Diwali

The HASS curriculum in the Foundation year level recognises how important family events and celebrations are commemorated throughout the year.

In preparation for Diwali, the Festival of Lights, the students from Room 2 created designs for their paper bag lantern following the story of Diwali.

A simple display in the classroom stimulated much discussion around how many other celebrations and festivals throughout the year incorporate ‘light’ as a special feature. These were some of our findings…

- candles for birthdays, lights for Christmas trees and displays and fireworks for Chinese New Year.

Happy Diwali!

Maria Daniels, Foundation Teacher

Bandi Chhor Divas (Punjabi Diwali)

Bandi Chhor Divas (“Day of Liberation”) (ਬੰਦੀ ਛਹ ਦਿਵਾਸ) is a Sikh holiday which coincides with the day of Diwali.

Historical significance: Bandi Chhor Divas celebrates a Sikh historic event related to the sixth Guru, ‘Guru Hargobind Ji’. According to Sikh history, on this day, Guru Hargobind was released from prison by the Mughal Emperor Jahangir who freed 52 other Hindu kings with him. People welcomed Guru Ji and showed their happiness by lighting up the clay lamps and delivering the sweets.

Celebration: The Bandi Chhor Divas is celebrated in a manner similar to Diwali, with the lighting of homes and Gurdwaras (Sikh place of worship), feasts, gift giving and family time. It is an important Sikh celebration along with Vaisakhi, Maghi, Hola Molali and Gurpurab.

Bandi Chhor Divas at Holy Golden Temple- Amritsar is very popular and and worth seeing.

Satwinder Kaur, Punjabi FLMD Teacher
**Year 7 to High School Department Update**

Recently, the government has confirmed that Year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022. The move will align South Australia’s public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students. Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each Year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.


**SRC News**

Christmas time is around the corner and we are eager to begin our annual Christmas Appeal. This year we will be collecting items for the North East Community Assistance Project also known as NECAP. NECAP is a non-profit organisation founded in 1985.

NECAP offers a number of services including hosting School Breakfast Programs, providing food parcels, running thrift shops, providing food and assistance to local primary schools and holding their annual Christmas Appeal.

This year we will be assisting NECAP in their Christmas appeal by donating non-perishable foods or gifts which will then be distributed amongst Christmas hampers. These hampers will be given to the surrounding communities in need.

We are very honoured to be a part of this appeal and if you would like to help you can, by leaving non-perishable food and/or gifts in the library. NECAP is accepting gifts for all ages as long as they aren’t second hand.

Veronica, the coordinator of the appeal, will be here on the 6th December to pick up all of the donations.

Right is a ‘Christmas Appeal Wish List’ to give you an idea of what you may like to donate.

If you would like further information please see your child’s Class Teacher or the SRC Coordinator – Louise Iannucci.

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**SAPSASA Cricket**

Congratulations to Henry T and Hetul S in Room 9 who have been selected to play for the North Adelaide SAPSASA Cricket Team. The games will be held at various grounds around Adelaide, in Week 6 from November 19 to 22. The boys have worked hard at three trials to be selected in this team and we wish them all the best. Well done boys!

George Koulianos, PE Coordinator
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**Community Notices**

The school’s two notice boards are located on the Front Office verandah and under the shelter by the volleyball court. This week the following notices are displayed:

- Carols in the Park on 7th December at 7pm in Memorial Gardens, Prospect
- Bricks4Kidz in the school holidays. Book now: 0420 900 445

