

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS ENSURE EVERYONE LEARNS WITHIN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT:

EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO LEARN

EVERY TEACHER HAS THE RIGHT TO TEACH

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Welcome to the middle school unit for 2017!

Hello and welcome to new and returning families!

We hope that you all had a fantastic holiday. It has been great hearing stories from the students of experiences had and travels ventured!

We hope you find the attached information useful. Please feel free to get in touch with us anytime if you have any questions

or queries. If you haven't already checked out your class' Seesaw account, please consider downloading the App as this is an excellent visual way to keep in touch with your child's learning.

Acquaintance Evening

Please keep the early evening of Tuesday 14th February free if you can. At this time, we will have our acquaintance night and it

would be great to see as many of you there as possible (even if you have older children as some information will be different). It will give you the chance to meet our year 6/7 teachers, find out more about how our Middle School unit works and ask any questions that you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURS 9TH AND FRI 10TH FEB: MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM BONDING SESSIONS

TUESDAY 14TH FEB: ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

THURS 16TH, FRI 17TH FEB: CIRCUS CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

MON 13TH MARCH: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRI 24TH MARCH - SPORTS DAY

MON 27 - THURS 30TH MARCH: AQUATICS WEEK AT PORT NOARLUNGA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT ON OUR INCURSIONS, EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS. IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE STUDENTS TO SEE A STRONG PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNIT. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC SKILL OR INTEREST THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Uniform

Being in the senior part of the school allows the students to set an example and demonstrate leadership to others. We have strong expectations with regards to uniform.

School tops must be accompanied with comfortable, blue shorts that allow for easy movement. Shoes should be supportive and allow the students to freely run around. Sun-safe school hats must be worn at all times. Earrings should be limited to small studs to ensure safety during P.E. activities and break times. No make - up or nail polish is allowed. Please can you make sure that each item of your child's uniform is clearly named, so that lost items can find their way back to you! We have no fixed date for the arrival of the Year 7 tops and wind cheaters. As soon as they arrive, you will be notified.

Allergies

Be aware that we have some students with significant peanut and seafood allergies within our unit. Please encourage your child to be aware of this when packing their lunch and recess.

Middle Unit Swaps

One of the special curriculum activities that we do within our unit is our 'afternoon swaps'. Each one of our teachers specialises in a given curricular area and every class rotates around these during the course of a week:

Mr Lemmey - P.E./ Health

Miss Grant - Art

Mrs Robertson - Science

Not only do the students gain the expertise and teaching styles of each teacher, working this way also helps prepare the students for High School. More information will be given during acquaintance night and this will allow you to ask any questions that you may have.

We are also lucky enough to have specialist teachers for P.E., German, Music and Technology who your child will be working with over the course of the term.

Team bonding day

There will be an exciting Team Building Day for the Middle School Unit students on Thursday afternoon and Friday of Week 2.

Students will be involved in initial activities at school on Thursday afternoon. On Friday, they will engage in team challenges that aim to build confidence through connecting and working with their peers. We will be based at Seacliff beach and we will have two buses to take us there.

This will be a fantastic trip and a great opportunity for the students to get to know each other better. More details will follow on a separate excursion note. We will be needing a minimum of eight parent helpers, so please contact us if you are available to support us.

Aquatics

During week 9 of this term, all of the year 6 and 7 students will be involved in aquatics activities at Port Noarlunga Aquatic Centre. These activities are run by their highly experienced and qualified teachers and are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The activities on offer will be; kayaking, surfing, boogie boarding, snorkelling, sailboarding, sailing, waveskiing and fishing. Every attempt will be made for the students to have their first or second choice of activity. More information will follow soon.

Communication

A strong communication bond between school and home is really important in your child's education. Please feel free to get in touch with us with any queries you may have, either by email, telephone or through your child's diary. Check out your class' blog too Remember to keep an eye on the Craighburn Connection's blog for important information too: blogs.craighburn.sa.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you all at Acquaintance Night soon.

Kind regards.

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