FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe the school term is almost over. Due to our school camps this will be the last newsletter for the term. Term 1 has been a positive time for the school. One of the highlights has been the promise of funds from the government for repairs and maintenance and construction of specific buildings. As a school we have submitted an application for maintenance/interactive whiteboards/computers to the value of $125,000 and plan to submit an application for a new library within the next couple of weeks to the value of $2 million dollars. This is one of the specific buildings that could attract money... and since our original library was designed for 170 children, we felt it was a good opportunity to build a place that could better meet the needs of the school. It is great that this money has been made available and we will notify you when our application is approved. The two new classrooms have gone to tender and it is expected that we will be signing a contract relatively soon for work to begin. It is great that we are able to develop new facilities at limited cost to the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next Tuesday and this is a time to share with teachers about the learning of your child. Communication is important between home and school and as staff we appreciate the feedback you give so we are better able to meet the needs of your children. As a school we have recently purchased a package to enable us to send text messages to remind you as parents about various school activities. This we hope will support you as parents as you juggle the demands of family and work.

As we come to Easter and the time of celebrating the gift of Jesus for everyone, we as a school will be celebrating His love as part of our Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Our theme for the week continues our school theme - Helping Hands and the children are going to be learning about how they can make a difference in their own home as well as the wider community. It will be a time of fun and learning as we help children appreciate the importance of caring for the community around them. The speaker for the week is Andrew Kohlbee. On Saturday he will be presenting the church service at the Morphett Vale SDA church and families are welcome to join us at 11.30am.

Next term I will be on leave from weeks 4-9 as have been invited by the church to be part of a Reformation Tour through Europe and England, which will look at the development of the Christian church through time. I have never travelled to Europe so greatly appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this program. In my absence Michelle Meyles will be taking on the role of Principal and will be working full time.

Wishing you a safe and blessed Easter and a happy school holiday time with your children.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark

CALENDAR

Tuesday
March 31
Parent/Teacher Appointment Card Enclosed

Week 10
March 30—April 3
Week of Spiritual Emphasis

Saturday
April 4
Praise Program
11.30am in the Church
Lunch Provided

Monday-Thursday
April 6—9
Grade 5/6/7 Camp
Mt Gambier

Monday-Wednesday
April 6—8
Grade 3/4 Camp
Pendleton Farm

Wednesday-Thursday
April 8—9
Grade 1/2 Camp
Victor Harbor

Thursday
April 9
Last Day of Term

Monday
April 27
Term 2 Begins
Winter Uniform
COMING EVENTS

Spiritual Emphasis Week
Next week the students will be participating in a special worship program each day. We have a guest speaker joining us, Pastor Andrew Kohlbee, to share some exciting stories with the children. There will be lots of great music and other activities to remind the students about our theme of “Helping Hands”.

Invitation to Grand Finale
On Saturday, April 4 our Spiritual Emphasis program will conclude with a Grand Finale presentation to be held in the Church from 11.30am. All parents, family and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the program. This will be an opportunity to see some of what the students have been experiencing through the week. There will be student involvement in the program including a special item. Following the program, lunch will be provided in the Hall and everyone is invited to come and join in a time of fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, March 31
For those parents who have requested an interview with their child’s teacher an appointment card is enclosed. There were more requests than usual, so we have done our best to accommodate everyone. Please wait outside your child’s classroom at the appointed time. It would be appreciated if you could keep in mind that the teachers have a tight schedule to keep to and interviews must finish on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Camps
Students will be off on camp in Week 11. It would be appreciated if camp fees could be paid before your child leaves for camp. Thank you.

Term 2 Begins
Term 2 will commence on Monday, April 27 and students will be required to wear winter uniform. If the weather is unseasonable warm when Term 2 begins, students may continue to wear their summer uniform to suit the weather conditions. Please ensure that they are dressed in either full winter or full summer uniform, not a combination of both.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on Thursday, April 23 from 11.00am—1.00pm. Please check your cupboards to see if you need to purchase any winter uniform items. During the term the Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8.45-9.15am & 3.00-3.30pm.

Winter Uniform for Term 2
Please encourage your child to have pride in their uniform by ensuring they are dressed in correct uniform each day. Thank you.

Girls Winter Uniform
Regulation pinafore (Rec-Year 4) or Skirt (Yr 5-7)
White long-sleeve shirt with pointed collar
School regulation tie
Navy blue v-necked jumper with logo
White knee-high or ankle socks or navy tights
(Grade 6/7 can wear black stockings)
Black lace-up or buckled polished school shoes
Blue, white or maroon hair ties, clips, etc.

Boys Winter Uniform
White long-sleeve tuck-in shirt
College grey school trousers
(long cotton cargo pants are not permitted)
School regulation tie
Navy blue v-necked jumper with logo
Grey socks & black lace-up polished school shoes

Sports Uniform
Navy trackpants or shorts
Light blue or navy blue T-shirt
(long or short sleeve)
Navy blue v-necked school jumper
White or navy blue sports socks
Sports shoes and hats are still required

Last Day of Term
This will be the last Newsletter for this term. Just a reminder that school finishes on Thursday, April 9 at the usual time of 3.15pm, with most students returning from camp.
Message from OSHC
Last week OSHC changed over to the new Child Care Management System (CCMS). Our new CCMS management system has brought changes upon us that will take some getting used to.

If you have received an account and your CCB% entitlement has not been applied this may mean we may not have the CRN holders date of birth, family CRN number or child/ren’s CRN number. We need each of these details on our new system for your CCB% to be processed. If you have not returned your OSHC enrolment forms, please do this ASAP. We need the information it contains to be able to put children onto the new CCMS system.

