School Opinion Survey
The 2013 parent and caregiver opinion survey has been distributed via email to randomly selected families. This is the first year where the surveys are compiled online with the data being available much sooner than in previous years. The survey contains some nationally generic questions as well as some questions from previous years. This information will be compiled and used as part of our reporting process via our Annual Report and Annual General Meeting. Thanks to all of those families who have already completed the online survey. The closing date if you haven’t done it yet is the 18th of November.

Circle of Friends
The next ‘Circle of Friends’ get together will be held on Friday the 8th of November from 10.00 am – following our assembly. Our guest speaker is Leah Koen, the State coordinator from You Can Do It. She will talk to us about the Keys to Success and how you can support your children to become more confident, resilient, organised, persistent and happy. A flyer with an RSVP will be sent home shortly.

Class Placement Exercise
We will shortly be beginning our staffing and placement exercise in preparation for 2014. For this purpose it is important that we know if any of our students will be leaving and therefore not attending our school in 2014. We have a number of students on the waiting list and would like to confirm numbers as soon as possible.

We will also begin to determine class compositions and I need any requests for 2014 class placements by Friday 8th of November. If you have any requests would you please put them in writing and pass them on to me. There are many things we consider in the placement process including friendship and social networks, teacher recommendations and advice from the children. It is usual in our school to have composite classes based on the number of students we have in each cohort and at this stage we have not confirmed which teachers will be teaching particular year levels. All requests will be considered and we will try to accommodate them however there may be some requests that we cannot meet. If this is the case we will contact you to discuss our options. My email address is deb.oneill702@schools.sa.edu.au

Same First Day
There will be some major changes in 2014 in the way that reception students will begin school in mainstream settings. From next year there will only be one entry intake starting school, not the termly entry that we have experienced in the past. Children born before 1st May will begin school at the beginning of Term One. Children born after this date will begin school in the following year. Early years staff have met and considered the impacts this will have and how we can provide a smooth transition and orientation to school for our students.

Reports and Exits
Intensive English Language Centre exits will begin from week 4. Parents will be invited in to discuss their child’s progress and begin the process of transition to their local school. Mainstream reports will be sent home with notification of class placement for 2014 on Monday the 9th of December. Interviews are available on request.

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Next week, we will be selling a beautiful range of bandannas at a cost of $4 each to support CANTEEN - Children and young people living with cancer. We appreciate our community’s ongoing support. Thank you. The SRC

Adelaide Kids Film Festival

AMAZING LINE UP OF FILMS FOR FIRST ADELAIDE KIDS’ FILM FESTIVAL: FREE ‘BEST OF THE FEST’

Films from Wales, Canada, Colombia, England, Poland, Malta, Italy, South Korea, Australia, Germany, Ireland and South Africa will be shown at The Adelaide Kids’ Film Festival.

There will be a FREE outdoor screening of the ‘Best of the Fest’ package in Hindmarsh Square North East Corner (close to Rundle Mall), Adelaide on Sunday 17th November. Fourteen films will be screened twice in an afternoon, session one at 3.00 pm and a session at 4.30pm. Bring a blanket and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of short films. Stay for as long as you like!

There will be food trucks and a few market stalls. Stay for 20 minutes or a few hours… up to you! - See more at: http://akff.com.au/2013-3/

Some of the films in this programme are:

- **Fear of Flying** 9:00 (Ireland)
  Conor Finnegan *Adult Filmmaker*
  A small bird with a fear of flying tries avoiding heading south for the winter

- **Methyr Views** 4:45 (Wales)
  Winding Snake Productions
  This animated short film uses contemporary Welsh art to comment on how young people are perceived, particularly by the press.

- **The Santa Lie** 5:00 (United Kingdom)
  Darren Langlands *Adult Filmmaker*
  Seven-year-old Amy confronts her parents on the truth about Santa early one Christmas morning

- **Younger Years** 5:08 (Aust, SA)
  Chelsea Brady – Concordia College
  Chelsea asks adults what they would tell their teenage selves if they had a chance to go back in time…

- **The Yellow Beetle** 5:38 (South Africa)
  Retief Williams
  Two friends, one of which is a bit of a bumbler, try to go on vacation. We used our grandpa’s beetle

- **Matilde** 10:00 (Italy)
  Vito Palmieri
  *Adult Filmmaker*
  Every day after school, Matilde collects old tennis balls. What is she planning on doing with them?

- **Hunt for the Glorious Muffins** 8:00 (Malta)
  Patrick Vella *Adult Filmmaker*
  Four fantastic friends are ready to embark onto an adventurous journey to put their hands… or paws, on some glorious delicious muffins…
**Qurban - It’s Eid al-Adha**

Last weekend Muslim people from around Adelaide celebrated Eid al-Adha, the festival of sacrifice.

This festival was celebrated on the 15th of October, the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijjah, the 12th and last sacred month of the Islamic calendar.

Hundreds of people went to their mosques like Al-Khalil, Wandana and Gilbert Street to offer prayers to Allah.

Animals are sacrificed for people to celebrate and eat.

Bonython Park was the place where the Islamic society met for this social gathering and important feast festival. There were rides like Ali-Baba, quad bikes, camels and a jumping castle. Also there were stalls selling toys and lots of food. We ate dal, Chinese vegetables, Persian chicken, satays, fish curries, slushies and chips.

Mazen & Ashfa

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**Grandparent’s & Grandfriend’s Day**

The children from Rooms 6, 7 and 8 had a wonderful morning listening to their Grandparents/Grandfriends talk about celebrations they had when they were young. We would like to sincerely thank our special ‘Elders’ for visiting us.

One of our old scholars Jean Jones (nee Young) 1935 attended too. She commented on how happy and friendly the children were and how the school had changed so much and all for the better. It was a great day with wonderful stories.
“Colour My World”

Preparations for our End of Year Performance are gathering pace. Rehearsals are taking place with walk throughs, technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals scheduled.

$10 TICKETS for the performance on Thursday 28th November will be ON SALE from WEEK 6. STAY TUNED....

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Sturt Street Children’s Centre - 221 Sturt Street, Adelaide
Crèche available

Presented by Rebecca Mezzino, Adelaide’s most experienced and accredited Professional Organiser; a speaker, motivator, trainer, consultant, wife and mother dedicated to helping people get organised. This is an interactive, motivating, fun and informative presentation that reveals simple, effective and ready to use tips, tools and techniques - for instant results. Rebecca has appeared twice on Today Tonight, been a regular radio guest, and been published in the Adelaide Matters, Woman’s Day, The Advertiser, Madison Magazine and Sydney Morning Herald.

SO WHETHER YOU NEED A LITTLE OR A LOT OF HELP DECLUTTERING YOUR SPACE, MIND & HOME, THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU