Last week, though busy, was a positive experience, with the school receiving many commendations in the report from the Accreditation Committee. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing for the visit and a special thankyou to parent Liz Hill for the provision of a delicious lunch for the two days.

This term we are working with students to assist them in the development of their friendships. As adults it may sometimes be challenging for us to be honest with children in informing them of how their behaviour impacts their friends. At times children can have the idea that they are “superior” in their friendships which effects their interactions in a social setting. In a world where often children take centre stage, it is easy for a child to gain an incorrect self-view. However, a surprising new study with children by Sander Thomaes and colleagues suggests that a realistic self-view is more protective in helping children deal with the ups and downs of life.

Two hundred and six children aged between nine and twelve years rated how much they liked each of their classmates and how much they thought each of their classmates liked them. This gave the researchers a measure of how realistic each child's self-view was. Two weeks later, the children were invited to play a "Survivor Game" - a kind of internet popularity contest in which the least popular of four players would be voted out of the group. The game was fixed and half the children were told that they were the least popular. The other children received neutral feedback.

Using a measure of mood before and after the game, the researchers found that children with a more realistic view of their popularity at school were the least badly affected by rejection in the Survivor Game. By contrast, children with an inflated view of their popularity, or a deflated view, experienced a far greater drop in their mood after being told they’d been voted out. (Thomaes, S., Reijntjes, A., Orobio de Castro, B., & Bushman, B. (2009).Reality Bites-or Does It? Realistic Self-Views Buffer Negative Mood Following Social Threat. Psychological Science)

At Prescott we focus on supporting children in their social skills and believe it is important for children to understand the impact their behaviours have upon their peers and whether they will choose them as friends, thus determining their level of popularity. The Restorative Justice process aims to help children take responsibility for their behaviour and focuses on making right when they have hurt someone.

Jesus values all of us as individuals, and encourages each of us to treat one another with respect. As adults our role is to help children understand their value to God and responsibility to others and give them a realistic view of their impact on society. In doing this we are helping them develop a correct self-view.

Have a good week.

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Reference Committees**
Just a reminder to committee members that you have meetings coming up in the next couple of weeks.

- Fundraising: Friday, August 7  9.00am
- Gifted & Talented: Monday, 10 August  7.30pm
- OSHC: Friday, 21 August  9.00am

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
**Wednesday, August 12**
For those parents who have requested an interview with their child’s teacher, you will find an appointment card enclosed. Please wait outside your child’s classroom at the appointed time. It would be appreciated if you keep in mind that interviews are for 10-15 minutes and that the teachers have a schedule to follow. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Book Week**
Book Week is not far away. In Week 5 you will have the opportunity to take a “Safari” and go on a journey through the world of books. Please see the back page for all the details.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Annual Report**
Parents are advised that the 2008 Annual Report is now available. It can be accessed online at www.prescott.sa.edu.au/southern then use the menu on the left hand side. A printed copy can be obtained from the front office if preferred.

**Swine Flu**
We have had a few cases of swine flu reported at the school. It appears to be across a range of classes. Guidelines include:

- Ensure your child follows hygienic practices of “Wash, Wipe, Cover”
- Students should not be at school if they have flu like symptoms
- If a student displays symptoms while at school the parent will be called to come and collect the child.
- Any vulnerable person eg a child with significant health issues or severe disability should avoid contact if possible with persons with any flu like symptoms.

Thanks for your support in minimising the infection within the school.

**Koorong Kids**
Enclosed you will find the Koorong Kids catalogue for this term. You will find great discounts on Christian books, DVD’s and other interesting products. All orders, with correct money enclosed, must be returned to school no later than Friday, August 21. Thank you for your support.

**School Photos**
Photo day will be on Wednesday, August 26. If you wish to purchase photos you must return the envelope that was sent home in the last newsletter. All envelopes, with payment enclosed, must be returned by Friday, August 14. No envelopes can be accepted after this day, nor on photo day. Please check the spelling of names and make changes before returning the envelope.

A few things to note:
- Credit card payment slips are available at the front office if you wish to pay be credit or else just write your credit card details on a piece of paper and include in your envelope. ($1 surcharge applies to credit cards).
- Cheques need to be made payable to Master School Portraits.
- If paying by cash, the correct amount must be enclosed as change cannot be given.
- Payment for all children (if more than one in the family) can be placed in one envelope, but all children must have their own individual envelope returned.

On photo day students need to be dressed in correct (and clean winter uniform). If you need any uniform items, please visit the Uniform Shop BEFORE photo day. The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.45-9.15am and 3.00-3.30pm.

**From OSHC**
Our OSHC has been successful in an application to be in the Kelloggs Breakfast Buddies program. Kelloggs will supply OSHC with Rice Bubbles, Corn Flakes and Sultana Bran so the children in Before School Care can have breakfast. A big thank you to Kelloggs for their support.

