



Ardtornish Newsletter

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Diary Dates

February

15th – PUPIL FREE DAY
15th- 17th – Year 5/6 Camp

March

4th – Sports Day
5th – PUPIL FREE DAY
8th – Adelaide Cup
9th – 11th – Rm 9 & 10 Aquatic Camp
17th – Hunch Back of Notre Dame

Road Crossing Monitors

Wed 17th Feb – Tue 23rd Feb
Jade O, Kaylee R, Tilly-Rose P

Wed 24th Feb – Tue 2nd Mar
Zoey E, Samuel dPC, Tammy V

Wed 3rd Mar – Tue 9th Mar
Maddison H, India S, Siana D

Please arrive by 8.25am

A Great Start to the Year



The school year has begun in a smooth and effective manner thanks to the enormous amount of work teachers and support staff undertook to prepare for the first days back. Staff officially started back on Wednesday 20th January when they all attended a full day of professional learning focussed on developing student's multiplicative thinking. Multiplicative thinking is the ability of a child to move beyond additive thinking and to better understand the relationships between numbers so they can confidently multiply and divide numbers and understand ratios, fractions, decimals and percentages etc. Developing multiplicative thinking is a complex endeavour and can take students many years to master so staff are committed to providing students with a range of experiences that can best support them to be successful as a part of our school's Improvement Plan to lift student achievement in mathematics.

The upcoming Pupil Free Day on 15th February will focus on another of our school's improvement goals which is to improve every child's writing skills. On this day staff will be undertaking training in how to use the Brightpath Writing Assessment Tool to score students abilities to write Information Report Texts and then provide them with targeted support to enhance their skills.

Feedback from our Acquaintance Nights was very positive and many parents had an opportunity for the first time to see our wonderful new temporary buildings. At present we are working with the project manager to have additional paving constructed along the oval to provide a safe pathway in readiness for winter rains.

Redevelopment Update

Last year, tenders for the construction of our new building, based on the original design, came in at about \$500,000 over budget. As a result of this, a decision had to be made by the school to either scale back the design, or lose some vital elements, or to commit to contributing additional funds from our own resources. After undertaking an audit of the schools ongoing finances the Governing Council decided to commit to a loan to cover the shortfall and the project is now continuing without having to sacrifice any of the features we originally requested. Tweaks to the original design, made with the inclusion of these additional funds have enabled us to include decking outside each classroom which will create a fantastic flow from inside to outside the classrooms, as shown in the accompanying drawing. As yet we do not have a firm timeline for the completion of the buildings but a tentative date is the end of Term 3.

New Governing Council formed for 2021

One new member joined our existing council on Tuesday night to form our 2021 Governing Council while four existing members extended their tenures. Immediately following the election of members, portfolio roles were assigned to each person and Corinne Walding, (pictured here) was unanimously elected to the role of Chairperson. Our portfolio committee members are: Jenni Frigo: Secretary, Joanne Burkert: Treasurer, Rhonda Possingham: Canteen, Alanna Little: Grounds, Arran MacPherson: Community Liaison, Amanda Holland: Education, Kathryn Johns: Sport, Mary-Anne Richards: Deputy Chair and FACE.



The first Governing Council meeting for the year will be held on Mon 22nd Feb after which parents will receive an invitation inviting them to join one of our school's portfolio groups. These groups give parents an opportunity to contribute to the life of the school, as members of the committees.

Pupil Free Day – Monday 15th February

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL CARD ASSISTANCE



All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

The table below lists the income limits for applications lodged in 2021 based on the family's gross income for 2019 / 2020 tax year.

No. of dependent children	Annual School Card Income Limit	Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$60,867	\$1,171
2	\$61,954	\$1,192
3	\$63,041	\$1,213
4	\$64,128	\$1,234
5	\$65,215	\$1,255
Each additional dependent child	\$1,087	\$21



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



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Excursion and Incursion Update

ACTIVITY	DATE/S	STUDENTS INVOLVED	LAST PAY DAY 4pm
Sports Day Sausage Sizzle Pre Order	4/3/21		2/3/21
Arbury Park Camp	15/2- 17/2	Rm's 7,8	OVERDUE
Maths Online		Rm 15	26/2/21
Murraylands Aquatic Camp	9/3-11/3	1B 9,10	3/3/21
Narnu Farm	23/6-25/6	3,4	18/6/21
Narnu Farm	26/5-27/5	4A & 4B	

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 16th
Wednesday 17th
Thursday 18th
Friday 19th

Michele S
Mary-Anne R
Tui M, Deneice P
Rhonda P

Tuesday 23rd
Wednesday 24th
Thursday 25th
Friday 26th

Michele S
Mary-Anne R
Ling C, Evelyn C
Kellie F, Jenni F

BANKSIA MARKETS

"Local and Friendly"



First Saturday of each month

(except January)

50% OFF
in the BIG shed

Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church

600 Milne Road, Banksia Park

From 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Many stall inside the hall & more in the car park

Beaut BBQ & delightful Devonshire Teas are available
Fruit & Veg, produce, jewellery, tools, bric-a-brac & more



THE HEIGHTS
SCHOOL
Preschool - Year 12



IGNITE

at The Heights School

REGISTER NOW

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. The Heights School is the official Department for Education school for gifted learners in the northern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted learners vary, however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more areas
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and sense of social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection for the IGNITE program is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.
Year 6 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program for 2022
Year 7 students are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 8 IGNITE program for 2022

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

YEAR 6 TEST: SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

YEAR 7 TEST: SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2021 9AM-1PM

LOCATION: THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL, BRUNEL DRIVE, MODBURY HEIGHTS, 5092

Register your child to sit the test at: <https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/index.php/programs/ignite/>
A registration fee of \$125 applies for non-school card holders. Registrations close Friday 12 February 2021



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COMMONWEALTH BANKING

Student Commonwealth banking will start back Thursday 18th February.

