Welcome to Term 4!

Welcome back, with 9 weeks ahead, before we know it we will be enjoying our Christmas Concert and farewelling our wonderful Year 7 Graduates. We are looking forward to another great term of learning with many events on the calendar, kick started by our Fete on Friday night. Many thanks to all of our Parent Key Communicators, parent volunteers and staff for their support of the night and our deep and sincere thanks to the very hard working parents of our Governing Council, those on the fete committee and in particular to Keith Lai for his overall organisation of the event. All funds raised on the night will go directly back into supporting all of the children at Athelstone School. We look forward to a wonderful community night of fun and entertainment.

Our band and choir will be performing at the fete. The Choir at 4:45pm and the Band at 5:00pm so if you have been unable to make any of their other performances so far this year, we highly recommend you take time out on Friday evening to come and watch these two fabulous Athelstone School performance groups.

Attendance

Every day matters in the school life of a child or young person. International research clearly demonstrates that school attendance is a baseline factor in determining future success and conversely that non-attendance can be a predictor of future patterns and can lead to lower levels of achievement. Quality education is fundamental for the future of each individual, for the future of South Australia and the Nation as a whole and thousands of students across our country are academically at risk because of extended absences. Thankfully at Athelstone School, the number of students at risk is minimal. Our attendance rate sits at 94%, however all families should be aware that regular days away from school do add up - just 5 days per term, turns into 20 days per year which equates to 140 days (two and a half terms) of missed school by the time a child completes Year 7. Attendance does matter, as does punctuality. Being at school and being at school on time, develop patterns of participation in the early years that will directly influence the work habits of your children as they grow into adults.

A new attendance strategy has been developed to ensure the state’s 168,000 public school students achieve the best possible education. To support the strategy, an additional 11 attendance and engagement social workers will be available to help schools work with students and their families, this 50% increase bringing the total of workers to 33. The attendance strategy will guide the efforts of preschools and schools to engage children and young people to stay at school. The initiative is part of the state government’s new Public Education Action Plan: Your Child, Their School, Our Future.

Professional Learning

We welcomed Stephen Graham back to Athelstone on Monday 16th October to work closely with our Year 5/6/7 teaching team with a deep focus on enriching writing in the upper year levels. Our team focused on more effective ways of melding text types together in order to develop greater sophistication in writing and target multiple audiences. Stephen will be returning to Athelstone School in 2018 for a pupil free day and follow up day to continue our whole site focus on quality teaching and learning in literacy.
We are currently planning for the 2018 school year. A note was sent home to all families on Monday explaining the class placement process and providing parents with the opportunity to submit any additional learning or behavioural information to be considered in the class placement process. This information must be provided to the front office on the proforma provided by Friday 27th October. We will not be able to take any late requests into consideration as planning will be underway from this date. Please note, we will not consider requests for specific teachers.

Upon completion of the process parents will be informed of their child’s placement on Wednesday 13th December 2017. Class visits are scheduled for Thursday 14th December between 10:45am and 11:15am to enable all children to meet their new classmates, see their new classroom and wherever possible meet their new teacher.

At the time of writing this letter we are very pleased to inform you that our enrolments have continued to increase and we anticipate having 16 classes in 2018. Please note however, that our numbers will continue to fluctuate over coming months and if necessary we will re-configure our classes closer to the 2018 school year. At this stage the class breakdown is as follows:

- Reception
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- Year 1 / Year 2
- Year 1 / Year 2
- Year 2 / Year 3
- Year 2 / Year 3
- Year 3 / Year 4
- Year 3 / Year 4
- Year 4 / Year 5
- Year 4 / Year 5
- Year 5 / Year 6
- Year 6 / Year 7
- Year 6 / Year 7
- Year 6 / Year 7

To assist us with our planning, if you have not already done so, we ask parents to inform us if they intend to move to another school. This is critical information as it has major implications for our 2018 budget.

### 2018 Material & Services Fees

Governing Council has recommended to the Department that our fees increase to $430.00 for 2018. Please see attached Notice. This charge will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting of Governing Council which will be held on Tuesday 5th December 2018 at 6:30pm. If you wish to discuss this increase and/or the Material & Services Fees for 2018 please attend the Annual General Meeting or send a letter addressed to David Evans, Chairperson via the front office prior to the AGM.
Music Notes
Congratulations to the following students who recently completed their GRADE 1 AMEB Music Exams.

Setse O’Connell
Achieved an ‘A+’ High Distinction on the Saxophone

Brooke Shenah
Achieved an ‘A’ Honours on the Flute

Kiwanis Terrific Kids Award
At the end of each term an award is presented by the Kiwanis Club of Athelstone to a student at Athelstone School. The teaching staff nominate a student who consistently demonstrate our school values of Excellence, Respect, Responsibility and Integrity. The student is presented with a certificate and a book. Kiwanis also donate a book to the school library.

