Dear Parents/Caregivers

How wonderful to see all the beaming smiles on the faces of the parents – Oops, I mean students, on the first day of school! It’s lovely to welcome all our students who are returning to start the school year with us as well as welcoming many new families and children to our school community.

By now many families are aware of a number of last minute staff changes that occurred in January. **Chrisoula Lucas**: has made the decision to retire from teaching to allow her to spend more time with family and in her garden.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had Chrisoula as a member of the teaching staff at Mulga Street PS since 2000. Chrisoula’s passion, professionalism, dedication and care have made a difference not only to the lives of children she has taught but also to the teachers with whom she has worked. We are all better educators from having worked with Chrisoula and while she is no longer with us, her influence will remain.

We thank Chrisoula for her contributions to Mulga Street and wish her all the best with her retirement.

There have been some staffing changes as a result of Chrisoula’s retirement as outlined below.

**Current Staffing 2016**

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**Specialist Teachers**

Japanese: Jude Coleman
Music/drama: Kristie Say  term 1
Health/PE: Tom Renzi
Reading Intervention and Support: Amanda Wright

**Director Education & Care Children’s Centre** –  
Mrs Pauline Bosco

**Family Service Coordinator**  
Kelly Williams

**Community Development Coordinator** -  
Fiona Pulford

**Ancillary Staff** (known at this stage)

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The children have settled well with them having a smooth, calm start to the school year.

All classes are currently involved in Quality Start activities to set themselves up for success throughout the year. They look forward to sharing these with families on our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 23rd February.

Many staff were busy during the holiday break, spending many hours setting up their classrooms to reflect new learning. This is particularly reflected in the R-2 rooms as they adopt the principles of Playful Learning approaches.

Staff began the year with a training and development day, working with Carmel Small, from Adelaide in the areas of Literacy Blocks, Guided Writing and Guided Reading. This year our major focus continues to be raising the literacy standards of our students. To support us in our work, we will be part of a project – **Informing Literacy Practice**, with Carmel which will involve staff collecting writing samples, analysing these to identify areas of need across the site then working with Carmel to build staff skills and understandings in these areas to support improved student learning outcomes.

**Janine Milsop**  
Principal

**Mardi McClintock**  
Deputy Principal
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

A reminder to all families that next **Friday, 12th February** is a pupil free day where students do not come to school.

On the day Mulga Street Staff will join Reidy Park teachers in training and development in the Literacy area of word knowledge/spelling.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**WELCOME**

We welcome the following students to Mulga Street PS in 2016, including 45 new Reception students and we hope their time with us is both educationally rewarding and enjoyable:

Teagan, Abby, Ella, Alivia, Gabriel, Sahari, Shakur, Josh, Allora, Emmerson, Cailyn, Nicole, Baylie, Lucy, Hannah, Deegan, Tate, Zander, Jacob, Charlotte, Brock, Leo, Charlie, Hunter, Matilda, Jack, Sherridan, Eva, India, Isobel, Sara, Asher, isobel, Thomas, Ella, Harrison, Sam, Jack, Foa, Aiden, Toby, Sophia, Zane, Jenson, Lachlan, Sophie, Bonnie, Charlie, Kyra, Hailee, Hellena, Patrick, Matthew, Ethan and Abby.

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**NEW BANK DETAILS**

*PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015 THE SCHOOL’S NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS WILL BE:*

- **Account Name:** Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc
- **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- **BSB:** 065-504
- **Account Number:** 10362131

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

We would like to welcome everyone back. Thank you all for your support last year and also for your ongoing support. Please check the new canteen price list as there have been a few changes and we have added smoothies for a healthier option.

Again we are seeking volunteers to assist us in being able to provide a quality service to the school.

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Please note that volunteers no longer require a Criminal History Screening check.

Each roster is for a month with most volunteers helping one day per month.

Help is required from 10:15 am until 1:30 pm each day. Tasks include:

- Preparation of food
- Counter service
- Cleaning up

Apart from supporting the school to maintain a canteen, this provides a great opportunity to meet other parents/caregivers within the school community.

Please complete the reply slip and return to school by Tuesday, 9th February – next week.

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**Canteen February Roster**

**STUDENT NAME:**

I am able/unable to help on ___________________

(day eg 10th Wednesday)

I am able to help on (1st pref) ___________________

(2nd pref) ___________________

(3rd pref) ___________________

**NAME:______________________________**

**ADDRESS:____________________________**

**PHONE:______________________________**

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**DCSI HISTORY SCREENING**

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at Mulga Street Primary School to support their child’s learning. To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at Mulga Street Primary School. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.
Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.


If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

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**COUNSELLOR’S CORNER**

*ATTENTION*

Mulga Street Primary School is searching for volunteers to assist in the LAP (Learning Assistance Program) program for 2015. We always need new and enthusiastic people who want to help change a child’s life.

Volunteers, in partnership with teaching staff, work with students on a one-to-one basis, for one or two regular sessions each week. Each session is one hour. This significant individual time creates more learning situations where students can experience success, and support their achievement at school.

There are often students in both our junior primary and primary classes who would benefit from individual time with a volunteer. Students may need support with class or subject work or they may have a particular interest or talent that needs encouragement.

We know that there are many people within our community that may be able to offer their skills in activities such as woodwork, art/craft, cooking, gardening, computing, music, reading, numeracy, puzzles etc. The support and encouragement that a volunteer can give fosters the development of a student’s self-esteem and confidence.

LAP can also be an important factor in breaking the cycle of educational disadvantage. Volunteers, when working in partnerships with teaching staff, are constantly aware of the value of education for children. LAP can support higher academic expectations for otherwise disadvantaged children, so they can compete equally at all levels of education.

The success of the program is based on five principles.

- Is always one-to-one.
- Is about relationships.
- Builds confidence and self-esteem.
- Takes a creative approach to learning.
- Promotes parent and community participation in schools.

If you are interested in being involved in this wonderful and worthwhile program please contact James Egan at the school on [87259955](tel:87259955) or email me with your contact details at [James.Egan705@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:James.Egan705@schools.sa.edu.au)

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**NANGWARRY NETBALL CLUB** is holding trainings for 2016 season on following dates:

- Juniors(1 and 2), 13U, 15U, 17U - Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th Feb at 11.00a.m.
- Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th Feb at 5.00pm

These trainings will be held at the Nangwarry Netball Courts. All current and intending players are encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there.

**FOOTBALL – Wanted Under 12 West Gambier Football Club**

Play on Sundays from 9am. All players welcome.

Registration day 21st February 2016 at West Gambier Football Club

Training commences Wednesday 30th March 2016

Enquiries to Craig [0400288712](tel:0400288712)