We would also like to say another big thank you to Sanitarium for their continued support in donating Weet-Bix for Before School Care breakfast. Also to Bakers Delight for donating bread which we use for toast before school and also for afternoon snack time. We appreciate the support of these companies.
**Premiers Reading Challenge**
All those students who have entered the Premiers Reading Challenge are reminded that reading must be completed and forms handed in to Mrs Street by Wednesday, September 2. No forms can be accepted after this date.

**Chess Club**
It’s still not too late to join Lunchtime Chess Club. See Mrs Meyles for a form to register. Both beginners and experienced players have been challenged by the new strategies introduced by our new coach. It’s great to see the enthusiasm of the students as they develop new skills. We would love to see more children joining in.

**From the Chaplain**
I hope you have not been feeling forgetful lately. I have, and it is starting to get me down. Trying to fight back against my forgetful brain, I have been making lists of Very Important Things. Yesterday when I read over the latest list I noticed two things:

- I had written the same two reminders three times!
- I still couldn’t remember what I wanted to get from the chemist.

So I am cheered up by a promise recorded by one of God’s messengers. He starts off asking, "Could a woman forget her nursing child? Or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I (God) will not forget you."

*Isaiah 49:15.* God doesn't forget you or me. He cares about us. Maybe you have questions about God, or the Bible. Or you might want to learn more. I’d love to hear from you if you do. Please call me or leave a message for me at school!

If you have remembered to fill your water bottle with money to help bring clean drinking water to needy communities, you might be ready to bring it back to school. We would like to reach $2,500! You can bring bottles and money to Mrs. Dunlop. If it’s a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday find me, Pastor Lili in person. There are lots more labels for bottles if you want to keep on collecting! We have more little books about Jack and Jill too.

Thanks so much for being a helping hand! 
*Lili Panozzo, PPS Chaplain.*

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**FUNDRAISING**

**Chocolate Drive**
We’re off to a good start! Remember there is a prize basket for the 3 families who sell the most boxes, this could be you! All money must be returned by Friday, September 4. Any unsold chocolate cannot be accepted after this date, only the equivalent in money. Thank you for your efforts to make this a success.

**Fathers Day Stall**
We will be holding our annual Fathers Day Stall during Week 7, so start saving so you can buy a bargain and make Dad’s day. Donations of any items suitable for sale on the stall will be gratefully accepted. These can be left at Student Reception.

**Toys and More Fundraiser**
Enclosed is a toy catalogue from the Educational Experience Toys and More company. This fundraiser earns the school up to 20% of total orders. There are great ideas for all ages so why not start your Christmas shopping early. To order simply complete the order form in the centre of the catalogue and return it to school no later than Friday, September 4. Payment options as detailed on the order form are by cheque, money order or credit card. Please DO NOT SEND CASH. Orders should be delivered early in Term 4.

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS**

**Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic**
This clinic provides treatment for children and adolescents (7-18 years) who experience sleep problems such as: trouble falling asleep, waking up & can’t get back to sleep, trouble waking up, sleeping in parent’s bed/room. For more information phone 8201 7587.

**Enhanced Primary Care Program**
A family’s GP can develop an Enhance Primary Care Plan, which provides access to a range of practitioners such as OT’s, Physiotherapists, Speech Pathologist etc. for chronic conditions and complex care needs. This provides a Medicare rebate of $48.95 for up to 5 services per year. See the Dept of Health and Aging website for more information at www.health.gov.au.
Book Week 2009
August 24—28

The Book Week theme for 2009 is “Safari” so come to the library and take a journey through reading. There is plenty planned to celebrate Book Week.

Students will be making masks during class time. The teachers will then choose 2 students from each class to receive a prize for the best effort at making their mask. On Thursday, August 27 there will be a mask parade to show the excellent work done and the winners will be announced. Children are encouraged to dress up for the parade, but judging is only on the mask.

In Week 5 the students will be given a task to complete. Grades 1—3 will have a Safari animal to colour and Grade 4—7 will be drawing their own picture of a Safari animal. Each class will have their own Safari tree to place their animal pictures on.

Students will be able to visit the Book Week display on the Monday to fill in their “Wish List”. The “Wish List” are books that the students find in the library and are interested in reading. As parents, you have the opportunity to buy these books at the Book Fair but are not obligated to do so. The “Wish List” is just that—a Wish List. Parents are invited to come along to the Book Fair and see all that is available. There will be books, book packs and stationery items from 50c for sale. Parents also have the opportunity to purchase a book and donate to the library so students can continue to enjoy reading them throughout the year.

Program of events for Thursday, August 27 include:

10.30am Parent/Grandparent morning tea served in the Hall. Entry by gold coin donation includes a hot or cold beverage and a donut.
11.00am Mask Parade in the Hall, winners of best mask announced.
12.00pm Students Sausage Sizzle Lunch in their classrooms.
Parents/Grandparents served lunch in the Hall. Order forms for both students and parents will be sent home in student’s communication books.

The library will be open from 8.30—9.30am each morning & 3.15-4.00pm each afternoon (2.30—3.00pm Friday). On Thursday, the library will be open all day. Remember, a percentage of all books sold during Book Week goes into buying more books for our school library.

See you at our Safari!