As the school year begins for 2008 we would like to welcome back previous students and give a special welcome to the new children who have joined our school family. The new year brings with it excitement as children look forward to the changes that they will be experiencing through the various learning programs. Change for others however is challenging and we have provided support to assist these children in coping with their new environments. We would like to welcome our new families, and we look forward to getting to know you through the various school activities.

I would like to offer a welcome to our new staff who have joined the team. Mr Bob Warner will be in Classroom 7, Mr Greg Butler in Classroom 6 and Mrs Janine Buckley with the Reception class on Fridays. Lili, our chaplain from two years ago, has completed her studies and is returning to work with us again. We look forward to her involvement in the school once again as she takes the classes for Christian Faith Development for one lesson each week.

I would like to encourage all parents to attend the Information Night and BBQ scheduled for February 18. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff and other families within the school. We hope to see you there.

As staff we have chosen the theme of “Healthy, Wealthy and Wise” as we focus on teaching the children how to develop their health and physical fitness as well as their knowledge of good living. With Christ as the author of all wisdom, we will also focus on how getting to know Jesus helps each of us to make good choices in our daily living. As we begin our school year we are grateful to God for His love and guidance and know that He will be with us as we begin another school year.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Finishing Time Friday
Please note that due to the Swimming/Aquatics program, school will finish at 3.15pm (not 2.30pm) this Friday only.

Parent Information Night & BBQ
Monday, February 18
On Monday evening, February 18, we will be holding our Information Night. As part of the program, this year, we would invite all families to come along prior to the evening at 6.00pm and enjoy a BBQ with staff and families of the school. We would ask that each family bring along the meat/vegetarian items they wish to BBQ and the school will provide the rest – bread, salads, sauce, BBQ’s etc.
You may also like to bring along your fold-up chairs… Cans of drink and ice creams will be available for sale on the night.

We look forward to your involvement on the night. If you plan to attend please complete the enclosed form to assist us with catering.

Classroom Presentation Times
Following the BBQ we will have our Parent Information Evening with the classroom teachers.
7.30pm Classroom 1, 2, 4, 5, 10
8.00pm Classroom 3, 6, 7, 8

Parent Information Session
Listening to Children Read
Tuesday, February 26 in Classroom 11 at 9.00am
Mrs Enid Street will be holding an information session for those parents who would like to learn more about how to support their children in reading, to assist them in developing good reading skills.

Chess Club
Once again this year the students have the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime session of playing chess. They will be learning while playing! A form is enclosed for those who wish to participate. Please complete the form and return no later than Friday, February 15.

After School Sports
Once again our school will be offering an After School Sport Program on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from Week 3 to Week 9. There will be no cost to parents and children will be supervised by a staff member, while being taught skills by qualified instructors.

The sports that are being offered in Term 1 include Broomball on Tuesdays and T-Ball on Wednesdays. If your child is interested participating, please complete the enclosed consent form (both sides of page) and return it to school immediately. To participate, all students must be registered with OSHC but will not be charged OSHC fees if collected by 5.00pm. If you don’t regularly use OSHC and have not already completed a registration form, please collect a form from the front office. Students are able to wear their Sports Uniform for the day if they are participating in the After School Sports Program.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Newsletter
Each fortnight, on a Thursday, you will receive a newsletter and other relevant information in your newsletter folders. Folders are sent home with the eldest child in the family. You are asked to remove and read the enclosed information and sign the front cover in the appropriate space. The folder is then to be returned to the Newsletter Return Box located in each classroom, preferably by the following Monday. You may use the newsletter folder to return any forms, accounts or information to the school. When collected it will be passed onto the appropriate staff member. Your cooperation in promptly returning your folder will be greatly appreciated.

Fill-in Forms
Enclosed you will find a booklet of fill-in forms regarding various activities throughout the year. Please complete the relevant forms and return in your newsletter folder or to the front office by the end of Week 2. Please note that some forms are printed on both sides of the page. Your cooperation and prompt response is greatly appreciated.

School Fees
Term 1 Fees statements will be posted to you shortly. To receive the early payment discount, please check the allocated date on your statement. Prompt payment of accounts is always appreciated.
School Card
Application forms for School Card are enclosed. If you are eligible for School Card please complete the form and return to school before February 13. If you need more information on school card, please see Trish in the front office.

School Dental Service
For parents wanting to enrol their children for the School Dental Service, please note that enrolments must be made directly with the clinic and not through the school. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

Change of School Starting Time
This year a decision has been made by staff to extend the lunch play for the students and start school at 8.45am. We would encourage all parents to ensure their children arrive on time, and if children are late, they need to collect a late pass from student reception.

Teachers, including specialist staff, will be opening their classrooms at 8.30 should parents need to briefly catch up with them prior to the school day beginning. We would encourage brief conversations at this time so all parents will have access to the teacher as required. Teachers on duty will not be available on their allocated morning.

This term duty teachers are:
- Monday – Mrs Street
- Tuesday – Mr Warner
- Wednesday – Mrs O’Sullivan
- Thursday – Mr Butler
- Friday- Miss Till

Sports Day
Please note our Sports Day will be held in Term 3 this year not Term 1. Please mark Friday, August 29 in your calendars.

