Dear Parents and Caregivers

When you get to the end of a term, as we have done, sometimes it is nice just to take a minute and reflect on how things have gone and what has worked well. We did exactly that as part of last night’s staff meeting and came up with the following (surprisingly long!) list:

- looking at the planner, the variety of events and activities that have taken place for students
- fresh flowers in the front office
- students showing, now, that they are just about ready to be in next year’s grade
- progress made by some students has been wonderful to see
- Book Week assembly and fair
- tree planting
- cooking with Nadine
- Choir in Adelaide
- the dance the students learnt for the Gilbert Valley Sports Day with teacher Kate Perrin from Owen Primary School: so much fun!
- Corrina Kelly as TRT
- crops in the garden
- parent support for all manner of things, including Sports Day and excursions
- the occasional morning tea – there was even chocolate!
- student behaviour
- caring students
- Shellee Harradine and her contributions to our school
- having Mrs Nichols for a full three weeks, even though we miss Mrs Johnson
- students’ cricket games
- the sandpit shenanigans that the younger ones get up to!
- hosting hub meetings here for teachers and leaders in the Horrocks Hill Hub
- new fax machine
- staff wellness – overall we have had a happy and largely healthy term
- the Rock and Water programme
- R – 3 work on Careers
- Year 6/7 leadership programme with the Horrocks Hill Hub
- Classroom work on themes including Space and Fairy Tales
- Year 4 – 7 art work has been extra special!
- The quality of the relationships between the members of our school community: staff, students and parents, and the help we give one another
- Sylvia helping out with French
- ‘yummy’ and ‘yucky’ pies – part of the instrumental music presentation organised by Pauline Garrard
- New York dance group.

A long list for a little school! And I am sure we have forgotten some things and will think of them later to add. They say you should count your blessings, so that’s just what we did.

Please don’t forget that we have a Student Free Day on Friday for the new Australian Curriculum (Geography), so school effectively finishes for the term on Thursday this week. Assembly is on Thursday at 2.45 pm, hosted by our Junior Primaries, with school finishing at 3.15 pm. The bus will run as normal Thursday afternoon.

Have a safe and happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone again next term.

Tracy Griffin
Festival of Music

On Friday the 13th, the Year 5, 6 and 7’s from Manoora and Saddleworth went to the Festival of Music in Adelaide. We got on the bus at 7:00 am. When we got to Festival Theatre, we had a rehearsal. It was 2-3 hours long. After the rehearsal, we were going to go the movies to see The Smurfs 2, but we couldn’t. Instead, we went on the Pop-Eye. We saw nocturnal birds, ducks, and something that was either a possum or a koala. Blake fed a lolly to a swan. Then we went to the shopping centre for tea.

Some people went to McDonalds; some people went to other places. Some boys got hot dogs and thick shakes from Wendy’s. We also got donuts, slushies and ice cream. When we finished eating, we had to change into our choir shirts. Then we walked to the Festival Theatre. The first song we sang was Africa. The second song was the national anthem. We sang all of the songs, ending with When We Stand Together. I liked doing the Festival of Music. It was fun but tiring.

Georgia Nicholls

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

A school clothing Order Form is attached to today’s Newsletter. Please have any orders back by Friday 18th October.

Thankyou to our generous Parents’ Club, who, as in the past, have purchased Shortlisted Books worth $209.28 for us to enjoy in our Library. Your kindness is much appreciated.

School Photograph Packs were sent home Monday of this week. Please make sure they are sent back to school on Photo day, Thursday of week 1 next term, October 17th, or if you prefer, they can be sent back with money enclosed before the day, and we will keep them here and give them to the photographers on the day. Family envelopes are here and can be sent home on request, if you would like a family photo of your children.

Thankyou, also to all the families who donated towards our major fundraiser, the Christmas Raffle. We have a great assortment of prizes for the raffle this year. We have got the prizes finalised this morning, and you will find a book of 25 tickets that your family can start to sell through the holidays. Once your book is finished, please send your child/children in to the office to choose an incentive prize for selling all their tickets.

There are also more books available from the front office, if you would like to sell more!
Junior Primary Field Trip – 18th September

Last Wednesday six kind people around the District gave their time to be interviewed by us about their Occupations. We asked our questions to a Farmer, Business Administrator, Agronomist, Librarian, Kindy Director and Minister of Religion. We are writing reports about these people in pairs using computers. Their answers were really different and interesting and we learned a lot. Here are some pictures of our trip.

