FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 has begun with a flurry of activity. By all reports the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off went extremely well and many students were able to register for the Guinness Book of Records. Thank you to Mrs Michelle Meyles for her organisation of this event and the parents and volunteers who came along to assist us in meeting the requirements as a school.

This week the children in Years 3, 5 & 7 have completed the national assessments in literacy and numeracy. This is a difficult time for some children as they tend to be anxious but overall children have worked well.

Pets are an important part of children’s lives, but unfortunately each year a number of children are injured through being bitten by dogs. For this reason we have organised Delta Dog Safe to visit the school next week and talk to the children about their behaviour and how they can limit the risk of a dog bite.

Taking time out on long service leave helps you to appreciate the smaller things in life. Life is a gift and so often we are too busy with the mundane things of life to appreciate the individuals that are an integral part of our lives. I recently read an article entitled the Gift of Life, which I would like to share with you as we begin the new term….

If you wake up in the morning with more health than illness you are more blessed than the million who won’t survive the week;
If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world;
If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% in this world;
If you can read this message you are more blessed than over 2 million people in the world, who can’t read anything at all;
If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed, because the majority can, but most do not;
If you can hold someone’s hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder you are blessed, because you are not alone in the world.
You are blessed in many ways you may never know. Count your blessings and share them with others. Principals Digest Volume 10 Number 24

As we begin a new term my prayer is that each of us will take time to value and affirm those who are around us and recognise the importance of the families we share our lives with and how blessed we are to live in a country like Australia. God has promised to be with each of us and no matter what we are facing as individuals to know that God loves and cares for each of us makes a difference.

Have a good week.

Christine Clark

CALENDAR

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**COMING EVENTS**

Science Week  
Monday, 26 May—Thursday, 29 May  

Science Fair  
Week 5 is Science Week and during this time the students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. One of these activities is the opportunity to present an entry into the Science Fair. All entries must be submitted by Monday, May 26. The presentation of winners will take place on Thursday, May 29. There will be two winners for each grade, so start being creative.

Star Gazing Evening  
On Tuesday, May 27 the students (and parents) have the opportunity to participate in a SkyWatch session. Dean, from SkyWatch Astronomy Education, will be coming to guide us through a viewing of the night sky through telescopes. The cost is $5 per person (for both students and parents) who wish to participate. Parents are welcome to join in but you must have paid your $5. Parents not wishing to participate will need to drop their child/ren at school and return later to collect them.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the enclosed form and return to school by next Friday, May 16.

Science Dress Up Day  
On Thursday, May 29 students are invited to come in Fancy Dress as a famous scientist or a science project. There will be a Fancy Dress Parade followed by the presentation of Science Fair winners at 11.30am in the Hall.

School Council  
The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday evening, June 2 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Reference Committees  
If you are a member of a Reference Committee please note the date for your next meeting. They are as follows:

- OHSW Committee: May 21, 9.30am
- OSHC Committee: May 27, 9.00am
- Property Development: June 16, 7.00pm
- G&T Committee: June 18, 7.30pm

Pupil Free Day  
Please mark your calendars that Friday, June 6 is a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be operating, but bookings are essential.

Senior Choir  
Just a reminder that the Senior Choir will be going to St Peters for a musical festival rehearsal next Monday, May 19. They will leaving at 8.50am and returning at 1.00pm.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

Jump Rope Forms  
All Jump Rope Sponsorship forms are to be returned to the Heart Foundation, even if you didn’t have sponsors. Sponsorship forms with money enclosed as well as forms that have no sponsors must be returned, if possible by tomorrow, or at the latest by Wednesday of next week. Your prompt response is appreciated.

Road Safety  
Parents, and other drivers, are reminded that in the interests of the safety of the children there is a speed limit around the school car park and along the driveways (including the church driveway). Please slow down and take extra care when dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you.

Sunsmart Policy – Wearing of Hats  
As a sunsmart school and following advice from the Cancer Council, our policy has been modified to be in line with their recommendations. Children will not be required to wear hats from Week 5 of Term 2 until Week 7 of Term 3, unless the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 and above. This is printed in the paper each day and will be checked.