BANKING DAY - THURSDAYS



COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

Ardtornish Primary School

Remember every time you come onto school grounds you need to scan the QR code and check-in.



Parenting and Family Support Program's

My Child and Me

Connecting, Understanding, Guiding.... Everyday parenting

My Child and Me - a FREE workshop helping parents and carers to build an understanding of their child 3-12 years and their healthy development.

Helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies to adapt to your own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- Brain & child development
- Understanding behaviour
- Parenting styles
- Positive approaches to guiding children's behaviour

Based on the latest parenting research and using information from **Parenting SA**.

Light refreshments and crèche provided. (Bookings essential)

Where: Ardornish Children's Centre
2 Saarinen Avenue
St. Agnes SA 5097

When: 6 - 8pm, Wednesdays: February 17th, 24th & March 3rd
6 - 8pm, Thursdays: August 12th, 19th & 26th
Creche from 5:30pm

Bookings: Call John or Jo on 8264 9828 or call/SMS 0409 984 495

All welcome; however, bookings are essential as places are limited
* Please arrive 10 minutes early to register week one*



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Hope Valley Bowling and Community Club Inc

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Hope Valley SA 5090

Club Address
1225 Grand Junction Road
Hope Valley SA 5090

ABN
57 924 393 401

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office@hvhornets.com.au

Webpage
www.hvhornets.com.au

Lawn Bowls at Hope Valley

Following the successful experience of last year the Hope Valley Bowling Club invites students to its after-school lawn bowling competition. It is proposed that the competition runs from the beginning of term 1 through to the end of term one. This will allow those students involved in winter sport to not be inconvenienced.

Details are set out below:

- Open to all students aged 8 and above.
- Entry is free for all students
- Bowls will be provided by the club
- Coaching by a qualified Bowls SA coach will be provided
- Sessions to run from 4:00 to 5:00pm Tuesday afternoons
- Each session to include training followed by competition
- Flat soled shoes required. Thongs or bare feet suitable
- A fun time guaranteed

The Club is located on a private road off Grand Junction Road, behind the Torrens Valley Christian School and to the east of the Lutheran Homes Retirement Village. The only vehicle access is via the private road with entry opposite Hope Valley Shopping Centre.

Please contact Jamie Jarman on 0410 903 401 for further information and registration.

Please remember to name everything that comes to school with your child

Absences

Please remember to always inform the front office or your child's teacher by Dojo or Seesaw everyday your child is absent. You can text us on 0447 467 152: name, class and reason for absence, or ring and leave a message on 8264 8099.



Coping in a Busy & Unpredictable World

A four session Mindfulness course

Current research tells us that when parents relate to their children with mindfulness they activate a part of the brain which allows their defensive systems to switch off, putting them in a more relaxed state and allowing them to think and act more rationally (BUGK Program Manual p.11)

2 Saarinen Avenue St Agnes

Saturday 10 - 11am

February 20 & 27 and March 13 & 20

For bookings & enquiries call Phil on 0408 306 100

Presented by Philip Altmann, B.Ed. Grad.Dip.T., Mindfulness Dip., Grad.Dip.Ed. Counselling, Mind Based Stress Reduction Trained
www.mindfulclassroom.com.au

Discounted cost for local families \$80

Limited \$20 concession card holder bookings

(call John on 0409 984 495)

\$100 for teachers

(Teacher PD Funding may be available through your school)

Personal Mindfulness Coaching
for children, teenagers & adults also available

The Heights School
The Heights School has received Government funding to develop state of the art new buildings and facilities.

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School Tour

You are Invited

Please join our school tour followed by the opportunity to meet our Principal, Nigel Gill, for refreshments and a conversation about your child's education in a relaxed atmosphere

Tuesday 30 March 2021 from 9:15am to 10:30am

Are you looking for a leading school for your child as they enter Secondary schooling?

The Heights School would love to share it with you

Bookings are essential. Please book online at <http://theheights.sa.edu.au/tour> or contact Dani Camillo 8263 6244

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

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Marryatville High School
Special Interest Music Centre
Information evening for year 7 and year 8 entry in 2022
Thursday 18 March 2021
6pm-7pm

The Forge Theatre
Marryatville High School
170 Kensington Road, Marryatville

Information about the Special Interest Music course structure, curriculum and selection process

Ardtornish Primary School

Important Finance Information for 2021

Our Preferred payment method is through the QKR! APP

For security reasons, payments are not accepted over the phone. The Qkr! App can be downloaded onto a smart phone or tablet. If you require the web address to download to a PC, please contact me.

Regular opening times for payments by cash or eftpos at the Finance Office window are every school morning from 8.30am to 9.15am. Please use correct money when paying by cash as we no longer carry change.

Only uniform cash or eftpos purchase are processed at the front office. All other payments should be made via the Qkr! App or at the Finance Office window. Envelopes are available outside the window for out of hour's payments.

Final payment dates for excursions, camps, etc. are necessary due to booking needs and payments to organisations. If you need an extension to a payment date, please negotiate directly with me BEFORE the published closing date to avoid your child missing out.

SCHOOL CARD subsidy must be applied for EACH YEAR. Please apply on line at the SA Government website. www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard. If you require a form, please see Front Office staff.

CANTEEN daily (Tuesday to Friday) purchases can be made via our Qkr! app (orders close 9.30am). Special food days have individual closing times (see Skoolbag or Google Currents). Cash orders are accepted over the canteen counter until 9.30am each day.

CHROMEBOOKS: Invoices will be issued for students once parents/caregivers have returned the agreement indicating their payment option. Please do not pay until you have received the invoice. Your student will then be able to take their Chromebook home with them.