Hello everyone,
The Adelaide Christmas Pageant has happened and now it is all go here with Christmas.

We are extending a hearty invitation to all of our parents/careers and families to our End of Year Concert. This will be on Thursday 5th December at 7:00. Please put this in your diary now. This time we will be in the new Hall. Our students are looking forward to seeing you there.

Another invitation to parents is for Friday 29th November when representatives of the WOMBAT Club are coming to celebrate the donation of raffle proceeds earlier this year. With this money we have purchased new bikes and scooters since physical fitness is such a focus for us with wellbeing. Wonderful community support.

I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge the good work and persistence of the Governing Council members. Because of the dedication of this group of parents we have been able to keep the momentum of decisions and actions for governance going.

Even at this stage I would like to extend an invitation to parents to become members of the Governing Council. It is not too onerous, but is so important for parent contribution into our school. As we are trying to encourage student voice, we also need parent voice. What are the issues and ideas for school that you would like to raise?

As I am writing this newsletter I look out the windows and notice how much taller students are becoming and also how much they help each other in the yard. We can sometimes overlook this. Another thing I am very proud of our students for is their honesty in responses for our student survey. The feedback told us what they liked about school and what they didn't like. They didn't like being bullied or teased – good on them for standing up and saying ‘no’. We work on replacing thumbs down behaviour such as teasing and bullying. The role of bystanders is often under-rated and we will be tough on bystanders who ‘egg on’ teasing and bullying.
The ‘thumbs up’ things our student like about school included:

👍 Ipads and computers,
👍 The playground and playing with friends,
👍 Cooking, even fruit,
👍 Dancing, Wii, sport, trips and excursions and swimming.
👍 Reading.

Even the chooks got a mention!!

One student said ‘I like myself’ and I think that is a wonderful outcome to have achieved with the help of school. Our focus on well being and engagement continues into next year.

**Other Good News:**

☐ Our road crossing in use.
☐ The new uniforms have been ordered. Students will be allocated theirs soon so that every body can start the new year in the new colours. Another order will be placed early in the term 1. This information will be sent out shortly.
☐ 2014 planning is well underway.
☐ From 2014 our school will be included in the “Pirie Partnership” of schools. All of the state schools have been allocated into a partnership as part of a re-design within DECD. If you are interested in any more information about this please call.

Don’t forget to put the dates on your calendar. Reports will be coming home at the end of term.

See you at the concert, if not before and a Merry Christmas to all if I do not see you.

**Regards for now,**

Anna

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Remember Margie’s Ball?

Yorke Mid North Police are doing it again!

To end the 175 years of SAPOL celebrations with a bang, we are holding a Police Ball to support the Blue Light activities in the Copper Coast and Mid North.

**Saturday 22 March 2014 at the Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie**

3 course meal + drinks

Entertainment by the Band of the SA Police

Get organised, round up your mates and fill a table and

**Save the Date**

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