Welcome back to Term 2 and the new students who have joined our school. Two students have joined us from Korea making our enrolments at capacity in the current classes.

Last Friday evening I had the joy of attending the ANZAC Youth Vigil in the South with our school representatives chosen by the SRC – Zoe Thomas and Jordan Bigatton. The “Ceremony of Remembrance” was held at the Eternal Flame Memorial Gardens. This was an opportunity for schools to lay a token of respect and to support the spirit of ANZAC as younger members of the community.

Memories are an important part of our lives and each day as a school community we are creating memories for children about what they think of school and learning. For some children school is a real challenge as they find the development of literacy skills considerably difficult. For others school is a joy and it is a place where they can spend time doing the things that come naturally to them and feel success with their achievements. As a staff at Prescott our goal is to help all students have positive memories about their time at primary school and do what we can to assist them in feeling positive about their learning. We trust that as parents you will communicate with us your concerns when you see this might not be happening for your child. Your child having positive memories about school is important to us.

NAPLAN Assessments will be held across Australia on May 12,13 &14. All children in Grades 3,5 & 7 will be required to sit these tests unless parents have signed a form asking them to be exempted or withdrawn. If your child is in one of these grades and you would like them to not complete the assessments, please contact the front office for the required form to be signed.

As we go through this term we know that God will be with us as our Guide and Friend. The Bible provides us with many stories of “memories” of those who walked and talked with Jesus and as we learn of their experiences it helps us to create a picture of who Jesus is and how He loves and accepts each of us.

Have a great week

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Bike Ed**
The Bike Ed program started today and will continue until Week 7. Just a reminder that your child’s bike needs to be at school every Thursday or if you would like it kept on school grounds for the duration of the program, we are able to keep them in a locked area.

**Mothers Day Stall**
**Monday 4 May—Friday 8 May**
Each morning next week there will be a Mothers Day Stall on the colonnade where you can come and browse for the perfect Mothers Day gift. There will be a wide variety of items at various prices. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

**School Council**
The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Tuesday evening, May 5 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

**Reference Committee Meetings**
If you are involved in any of our Reference Committees, please note the following dates and times for your next meeting:
- G & T Committee: Monday 4 May at 7.30pm
- OHS&W Committee: Wednesday 6 May at 12.45pm
- OSHC Committee: Friday 8 May at 9.00am
- Fundraising Committee: Friday 15 May at 9.15am
- Prescott Fair Committee: Monday 25 May at 7.30pm
  (at the home of Helen Petherick)
Thank you for your contribution to the school program by participating in these committees.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**School Start Time**
Just a reminder that school begins at 8.45am. Students who arrive after this time must get a late pass from Student Reception. The school yard is supervised from 8.30am and any students arriving before 8.30am must be at OSHC, as they cannot be in the school yard unsupervised. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Message from Bus Drivers**
A reminder to regular bus users that if your child is not going to be on the bus of a morning, please contact the bus driver direct on their mobile to avoid them making an unnecessary stop. Thank you.

**Muddy Grounds**
The rain has been a welcome relief from the dry conditions. Unfortunately we do have a few places in the school where grass has not covered the areas. As staff we endeavour to keep the children out of the “mud”. We would appreciate your support as parents in helping the children to respect their school uniforms and keep clean while in the playground.

**School Lock Down Procedures**
We recently reviewed our security policies including the procedures necessary to follow during an emergency situation. Parents need to be aware that if lock down procedures are activated at either the beginning or end of school hours, that parents must go to their cars and stay in the vehicle until the all clear is given. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Lunchtime Chess**
Lunchtime Chess will be starting again in Week 2 on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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. The cost is $28 and a consent must be signed and returned in order for your child to participate.

**After School Sports**
The After School Sports program for this term begins next week. The program includes Lacrosse on Tuesdays and Gymnastics on Wednesdays. There are still some places available in Lacrosse. Gymnastics has proven to be very popular and we have had to put some children on a waiting list. Enclosed you will find a letter, please check to see if your child is registered to participate or if they have been placed on the waiting list.

Students will be supervised by a teacher and move as a group to the sport area together. Students are to be collected by 5.00pm or they will be sent to OSHC where normal fees apply.

**Book Club**
The latest Book Club catalogues are enclosed. Please return orders and payment by Monday, May 11. If paying by cheques, please make cheques payable to Prescott Primary Southern, not Scholastic. For credit card payments, please follow the instructions on the back page of the catalogue. Thank you for your support of the Book Club program which helps the school to gain extra resources.
Koorong Kids
The latest catalogue from Koorong Books is also enclosed. You will find Christian books, DVDs and other merchandise for all age groups at discount prices. All orders must be returned by Friday, May 15 with correct money enclosed. Payment is by cash or cheque only. Please make cheques payable to Prescott Primary Southern. Your support is appreciated as the school gets to keep 10% of all sales.

Brian Food Reminder
Each morning students are given a break to eat their brain food, which helps to enhance their concentration.

