



Ardtornish Newsletter

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Diary Dates

November

- 15th – KO Boys & Girls Softball
- 17th – Crossing Training
Staff Training
- 19th – Assembly
- 22nd – A Gift of Gratitude
Presentation
- 26th – School Closure Day
Xmas Market
Ladies night 6pm – late
- 30th – Governing Council 7pm
Choir to City all day

December

- 1st – Xmas Stall

**School Closure
Day
Friday 26th
November**

Road Crossing Monitors

Wed 10th Nov – Tue 16th Nov
Jade O, Maddison H,
Tilly-Rose P

Wed 17th Nov – Tue 23rd Nov
Zoey E, Samuel P, Tammy V

Wed 24th Nov – Tue 30th Nov
Maddison H, India S, Siana D

Please arrive by 8.25am

Vex Robotics - Building Students' STEM Skills



Throughout Week 4 the year 5, 6 and 7 students engaged in the VEX Robotics Project. The VEX Robotics experience excited them as they undertook a range of 'cool' activities and engaged with sophisticated technology. Students had a huge amount of fun as they built and created robots in small groups. Teams worked together to build a robot from scratch that could move horizontally in all directions and complete tasks that involved navigating, moving and stacking objects.

Each group had an opportunity to demonstrate their engineering skills by modifying their robot to complete increasingly more complex tasks as they sought to stack objects higher and higher. This task extended the students as they considered how they could make changes to the mechanics of their robot and adjust the angles of components and their weight distribution.

The study of robotics inherently relates to all facets of Science, Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) and allows students to learn through exploration. Working in teams, they were highly motivated and displayed a strong desire to succeed. The VEX Robotics project introduces students to science and engineering principles and provides them with tools which are easy for beginners to master but can also expand their imagination and experience over time. Robotics encourages creativity, teamwork, leadership and problem solving. It allows educators to easily customize projects to meet the level of students' abilities as they inspire & prepare the STEM developers of tomorrow.

Vex is a lot of fun but also really challenging, especially when you have to design a modification to meet a challenge. Kobe Green

We had so much fun building and then controlling our robot once we had built it. - Hudson Geier.

Congratulations to Liana McCurry on winning the Primary Teacher of the Year Award.



On Friday 5th November, the Premier Steven Marshall, at a ceremony held at the Convention Centre, presented Liana McCurry with the Primary Teacher of the Year Award. Liana was one of three finalists from amongst many statewide contenders. The award recognises Liana's commitment to her ongoing professional development and enthusiasm for using emerging research based approaches to teaching mathematics. These approaches are not presently common practice in most schools, but are proving to be highly effective in developing students' mathematical concepts.

As a member of the school's Mathematics Committee Liana is sharing her knowledge with her colleagues and in 2022 the school is making a commitment, through our School Improvement Plan, to explore some of the techniques Liana has become skilled in using.

Liana thanked her teaching partner Lisa Bradshaw for her support, as their two classes seamlessly work together, every day, to foster mathematical learning. We are all very proud of Liana's achievement.

Excursion and Incursion Update			
ACTIVITY	DATE/S	STUDENTS INVOLVED	LAST PAY DAY 4pm
Year 6 Year 7 Graduation	6/12 7/12	Year 6 & 7	5/11/21
Wizbang	6/12/21	Rm's 3A, 3B, 4A	
Waterworld	9/12/21	1B, 9, 10	3/12/21
Zoo	10/11/21	2B, 5, 6	5/11/21

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 16th Michele S
 Wednesday 17th Mary-Anne R
 Thursday 18th Ling C, Chris G
 Friday 19th Wei-Wei R, Sonoko F-G, Natasha H, Trish R

Tuesday 23rd Michele S
 Wednesday 24th Mary-Anne R
 Thursday 25th Tui M, Deneice P

2022 enrolment and class structure processes

Accurate enrolment details are needed so we can determine numbers for our 2022 classes. Therefore if your family is considering moving, or you know of someone moving into our area it is important that you let us know as soon as possible. If you have a younger sibling to start next year and you haven't completed an enrolment form please contact the front office staff as soon as possible.

