COUNTRY FAIR GOLDEN TICKETS

We are hosting our first Country Fair on Saturday, 28 February, from 4-7pm. In the lead up to the event the school will be selling Golden Tickets. The Golden Tickets consist of $20 of monetary value for only $15! Your child/ren will wear the Golden Ticket around their neck and have the opportunity to spend their $20 wherever they wish on the day.

The Golden Tickets will be on sale from Friday, 6 February, from the School Office. Get in quick as there will only be a limited number of tickets sold!

Items are still needed for the White Elephant stall. Please see Mrs Lyndall Arthur in the School Office if you have good quality items to donate.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dorothy Okumu (2014 Graduate) who has been selected to receive a University of Adelaide Principal’s Scholarship for 2015. She will be attending the Scholarships Presentation Ceremony on 23 February in the Bonython Hall at the Adelaide University.

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG WRITER

Last year Gracie Allen won a category award in the South Australian Young Writers competition and Mrs Lawrie asked her if she would write a reflection of her first week at school for the newsletter. As you read her work we are sure you will understand why she won the competition. Thanks Gracie.

Sleep, blissfully unaware. I open my eyes.... awake.... savouring the last few seconds of the holidays.

Springing into action, I have my breakfast and pull out the uniform I haven’t seen since December. My excitement builds as my hair and teeth are brushed. Ready! I can’t believe it’s the first school day of 2015!

Excitement grows in the car. We arrive and I run off - without even saying goodbye to Mum!

I see my friends and there are hellos, hugs and happiness, then I settle in to the new school routine. Meeting the new classmates is always exciting too!

Little did I know then that this week we would be racing the clock in mental math, exploring the outdoors using a compass, brainstorming ideas about explorers on our ‘ship’ of chairs and making amazing affiliations with our names. I even enjoyed starting my homework task!

All this in the first week, Mrs. Lawrie! I can’t wait to see what’s happening in Week 2!

By Gracie Allen

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Please join Sandra for a coffee and a chat on Wednesday, 25 February at 8.45am in the staff room. Topic of discussion will be “Uniforms”. Tea and coffee provided.

School Banking Day is Tuesday

Please remember that Harvest is a nut-free school. This means no sandwiches or snacks containing peanut butter, Nutella etc.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
As we start the new school year, I would like to welcome all our new families, students and staff to our school. It is always exciting to see new families seek enrolment at Harvest as it gives us new opportunities to invest into our community by helping to educate more young people as they traverse the challenges of becoming great assets to our community.

This year we welcomed a total of 61 new students and 9 new staff. With new students and new staff, we have also been busy looking at new initiatives to ensure we are constantly striving to do school better. Without doubt we are determined to learn from the past. We want to hold onto all things good and improve any areas of weaknesses. With any organisation there is always room for new initiatives and implementing systems and strategies that will help us serve our students and their families better.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the 2014 Year 12 class on their final results and successful University offers. Of those students who applied for University most were offered their first choice. A special congratulations to Amy Griffin who achieved the highest results and therefore becomes our 2014 Dux of the school. We wish all our Old Scholars every success as they continue their journey whether at University, TAFE or work.

2015 will see us implement a number of new initiatives. Firstly we are in the process of learning a new administration software package. Our office staff have spent many days being trained in the use of this package. As you could imagine this is no easy feat and we ask that if systems seem to be ‘strange’ please grant us grace as we convert from one package to another.

The teaching staff are not escaping such a learning curve either. This year we will be implementing a new Learning Management System so that students and parents can become more informed on subject requirements, assessment results and access to resources.

Our goal is to provide the best learning environment to give our students the best opportunity to achieve highly. After much discussion and reviewing of our Behaviour Management System we have also launched a modified program in the Secondary School which clearly outlines what students at Harvest do.

The Bee Amazing Environmental Project will be launched this year with students across the years being able to get involved in an enterprising and environmentally beneficial scheme.

As for physical changes around the school, the main change has been a renovation of our school admin area. There is now a new wall which makes it look as if we have locked Mr Tucker and Mrs Drysdale away! Their offices are now accessed via the corridor outside my office. This new space has also enabled us to tuck away our photocopier which means Mrs Arthur’s work area will be a lot quieter. The other modification has been redesigning one of the offices in the library to provide us with a Reflection Room which a key component our new Behaviour Management Program.