Vacation Care
Places are filling fast for Vacation Care in the next holidays. If you need to make a booking, please make sure you do so immediately and please make sure there is a parent signature on all booking/excursion forms. Thank you.

Parking Procedures
Parents are reminded that if you use the Church driveway and park near the Hall, please keep clear of the bus parking area which is directly outside the Hall. Even if the buses are not parked there when you arrive you may be obstructing their way later. Please keep all roadways clear and remember to watch your speed for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Book Club
Enclosed you will find a special Easter Clearance Sale catalogue from the people at Book Club. To take advantage of the special prices in this catalogue, orders must be returned to school no later than next Tuesday, March 31. Payment can be made in cash, cheque (made payable to Prescott Primary Southern) or credit card (follow instructions on back page of catalogue). You may be interested to know that Scholastic were able to donate over 5500 books to children affected by the Victorian bushfires. We thank you for your continued support of the Book Club program.

Library Books
Just a reminder that all outstanding library books must be returned by the end of next week, Friday April 3. Replacement accounts will be sent out to cover the cost of books that are not returned. Thank you for your cooperation in making the library a place that everyone can enjoy.

Lunchtime Chess Club
We have had an exciting time this term at Lunchtime Chess Club which will be offered again next term on Tuesdays and Wednesdays commencing in Week 2. If your child is not already a regular chess player but would like to join please ask at the front office for a consent form. All regular players will find their consent form enclosed.

After School Sports
Students will be able to participate in the After School Sports activities again next term. The activities being offered for Term 2 are Lacrosse on Tuesdays and Gymnastics on Wednesdays. The program will commence in Week 2. Students are supervised from the close of school and need to be collected by 5.00pm or they will be sent to OSHC where the normal fees apply. Enclosed you will find a consent form. If your child wishes to participate, please complete the form and return it before the end of this term.

Care of Animals
The animals in the Science Room continue to need carers over the weekends. If your family is able to take care of any of the animals at any time during Term 2, please complete the enclosed form and return to school before the end of this term. A roster will be organised and sent out in the new term. Thank you for your help and thank you also for the yummy food that is donated for the rabbit and guinea pig, they love it!

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to all those who have returned their orders. These orders will be processed shortly and then the winners of the prize baskets can be announced. Thank you for your support of our first fundraiser for the year.

10c Refundables
Don’t forget to keep collecting your refundable cans, bottles, cartons etc. and placing them in the orange bin at the rear of the office. Every bit helps.

Mothers Day Stall
Thank you to those who have already sent donations of items for our Mothers Day Stall. Any donations can be left at Student Reception until the end of the term. Please keep in mind that the Mothers Day Stall will be operating in Week 2 of next Term.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Books For Sale
If anyone needs Guitar Music Books—Julio Sagreras Books 1-3, please contact Michelle on 8381 2225. These are available for sale at $35.

Netball Holiday Clinics
Come and be taught by some of Adelaide’s elite players at ETSA Park.
Fun Net (5-7 years)
Wednesday, 15 April, 9.30-11.30 $20
Netta (8-10 years)
Thursday, 16 April, 10am-3pm $40 lunch provided
Netball (11-16 years)
Friday, 17 April, 10am-4pm $45 lunch provided
Application forms can be downloaded from Netball SA website: www.netballsa.asn.au or phone the office on 8238 0500.

Wirreanda High School
Specialist Sport Course
The school would like to invite interested students currently in Years 5, 6, or 7 and their parents to attend an information evening in the school’s new gymnasium from 7pm on Tuesday, March 31. Sports available for 2010 include basketball, netball, AFL, soccer, cricket, volleyball and Hip Hop dance.
There will be practical demonstrations of some sports, as well as the opportunity to ask questions. An Information Package will be available on the night. For further information please call the Sports Office on 8329 7230.

O’Sullivan Beach/Lonsdale Football Club
The Junior Football club is looking for players for this season. All aus-kick 2/3’s, 4/5’s & 6/7’s more than welcome. Training on Tuesday & Friday to the end of the season. Come and join the footy fun next the Morphett Vale High School on Sherriffs Road.

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YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Some of the students from Classroom 5 had the opportunity on Monday to attend the Young Leaders Day program and hear presentations from various community leaders. The purpose of the program is to assist the students in learning how they can have a positive impact in the lives of their fellow students and the whole school community. This is what they had to say about it:

“At Leadership Day I learnt a lot about being a good leader. I learnt that a good leader needs courage, patience and they need to have it in them to keep trying no matter what and much more. The speakers were people like Cosi, David Harris, Katrina Webb, Dale Elliot and the Police Commissioner for SA. It was a great day.”

Madeline Caines

“At Leadership Day I learnt that a good leader needs integrity. We also heard from Cosi, David Harris, Katrina Webb, Dale Elliot and the South Australian Police Commissioner.”

Karan Sabharwal

“We went to Young Leaders Day on Monday, 23rd. We had 5 speakers that came to speak to us. We learnt lots about being leaders like playing at your team’s strengths and being positive. My favourite saying was “If you’ve bitten off more than you can chew you’d better chew really fast”. I liked the poem that Megan Dredge, our Host, said; “We’re all leaders, yes it’s true; We’re all leaders, how about you?” I thought the whole thing was AWESOME.”

Jasmine Werneburg

On the 23rd March, 8 students went to Young Leaders Day where we meet our host, Megan Dredge as well as Cosi, Katrina Webb, Commissioner Malcolm Hyde, David Harris and Dale Elliott. The day was full of experience and laughter. We learnt about how to use our strengths and not our weaknesses. We also learnt to be brave and never give up.”

Melanie Clark