



MASSADA COLLEGE ADELAIDE INC.

Incorporating Victor & Odette Ades Memorial Kindergarten
ביה"ס "מצדה", אדלייד, כולל גן ילדים ע"ש ויקטור ואודט אדיס

MASSADA MUSINGS

25th August, 2006
1st Elul, 5766

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Activities Week"

Hot Dog Roster

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STUDENT FREE DAY

8th September, 2006

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DIARY DATES

28th Aug.—1st Sept.—Literacy and Numeracy Week

9th August—Year 4-7 Museum Visit

31st August—"Who Sank the Boat" - K-3

1st September—Non-Govt. Schools Registration Review

1st September—Aust. Youth Choir visit

Shabbat Begins: 5.29 p.m.

Shabbat Ends: 6.29 p.m.

Parasha: Shoftim

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NEWS

From the Board

The big issues at Massada College often tend to overshadow and sometimes completely eclipse the smaller achievements that occur here. This has been the case with one quiet achiever, our Kindergarten Director Tammy Bolaffi. Recently Tammy completed the Early Childhood Education qualification for the Victor and Odette Ades Memorial Kindergarten, and passed with flying colours. Mazal Tov Tammy!

We are aware that this has been a huge amount of work and that most of the preparation has been done in Tammy's own time. Significantly Tammy even managed to complete this six months earlier than originally planned. Well done Tammy ... a fantastic achievement.

As an important benefit directly arising from this superlative effort by Tammy, VOAMK is now accredited to take babies from 6 weeks old in childcare and Tammy is effectively qualified to direct a baby-toddler care facility. Not only will this provide a much-needed service to those parents with new babies and children enrolled in the school, but also it is a

widening of services and income available to Massada College and the Kindy. The Kindergarten committee is presently assessing what changes need to be made to the building, facilities, staffing and curriculum to implement childcare for the very young. VOAMK currently receives children from 3 years old in long-day care. This is a very exciting development for the future.

Also it is worth noting here the value of our teachers. Sigal Tish, mother of May, Gaya and Noa, is a qualified teacher and has joined the staff as our Hebrew teacher. In her "free time", Sigal has embarked on a Doctorate of Education in Literacy at UniSA, having already completed a Masters Degree. Her thesis will be based on comparing the unique methods of teaching children to read at Massada College with those methods used in Israeli schools. This is just another shining example highlighting the effectiveness and achievements of Massada teachers in learning. The Board would also like to thank our appointed Marketing Communications person Sonja Bar-Am, mother of two boys in Playgroup (Plug: Thursday mornings 10-12 at VOAMK). Her

energy and focus in getting through the mountainous tasks are greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work all! Regards until next week.

*Shaun Lee, President,
Board of Governors*

Staff Changes

As from next week, Mary (Year 6/7 Class Teacher) will be on 5 weeks Long Service Leave and will return at the commencement of Term IV.

During her absence, Mrs. Julie Bell will be covering her class. Welcome Julie!

We wish Mary a relaxing and restful break and a wonderful holiday in Tassie.

Congratulations

To Ethan and Lisa who have been selected to represent Massada College at a Youth Forum established by the Member for Sturt, the Hon. Christopher Pyne, MP. The purpose of this forum is to create an active forum for youth in the community where young people may express concerns and form stronger communal bonds for the future.

Congratulations Lisa and Ethan - your valuable contribution will help to shape the future of youth in our society.

NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

As advised last week, our Premier's Reading Challenge is nearing closure. Students need to complete their tally sheets and return them to their class teacher by Monday, 28th August.

Activities Week

A reminder that Activities Week will be held in Week 7 (4th—7th September). A notice with full details will be sent home with your child next week.

Can You Help?

We still need volunteers for help with food preparation etc. Please add your name to the board placed outside the school office.

We also need **large pieces of bark and large cardboard tubes** for various activities. If you can help, please send them along to school as soon as possible.

Pet Bedding

The Kindy is disposing of some cot-size mattresses which are excess to their requirements. If anyone would like them for their pets, (or any other use you may have for them), please collect from outside the canteen.

Scholastic Book Clubs

Orders and payment due to Wendy by Monday, 4th September.

Early Morning Arrivals

A reminder that students must not be dropped off at school before 8.00 a.m. when a staff member is available for supervision. We are only legally responsible for their care from that time onwards and as a duty of care issue, it is imperative that they do not enter the grounds unsupervised prior to that time.

JSHAA Poetry Competition

Due to small numbers registered to participate in the JSHAA Poetry Competition next Thursday (31/8) at St. Peter's College, all students will perform from 2.30 p.m. onwards.

Please note the change of time for Year 7 participants.

P & F NEWS פוד

Hot Dog Roster - We still need more volunteers—please add your name to the roster on the noticeboard.

Chocolate Drive—Only 2 weeks to go – keep selling (*or eating!*) those Freddos.

SRC NEWS


- S** Super cool!
- R** Really exciting!
- C** Cooler than any other year.
- F** Funny stalls and much more!
- A** All the yummy food and things to make and do!
- I** It's on in Week 7 on Wednesday
- R** Really, come and see all the great stalls and see all the fun!

Tickets for use at the Fair—10 cents each; 10 for \$1.00

STUDENTS' WORK

Aboriginal Incursion

We met a man called Andrew in the Kindy last Friday.

 He taught us about Aborigines.

We saw some musical instruments, like a didgeridoo, clapping sticks and a bull roarer. We each made a didgeridoo.

We saw a boomerang



Andrew told us the Dreaming story of "How the Birds got their Colours" and then we decorated bird shapes with colourful feathers.

Andrew showed us how to make music with the tapping sticks.


We saw the Aboriginal flag and some pictures of Aboriginal football players.

Andrew taught us lots of things. He was great!

By the Reception/Year One Class



Habo

Trivia 

Night

Where: Rose Harrison Hall

When: 2nd September 2006
7.30—10.30 p.m.

Who: Year 6+ and parents

Cost: \$5 Adults and children
\$20 per family

Bring: Snacks to share with your table

For more information, please call Nicole on 0417 852 833