Brain food that is acceptable includes:
- Fresh Fruit—e.g. bananas, apples, grapes, etc.
- Tinned Fruit—e.g. sliced peaches, pears, etc.
- Dried Fruit—e.g. sultanas, apricots, pineapple, etc.
- Vegies—e.g. carrot sticks, celery sticks, tomatoes
- Cheese—e.g. cheese sticks, cheese slices

Foods not acceptable include:
- Yoghurt
- Cheese snacks with biscuits
- Muesli Bars
- Roll-ups
- Packets of chips

Please ensure your child has brain food every day.

From Mrs Crowe
Special Guests—Australian Ballet
Next Friday, May 8 we are privileged to have a visit from the Australian Ballet who are currently on tour. They will be presenting workshops with the children in the middle and upper grades. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students.

Care of Animals
Thank you to those families who have offered to take care of our animals at weekends. A roster will be sent home shortly. Your assistance in this area is always greatly appreciated.

Student Achievement
You may remember last term we mentioned that one of our students in Classroom 5, Karan Sabharwal, would be competing in the State Finals of the Junior Sprints Swimming Competition. We would like to give our congratulations to Karan for taking out 4th place in his competition. Well done, what a great effort!

Assembly Timetable for Term 2
Assembly is held on Monday mornings at 9.00am in the Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

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FUNDRAISING

Bulb Fundraiser
Thank you to all those who ordered bulbs. These have now been delivered. If your order has not yet been sent home with your child it can be collected from Student Reception. Congratulations to Louise Reynolds (Haydn Bullen’s Mum) for raising the most money.

Classroom Fundraising Lunches
Classrooms will be taking turns to offer a Fundraising Lunch on Wednesdays from Week 3 to Week 6. Order forms will be sent home each week in your child’s communication book/diary, please complete and return as instructed. In Week 7 the Fundraising Committee will be offering lunch on Friday and in Week 8 the Library Committee will be offering lunch on Thursday. Watch out for further details.

Please note that there will be no canteen lunch orders on these days (only noodles from Kids Canteen). We would appreciate any help with donations or your time when your child’s class has their turn at lunches. Your support is always appreciated.

New Fundraising Opportunity—Newspapers
You now have the opportunity to further our fundraising dollars by collecting your old newspapers and bringing them to school. There are blue bins located behind Room 8 (Mrs Green’s Room) for you to leave your newspapers in. Suitable papers include Advertiser, Sunday Mail, Messenger but NOT glossy magazine type paper. Please ask neighbours/work colleagues/family to save their papers, every newspaper helps to create cash for the school.
Recyclables
Don’t forget to drop your recyclable bottles, cans, cartons etc. into the orange bins at the rear of the office. These are now worth 10c. Please remember to remove the lids from any bottles. Thank you.

Prescott Fair
A Prescott Fair is being planned for October 18 from 11.00am—3.00pm. If you know of or your children are involved in any community group (e.g. Dance/Self-Defense/Gymnastics etc) who might be interested in doing a performance on the day, please contact the front office where a registration form will be issued. Further details of the day’s activities will be given closer to the date, but mark your calendar.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parenting Seminar
A 6 step program to support parents to develop strategies to deal with their child’s disruptive and challenging behaviours. To develop different strategies to assist the child to develop skills to manage their own behaviours. To explore the issue of food additives, sleep and supplements that have an impact on children’s behaviours.
Where: Reynella South Primary School, Sherriffs Road, Reynella
When: Tuesday mornings from 9.15-11.45am
Dates: Starting 5th May (concluding 23rd June)
Cost: Sessions are free
Facilitated by Southern Junction Community Services and Relationships SA. For bookings please phone Amber on 8326 2955.

Boy’s Soccer Trials and Training
Reynella Primary School, Concord Ave, Reynella
Trials: Monday, May 4 & May 11 from 4.30-5.30pm
Consent forms are available at the front office.
If selected practices are every Monday from May 18—June 8 with a carnival from 15-19 June. Please contact Yvette on 0430 427 488 for further details.

Southern Schools Soccer
Join Coorara Primary School’s teams to have fun and learn new skills. Practice is Thursday nights. All ages are welcome. Games begin in Term 2 and are played on a Saturday morning. Come and join in the fun. For more information call Barb Nickling, Deputy Principal at Coorara on 8325 2066.

Wirreanda High School Open Day
Sunday May 17 from 2.00-4.00pm
You will see: creative displays and demonstrations, sport and dance presentations, performances and class activities
Information on our Specialist Sport course
Free sausage sizzle
For more information please call the school on 8382 9555.

Law Week—Courts Open Day
Saturday, May 9, 10.00am-3.30pm
Sir Samuel Way Building, cnr Gouger Street and Victoria Square (next to Central Market)
The Courts Administration Authority is holding an Open Day to give the public a glimpse into the current and historical workings of the courts, with tours of the cells and courtrooms, morning and afternoon mock trials and other demonstrations. Activities include interactive forensic science activities and children’s activities. More information can be found at the CAA website: www.courts.sa.gov.au.

To all the Mums:
We wish you a Happy Mothers Day.
“you don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.”
Desmond Tutu