Each day greets us with new opportunities. In my case, they are often opportunities to do what I didn’t get to on my to-do list. This year as we have learned about and practised being Helping Hands at Prescott Primary Southern I have noticed an interesting thing happening to my list. There are some items on my list that have dropped further down the page. I have found myself looking at my needs differently.

I’d like to share some thoughts with you, hoping that you too might look at life a little differently.

I was shocked to learn that 1 in 8 people in the world cannot access safe drinking water. If that was our school, one whole class would be unable to drink clean water. That class would probably have to walk a long way to get to that water. That group of students would spend most of their time sick. What broke my heart was learning that for many of the people in this position, medical treatment is out of their reach because they barely earn enough money to survive. In most cases in the world, that water source would also provide their water for baths, laundry, swimming and sometimes sewage. Inspired by our friends at Samaritan’s Purse, we want to reach out a Helping Hand and “Turn on the Tap”! Filling up an ordinary drink bottle with coins could provide a family or a village with a filter made from natural materials able to clean available water. Or it could help build a well. Filling up one ordinary 600ml bottle with coins could buy 2 wells, or 6 filters. Watch out for more info in our next newsletter!!

Even sponsoring a child to go to school can make a difference for their family or community. Though tough economic times are making life difficult, we enjoy greater health and wealth than millions of people on Planet Earth, just because we live in Australia where medicine, food and water are easily available.

Recently I took some senior students to a World Vision Leadership Convention, where we learned about extreme poverty and hunger. We found out that 900 million people are without food worldwide. A World Vision ambassador from Kenya told us about his meals growing up: a glass of milk in the morning and another glass in the evening. We were amazed. It feels like there is very little we can do to really give a Helping Hand when needs are big and we feel small. But even sharing information with others, or thinking about our choices and lifestyle can help.

You’ll find an interesting article in the magazine included with your newsletter. In it Jeffrey Sachs, a professor with long involvement with global poverty and wealth says, “...There is now enough wealth and capable technology that if we made just a modest effort in the rich world, we will have a decisive effect for the benefit of the poor.” We have the opportunity to make a massive difference, just by looking at our choices and how we live. I was reading my bible this morning and I found an interesting thought in Philippians 2:4: “Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” That’s a pretty big challenge, but it can have amazing results. I hope you will join me in taking that opportunity!

Lili Panozzo. Chaplain.
COMING EVENTS

Market Day Fundraiser
Tuesday, June 16 (Week 8) the SRC are holding a Market Day to raise funds for our sister school in Fiji. Students have the opportunity to form a group and provide or make items for sale. Students who wish to hold a stall must complete a Stall Holder Application form. If your child hasn’t completed one of these forms, spare copies are in Student Reception.

Items need to be safe and sold for 50c or less on the day. No food or glass containers. Parents must approve of items supplied from home. Students will be allowed time to visit the market and purchase items, so will therefore need some spending money.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Stationery for Fiji Sister School
GREAT NEWS
One of our parents who works in the Travel Industry has approached Pacific Blue/Virgin Blue about transporting our stationery items to Fiji. The absolutely fantastic news is that Pacific Blue have agreed to transport any items to Fiji free of charge! Isn’t that great! So we will now have more money to spend on stationery for our sister school. Please keep those donations coming, we will be sending a shipment off soon.

Answer to Prayer
A message received from our Sister School recently;
*The Lord is always good and amazing! We have started with term 2 and it is our 4th week. The school has not been able to buy our stationery yet.*
*Due to financial constraints… Every morning after our devotion I would try to encourage and tell my teachers.. See whatever you have at hand and use it to make teaching exciting and children learn.. Lets keep praying for the Lord just to lead us through.. I was close to tears when I read your email this morning.. AMEN..AMEN*

Library Books
All borrowed library books need to be returned by the end of Week 8, Friday June 19. There will be no more borrowing for this term from Week 9. Any unreturned library books will result in a replacement fee being charged. Thank you for your cooperation so everyone can enjoy the library.