Occupations play space

During our learning about Occupations we have had a play space set up in our classroom with lots of different sections – a Subway, fruit shop, supermarket, bank, post office, library, café, office, bakery, vet and hospital. We have had lots of fun acting out all the different roles this involved using play money as well.
New York Dance Performance
On Tuesday we went to Saddleworth to see a performance. They came from New York. Their names were Armi, Trizzy, Lauren and Bec. It was Trizzy’s birthday and we sang happy birthday to him. They are called Regime. It was about confidence and believing in yourself. Terry was our bus driver. Armi said to us do we want our teachers to dance up the front and we did. So the teachers got up and danced. Miss Siviour and Mrs Nichols looked funny dancing. Liam and Mickey from Saddleworth did a dance. We came out early so we went for a walk around Saddleworth. My most favourite part of the day was seeing them perform.
By Georgina

Year 6/7 Leadership Day
On Monday the Year 6/7’s went to Red Banks Conservation Park near Burra. We went on a bush walk. Our guide was Mr Fieldhouse. We had recess and started the walk. It was a 5.5km walk. At different points there were information signs. We walked over the hills and then we went to the billabongs. We saw a sleepy lizard. When we got to the billabongs we had lunch. The water looked fresh and clean. If you looked at the rocks on the other side of the billabong you could see the layers in the stone. When we got back on the trail we saw lots of beautiful birds and a wide range of plants. After we went back into Burra and to the council office. We saw the prehistoric fossils of the giant wombats, kangaroos, emus and other animals. A little while after we left Burra we realised we had left Mr Fieldhouse behind. Miss Siviour went to get him. I liked looking at the rocks and learning about different things out there.
By Isaac
ANNUAL WALK-A-THON
SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER

- SADDLEWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
- WALKING TRAIL AND BIKE RIDE
- TRADING TABLE (MAIN STREET)
- REGISTRATION FROM 10 am
- Small entry fee or Sponsorship

Forms available - Saddleworth IGA
Call: 88474086 or 88472640 for more information

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**Dance & Movement Workshops**

**Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th October 2013**

**Manoora Clubrooms**

- Girls & Boys
- 2-4yrs Class 9:15am
- 5-6yrs Class 10:00 am
- 7 and over Class 11:00 am

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- 5-6yrs Class 10:00 am
- 7 and over Class 11:00 am

**Price:** $30 for week or $8 lesson
**Family:** $50

Enquires and Enrolments
Abby Walker-Schwartz 88484196 or
Greg.Abb@bigpond.com

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**Healthy Smile Healthy Life**

SA Dental Service

*Do you have a 2013 Teen Dental Voucher for your child?*

If your child is due for their Dental check-up before the end of the year, please contact the **Clare School Dental Clinic** on **8842 4196 NOW** to see if you can obtain an appointment before the voucher expires.

**Make use of this valuable voucher.** The vouchers are only valid until the end of December and appointments are filling fast so ring now to ensure you don’t miss out.

**Note:** SA Dental Service is only able to offer an appointment if your child is due for their dental exam.

The Clare School Dental Clinic is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 4:20 pm for school dental clients.

The clinic attempts to make suitable appointment times but please note Year 12 students will be given preference in relation to before and after school appointments.

**All School Students, aged under 18 years, are eligible for oral health care with the School Dental Service. All dental care is free for pre-school clients.**

For emergency advice after hours, please contact 1800 022 222.

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**Mid - North Clare Little Athletics**

**Come and Try / Registration**

**When:** Friday 18th October 2013

**Where:** Clare High School Oval, Elliot St

**Time:** 4.45pm

Cost: $3 per child

**All new and existing athletes and families** are encouraged to attend and commence the 2013/2014 season. **If unable to attend but are still interested in attending for the 2013/2014 season please contact:** Susan Cunningham 0439 634 513 or e-mail, smoeycp@hotmail.com

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**Manoora Hall Market**

Sunday 6th October

9am-3pm

**Variety of stalls**

**BBQ, Hot food, Coffee & Donuts**
September 2013

New Map for Child Care

Welcome to our new map for Child Care. The new map is designed to help you locate child care providers in your area. You can find child care providers by searching for a specific location or by browsing the available options. The map includes information on the type of care offered, hours of operation, and contact information for each provider.

How to Get More Information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. They can provide you with more detailed information about available care options in your area.

Funding Update

The funding for child care programs has been reduced. This means that some providers may be charging higher fees or may not be able to offer certain services. If you are concerned about the affordability of child care, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for more information.

Child Care Benefits

Are you eligible for child care benefits? If so, you may be able to receive financial assistance to help cover the cost of child care. To check your eligibility, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency.

Important Notice for Families

Child Care Information for Families

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