Sunday September 6 is the beginning of National Child Protection Week. On 30 April 2009 COAG endorsed the first "National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children" – an ambitious, long term national approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of Australian children. The National Framework is designed to deliver a substantial and sustained reduction in child abuse and neglect in Australia. Australia’s children deserve a safe, healthy and happy childhood, and must be able to grow up nourished and supported in loving and caring environments. They must have time to be children with all the wonder, happiness and innocence that childhood should bring. Over recent years the reported levels of child neglect and abuse in Australia have increased at an alarming rate. Child abuse and neglect has become an issue of national concern. Meanwhile, statutory child protection systems are struggling under the load. Protecting children is everyone’s responsibility. Parents, communities, governments and business all have a role to play. Australia needs a shared agenda for change, with national leadership and a common goal.

The National Framework represents an unprecedented level of collaboration between Australian, State and Territory governments and non-government organisations to protect children, placing children’s interests firmly at the centre of everything we do. Reducing child abuse and neglect is not an easy task and it will take time. The National Framework provides the foundation for national reform.

From the 6th September to the end of Children’s Week (1 November) NAP-CAN is conducting the largest ever survey of Australia’s attitudes to child abuse and neglect. Preventing child abuse is everyone’s business. From the 6th September you are able to complete a short survey at www.preventingchildabuse.com.au. Your willingness to take the time to be part of this survey is a small way you can contribute to preventing child abuse.

Jesus in His life on this earth showed a respect for children and encouraged His disciples to show a love and respect for them that was not perhaps the norm for Bible times. He set the example for us to follow in showing a care for children, who are one of the most vulnerable groups within our society. I trust that each of us will do what we can to make the children within our world feel safe, loved and special.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Hats on Time Again
After enjoying the winter sun and its vitamin D benefits, it’s time now to put your hats and sunscreen back on again. The UV radiation level is rising to levels that put skin at risk of serious damage. Actively implementing our schools sun protection policy by September 1 is essential to ensure staff and children at our school are protected.

UV levels in South Australia will usually reach levels above 3 most days until the end of April next year. UV levels peak over the middle hours of the day (10am-3pm) when extra care is needed to ensure skin is protected.

The sunsmart UV alert is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology daily to indicate the hours during the day that the UV radiation level will be 3 and above (ie 9:35am-4:10pm) when skin protection is necessary. To find out today’s UV forecast for your location log onto www.bom.gov.au/weather/uv or www.sunsmart.org.au for more information about the alert.

Book Week Mask Parade
Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries in the Mask Parade:
Class 1           Isabella Joy & Riley Day
Class 2           Houston Vaughn & Chantel Samuel
Class 3           Jordan Winnicki & Jacob Kuykhoven
Class 4           Amy An & Jerry Han
Class 5           Lyn & Tyler Franklin
Class 6           Brock Franklin & Caitlin Macdonald
Class 7           Emma White & Zoe Thomas
Class 8           George Oram & Zepheryn Rosenweig
Class 11          Jessica Oram & Caitlin Bergin
Class 13          Joshua Andrews & Ann William

Oliphant Science Awards
Congratulations to Jinae Baker, her science project “How Clean Are Your Hands?” was awarded ‘Highly Commended’ at the Oliphant Science Awards. Well done Jinae!!

Book Week 2009
Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Book Fair last week.
We sold a total of $4146.93 of books and are now able to spend $1743.08 on books for our library!. A special thank you to Mrs Jean Little and her Library Committee for the many hours given in preparation for the Book Fair.

Smartkiddies Maths Program
Did you know that students have free access to a world class online maths program? Go to www.smartkiddies.com.au, go to ‘parent association’, enter username demo123 password demo 123.

After School Sport
Due to Show Holiday on Wednesday 9 September, the last football session will be Wednesday of Week 9 (16 Sept). Soccer finishes on Tuesday of Week 8 (8 September).

OSHC at the Royal Adelaide Show
On Wednesday 9 September OSHC is making its annual trip to the Royal Adelaide Show. We will be leaving at 9am sharp and returning by approx 4pm. Booking forms were in the last newsletter. Children must pay their own entry fee and are allowed to buy 2 showbags each which must be chosen and paid for at OSHC in the morning. We expect to have another fun filled day of exploring the new things and revisiting old favourites at the showgrounds. We remind parents that misbehaviour will not be tolerated on this excursion, if parents suspect their child will not behave please do not send them on this excursion as the showground is a very busy place and misbehaviour spoils the day for the rest of the children.

