Term 4: 5th December 2014

Diary Dates

DECEMBER
10th  CC Kindy Celebration Concert
11th  Year 7 Graduation
12th  LAST DAY OF TERM
   Whole School Assembly 10:30am
   2pm dismissal

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School Hours
First Bell: 8:40am
Class Begins: 8:50am
Big Lunch: 11:40am—12:10pm
Little Lunch: 1:50pm—2:10pm
School Finishes: 3:00pm

Finance Office Hours
Mon to Thurs: 8:30am—9:00am &
3:00pm—3:30pm
Friday - MORNING ONLY 8:30-9am

Uniform Shop Hours
Mon & Wed: 8:30am—9:00am
OSHC - 8556 6503
Canteen - 8556 6018

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1:
   27th January – 10th April
Term 2:
   27th April – 3rd July
Term 3:
   20th July – 25th September
Term 4:
   12th October – 11th December

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday 12th December, 2pm dismissal

TERM 1 2015: Tuesday 27th January

The school office will be closed from Thursday 18th December 2014 to Monday 19th January 2015. The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on:

   Wednesday 21st January   9am—11am
   Thursday 22nd January    9am—11am
   Friday 23rd January      9am—11am

Another great year at Aldinga Beach B7 School. We started with a new name (B7 School), and grew and grew and grew! Some of the highlights are listed below:

- Completion and opening of our New Children’s Centre with Jane Moore as Director.
- Parent participation at lots of events – Acquaintance Night, 3 Way Conferences, Sports Day, Monthly BBQs, Food Distributions, Twilight Concert, AGM Yellow Brick Road, School Committees, Working Bee, Book Week Parades.
- Lots of classes visiting places of interest – Port Willunga, Kuitpo Forest, Monarto Zoo, Parliament House, Law Courts, Hopgood Theatre, Adelaide Zoo, Greenhills, Marion State Aquatic Centre, Power Station, CFS Fire Station, Reef Walks, Aldinga Scrub, Woodcroft & Aldinga Libraries, District Cricket, Beach Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Athletics Championships.
- Major Camps to Canberra, Monarto Zoo, Kaniva.
Establishment of a Nunga Centre and special trips and events for our aboriginal children, parents and friends to Warriparinga, Ochre Cliffs, The Washpool, The Spirit Trail, Reconciliation Week, Pizza Nights, guest speakers.

Choir participation in the Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre, visits to the ECH retirement home at Victor Harbor the Aldinga Retirement Village.

Visiting programmes – The NED Show, SA Water, SA Police Band, Bike Lessons, School Photos, Mentors.

Swimming and Aquatics lessons at Noarlunga and Port Noarlunga for all children.

Special activities for our Year 7’s – Transition visits, Flinders Uni, Australian School of Maths & Science, Graduation and Party, Mentor Shed (Woodwork, Jewellery, Clay work).

Wonderful volunteer support for training workshops in child protection, Responding To Abuse & Neglect (RAN) training, help in classrooms, Volunteer Morning Tea, help on excursions, Governing Council Training.

Extensive staff development and training – EduTech Conference (Brisbane), Professor Guy Claxton, Ann Baker (Maths).

Leadership training for students – young leaders, crossing monitors, fundraising, Remembrance Day, Disco, Casual Clothes Day, World Vision Fundraising (40 Hour Famine).

Curriculum Development – Literacy improvement (CAFÉ, Daily 5 with Fiona Takos), Numeracy development (with Wendy Silvestri), Japanese and Cultural Studies (with Jess Vincent & Julie Cox), Music (with Lee Adams and Anj Habel-Orrell), Physical Education (with Adam Blakely).

Congratulations to our school staff, children, parents and community for another very successful year in the good ship Aldinga! May you have fair winds and good sailing for the Festive Season.

Captain Lyn and the Aldinga Crew.
Our staff are our greatest asset and when it’s time to say farewell, we are always saddened by the loss.

**Dave Henty-Smith** is leaving us to take up a Deputy Principal position at St Leonards PS. In the two years that he has been with us he has forged strong relationships with children, staff and families. We have all loved working with Dave and appreciated the many positive changes that he has influenced across the school. His vision and commitment have paved the way for many new developments and programs, all aimed at improving the learning for children and building the culture of the school in the community. His passion, his friendship and his leadership all will be remembered as making a significant difference at Aldinga.

**Wendy Silvestri** has had several roles over the past 4 years at Aldinga. She has led the numeracy improvements both within the school and across cluster schools and her passion for maths has resulted in significant change in teacher’s practise and in classrooms for our children. Wendy has been a much valued team member and leader across the school. We wish Wendy all the very best in her new appointment to Hahndorf Primary School.

