Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Staff are looking forward to meeting with parents and caregivers next week during interviews. This provides an opportunity to celebrate progress to date and plan for future growth. Please return your interview slips by Monday.

**Principal’s Lunch**

Last week I had the pleasure of celebrating with the first group of students selected for the "Principal's Lunch". These students were selected by teachers according to various criteria around a positive start to the school year. We shared a special time over lunch at our local café and I particularly enjoyed learning more about the students and hearing why they believed they were chosen to attend. I was pleased that they were able to articulate that their efforts and improvements were recognised and appreciated and that it wasn’t about being the ‘best’ at something. I look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate with other groups of students.
NATURE PLAY FUN
Tea Tree Gully Council workers installed the water pump in our Nature Play area last week. Classes had the opportunity to use the space during class time and teachers observed and recorded excellent examples of enthusiastic, cooperative and creative play. We are currently organising a regular playtime roster providing equal access for all students and classes will continue to have additional time in the space as part of their learning program.

We will be having an “Official” opening of the Nature Play area at some stage early next term, once the plants have been sourced and planted. Meanwhile the students will be accessing the area on a regular basis. Any more donations of small garden tools and kitchen equipment would be much appreciated.

A very happy ‘special’ birthday to our very own Brenda. “WE LOVE YOU BRENDA!”
MEMORIAL DRIVE CLOSURE

Please be aware that there will be a temporary closure of Memorial Drive between North East Road and Neale Street from **Monday 27th March, 2017** and **Friday 7th April, 2017** (weather permitting). This will likely impact school pick up and drop off with the detour shown in the plan below.

The Council will be undertaking a portion of works along the creek edge at Memorial Drive. This work is designed to cater for increasing rain flows entering the storm water catchment. Part of the work will involve excavations and footpath replacement. In order to do this the Council will have a fleet of plant and equipment on site and this will impact on traffic access and roadway spaces.

Roadway speeds in the vicinity will be reduced to 25km in the affected areas.

If you are impacted by this closure please plan a alternative route to school whilst this work is being undertaken.
NEWSLETTER

RECEPTION TO YEAR 5 - SWIMMING 2017
Swimming lessons for Receptions to Year 5’s will be held from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April, 2017 at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre. The Consent Form and Medical Form, together with payment need to be returned to school by Monday 27th March, 2017. If you have not received any forms, copies can be obtained from the school office.

SICK ROOM ROSTER
Volunteers are required to wash the Sick Room linen. Each week there is one sheet, one pillow case and occasionally a quilt cover to wash. We would like to have enough volunteers so each person only has to do the washing once a term. If you can help please leave your name at the school office.

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NOTICE BOARD

- **BALLET:** Avant Ballet Studio holds dance lessons at Tea Tree Gully Primary School after school, week nights and Saturday mornings. Further information is available from the school office or phone the Director, Robbyn Garrett-Doyle on 7220 6941 or 0412 956 328 or visit www.avantballet.com.au. Kinderballet 3-5 YEARS, Ballet (Cecchetti Method) • Tap • Jazz/HipHop • Contemporary. Petit Theatre Ballet Company.

- **MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL:** Held during school time, once a week. Instruments offered: Piano, Keyboard, Guitar, Voice, Clarinet, Sax and Trumpet. Instrument hire is available – please contact Learning Through Music for current prices. To join, complete an enrolment form (available from the school office) and return either via post, email or return to the front office. For further details phone 0411 234 870 or email admin@LTMusic.com.au

- **CHEER LEADING:** Blitz Cheer Leading is now holding classes at our school in the Gym from 4.30pm to 5.30pm Wednesdays and 4.30pm to 7.30pm on Thursdays. Learn flexibility, Dance and Technique. For further information phone 0400054516 or visit blitzcheeranddance@outlook.com

- **URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL:** Open day on Tuesday 21st March, 2017 for prospective Year 8 students. School tours at 9.30am to 11.30am, 1.00pm to 3.00pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm includes application information, farm tours and school tours.

- **HOME TUTOR:** Available to tutor students from Year 2 to 7 in Maths. Has uni degree in Biological Science and extensive Maths education. Available after school or weekends. For further information please contact Danijela on 0431986985 or leave your details at the school office.

- **FOSTER CARERS NEEDED:** To provided overnight emergency, long-term, short-term and respite care. You can be either single, couples, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24 hour assistance) is provided. For more information or to book into one of the information sessions please phone Linda on 81313456. www.anglicaresa.com.au

- **THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:** Open Night will be held on Wednesday 29th March, 2017 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and Thursday 30th March, 2017 from 9.15am to 10.30am. School is located at Brunel Drive Modbury Heights. For further information phone 82636244 or email Maria.Parry794@schools.sa.edu.au

- **BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL:** Twilight Open Night on Thursday 30th March, 2017 from 3.30pm to 7.30pm at 610 Milne Road, Banksia Park. Principal’s address at 5.30pm. For more information please phone 82648122 or visit www.bpihs.sa.edu.au
BUILDING LEARNING POWER

As part of Staff Professional Learning we have been investigating ways to improve student learning through the development of Powerful Learner Muscles. Last year we focused on Managing Distractions, Absorption, Perseverance and Noticing. Like any muscles, the more they are used the stronger they get.

For the next few weeks we will be focussing on the Powerful Learner Muscle of Questioning. When we use this muscle we..

- are not afraid of not knowing
- are curious about things and people
- like to get below the surface of things and come up with our own conclusions
- often wonder why
- play with ideas, asking “How come?” and “What if?”

Encouraging your child to use Questioning will be helping them develop a strong Powerful Learning Muscle that they can use for learning throughout their lives.

(From “Building Learning Power” by Sarah Gonall, Maryl Chambers and Guy Claxton)