This year we will also see the school garden near the Art Centre moved to the area next to Mrs Lawrie’s room and 2 new classrooms being built adjacent to the Art Centre. At this stage we have been successful at obtaining a grant and are fine tuning the building plans.

Besides new developments we look forward to building upon initiatives started in 2014.

After undergoing training in KidsMatter, a social emotional wellbeing program, with staff last year, we will see the Junior Primary and Primary staff embed this more and more into their classrooms. I am also looking forward to watching the Year 6 Leadership Program become bigger and better in its second year of implementation. This year we will be starting to implement the MindMatters program into the Secondary school which is the secondary level of KidsMatter. Both of these programs aim to equip both staff and students with strategies developed to build healthy emotional and social wellbeing.

Global projects in Art with Miss Farinola and in Year 4 with Mrs Lawrie are exciting initiatives, and we look forward to sharing more about our global friends with you throughout the year.

We are hoping to take our robotics program to the next level and are looking to see if we can compete at competition level with new designs and innovative solutions to problems.

2015 is going to be a great year. A year in which we are going to further embrace the truth of God’s Word and expect to see Him achieve abundantly, above all than we thought possible! I am delighted you have joined the Harvest family to partner with us in the exciting times ahead!

Sandra Jesshope
Dip T, Grad Dip T, Grad Cert Ed, M Ed.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES
Please note that Monday, 9 March, is Adelaide Cup Day and is a public holiday. We will be having a student free day on Tuesday, 10 March, for the purposes of staff development.

Other dates of importance this term are: Friday, 3 April (Good Friday) and Monday, 6 April (Easter Monday).

Last day of school this term is Friday, 10 April. Term 2 commences on Monday, 27 April.
NEW STAFF
We welcome all of our new staff. Sourcing staff in a country area is not an easy task, and I am both excited and thankful for the staff we have been able to appoint.

Back row: Mrs Fleur Ayoub, Mr Neil Loughhead, Mr Nathanael Tonkin and Mrs Cherrie Bettess. Front row: Miss Anna Seidl, Mrs Kay Webb, Mrs Sandra Bishay, and Miss Narelle Schultz. Absent: Miss Christina Eglinton

INFORMATION PACK
You would have received from your child an information pack in the first week of school. This contains a lot of information that we require from you at your earliest convenience please. As you have already read we are in the process of changing our Administrative software so I do ask for your patience as it will take a little while before everything is learnt and becomes fluent to us. Thank you. Mrs Lyndall Arthur, Office Manager.

STUDENT ID CARDS
Identification Photos for ALL students in Year 6—12 will be on Monday, 9 February. If your child requires an ID card, forms and money are due back to the School Office by this Friday, 6 February.

SCHOOL FEES
There are a number of options to pay your fees. These include BPAY, Centrepay, Direct Debit, cash, cheque and EFTPOS. Direct Debit is a new option and the forms are available from Mrs Heather Drysdale. If you intend to pay by instalments please let Mrs Drysdale know by calling the School Office. Alternatively you can email fees@harvest.sa.edu.au

If you are paying for anything other than school fees via BPAY or EFTPOS please email or phone the details through to the School Office. Thank you.

In the event of the withdrawal of a student from the School, in the absence of a prior agreement, parents are required to give written notice of a minimum of 1 term’s notice (not including holidays), or pay the equivalent amount in lieu.

CANTEEN NEWS
Due to rising food costs there have been a number of price increases on the canteen menu. Please check the updated canteen menu for changes that was sent home in the information pack.

Along with what you are ordering please ensure you write your child’s name and grade on all orders. Thank you.

UNIFORMS

WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times for the purpose of pre-ordering winter uniform requirements:

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The Uniform Shop will not be open on Monday, 6 April, due to the Easter Monday Public Holiday.

Parents are strongly encouraged to pre-order uniforms as it can take up to 6 weeks to receive stock.

SPORTS DAY
This year we are running two separate Sports Day’s. The Foundation to Year 2 Sports Day will be held on Wednesday, 11 March at here at school. The finishing time of the day is still to be confirmed.

The Year 3 to 12 Sports day will be on Tuesday, 17 March, at Kadina Memorial School Athletics Oval.

Further details will be advised closer to the dates.