**Nicole Hendy** has every reason to smile. She is taking maternity leave for the year to have a baby which is due in February. We wish her well with pending motherhood and thank Nicole for her outstanding work with the Aldinga children, staff and families.

**Helen Hall** is taking LSL in term 1 to spend time with her family. She is uncertain at this stage as to when she may return to school. We know how much she will enjoy the time with her grandchildren.

Although we hope to have several of our wonderful hard working, passionate and highly competent contract teachers working with us again next year, there is always the uncertainty of their placement at this time. We take this opportunity to acknowledge their amazing work at Aldinga: Many thanks to Ann Dommerdich, Yianni Fragos, Kirsten Marshall+, Julia Johnson and Aleesha Parsons.

Next year we welcome back Belinda Branford and Amanda Deakin and warmly welcome new staff, Christian Smith and Ali Smith. Christian and Ali returned to Adelaide from Whyalla in 2014 and Christian has spent this year at Moana while Ali has been on maternity leave.

We also need to acknowledge the work of Lorraine Hailstone who came into Airlie Chessman’s class at the start of this term and has continued during Airlie’s illness. The good news is that Airlie is on the mend and looking forward to returning in the new year. Thank you also to Jenny Ford who is a regular TRT and knows our children so well that she can step into any class and have a great day.

Our staff are our greatest asset and we have such a wonderful team who give so much to the children and families in our school community. Everyone’s contribution is appreciated so for those leaving, again our heartiest thanks.
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2015 CLASSES
Staff have been working on classes for next year and as you can appreciate, placing 700 children is a challenging task. In constructing the classes a range of factors have been considered to ensure balanced and cohesive class groups.

It is very important that you support the work of our staff in the decisions about your child’s placement.

Children will visit their new class and teacher (where possible) during the week and families will be notified of the placement on Thursday, which will be included with the end of year report.

Due to the growth in the Aldinga area, predicting our enrolments is always very difficult. Hence, changes may occur at the start of the school year. We will keep you updated on this.

Based on current enrolment information we have formed 27 classes and predict our enrolments to be around 700.

At this stage, we are still waiting on some teaching appointments. Where you see TBA below, this indicates a placement is yet to be advised. We also have staff who will be working part time and confirmation of the teaching partner has not yet been confirmed. As soon as this information becomes available, we will let you know.

You will also have read previously that we are forming a boy’s class and a girl’s class next year at year 4. Both Kieran Moors and Alex Catalan are experienced teachers of single sex classes and are confident that this structure will greatly enhance the learning for the children in their classes.

Please make a time to catch up with us, should you require any further information.

Lyn Langelудdecke (Principal)

MIDDLE YEARS TEACHERS
Chez Klocke 7
Sue Kopp 7
Chris Burns 6/7
Christian Smith 6/7
Mark Tuckfield 6
Ian Reed 5/6
Kylie Brennan 5
Elise Klocke 5

PRIMARY YEARS TEACHERS
Kieran Moors 4 (all boys)
Alex Catalan 4 (all girls)
Sue Wevill 4
Airlie Cheesman 3
Liz Crowe 3
Belinda Branford 3

EARLY YEARS TEACHER
Kylie VanLaarhoven 2/3
Jodie Meyer 2/3
Alida Cowan 2
Liz Pearce 2
Karen Lehmann 2
Sarah Pilmore 1
Fiona Takos R/1
Alison Arthurson/Lyn Bell 1
Helen Skinner 1
TBA R
Prue Gobbett R
Jane Osborne R
Kym Cooper R

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GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Last Tuesday, we held our annual general meeting. We had a good gathering of parents and staff who joined us on a ‘yellow brick road’ tour around the school as we highlighted our achievements.

The gathering started in the kitchen garden area where Priah Dean, our Chairperson acknowledged the many improvements and the commitment of staff to the student body this year. Our Young Leaders shared stories about ‘What makes Aldinga Great?’ and Kate our garden specialist spoke proudly of the gains the children are making in growing and cultivating herbs and vegetables. The garden looked so lush and inviting.

Next stop was the cultural room with Burda and Russell (Unki) which is a hive of activity most days for both Nunga children and class groups. Shane Scott was on the ball in sharing the work of his dedicated volunteers through the mentoring program and in displaying the artifacts made by the children.

The Children’s Centre program and school connections were highlighted by Jane and Lauren with everyone excited about the future possibilities. After a quick walk through we moved to the adventure playground where David spoke of the many improvements to the physical space including grounds, buildings and facilities. Genki a relatively new comer is keen to see us pursue community projects around nature play. He is about to embark on a new kitchen garden project for the reception children, all made from recycled materials.

As the sun went down, we moved into Prue and Helen’s reception classes and were very impressed, not only with the information they shared about their child centered program but how they had redesigned their physical space to accommodate the learning.

