As we come to the end of another school year, we can look back with a sense of achievement and satisfaction of a great year. Throughout the year we have enjoyed many exciting activities and positive learning experiences with the students.

I recently attended the Southern Suburbs Volunteer Service Award ceremony with Kathleen Leverton. As a school we nominated her for the years of service she gave to the school. It began when her grandchildren enrolled in the school in 1997. She continued at the school long after they had moved on to High School and her work has been greatly appreciated each Monday in the Junior Primary classes. This year she decided that since she was 84 it was time to rest!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers of the school who have given of their time to make a difference for the children of Prescott. There are many people who have given hours of their time in listening to children read, working in the library, supervising children on excursions and camps, assisting administration staff… and the list goes on. Thank you all for your contribution. It is greatly appreciated.

To the graduating class of 2010, we wish you well for the new year. Beginning High School is an exciting time and we trust that the work you have done while at this school will stand you in good stead for the challenges of the future. Thanks also to the parents who have provided the support and encouragement so much needed in Year 7. We look forward to your attendance at the graduation night on December 7.

We wish you all a very safe and happy festive season and look forward to the New Year with a sense of excitement and opportunity as we plan for ongoing developments. We are grateful to God for His goodness to us and may God be with you as you spend time with family and celebrate the birth of our Saviour and Friend Jesus this Christmas. Have a great holiday!!

Kind regards

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Carols by Candlelight
Friday, December 3
It is going to be a great evening, so plan to be there. Invite your family and friends to join us as well, all welcome. Carols on the Lawn will be held on the front oval and commence at 6.30pm for tea. There will be a sausage sizzle as well as drinks and ice creams for sale.

Pony rides between 6.30—7.30pm. Carols program begins at 7.45pm. See enclosed flyer for all the details.

Senior Choir please note: those performing with the Senior Choir need to wear jeans and a red, white or green t-shirt for the carols program.

Year 7 Graduation & Presentation Night
Tuesday, December 8
7.30pm in the Church
Everyone is invited to come along and support the Year 7 graduating class as we say farewell. Students from all classes will receive an award to commemorate their achievements for the year. Students are to wear full summer uniform and will sit with their classroom teacher throughout the program. We would encourage you to attend this celebration to make it a positive experience for the students.

Last Day of School
School ends for the year on Wednesday, December 8. Students can wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation to assist our sponsored child. Each class will have planned parties and activities for the day, so please check your child’s communication book/diary for details. School will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Fees
Please make sure that all outstanding accounts have been finalised before school ends. If this is a problem please see Mrs Clark to make alternative arrangements. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Vacation Care
Bookings are essential and places are filling fast. Please make sure you have handed in your booking and consent forms to avoid missing out on a place.

URGENT—Forms for 2011
Have your forms been returned?
Thank you to all those who have returned their forms. These included re-enrolment, medical, swimming consent and bus usage forms. It is important that these forms are returned immediately. If you have misplaced your forms please collect more from the Front Office. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt response.

Animal Accommodation for Holidays
If there is anyone willing to have any of the animals during the holidays, we could use your help. The rabbit, guinea pigs and canary birds need a home during the holidays. If you can help, please leave a message at the Front Office.

Class Placements
Please be advised that these will be enclosed with your child’s school report which will go home early in Week 9.

Korean Homestay Applicants
A number of families registered an interest in having children stay at their home. This paperwork has been emailed to Korea. If you have not yet returned your paperwork, it is not too late as we receive applications for homestay ongoing throughout the year.

A school teacher will be travelling with this group and she also requires homestay. The Korean coordinator is requesting that the teacher stay with one of the younger students, so if you have returned your paperwork and would not mind having an adult and child rather than two children can you please contact the front office ASAP.

Readers and Library Books—URGENT
If you have any classroom readers or library books that haven’t been returned, please see that they are returned immediately. As we are soon about to move into the new library we must have all outstanding library books returned NOW. All library books should have been returned by now to avoid a replacement fee. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Achievement
Tim Braslavskiy has completed AMEB Grade 1 Music Theory, Grade 4 Classical Piano and CPM Drum Kit with 2 honours and a High Distinction. Well done Tim for a fantastic result.
Uniform Shop
Parents are encouraged to make sure that students start the new year with all the correct uniform. The Uniform Shop will be open the week before school starts if you need to make any purchases. Opening hours will be between 10.00am—1.00pm on Thursday, 27 January. Any uniform items that you no longer need, that are still in good condition, can be left at the Uniform Shop to be sold as secondhand.

Crunch & Sip Challenge
After following the guidelines of the Crunch & Sip program throughout the year, we trust the students have developed some great healthy eating habits by participating. The challenge is to keep the eat well, be active ideas going throughout the holidays. Most people know that fruit and vegetables are ‘good for you’. The fact is, eating more fruit and vegies may be the single most important dietary change needed to improve health and reduce the risk of disease.

It is recommended you eat a variety of fruit and vegetables every day. This is because different types of fruits and vegetables contain a variety of nutrients that the body needs, and that may provide protection against some cancers. Five serves of vegetable does not mean five serves of potato!

It’s easy to find a way to get some extra fruit and vegies in your day. With a huge variety of fruit and vegies available this season, it is a great time to broaden your palate and try something new.

Fruit:  
* Choose fruit as a snack  
* Add fruit to breakfast cereal or yoghurt  
* Try fresh fruit for dessert  
* Blend fruit with low fat milk, yoghurt and ice for a frothy fruit smoothie.