NEWSLETTERS
As we are still collecting family information and implementing a new database, printed newsletters will be sent home with the eldest student/sibling until further notice. We thank you for your patience.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup runs every Tuesday throughout the school term, from 9.00—10.30am, in the Cornerstone Stadium. Enrolment forms are available from the School Office. Parents are required to bring a snack for their child and tea and coffee is provided for parents. The cost is only $10 per term/per family. Community members not already involved in the school are most welcome too. We are currently looking for donations of good quality toys. If you are able to help, donations can be left at the School Office. Thank you.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

⇒ KiDzGaTE Live: Friday fortnightly, commencing 6 February, 5-7pm, for children in Foundation to Year 5. $4 pp, light tea provided. The Gateway Centre, 4716 Copper Coast Highway, Kadina. Please contact Tim on 0401 854 272 for details.

⇒ Copper Coast Youth: Minute to Win It. Saturday, 7 Feb. Meet at Kadina Train Park, 5—7pm, Year 7 –12. Gold coin donation. Sausage Sizzle Tea. Call Tony 0430 310 045 or Dave 0429 380 717 for details.

⇒ Kadina Netball Club: Junior/Senior player registrations. 5 and 12 February. Pre season training (seniors only) 12 February 6-7.30pm at the netball shed, Doswell Tce, Kadina. Enquiries to Mandy McDonald 0448 211 063 or Vicki Adams 0427 320 530.

⇒ Community Kids Kadina Early Education Centre now has vacancies in a variety of our rooms. We have a courtesy bus available that can collect or drop off your children from home or Kindy in Kadina or Wallaroo. If you enrol before the 23 February, you will go in the draw to win a year’s supply of groceries valued at over $10,000. If you have any questions about fees or vacancies, please call Jodi on 8821 1215 or visit 58 Port Road Kadina.

⇒ Paskeville Netball Club: Are now seeking registrations for Junior and Senior players. Please contact Jane Bussenschutt on 0439 936 043 for further details.

⇒ MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids aged 5-8 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop their motor skills and meet new friends in a fun, safe and interactive environment. Your nearest Centre/s will be run at: Yorke Peninsula CA, Kadina Oval, starting Friday, 6 February at 5:00pm. For more details visit www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

⇒ The Vivienne System of English: Vivienne Dearman will present workshops using her system of teaching English at Meg’s Bookshop, 52 Graves St, Kadina, on Thursday, 12 February. 1:30pm parent session. 4:00pm teacher session. Her energetic and humorous workshops show how to use her methods which complement classroom practice regardless of methods used. For more information or to secure your place please email megskadina@gmail.com or phone 8821 2436.

KING SOLOMON LEARNING CENTRE

Last year we received a letter of thanks from the King Solomon Learning Centre for Harvest’s fundraising contribution. An excerpt of the letter is as follows:

“Could you please pass on our sincere thanks to the members of your school for your generous donation. We are overwhelmed at your generosity to the children and staff of King Solomon Christian School International (KSCSI). Your donation ($337 from the donut sales) will be sent to assist with the costs of building and equipping the school as requested in your donation form. It will go over to the school with the other funds we are raising as part of our Fun-A-Thon project. Thank you for giving this practical assistance. It is a great encouragement to everyone working in Manila. The KSLC team in Australia are so very much encouraged to know that we have people like you who are supporting this project. Please pray for the project, the children, their families and the staff.”

Our fundraising from the sales of the Christmas Cards ($600) contributed to a sponsored children’s Christmas party, where every sponsored child received a gift courtesy of the generosity of schools such as ours. It was a real blessing to everyone at the School and they were very appreciative.

LIBRARY NEWS

It’s on again! The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun for 2015.

Students will receive a Student Reading Record form to record the 12 books necessary to complete the Challenge. The 12 books that students will need to read are a combination of those listed on the PRC Booklist and books of their own choice.

PRC Booklist books in our library have stickers to distinguish the various reading levels for students. More information regarding the PRC Booklist can be found by visiting the PRC website. www.prc.sa.edu.au

Students must read material consistent with their reading level. Junior Primary students may include books that have been read together with a sibling or adult.

There will be prizes and class incentives to complete the Challenge throughout the year and certificates and medals will be presented to students in Term 4.

Reading finishes for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge on 4 September (Week 6 of Term 3). Completed forms need to be handed in to your class teacher or library staff before that date.

Reading regularly is an important step in developing good literacy skills, and we encourage all students to give the Premier’s Reading Challenge a go.

Please see your class teacher or library staff if you need any further information regarding the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**  
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**  
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**  
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**  
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**  
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**  
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**  
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate in class & school activities**  
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**  
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**  
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
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