Next we moved into Fiona and Sarah’s classes to learn more about a literacy program called CAFÉ and Daily 5 that is gaining momentum across the school. We heard from children and teachers (via video) about its success and the usefulness of the word wall in extending children’s word knowledge. Wendy had us all problematizing through maths activities, Mel captured our growth through the NAPLAN, Kris through the reading data and Nicky highlighted attendance growth which was all very pleasing to hear.

Embedding IT with Dave and Kieran was the final part of the tour as we learnt a new technique through an online quiz named socrative which provided immediate feedback on the success of the night.

Our wonderful kitchen specialist, Tamara capped off the evening with an array of delicacies arranged on platters and mostly, from our own garden produce. As we savored the food we moved through the final part of the meeting which was to thank our Governing Council for their conscientious efforts throughout the year, to farewell retiring members (Noelene Moffatt, Derry Torney, Emily Barber, Priah Dean and Tania Billingsley) and to elect our new members for 2015.

Jess Sweet (Chair), Michelle Miles (Deputy) Sharon Wilding, Adam Anderson, Josh Moore (Secretary), Megan Austin, Jenny Carter, Cassie Hicks, Corynn Jones and Karen Jones.

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL DRESSES

There is a steady demand for second hand school dresses. If you have a no-longer needed school dress, bring it to the Uniform Shop where it can be displayed for sale. Please attach the selling price and the student’s name and class. Mrs Whiting.
YEAR 7 GRADUATION

On Thursday 11th December, the school will farewell 65 Year 7's who will be moving onto the next phase of their education and we know they will be in a good position to deal with the challenges that lay ahead.

Phoebe Albee
Danielle Allen

Asta Bentley-Davidson
Gabrielle Bishop

Joshua Bowtell
Olivia Bright

Aicha Brooks
Tiannie Brown

Clint Carrigg
Tyler Cater

Hana Chahine
Joshua Coulls

Claudia Croft
Rory Croser

Taylor Curtis
Krystin Dyer

Kahlab Eather
Bradley Fieldhouse

Abbie Finch
Simon Fordham

Zoe Freeman
Alex Gibney

Jayden Goodenough
Nicolas Grant

Ethan Haley
India Hamdorf

Phoenix Hamdorf
Chrisy Hibbird

Andy Huynh
Liam Kendall

Charli Koevoets
Saraya Larmour

Daniel Leske
Dylan Lloyd

Blake Lovett
Felicity Low

Harry Lowe
Kaytlin Matulick

Bridie McDougall
Sean Mueller

Brock Petersen
Tayla Phillips

Karie Playford
Marlon Poldervaart

Paul Reeves
Dylan Reynolds

Liam Roocroft
Mikayla Schutz

Julian Sheppard-Ballard
Naomi Sieben

Courtney Simpson
Peter Stoodley

Jake Sullivan
Luke Thomas

Nathan Torney
Ryan Trembath

Jesse Upton
Tyson Walton

Alistair Watson
Javier White-Garcia

Adam Wigzell
Jack Wooden

Brodie Woodward
Locky Wright

Jayden Young

Our 662 students also need to be congratulated for their enormous effort in reaching their academic potential and for taking an active part in the myriad of special opportunities that have been available to them this year.

To all other students and families leaving the school at the end of this year, again thank you and the best of luck in your new schools and communities.

Leadership Team
**CANTEEN NEWS**

As the year draws to a close, stocks are running low. So please include another option on your bag when placing a lunch order.

A new price list and menu will be distributed in Week 1, 2015.

Have a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year!

*Tania Billingsley (Canteen Manager)*

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**MEDICATION / ASTHMA**

If parents / carers would like their child’s medication or asthma puffers sent home, please collect from Student Services.

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**LAST UNIFORM GIVE AWAY FOR 2014**

Tuesday 9th December

before & after school in the courtyard

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**FINANCE NEWS : IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**School Banking**

Bank SA will cease to collect school banking from the beginning of 2015. Parents will need to use a branch to deposit any money for their child/ren.

**Cash Window**

As a security measure the cash window will no longer be open on a Friday after school from the beginning of 2015.

*Sharon Penna (Business Manager)*

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**END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS**

All children will bring home their end of year reports on Thursday 11th December to share with their family.

The report indicates both the child’s achievements and effort across all subject areas. If your child receives a “C” they are demonstrating a satisfactory achievement of what is expected at this year level.

Our aim is for every child to show progress. All teachers at Aldinga aim to differentiate the curriculum so that every child’s learning program is targeted at their level.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

*Lyn Langeluddecke (Principal)*
The Water Diviner Premier in Sydney. Congratulations to Aidan Smith, a Year 5 student who played an important acting part in this film.

Congratulations to our 2013 Safety Ambassadors on receiving the above award at Government House, under the guidance of Kim Boothey.

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