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL WISH LIST**

- Bags
- Bath bombs
- Beach towel
- Beach toys
- Bed socks
- Board games
- Brushes
- Craft kits
- Diary
- Gloves
- Head bands
- Headphones
- Key rings
- Lego
- Lip Gloss/lip balms
- Movie Vouchers
- Novelty USB’s
- Perfume
- Pencils
- Playing cards
- Puzzles
- Recipe books
- Hair accessories
- Jewellery
- Scarf
- Store vouchers
- Tea gift packs
- Toiletty gift packs
- Action figures
- Back packs
- Balls - Football, basketball etc.
- Beanie
- Caps
- Cheese/Checkers
- Frisbee
- Hair products such as gel/wax
- Breakfast spread e.g. peanut butter, marmalade
- Pudding
- Muesli bars
- Cereal
- Dry pasta
- Dry noodles
- Canned vegetables and fruit (with pull top openings)
- Packaged nuts
- Dried fruits
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individually packaged chips, pretzels, popcorn etc.
- Boiled drinks and juices
- Canned Tuna
- Bags of rice or beans
- Long life milk
- Cola mixes
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Tea
- Coffee
- Cooking oil
- Salad dressing
- Jelly
- Baby food
- Baby Formula
- Mayonnaise
- Stationary
- Sleeping bag
Skipathon 2018

We were most fortunate with the weather last Friday morning for the school’s annual Skipathon. It was quite a sight to see all the students out skipping or participating in rope activities with peers and younger buddies.

Thank you to the many students, their families and friends who have donated money towards funding our Friendship Corner and school grounds development. The total amount to date is nearing $3000. Many thanks.

Skipathon donations have until Monday 3rd December to be received at the school’s Finance Office.
Performing Arts Showcase

Last Thursday we held our annual Performing Arts Showcase led by our two outstanding hosts for the evening, Nicholas (Room 7A) and Salvador (Room 7). This was an opportunity to showcase the work done in the Performing Arts during the year. All our students did a fantastic job and showed such confidence and enjoyment of what they were doing that I am sure all teachers and parents present were as proud as I was.

Our Grand Finale, 'I'm Coming Home' by Sheppard, proved just what a joy music can bring. Whilst we work on the development of skills in Music and Drama, as well as, encourage hard work, persistence, resilience, organisation and those other social and emotional skills, in the end the power of the Arts is the way we connect to our own emotions and experiences and those of our fellow performers and audiences.

A special thank you to Angela Browne who took photos for us on the night of the showcase. We are hoping to have a copy of photos and the video taken on the night available for parents before the end of term. I will keep you updated as to when these are available.

Richard Gill AO

Some of you may have heard of Richard Gill who passed away on 28th October. He was a very influential Australian music teacher, conductor and music education advocate who I’ve heard speak on several occasions. He inspired so many music teachers and was instrumental in developing the National Music Mentor Teaching Program. This program allows classroom teachers as well as Music specialist teachers to observe and be mentored by experienced teachers in their own classrooms and build confidence in teaching music in a sequential way so that all children can have access to learning music. Adele Pepper in Room 5 and myself with Room 17, participated in the program this year, led by Liz Fahlbusch from Kapunda Primary School, who came to our school once a week from Term 2 through to Term 4. We learnt so much from her and saw our students develop their singing, their ability to read music and feel good about doing the hard work and I know that we are both feeling even more enthusiastic and confident about what we can achieve with our students next year.

Judy Hanel, Music and Drama Teacher
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Music and Drama News

December / January Vacation Care Bookings

All bookings for Vacation Care are now required to be done through your online Hubworks Account. Go to: nailedworthyprimaryoshc.hubworks.com.au, enter your username and password. On the left hand side of the page you will see a love heart icon. Click on the icon and then select Bookme, select the dates you require. If you have any issues please contact Michelle or Kathryn.

You will receive an email to confirm your booking when your account is paid in full and a $5 deposit per day per child is paid.

The Vacation Care Program will be emailed to all OSHC families this week and will be on the school website to view.

OSHC Red Hats – Vacation Care

Red hats are still required through Vacation Care for ease of supervision and safety. The children have adopted the new procedure well. You can purchase them from the NPS Uniform Shop for $8 or the OSHC Room has a small supply, but we can only take cash.

We are discouraging children from sharing hats. We do not have spare hats if your child forgets to pack their hat. If this does happen they can play in the courtyard with their blue school hat.

Please remind your child to keep their red hat in their bag at all times.

If your child has forgotten their red hat on an excursion day, you will be required to purchase a new one on the day.

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