Dear Families and Friends,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June
Hamza Abdulaziz, Sophie Carman, Samson Seifu, Jerome Lambadgee, Christopher Graham, Sarah McLachlan, Jordyn Salotti

DIARY DATES
Friday 6th June – Pupil Free Day
Monday 23rd June – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 25th June – Governing Council
Monday 30th June – ‘Special People’ Day
Sunday 21st September – City to Bay

Deputy Principal
Lorna Fenech is taking leave for the remainder of this term to spend time with her family overseas. We wish Lorna a safe and happy holiday and look forward to her return next term. Cathy Roche-Wells, currently Deputy at the Grove Education Centre, will be joining us for the remainder of this term. Please introduce yourself to Cathy if you see her.

Special People Day – please note new date!
On Monday 30th June families and friends are invited to visit classes at 10 a.m. for ‘Special People’ day. This very special event is part of our history program. A special assembly will be held at 11 a.m. We hope you can join us.

School Fees
A number of school fees are still outstanding. If you think you might be entitled to School Card please ask Vivienne for a form. The school will not receive any funds unless the family has completed the form and it has been accepted by DECD.

For those of you who are not entitled to school card and are having difficulty paying the fees please contact Vivienne and make arrangements for payments. A small regular payment is more acceptable than no payment at all.

It is highly probable that the services of a Debt Collector will be employed to pursue outstanding debts where no effort has been made to pay school fees.

Sylvia

Booklets: ‘Protecting children and young people with disability’ and ‘A guide to protecting children and young people with disability and preventing sexual abuse’.

For your information, attached to this newsletter are two booklets that were produced by the Ministerial Advisory Committee: Students with Disabilities. The booklets raise awareness about the safety and wellbeing of children with disability and highlight where parents and carers can go for advice. They include information on why children with disability are more vulnerable to abuse and neglect and provide practical help about what families can do to protect their children.

Staff at Adelaide West Special Education Centre are aware of the vulnerabilities of our students and therefore teach elements of the Child Protection Curriculum in ways that acknowledge the developmental levels and understanding of our students. This is an area of the curriculum that we are always reflecting on and we would welcome any comments that you have in this area.

Transport Changes

Please remember If you are sending your child to respite an EDO39B form must be completed and lodged ten working days prior to the date. We cannot guarantee that
approval will be given from SERU for forms that are lodged late. There also may not be space on the bus for the variation to transport. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

City Bay – 21st September 2014 For those of you who wish to join the Adelaide West runners/walkers for the annual City-Bay fun run the entry fees are as follows:

- Children are $11 for the 3km walk and $15 for the 6km or 12 km walk or run. For people with a disability a carer can accompany them for a $5 fee but the carers number will not have a timing device attached.

Entry fees for adults who are not walking/running as carers:

- Early bird, e.g. before 31 July 2014, 3km walk $32 6km/12km walk or run - $40
- 1 August – 31 August, 3km walk $37 6km/12km walk or run - $45

If you, your family and friends wish to join our team either as runners or walkers, Sue will be collecting the names and dates of birth of all who want to take part on the City Bay registration list at the front desk. Lorna will then submit a single school entry in week 1 of term 3.

Mothers’ Day Fundraising
Thank you all for your generosity with our stall and raffle. We made a profit of $166.15 from the Mothers’ Day stall and sold $258.00 in raffle tickets – a total profit of $424.15. The money raised will be used to purchase resources for the students.

Raffle prize winners were:

1st Sue Salotti (mother of Jordyn)
2nd Lisa Robin (carer of Jerome)
3rd Rafik Chanisheff (Hamza’s grandfather)

A big thank you to Natalie Armitstead (mother of Jessica) from Ambrosia Café for sourcing the gifts for sale at the Mothers’ Day stall at cost price and providing some of the larger items for 1st prize in the raffle.

Inclusive Learning Technologies conference.
A group of staff were part of nearly 800 participants who attended this inspiring conference recently. This fabulous learning opportunity allows staff to talk to national and international experts in the field of Assistive Technology who know what the latest developments are and can provide advice on using the technology to improve outcomes for our students.

All those who attended came back with practical strategies to use their learning in the classroom. For some, this may simply be making better use of technology that we already have, for example, using Google Docs to assist staff in collecting data about student learning. Google Docs also includes Read and Write Google that gives a text to voice option which can support our students’ literacy learning.

There were a number of useful suggestions for tools to support social interaction, some of which we hope to try out with our friends from Ocean View College next term and, of course, we learned about some great new equipment to enhance the life of our classrooms.

All of us came back with lots of resources to support our work – books, websites for e-books to use with Four Blocks, links to world experts in Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

The conference gave us all a deepened understanding of the value of embedding technology into our curriculum at school. Technology opens up the world to our students and we, as educators, need to provide them with every opportunity to learn to use it effectively and appropriately. This was a fantastic learning event which will benefit the whole school.

TERM DATES FOR 2014

Term 2
28th April to 4th July

Term 3
21st July to 26th September

Term 4
13th October – 12th December