



Plympton International College

普林顿国际学校

Centre of excellence for R-12 learners

学前班 - 12年级学生的卓越教育中心

Newsletter

February 2017

Diary Dates

March

3/3 R-12 Assembly
11.10am start

3/3 Surfing Day 2

10/3 Yr 10 SAPOL

13/3 Adelaide Cup Holiday

17/3 Yr 11 SAPOL

21/3 Sports Day

23/3 AGM 6.30pm

24/3 Yr 12 SAPOL

28/3 Open Day

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Parent Partnerships

Research shows us that parent involvement in schools has positive impact on student success. It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers attend the Acquaintance Night to meet teachers. If you were unable to come, please feel free to contact staff via email to obtain the necessary information and to build positive partnerships.

Annual General Meeting

Volunteers play a vital role and we always appreciate their help. If you are interested in volunteering there are many opportunities, including assisting with reading in classrooms, shelving books in the Resource Centre or assisting Mandy in the Canteen. We are seeking new Governing Councillors, so please visit our College office to obtain a form to register your interest. This is a great opportunity for parents to work with other parents, staff, students and myself to shape the school's future in this exciting time at Plympton International College. We also have a number of sub committees that involve parents such as the Parent and Friends, Uniform, Canteen and a new Out of School Hours Care (OHSC) committee. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Thursday 23rd March in the Resource Centre and we invite you to attend to hear our latest achievements and ,if interested, join the Governing Council and/or a committee.

Linda Richardson

Hazard Warning from DECD

An incident/accident has occurred recently at two school sites resulting in injuries to students.

In one incident the student was using the junior primary play equipment and caught the hat that they were wearing in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

The style of hat is our current school hat with an adjustable chin cord.

As this incident identifies a risk of injury we request the following:

- you inspect your child's school hat and if it has a cord, please immediately remove the cord as any hats with cords can no longer be worn at school.
- if you have concerns about the safety of the hat please speak with office staff



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Chinese Bilingual Programme

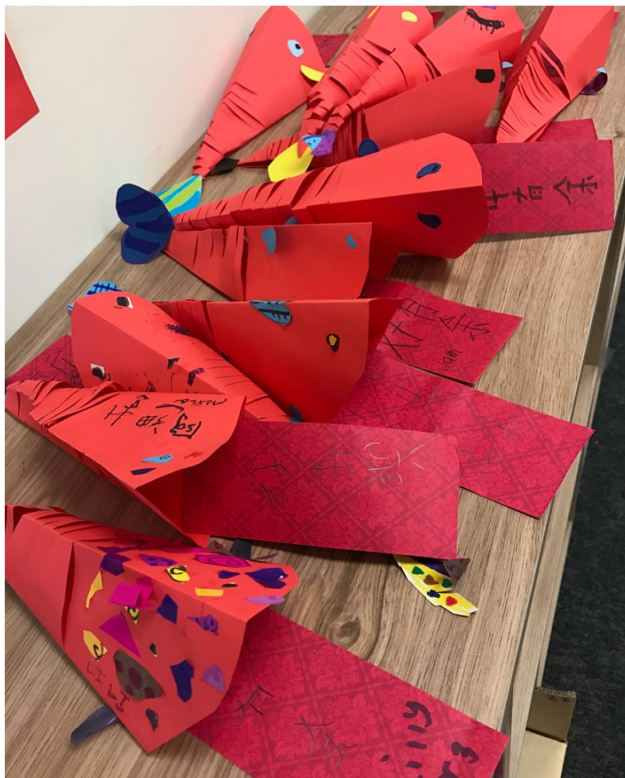
All year 3 students started the bilingual programme this year. Literacy and numeracy are still the focus for students with literacy and numeracy blocks taking place every morning.

In the afternoon, the Year 3 class undertakes their Chinese learning through hands on practical subjects such as The Arts, PE as well as through HASS subjects. The class has additional teacher support to assist with the Chinese language. Daily lessons also take place for Reception to year 2, and year 8 students . Below is an example of the year 3 Bilingual timetable.

