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## What is Autism

### What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism Spectrum Australia describes autism as lifelong developmental disabilities with difficulties in social interaction, impaired communication, restricted and repetitive interests or behaviours, and sensory sensitivities. It can be a very disabling condition with many challenges for those affected, their families and friends. Autism condition is lifelong, but there can be improvement with therapy and support structures

Autism spectrum disorders are diagnosed by looking at behavioural criteria. There is no medical testing available to diagnose these disorders.

A national survey showed an estimated 115,400 Australians (0.5%) had autism.

This was a 79% increase from the 64,400 in 2009.

ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor

coordination and attention, and physical health issues such as sleep and digestion problems.. Some people with ASD are gifted in visual skills, music, maths and art.

For more information on Autism please follow the links :

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism>

<http://www.autismsa.org.au>



The school students and the wider community are asked to wear extra blue in support of Autism Day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**AGM**  
Will now be held on  
**Wednesday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> May**

## Dates to Remember

Children arrive from 8.40am

- Brekky Club Mondays and Wednesdays 8.15-8.45
- Assemblies Fridays - even weeks 2.30pm
- Wednesdays Pedal Prix practice 3.20pm-4pm
- Friday nights T Ball - Blue Lake Sport Park
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April School Photos
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 'The Silly Scientist'
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Wheel-a-thon
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Term 1 ends at 2.15pm



## Closing The Gap

A number of students recently attended the CLOSE THE GAP DAY with Mrs Badenoch and Mrs Beck, which was held at Pangula Mannamurna the Aboriginal run Health Centre. Features of the day were a Health Expo, Football and Basketball clinics which included two team members of the Pioneers. The local Army Reserves were present to give students information on careers in the Army. Dallas was so impressed that he now wants to join the Army when he leaves school. The Jump Rope for Heart skipping group from Mil-Lel Primary School gave an excellent demonstration. The students said they really enjoyed the day, despite it being 35c, and learnt so much about making healthy choices with food and exercise and their overall wellbeing.

Porscha said she enjoyed doing CPR, under the guidance of Amy Reppin, nursing student from UNI SA.

*Kathy Beck*  
ACEO



## T-Ball

The last T-Ball match will be played at the Blue Lake Sports Park on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you again to Kym Franklin and her happy band of helpers for supporting this terrific little team.

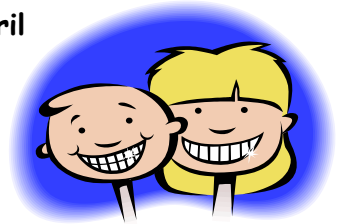
## Family Maths Challenge

There are exactly nine 2 digit numbers which have two digits the same: 11,22....99. How many 3 digit numbers have 2 digits the same?



## School Photos

Forms have been sent home for school photos which will be taken on **Tuesday 5th April** starting at 9am.



**PLEASE SEND YOUR FORM AND MONEY BACK ANYTIME BEFORE THE PHOTO DAY. YOU MUST HAVE THE CORRECT MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.**

## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is up and running in the 'Unit' on both Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Your children will be served a selection of cereals, toasts and fruit along with a cup of hot milo. There is no charge. It is really important that all children have breakfast at the start of the school day. - This sets the children up for good learning.



*Inna Tucker*

The Tafe Education Support team is offering short courses to assist parents and caregivers to develop and encourage their child's learning.

We have available for you to attend a variety of short courses designed to share with you specific skills to assist with supporting your child's learning. These short courses are being run using video conference technology - allowing you to participate at a TAFE SA campus near you, and are facilitated by highly experienced educators.

*Education Support Program - Creating better opportunities for our children to grow through inspired educators, supporting futures and strong communities.*

For more information about short courses - or nationally accredited qualifications - contact the program at [education@tafesasa.edu.au](mailto:education@tafesasa.edu.au)

## Absences

Please remember to tell the school when your child is absent. This is a legal requirement that parents explain student absences and makes our job a lot easier. You can ring the Front Office; send a note or text 0400327509.

Students who are late to school must sign in at the Front Office and hand a note of explanation to their teacher.



## COME AND TRY HOCKEY!

### About Tigers Hockey Club

Tigers Hockey Club has been Roarin' since 1963 and have won a total of 80 Premierships across all teams during this time. 17 of those premierships have been won in the last 5 years.

### Training

Training will be held every Monday night at the Lower South East Hockey Association, Blue Lake Sports Park at the following times:

U/13 Girls & Boys - 4:30pm to 5:30pm

U/15 Girls & Boys - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Senior Women and Men - 6:30pm onwards.

### Games

Games will be held on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday. Juniors will be play in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. We are registered with the Office Of Sport and Recreation for the Primary School Voucher System.

If you are interested in playing/training or even just giving hockey a go, please contact Mathew Fenwick on 0408840330

## Harmony Day Celebrations



Last week our school was proudly represented at the Railway Lands for Harmony Day. Some of the Karen students performed a traditional cultural dance and a group of violinists performed pieces that they had learned in three weeks. Many thanks to Virginia Weekes who is an amazing volunteer at North school and supported the 9 students who played so well considering the short time line.

Well done everyone!!



## Wheel-a-thon

A Wheel-a-thon Fundraiser is being planned for Week 11 this term.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home.

All students will receive an icy-pole and a certificate for their participation regardless if they raise any money or not.

This year we are trying to raise money for a Volleyball net for our 'Rage Cage'.

## Names On Clothing

As the cooler weather sneaks up on us, the unnamed windcheaters come out!!

Please would you ensure that all clothing is clearly named.



## Term 2 Sport

At the moment we have only received 2 notices back for football.

It would be a real shame if North could not fill both a football and netball side in the inter school competition.

If you would like your child to participate in either football or netball please complete the slip below and return to the Front Office as soon as possible.

We are also looking for parents to coach or umpire our teams. Unfortunately, No coach ..... No play.

**Australian International Pedal Prix**  
**MOUNT GAMBIER**  
**8 HOUR RACE**

ON SATURDAY APRIL 2ND THE INAUGURAL MOUNT GAMBIER 8 HOUR RACE WILL BE HELD AT THE AMAZING 2.4KM McNAMARA PARK CIRCUIT, REGARDED AS POTENTIALLY THE BEST HPV CIRCUIT IN AUSTRALIA. RACING STARTS AT 9AM!

Come out and have a closer look at the pedal prix vehicles as they undergo safety checks on Friday April 1st at the Railway Lands between 2-6pm.

When: Saturday 2 April  
Where: McNamara Park motorbike track  
What: 8 Hour HPV Race  
Time: 9am-5pm  
Cost: Gold coin entry

For further information contact Australian International Pedal Prix Inc. at [www.pedalprix.com.au](http://www.pedalprix.com.au)

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# Pedal Prix

21 of our North students will be competing in this event at McNamara Park this Saturday. It would be fantastic if our school community could get behind our Pedal Prix teams and come along and support them.

**\*\* Gold Coin Entry\*\***

## TERM 2 SCHOOL SPORT

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child for  **Football** Yrs 3/4/5 only

**Netball** Yrs 3/4/5 only

**Experienced Yes/No**

Payment  \$5.00 first child  \$3.50 subsequent children/school card

I am able to help Coach/Umpire Yes/No I have a current Police Check Yes/No

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_