Readers
Can you also check at home, in the car, in bags or anywhere else you can think of for classroom readers. These need to be returned to the classroom before the end of term. Thank you.

Vacation Care
Places are filling fast, so if you need to make a booking for Vacation Care please do so immediately.

FUNDRAISING

Lunchtime Fundraisers
The Lunch fundraisers have been a great success with several hundred dollars being raised so far. There are a couple of lunches to go this term and we have really appreciated your support.

Newspaper Recycling
It’s good to see families getting involved in the collection of newspapers. Our bins are emptied every week so keep bringing in those papers. Hope you have found your free carry bag useful. There are a few extra bags, so if you need another one please ask at Student Reception.

Parent Volunteer
We need a parent volunteer to take our refundables to the depositors. If you are available to help please see Trish at the front office or phone on 8381 4290

Stall Holders Wanted
Looking for an opportunity to promote your small business or community group. Book a stall at our Prescott School Fair. Oct 18th 11am-3pm We are seeking a wide variety of stalls from Enjo to Avon - Scouting to Scrap booking plus everything in between. Registration Forms now available at the Front Office All enquiries welcome.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACA School Holiday Cricket Clinics
The South Australian Cricket Association July Cricket clinics are being held from July 6-10, for a 1 week clinic held in the Indoor Centre at the Adelaide Oval. The clinics offer both individual and group coaching for boys and girls of all ages. All coaching is done by SACA accredited coaches. Get in quick as places will fill fast. For prices and more information you can phone Shaun Seigert on 8300 3838 or visit www.cricketsa.com.au and download a brochure.
Power Lab
Discovering Jesus’ Miraculous Power.
You’ll enjoy Bible point crafts and exciting games, experience thrilling Bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you’ll meet lots of new friends! Power Lab is great fun for children of primary school age.
Families and friends are invited to join us.

Small charge to cover craft cost
$3 per session per child - The third child or more of family are free
Vacation Care available, need to book early
Ph. 8381 4290 (Prescott Primary Southern)

This will be happening on the first week of the July school holidays, the 6th to 10th July 2009 at the SDA Church, 130 Pimpala Rd Morphett Vale.
Starting at 10.00 am and going to 1.00 pm.

If you have some friends let them know of the program and bring them along and tell them of the great time you have had in the past.
Looking forward to seeing you at the Power Lab

We are still looking for Crew Leaders.
If you are in Year 7 or older you can come and help.

Morphett Vale SDA Church,
130 Pimpala Rd, Morphett Vale
6th to 10th July
10.00 pm. to 1.00 pm. Daily
Church Celebration: 11th July 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.
(Lunch after)
For more information and registration contact
Liz Hill: 8322 3052 or Church messages: 8322 5720

Basic First Aid Course
A Basic First Aid Course to cater for the younger age group is planned for Monday July 13.
This course will be held at the new Red Cross Training Centre, 229 Marion Road Marleston from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Basic First Aid is a 7.5 hour course designed for young people between 11 and 15 years of age and aims to equip them with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to give immediate first aid to the victim of an accident for sudden illness. It is classified as certified youth course. The fee for this course is just $50.00 including GST which includes the text, First Aid Notes.

Refreshments
The Boardroom Baguettes Company calls at the morning break and at lunchtime. Cool drinks are available at the training venue.

Public Transport
The following buses service Marion Road—Bus 100 (the Circle Line); Bus 135 Stop 8 H (City to Glenelg). Further information can be obtained from the Adelaide Metro Customer Call Centre on 8210 1000.
If any students would like to enroll for this enjoyable and practical course, they can call our Training Department on 1300 367 428 for enrolment details.

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If you have participated before you will know that the holiday program at the church is something not to be missed!
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Clay Animation
Rainbow Reading
Room 1 in the Library
Prescott at Work