Erik Ma

Bilingual Coordinator

Time	Monday – Thursday similar, Friday changes per School T/T
8.45 – 8.55 (10)	Home group + Bilingual Morning Exercises (Chinese + English)
8.55 – 10.20 (85)	English and Chinese Literacy block
10.20 – 10.40	Recess
10.40 – 10.50 (10)	Tai Chi (Bilingual Chinese + English)
10.50 – 11.50 (60)	Maths
11.50 -12.00 (10)	Bilingual Movement/song activity (Chinese + English)
12.00 – 12.45 (45)	Bilingual Integrated Curriculum (HASS, Health & PE, Arts)
12.45 – 12.55 (10)	Chinese script development
12.55 – 1.35	Lunch
1.35 – 1.40 (5)	Quiet reading (English)
1.40 – 2.35 (50)	Science / Technologies / Specialist Health & PE, Arts
2.35 – 3.05 (30)	Chinese story/Video/Media arts



2017 Materials & Services Charge

Thank you to those families that have paid their M&S fees.

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that the 2017 Materials and Services Charges are due by Friday 14th April (last week of Term 1). Government legislation passed at the end of 2003 has enabled schools to pursue overdue accounts from Term 2 onwards.

VET fees are due by the end of Term 1 unless direct debit arrangements have been made with the finance section of the school office.

Options for paying your account are:

Payments via cash, cheque or credit card (except American Express) can be made at the College office.

BPOINT facility (credit card) is available on the school website. (www.plymptoncollege.sa.edu.au).

For regular repayments via a direct debit facility please contact the school Finance Officer before the end of term.

If you have applied for School Card assistance and are awaiting approval, or believe you are eligible for the School Card assistance and have not yet applied, please contact Cathy on 8297 0488 at the college office for further details.

If you have an authorised part payment plan in place, please check your statement and contact the Finance Section of the school if you have any queries/concerns.

Thank you.

Cathy Wisdom

Finance Officer

Important Information for Parents and Caregivers

We are seeking your assistance to minimise the interruptions to student learning. While we understand that there may be situations where parents need to be in contact with their children in the event of an emergency, these should be minimal.

The College office is unable to deliver personal parent phone messages/student lunches/instruments etc. Please ensure appointments are made outside of school hours where possible. Appointments made during school time need to be written in the student's school diary to the teacher before the appointment time to enable the students to leave the class to sign out at the College office. This also includes students leaving early and arriving late.

Your support of your child and other students in this matter would be appreciated.

Hindi FLMD Program at PIC

Plympton International College provides the First Language Maintenance and Development program (FLMD) for the Hindi language. The program provides support to maintain and develop the Hindi language skills of R-7 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) background students. It is an opportunity for all Hindi language students in school to maintain, share and learn Hindi language along with promoting Hindi culture throughout the school and an opportunity for Hindi language students with an interest to pursue Hindi in secondary school to learn Hindi in Years 8-12.

The program looks to amalgamate the learning of Hindi Language- writing, reading, speaking and listening with students also researching different aspects of India such as festivals and seasons. Students are able to maintain their culture and traditions and are able to correlate their thought in their language and English better.

We also have Hindi classes held at our school for year 8-12 provided by School of Languages every Wednesday afternoon.

Amita Malhotra

Hindi Teacher

Parent Contact Information

We are asking all Plympton International College families to ensure their residential address, parent email addresses & telephone contact numbers are up to date before the holidays.

This information is critical if we need to contact you should an emergency arise.

Your information can be updated by emailing the school at: dl.0907.info@schools.sa.edu.au, or providing the information in writing to the school office before the end of this term.

Canteen News

A reminder that Plympton International College has Introduced Qkr! (pronounced "quicker") as a convenient, hassle free way for you to place Canteen orders. This versatile new app is ready for you to download now.

Qkr! is an easy and secure way to order and pay for your child's lunch orders, reducing the need to bring cash to school. Orders can be placed in advance however there is a cut off time of 9.30am for same day orders. If you need to cancel an order – no problem! You will receive a credit and the money paid will automatically go towards your next order.

Getting started is easy – download the app to your phone or tablet today!

Angela Murphy

Business Manager