday May 5th 1:00pm – 2:30pm Nuriootpa PS Activity Room
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