Lunch Orders
Our school does not have a canteen but we are able to order lunches from the Reynella South Canteen. Parents need to supply their own lunch bags. Student’s name, classroom and order need to be clearly written on the lunch bag with money enclosed. Order need to be place in the boxes provided in each classroom by 8.50am each day.

Please note that the canteen is closed on Tuesdays, so no lunch orders on Tuesdays. The canteen price list is enclosed with the current list of available items and prices. Please refer to this list when ordering.

Koorong Kids
Enclosed is a catalogue from Koorong Bookstore with offers on Christian books, DVDs, music and other items at discount prices. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form on the back page. Please return your order, with payment, to the front office no later than Friday, February 29. The school is able to keep 10% of all sales, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop
As a school we would like to encourage all parents to support their children in ensuring they are wearing the correct uniform.

The Uniform Shop, located on the right just past the OSHC building, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 8.45-9.15am and 3.00-3.30pm. Secondhand items are also available and if you have uniform items that you no longer need that are still in good condition, you can bring them to the uniform shop to be sold. You might just have what someone else is looking for!

Tissues for the Classroom
Every student is asked to bring a box of tissues to be used in their own classroom throughout the year. While the school provides a certain amount, your contribution helps to ensure there is a constant supply of tissues for use by the students in their classroom (particularly useful in the colder months!). Your tissue box can be given to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you.

From Mrs Crowe
Our animals in the Science Room will once again need carers over the weekends. If your family is able to take care of any of the animals at any time, please complete the enclosed form and return to school ASAP. A roster will then be organised.

Wedding Bells!
During the holiday break Donna Kellow (SSO & OSHC Director) and her partner Mark were married. We extend to them our congratulations and wish them all the best for the future. Please note she is now Mrs Palmer.

Also, our Chaplain Lili, was married to Matt in December last year. Lili has changed her challenging Polish surname for an Italian name, she is now Mrs Panozzo. Congratulations to Matt and Lili and all the best for the future. We look forward to having Lili as part of our community again.
School Assembly
School Assembly is held on Monday mornings at 9.00am in the Church. Full School Assemblies will be held on even weeks and Junior School Assemblies on the odd weeks. Parents who are able, are welcome to attend Assembly.

Timetable for Term 1
Week 2  Full School  Classroom 5
Week 3  Junior School  Classroom 2
Week 4  Full School  Classroom 10
Week 5  Junior School  Classroom 8
Week 6  Full School  Classroom 4
Week 7  No Assembly  Public Holiday
Week 8  Full School  Classroom 6
Week 9  No Assembly  Easter Holiday
Week 10  Full School  Classroom 7
Week 11  Junior School  Classroom 3

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Morphett Vale Church
Adventurers
Children aged 5-9 years old are invited to join the Adventurers Club on the first Saturday of each month from 6.30-9.00pm. Come along for games, crafts, singing, stories and lots of fun. Any enquiries contact Liz Hill on 8322 3052.

Playgroup
Please note that Playgroup (usually held in the Hall) is closed until further notice. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you to those who have supported the program.

Aussie Hoops
The Basketball Association of South Australia has developed a modified basketball program for children between 5-11 years. Aussie Hoops will provide your child with a fun, learning experience that covers the basics of basketball. Programs held at Morphett Vale Stadium, States Road from 4.30-5.30pm starting Friday, February 8 and Noarlunga Leisure Centre, David Witton Drive from 4.00-5.00pm starting Wednesday, February 6. Cost is $10 registration plus $3.50 per week. Contact Deb Behrndt on 0438 893 423.

Soccer Academy (European Football Institute)
The Academy Program is open to girls and boys from the ages of 6 to Under 19 and is based on attendance at one session per week. The program runs from January through to the end of November. Monday nights 6.30-8.00pm at The Cove Sports & Community Club, Oval Road, Hallett Cove. For further information contact Aldo Maricic on 0419 829 883.

Noarlunga Netball Club
Looking for new players, Juniors (9-15 years) and Seniors (16+) or anyone interested in umpiring and/ or coaching. Noarlunga Netball Club competes in two Associations—Southern Hills and Adelaide Metropolitan. Games are usually on Saturdays. Trials will be held in February and March. For further details contact Rebecca Cole on 0412 023 931.

MILO Have A Go Cricket
What?: A fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls aged 5-7 years old
Where?: Bice Oval (Christies Ave, Christies Beach)
When?: Starting Friday 8th February
Time?: 4-5pm
How?: Simply turn up at the first session to register
Cost?: $35 per participant All participants receive a MILO Have A Go Cricket Kit including a bat, ball, bucket hat, water bottle, CD-ROM, t-shirt and a sachet of MILO. Further details contact Alice Johnswood on 8300 3838.

Online Tutor Program
The City of Onkaparinga Libraries offer a range of programs to support schools and students. This includes a program to assist with homework through ‘Online Tutor’. Take the stress out of homework with an online demonstration of “yourtutor”. An information session for parents, teachers and students in Years 4—12. Thursday, February 7 from 4.00-5.00pm at Woodcroft Library. Bookings essential, phone 8384 0050.