FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Change is often difficult for children to cope with and as the students have begun to settle into their classrooms, some are challenged with the new demands of their environment. It is often hard for children to adjust to the style of their new teacher, or the classmates they maybe weren’t with last year. However it is most important for children to be encouraged to persist with the feelings they might be having and be encouraged to put in the effort to make their new class a positive experience for them. I have enclosed a handout on persistence that you may find useful as parents in supporting your children.

Next week the teachers will be meeting with Bike Education personnel to learn of the their responsibilities in regards to our school being involved in Bike Education in Term 2. This is an extremely popular program available to schools and only available every few years to individual schools. The children will have the opportunity to learn about bike safety on a weekly basis and all children in Grades 4-7 will need to bring their bikes on Thursday each week for the event. We are arranging a place where children can store their bikes if required. I am sure the children will find this activity both enjoyable and educational.

Just a reminder that a volunteer training session that will be held at the school on Wednesday February 25 in the school library. All people who wish to be involved in school activities need to have a police check and where possible complete the volunteer training session. The safety of all children is important to us and we have these guidelines to ensure the children remain safe during school activities.

The Victorian bushfires have been a very sad event for us as a nation. Children have expressed their willingness to do something to assist the victims. It is pleasing to see students caring for others and wanting to make a difference. As a school we plan to do a special fundraising event in Week 5. The SRC Committee have begun planning this event…. more details later!! We would encourage all to pray for the families that they may feel God’s love and support at this difficult time.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Parent Information Session**
**Listening to Children Read**
**Tuesday, February 17**
**8.50am in Classroom 12**
Mrs 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.

**School Council**
Please be advised that the next meeting of the School Council will be held on Tuesday evening, February 17 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

**Volunteer Training Session**
A training session for those people who wish to volunteer their time at the school will be held on Wednesday, February 25. This will commence at 9.00am in the Library. If you have previously completed this training it is not necessary to attend again. If you are unable to attend on this date, please leave a message at the front office. Another session will be held later in the year.

**Clean Up Australia Day**
The students will be involved in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign on Friday, February 27 by clearing rubbish and tidying up around the school grounds. It would be appreciated if each student could bring their own plastic bag and gloves.

**Pupil Free Day**
Please mark in your calendars that Friday, March 6 will be a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be operating and bookings are essential.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Fill-in Forms**
Thank you to those parents who have returned their completed fill-in forms. It is important that we have this information ASAP. There are still a few families who have not returned their forms, if you could do so immediately it would be greatly appreciated.

**School Card Application Forms**
If you qualify for School Card, please ensure that you have completed the relevant form and return it to the front office ASAP. Thank you.

**Book Club**
Enclosed are catalogues from Scholastic Book Club. There is a catalogue for each age group with great bargains on a wide range of books. All orders earn points for the school to obtain books and resources for the library and classrooms.

If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form on the back page of the catalogue and return to school with payment enclosed. Please note that payment can be made by cash (correct money please), or by cheque made payable to Prescott Primary Southern (not Scholastic) or by credit card (by following the instructions on the coupon on the back page).

Any queries about ordering, please contact Mitsy Bullas in student reception. All orders must be returned no later than **Friday, February 20**. Thank you for your support.

**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 you order, with payment, to the front office no later than **Friday, February 27**. The school is able to keep 10% of all sales, so your support is greatly appreciated.

**Food for Animals**
The rabbit and guinea pig who reside in the Science Room would appreciate any food scraps you can send. Most fruit and vegetables are suitable except for white vegetables like potato, onion, cauliflower. Brown bread is suitable too. Thank you for your help to satisfy our appetites.

**Kids Canteen**
Students are able to purchase ice blocks/ice creams from Kids Canteen at lunchtime and recess.

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Noodles are available for lunch for $1.50 in either chicken or beef flavours.

**SRC Representatives**
The SRC representatives for this term are:
Karan Sabharwal (Chairperson)
Jasmine Werneburg (Secretary).
Reminders

School Starting Time
Just a reminder that school begins at 8.45am. Teachers will be opening their classrooms at 8.30am. We would encourage all parents to ensure their children arrive on time. If children are late, they need to collect a late pass from student reception.

School Hats
As a Sun Smart school our policy is No Hat No Play especially during Term 1. Please ensure your child has their hat each day to wear while outside. A few spare hats are available but please encourage your child to take care of their hat. Names on hats and other uniform items will assist us in returning lost items to their owners. Also, don’t forget that children with hair that is longer than their collar need to have their hair tied back.

Can You Help?