NECAP Christmas Hamper Appeal



Can you help us to assist those less fortunate and families in need at Christmas time in the North East Community?

Donations of non-

perishable goods, toys and gifts would be very welcome! Please bring your donations into the front office and place them in the basket. Thankyou in advance for your generosity. Please bring in your donations by Thursday 25th November.



ALL library books are due back by Monday 29th November

Returning

students will be able to borrow for the holidays in week 9 **IF** they do not have any overdue books.

Twilight Games

For children walking age to preschool and their siblings, dads, mums & carers

Obstacle course, ball games, limbo, parachute, treasure hunt, tag, & more to play, to watch and enjoy...

Ardtornish PS Oval

Lutyens Avenue St Agnes
 Tuesday 16 November 5:30-7pm

It's free & there is a BBQ tea!

Bookings Essential call/sms John 0409 984 495
 or register @ Ardtornish Children's Centre 8264 9828
 2 Saarinen Avenue St Agnes

Have you applied for School Card?

To ensure the timely closure of the 2021 School Card Scheme the last date for new forms to be accepted is **22nd November 2021**. No new applications will be accepted after this date.

Please check that you have received confirmation from the School Card section? If not, please contact the front office to check the status of your application. If you have not applied, and meet the eligibility criteria below, please complete the online form or collect a paper copy from the front office. Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2020-2021 financial year within the following School Card income limits.

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$59,432	\$1,143
2	\$60,493	\$1,164
Each additional dependent child	\$1,061	\$21

Applicants who apply for School Card assistance via an ED003A - Income Audit application form are able to apply via an online application form. The online application form is available at www.sa.gov.au under the heading Education, Skills and Learning.

Book Fair in the Library from Tuesday 23rd
November- Monday 29th November
Buy 1 get 1 free offer



St Agnes Community Hall
148 Smart ROAD
St Agnes 5097
Facebook: Elizabeth Special
Needs Judo Club
www.specialneedjudo.org.au
Phone: 0409 168 661 - Helen

Phone: 0417 512 801 - Graham

The first 3 Lessons are Free! {then \$10 per week}

Tuesday's 6:00pm- 8:30pm

Come Along and Try



"A Gift of Gratitude"

Presentation

It is that time of year and Tracey Cooper our Pastoral Care Worker is hosting a Christmas Presentation aimed at encouraging young people to be more kind, more giving and more thankful. This fun, interactive presentation offers children an educational and cultural perspective on Christianity and the foundational story of Christmas. This is a whole school event with 2 sessions on **Monday 22nd November.**

If you do not want your child to participate in this presentation, please notify your child's teacher.

Their teacher will provide an alternate activity for them to be involved during the session.



Supporting Children Through Change and Uncertainty

The last couple of years has brought many changes and losses for children and families across Australia. There are so many questions about the impacts of the pandemic, natural disasters and life changes such as bereavement, family separation and location – and how we can best support the children in our lives.

Join us for this free seminar on the following dates:

For Professionals – Tuesday 16th November 3.30 – 4.30pm

For Parents and Carers – Tuesday 16th November 7 – 8pm



COME PLAY FOOTBALL IN 2022

**Junior Players
Girls & Boys
U7- U17.5**

Join the club that gives back as much as you give.

If you're interested in joining HVFC or require more information contact

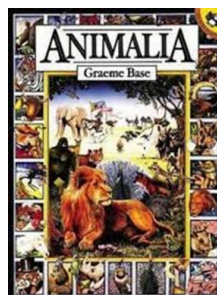
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**Registrations
OPEN NOW!**

68 Valley Road
Hope Valley SA 5089

Animalia Coin Competition WINNERS



1st Prize - Jess F Rm 10

Runners up - Sam Jones Rm

7, Josh Anderson Rm 4B and

Grace Broughton Rm 6

Prizes will be given at the PRC
Assembly week 6 Friday

Outdoor Classroom Day

Rm 4A & 4B

Last Friday was an outdoor classroom day for rooms 4A and 4B.
We went outside for our art lesson.

The task was to make an art piece or sculpture piece using natural materials that the children found in the yard.

Here are some of the things that they came up with