Eat Well Be Active
Families who have children in years 5, 6 & 7 will find an ‘Eat Well Be Active’ consent form in your newsletter folder. Children will complete the survey during school time but the survey also asks for children’s height, weight and waist to be measured which we need parental consent for. Please complete the consent form and return it in your newsletter folder. Thank you for taking the time to help our school participate in this program.
School Council
Just a reminder that the next School Council meeting is on Tuesday 8 September in the staffroom at 7:30pm.

Fathers Day Stall
The Fathers Day Stall has been open all this week on the colonnade. Tomorrow is your last chance to buy something special for Dad.

Toys and More Fundraiser
Just a reminder that orders for the Educational Experience Toys and More Company need to be returned by tomorrow. 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.

Chocolate Drive
All money must be returned by tomorrow, September 4. Any unsold chocolate cannot be accepted after this date, only the equivalent in money. Thank you for your efforts to make this fundraiser a success. $57.60 per box is due back.

Can you help?
We are in need of a life buoy and a medium sized treasure chest for our school concert, if anyone has any of these items that we can borrow it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Crowe if you can help.

Wakakirri News
We have the results of the recent Wakakirri Singing Competition. We congratulate Colonel Light Gardens Primary who were announced as the overall winner. Our school was awarded 3 silver and one gold commendation for our overall performance. Thank you to Peter Knights, Annette Paterson, Sara Frankland, Liz Hill, Edwina Pearce and Eliza Sandelin-McCann for helping Mrs Crowe to make the performance such a success. Also a big thank you to all the students who participated, Mrs Crowe is very proud of you all!. DVD’s are available for purchase for $39.50 each, please see Mrs Crowe for more information.

Condolences
Our thoughts are with Mrs Mitsy Bullas and her family this week on the loss of her father last weekend.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy’s Ride
Join 3000 cyclists in riding the Southern Expressway (closed to other traffic) on Sunday 1 November in honour of Amy Gillett. Ride options include 25km, 30km, 60km & 100 km & rider registration price includes an Amy’s Ride “A Metre Matters” road safety jersey. Help support the Amy Gillett Foundation in raising awareness of cycling safety issues with both cyclists & motorists. Great for all ages & cycling abilities—join in the festivities with your family & friends at the McLaren Vale finish. For all information regarding this event please contact Bicycle SA on 8186 9999 or got to the website www.bikesa.asn.au

Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour?
Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour presented by Sue Dengate, Wednesday 9 September, 7-9pm, $10 per person/couple. Concordia College Chapel, 45 Cheltenham Street, Highgate. This talk includes information on tantrums, arguments, oppositional defiant behaviour, bed-wetting, depression, difficulty concentrating, itchy skin rashes, food additives. This evening will not cater to children. For more information contact Bron Pollnitz on 82999208 or peterbron@optusnet.com.au

‘Bring Your Talent to Life’ Talent Search
Mrs Crowe is encouraging any students who would like to ‘strut their stuff’ and share their talent to compete on the Centro Colonnades centre stage for their chance to win some great prizes. The competition will be held during the school holidays. Prizes include Centro colonnades vouchers, musical theatre courses and $500 cash to each 1st place winner’s school. See Mrs Crowe if you are interested in participating.
We have been very busy making plans for our 2009 Prescott Fair on Sunday 18 October.

We are collecting items for our secondhand stall, items such as toys, books and CD’s are greatly appreciated. Please leave at the student reception.

There is still space available for anyone who would like to have a stall, forms are available from student reception.

There will be performances happening throughout the day on the entertainment stage, this will include:

- Forte Musics toddler Music Instruction
- Hip Hop Tap Dance by Unlimited Feet
- Prescott Concert Band
- Prescott Senior Choir
- Martial Arts Demonstration
- Tatachilla Christian Rock Band
- Magic Mike Show
- And more

Write this date in your diary!

Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises as often as we should,

For Father struggles daily to live up to his image
As protector and provider and hero of the scrimmage,

And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion.

But if you look inside Dad's heart, where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental and soft as he can be.

Fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him and bring them happiness,

And like our heavenly Father, he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone we can count on to be always on our side.

Happy Fathers Day to all our Dads, we hope you have a great day!