Library Books
If anyone has some time to spare and would like to help by covering some library books, please see Mrs Little who would appreciate your assistance.

Recycling
Is there anyone who would be willing to take the recyclable bottles/cans etc. to the Recycling Depot? This involves emptying the recycling bin and taking the deposits to the depot. If you can help, please notify the front office. Thank you.

Volunteer Cinema Day 2009
National Volunteer Week will be celebrated from 11-17 May— “Everyday people, extraordinary contribution”. The work of volunteers makes a difference in so many ways. To recognise and celebrate the essential role of volunteers, the City of Onkaparinga is hosting a Cinema Day for volunteers on Monday, May 11 at Wallis Noarlunga Cinema Centre.

Movies will be screened at 10.00am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm, 6.30pm & 8.30pm. Tickets are free for volunteers who regularly provide service to our school community (one ticket per volunteer only). If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please leave a message at the front office with your name and preferred session time by Monday, March 2. Your ticket and movie guide will be sent to you before the movie day.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
To get our fundraising program started for the year, you will find a Spring Bulb catalogue and order form enclosed. You have the opportunity to collect orders for Garden Express Spring Bulbs, so you can look forward to a beautiful display of flowers in spring.

There will be a prize basket for the 2 families who raise the most money. All orders and money must be returned to school no later than Friday, March 13. Thank you for your support.

Recyclables
We are still collecting refundable bottles, cans, cartons etc. which now have a 10c deposit. Please leave your refundable containers in the orange bin at the rear of the office. Please remember to remove the lids from any bottles before putting them into the bin. Every bit helps, so thank you.

Remove the word ‘problem’ from your vocabulary and replace it with ‘challenge’. Life will suddenly become a lot more interesting and enjoyable.

Donna Watson
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get in2 School Cricket
Southern District School Cricket caters for all ages and encourages fun and participation.
Senior Twenty20 Year 6/7’s
Junior 12/12 Year 4/5’s
Kanga 6’s Hackham Year 2/3’s
Kanga 6’s Tatachilla Year 2/3’s
4/5’s & 6/7’s Lightening Carnival Saturday, February 21 at Bice Oval, Christies Beach.
Please contact Brendan Murphy on 0447 081 634 or Bmurphy@saca.com.au for more information.

Free Cricket Passes
We have a few free passes for the Ford Ranger Cup match between SA & Qld on Wednesday, February 18. This entitles you to free adult entry with every child ticket purchased. If you are interested, please collect a pass from the front office.

2009 Junior Sprints
Want to be a part of the biggest ‘Come N Try’ Swimming competition in South Australia? Area finals are being held right across the state at a pool near you from 13-15 February. All events are 50m in length. All swimmers aged 13 & under are welcome to attend. Entry to the competition is free (some pools may charge an entry fee). You do not have to be a member of a swimming club to participate. To find out how to enter visit www.swimmingsa.org.au to see the venue nearest to you.

Try An Instrument Night
The Adelaide Advent Band (a concert band operated by the Adventist churches in Adelaide) invites you to join us in a “Try an Instrument Night”. Please come along and have a great night trying instruments you may be interested in learning, or even brushing up your skills. This will be held on Tuesday, February 17 from 7.00-8.00pm at the Trinity Gardens Adventist Church Hall, cnr Albermarle Ave & Portrush Road. For further information or enquiries contact John on 8325 1715 or 0427 032 901.

MILO in2CRICKET
A fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls aged 5-7 hears old.
Where? Bice Oval, Christies Beach
When? Starting February 13
Time? 4.00-5.00pm
How? Simply turn up at the first session to register
Cost? $45 per participant
All participants receive a MILO in2CRICKET Kit including a bat, ball, bucket hat, t-shirt, activity booklet, sticker-stumps & sachet of Milo. To find other locations log onto www.in2cricket.com.au.

Kids Taekwondo
Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Self Respect
Hallett Cove R-12 School Hall
Gleedsdale Roade, Hallett Cove
From 6.00pm Tuesday
Reynella South Primary School Gym
Sherriffs Road, Reynella
From 6.00pm Thursday
Kids can start at age 5.
Enquiries phone 0412 909 500 or 0418 832 413 or visit www.worldtaekwondo.com.au.

Beachhouse Carrickalinga
Weekend or off peak weeks. Set up for family holidays or quiet getaways. Sleeps 8. Five minute walk to beach. Peaceful, relaxing location. Fully equipped and ducted air conditioning.
$80 per night.
Phone Michelle for enquiries on 8381 2225.

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