We congratulate Stefanie Leonello who was the Kiwanis Terrific Kid Award recipient for Term 3, 2017. Thank you again to the Kiwanis Club of Athelstone for their support.

End Of Year Activities
Term 4 is going to be very busy, see below a list of the many activities this term!

Volunteers Morning Tea - Wednesday 1st November.

Christmas Concert - Thursday 7th December at 1:00pm. The theme for the Christmas concert this year will be ‘Christmas Around the World’ with buddy classes performing an item together at the concert.

Kindy Transition Visits - We are looking forward to welcoming our 2018 Reception students. Transition visits will take place on the following dates:
- Wednesday 22nd November 9:00am – 11:00am
- Wednesday 29th November 9:00am – 11:00am

Swimming - A reminder that our DECD swimming program will be running during Term 4.
R-2 swimming lessons will take place at the ARC (indoor) for a five day period in Week 5 from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November.
Year 3-5 swimming lessons will take place at Payneham Swim Centre (outdoor) for a five day period in Week 6, from Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November.

Year 6/7 Footsteps - Wednesday 13th December.

Beach Volleyball - The 2017 Beach Volleyball event will be held on Thursday 9th November for those Year 4-7 students who have been selected to represent Athelstone. Teams have been selected based on performance at the Term 3 SAPSASA Indoor Volleyball event and school based practices. Athelstone is required to provide umpires for the day, if you are able to assist with this please see Bryce Wait or Josh Farmer.

Year 7 Activities -
- Year 7 Forum - Friday 3rd of November
- Year 7 Breakfast - Monday 11th December
- Graduation - Tuesday 12th December
- Farewell Assembly - Friday 15th December

Morning Tea for our Volunteers
We have many volunteers who have supported the children at school over the past year in a variety of ways—listening to reading, gardening, cooking, helping with class activities, in the uniform shop, on excursions, in the Resource Centre, coaching sports teams and on committees etc.

In appreciation of the wonderful work you do, the staff and students of Athelstone School would like to invite you to attend our Volunteers Morning Tea

Wednesday 1st November 11:30am
The morning tea will be held in the Staff Room
If you would like to attend, please advise Jackie in the front office by 30th October.

Payment Options
www.athelstone.sa.edu.au
- Cash
- Eftpos
- Cheque
- Instalments

Book Donation - $15.00
Beach Volleyball - $20.00
Rec - Year 2 Swimming - $40.00
Year 3 - year 5 Swimming - $42.00
Year 6/7 Footsteps - $15.00
School Sport Fees - Due Now
Musical Instrument Hire Fees - Due Now
The Year 7 Expo was held on Wednesday, 20th of September, Week 10 in the John Poole Hall. Throughout Term 3, students were given the opportunity to prepare an expo to showcase some of their learning about one of the following ancient civilisations: Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece or Ancient Egypt.

There were multiple timelines for specific components of the expo, some of these included an exposition, a 3D model and a presentation. Students were also encouraged to create interactive activities for a wide range of different audiences including students R-7 and parents, caregivers and grandparents. Lots of students chose to incorporate technology into their presentation.

Overall it was a great experience for the Year 7 students to be creative about their learning.
Hi everyone,

Christmas is fast approaching isn’t it!! We are so fortunate to be living in a country that has so much, and we don’t go without. Especially our children. But as we know, there are many in our world that don’t have the simple luxuries that we take for granted. I think our kids take them for granted too, and we need to make them aware of the struggles that others have, and that something as simple as a shoebox full of gifts can change the life of a child.

Operation Christmas Child is a great way to get your children thinking of others, while at the same time having fun putting the box together. It’s a great gift idea for the whole family to be involved in. Below is some information and the website if you would like to be involved.

A record 316,323 kids in 7 Countries receive shoeboxes from Australia and New Zealand. More than 100 million shoeboxes have been packed and sent to kids in need around the world since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993.

Every year millions of children around the world are touched by the power of a simple gift… a simple gift-filled shoebox that is a warm and real expression of love for a child in need.

Here is a list of contents that go into a box:

**FILL EACH SHOEBOX WITH SIMPLE GIFTS**
- Something to wear
- Something to play with
- Something for school
- Something to love
- Something special
- Something for personal hygiene

Find your nearest Drop off Point before the last Sunday in October.


You still have another week to involve your child in doing something to help someone else. You can also track your box too, to see where it goes! So check it out and have fun filling your box.

All the best,
Karin Williams (PCW)
Health:
At the end of last term, students were involved in information sessions relating to the human body. Students then completed projects on these topics.

Here are some images of the final pieces of work.

Art:
Students were asked to create an impressionistic landscape. We hope that you like our work in progress!

Poetry:
Students have been immersed in many different forms of poetry. Here are some examples of the students work.
## Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2018

### Notice of Charges for Reception To Year 7

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These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

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