Vegies:  
* Try crunchy vegies with low fat dips  
* Replace some of the meat with vegies  
* Add extra vegies or legumes to soups, stews, pasta, stir fries and rice dishes  
* Top English muffins or crumpets with diced vegies and sprinkle with reduced fat cheese for a quick mini pizza  
* Add an extra serve of salad to your sandwich or roll

South Australian adults eat on average 1.5 serves of fruit and 2.5 serves of vegetables each day—we need 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies each day for good health. For more information and some great tasting recipes check out the website at www.gofor2and5.com.au.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Swim Seaford
Summer is just around the corner, so be prepared. Swimvac holiday lessons at Seaford State Swim, 3-5 Cascade Drive, Seaford. 30 min lessons between 9am & 11am. Ideal for new and existing customers. Weekly classes held all year round. Free assessment and first lesson. For more information please call 8386 3338.

Swimvac conducts programs in various locations around South Australia. A list of locations and other important information is available by calling 8200 2525 or visit www.vacswimsa.com.

World Record Attempt
Massada College and the Hebrew Congregation are inviting anyone interested to come along on Sunday, December 5 at 6.00pm and help put Adelaide on the world stage as they attempt to beat the current world record for the most dreidels (small spinning tops) spinning at once (currently 541 people spinning dreidels for 10 seconds). We would like any Prescott people to register as a group in advance and if you are interested in attending this event, please contact Carel Neuhoff at the SDA Conference Office on 8269 2177 or on 0488 163 663. The spinning commences at 6.00pm. Every spinner counts and will take home a free dreidel. The activities also include a Chanuka Fete, which include children’s activities, sausage sizzle and fairy floss, jumping castle, and more (4.30-6.30pm. Between 6.30-8.00pm there will be a Chanuka Picnic and Menorah lighting.

Morphett Vale Christmas Program
You are invited to a special Christmas Day service at Morphett Vale Adventist Church on Saturday, December 25 commencing at 10.00am. This will be a special one hour worship service to celebrate the birth of Jesus. All welcome.

“Born in a manger at Christmas,  
As a gift from the father above,  
An infant whose name was called Jesus,  
Brought mankind the gift of God’s love.”  
Helen Steiner Rice
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

How good was the Fair Day on Thursday of Week 6?
It was sensational!
Between the apple bobbing, sports challenges, egg races and lolly prizes students and teachers had a marvelous time. Wearing our oldest clothes helped students to think about what life is like without colourful new choices in the wardrobe and complemented our adventures across the last few weeks learning about life without healthy, clean water or a Woolies full of snacks in the pantry!
Each classroom created shopping lists based on ADRA’s useful gifts of chickens, goats, vitamins and donkeys, school supplies or potatoes for people living in countries experiencing poverty, famine, war and disaster. All together, Prescott Primary Southern collected $866.10 on Thursday. I am so proud of our community and would like to thank students and parents for their generous support of the fair day. It wouldn’t have succeeded without your help! I am especially proud of the students who created games, activities and posters! Thanks go especially to students in Mrs Buckley’s class who started the ball rolling with massive enthusiasm.
If you are interested in learning more about ADRA, what they do and how you can continue to support those in need, please contact Lili Panozzo PPS Chaplain! There are great opportunities for you to be involved!

The funny feeling you get sometimes…
Have you ever had that funny feeling? And I don’t mean the one where you ate something strange and your belly makes a weird gurgle. Or the feeling when you walk out of the house thinking what did I forget only to discover when you reach the shops that it is your wallet. I’m talking about the little whisper of someone’s name out of the blue that makes you want to call them and say hi. Or the certainty that something you want to choose is not right and you could do things differently. Or the longing in your heart for being the best you can be.

I have experienced those feelings and while you might call them your conscience or maybe intuition, I believe there is something more to those feelings than random thoughts. I believe that God is at work in our hearts and brains to help and guide us. Usually people criticise God for taking away freedom or choice. I think it works the opposite way, with seeds of hope and good planted in our imagination that grow. And the person who waters and nurtures those seeds is the Holy Spirit (or Holy Ghost—I guess because as Jesus describes him, the Spirit is invisible but his work is noticeable! See John 3:8).

Jesus calls the Spirit our helper and friend in John 14:26. The Spirit’s job is reminding us how much God loves us and how to live like Jesus. One Bible author comments that the Holy Spirit will give us words when we don’t know how to speak to God and will give meaning to the thoughts we can’t express clearly. His role as part of the Godhead and our family is to be with us everywhere and always. He brings to our attention thoughts and memories allowing God’s love to be at work in us and in the world.

So next time you get that urge to call or pray for someone, don’t ignore it. If you are reminded of a good thing or Jesus’ teaching don’t file it away for later. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you! And if you are not sure that it is God’s Spirit, then ask God in prayer to make it clearer.

I’d love to talk with you about your experiences or questions! But if I don’t get to see you before school finishes, have a safe and wonderful holiday. Enjoy family and friends and sunshine. Remember that God is loving you the maximum possible amount, your worth in His eyes is beyond counting! God bless your family and friends!

Lili Panozzo
Chaplain PPS

Contact Details
Prescott Primary Southern
140 Pimpala Road, Morphett Vale, SA 5162
Phone: (08) 8381 4290 Fax: (08) 8387 3170
Email: office@prescottsouthern.sa.edu.au
Newsletter online: www.prescott.sa.edu.au/southern
Newsletter Editor: Mitsy Bullas, please direct all enquiries to the editor.