Studs – ear-rings  
At a recent meeting of the school council discussion was given to the wearing of studs. A decision has been made to allow children to wear studs with a clear stone due to the difficulty some parents have been having in purchasing quality studs in plain gold and silver. We are conscious of the importance of children not having recurring infections. Please note sleepers and coloured stones are not permitted.
School Counselling
As a school we believe the development of the socio-emotional skills of children is critical to their success in life. Children may have the academic skills, but without the personal skills to integrate effectively and work with others, their abilities can be lost in inappropriate behaviours and personal doubt. Mrs Clark and Mrs Drillis have been involved in determining groups of children who would benefit from further support in the areas of friendships, self esteem, anger management and grief counselling. Assessments have been made using some standardised tests like the Piers Harris Self-Concept Scale as well as tools like Class Sociometric Studies. We have also analysed behaviour records from the school to see if there are underlying contributing factors to certain behaviours so we can support the child in developing their skills in managing conflict and challenging situations. The lists have not yet been finalised, and if you wish to make comment in regards to your child being involved in one of the programs, please contact Mrs Clark by phone, interview or email cclark@prescottsouthern.sa.edu.au. Parents will be contacted by letter if your children are to be included in the program.

Electronic Devices – use on School Buses
At a recent meeting of the school council a decision was made to allow children to use various electronic games and MP3 players on the school buses to enable the trip to be a little more enjoyable. The devices will be kept on the school buses and not allowed to be taken off the bus. It will be the responsibility of the parent to give the device to the bus driver for their child’s use and the driver will collect them at the end of each trip.

Hungry Animals
The guinea pig and rabbit in the Science Room have big appetites. If you could send along veggie scraps they would appreciate it very much. Most fruit and vegetables are suitable except for white vegetables like potato, onion, cauliflower. Brown bread is also suitable.

Attention OSHC Parents
We are in the process of changing to a new accounting system for OSHC accounts which we are required to do to maintain our OSHC license and Child Care Benefit.

OSHC parents will find a form enclosed that needs to be completed and returned urgently in order for you to continue to receive your Child Care Benefits. The new system requires the birthdate of both children and parents by June 2008. All information you provide will remain confidential.

Please complete the form and return it to school or OSHC marked “Attention Donna Palmer”. This matter is urgent so your prompt response is necessary. Thank you.

Edalive Software Order
There is an Edalive Computer Software order that does not have a name on it. If you ordered from Edalive and haven’t received your order yet, please come to Student Reception.

FUNDRAISING

Entertainment Books
Thank you to those who have already returned their entertainment books or money. If you haven’t returned yours yet, please note that the absolute deadline for returning books and money is next Friday, May 23.

Mothers Day Stall
We hope the Mothers enjoyed any gifts that they received from the Mothers Day Stall. A big thank you to those parents who gave of their time to help run the stall last week. Due to your support we were able to raise $119.70.

Recyclables
Don’t forget to keep bringing in your 5c refundable cans, bottles and cartons. They can be placed in the orange bin at the rear entrance of the office. Please remember to remove the lids from bottles before placing them into the bin. Every bit helps.

Wakakirri—Cartons Needed
Wakakirri is in desperate need of 1 litre milk cartons for making props. If your family could start collecting WASHED cartons and bring them to school it would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your donation “Wakakirri”. Thank you.
We also need hanging suit bags to keep costumes in. Check your cupboards and if you have any you can donate, it will be greatly appreciated.

Wakakirri Consent Forms
Just a reminder to those parents who haven’t yet completed and returned their child’s Wakakirri Consent Form to do so ASAP. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

QuitNow Program from June 5
Morphett Vale Adventist Church are conducting a QuitNow program for anyone wanting to stop smoking, with several health professionals presenting different sessions of the program. If you are looking for help to stop smoking or know of someone else who is, then you are invited to register for the QuitNow program. Please see enclosed flyer for details.

Prescott College Auction
Prescott College is holding its annual Auction Night and everyone is invited.
When? Saturday, May 17 starting 7.00pm
Where? Prospect Church Hall, Ballville Street
Entry? $2, includes an auction card
Come and enjoy a fundraising evening with a difference and support Prescott College.

Kids Rally
Saturday, June 14
3.00-5.00pm
Remember Pastor Dave who was our special guest at Spiritual Emphasis Week last year? Well, he is returning to Adelaide for a special Kids Rally on Saturday, June 14 at the Prospect International SDA Church, 7 Ballville Street, Prospect. There will be lots of exciting activities that will get you to ‘Look to Jesus’. The program is designed for children aged 5—12 years. There will also be a parent forum for those parents who would like to stay. Check out the enclosed flyer for details and we hope to see you there. You won’t want to miss the fun or Pastor Dave’s fantastic stories!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUMP ROPE FOR HEART AND SANITARIUM BREAKFAST

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