Welcome back to school for Term 1. I would like to say a special welcome to the new families who have joined our community. A number of Reception children are beginning school which is an exciting time for them and their families. We also have a number of new families having put on an additional class this year as we prepare for the transition to a High School. We trust that you will feel welcome and your children will soon feel very much a part of Prescott. I would also like to offer a big welcome to Miss Kylie Blagden who is one of our Grade 4/5 teachers this year.

For those of you who regularly visit the school, you would have noticed some changes with the library landscaping having been completed. It has made an additional play and meeting area for students and I have noticed over the first few days how well it is being used by the students in playtime as well as the various classes.

We are looking forward to this year, which once again looks to be action packed with a variety of activities. The children this week are enjoying a slow transition to school… with swimming and aquatics proving to be well-liked by most.

I would like to encourage all parents to attend the Information Night on February 15. We have changed from having a BBQ this year due to the hot weather in previous years often making it not such a good event, and in its place we will have drinks and nibbles available in the new school library from 6.45pm – 8.15pm. This will give parents a chance to chat with staff and other parents in a cool environment if they so choose. Classroom Sessions will be held at either 7.00pm or 7.30pm. Children may be signed in at the new library to be supervised by staff on the back playground area while parents are attending the sessions. Please deliver your children to the library to ensure the safety of your children while at the school.

As we begin our school year we are grateful to God for His love and guidance and know that He will be with us as we begin another school year. Our dedication service will take place this Saturday at the Morphett Vale SDA Church adjacent the school and we would encourage all who are interested to join us for this special event.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Finishing Time Friday
Please note that due to a change in the Swimming/Aquatics program, school will finish at the usual time of 2.30pm.

Special Church Service
Saturday, February 5
11.30am in the Church
This Saturday a service will be held at Morphett Vale Adventist church to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and dedicate the school program to the service of God. Lili Panozzo (school chaplain) will be conducting the service. All parents and families are invited to come along and enjoy this service as we praise God for His many blessings.

Bike Ed for Year 6/7
Year 6 & 7’s will be participating in the Bike Ed program commencing on Thursday, February 10. All bikes must come to school that day regardless of the weather conditions as they all need to undergo a safety check. Student’s bikes can be taken home each Thursday or they can be stored at school for the duration of the program. They will be locked away after being used each Thursday.

Parent Information Night
Tuesday, February 15
On Tuesday evening, February 15 we will be holding an Information Night for parents. You are invited to meet with the your child’s classroom teacher who will share information relevant for that class. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Presentation times are:
7.00pm Classroom 1, 2, 4, 5, 11
7.30pm Classroom 10, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9

Volunteer Training Session
A training session for those people who wish to volunteer their time at the school will be held on Wednesday, February 16. This will commence at 9.00am in the Library. If you have previously completed this training it is not necessary to attend again. If you are unable to attend on this date, please leave a message at the front office. Another session may be held later in the year.

School Council
Please be advised that the first meeting of the School Council for this year will be held on Wednesday evening, February 23 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

Listening to Children Read
Parent Information Session
Wednesday, February 23
8.50am in Classroom 12
Mrs Enid Street will be holding an information session for those parents who would like to learn more about how to support their children in reading, to assist them in developing good reading skills.

After School Sports
Our school is once again offering an After School Sports program on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. There is no cost to parents and children will be supervised by a staff member, while being taught skills by qualified instructors.

The sports being offered in Term 1 include Zumba on Tuesdays and Softball on Wednesdays. If your child is interested in participating, please complete the enclosed consent form (both sides of page) and return to school immediately.

To participate, all students must be registered with OSHC but will not be charged OSHC fees if collected by 4.30pm. If you don’t regularly use OSHC and have not already completed a registration form, please collect a form from the front office. Students are able to wear their Sports Uniform for the day if they are participating in the After School Sports program.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Card
Application forms for School Card are enclosed. If you are eligible for School Card please complete the form and return to school before February 16. These forms need to be filled out every year even if you have completed one in the past. If you need more information on school card, please see Trish in the front office.

School Fees
Fee statements will be sent to you shortly. Your prompt payment is always appreciated.

Fill-in Forms
Enclosed you will find a booklet of fill-in forms regarding various activities throughout the year. Please complete the relevant forms and return to school by the end of Week 2. Please note that some forms are printed on both sides of the page. Your cooperation and prompt response is greatly appreciated.
Music Forms
Also enclosed is a booklet of blue forms relating to the various music groups and programs available for students. If you child is interested in participating in any of these programs, please complete the relevant form and return to school by the end of Week 2.

School Newsletter
A newsletter is produced once a fortnight. This newsletter has previously been sent home via a folder with the eldest child in each family. You can continue with this option, but we are also offering you the option of having your newsletter emailed to you. Enclosed is a red flyer with details of your options. Please complete this form to notify us of your preference and return it by the end of Week 2.

Please note that fill-in/consent forms will also be emailed but you will need to print them out on your home computer and then return them to school once completed. Thank you for your prompt response.

Tissues for the Classroom
Every student is asked to bring a box of tissues to be used in their own classroom throughout the year. While the school provides a certain amount, your contribution helps to ensure there is a constant supply of tissues for use by the students in the classroom (particularly useful in the colder months!). Your tissue box can be given to your child’s classroom teacher. Thank you.

Book Club
Enclosed are catalogues from Scholastic Book Club with a variety of books for all ages groups. If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form and return to school (with payment) no later than Monday, February 14. Payment may be made in cash (correct change please), by cheque (made payable to Prescott Southern NOT Scholastic) or by credit card (follow instructions on back page). Thank you for your continued support as each order means the school receives additional books and resources.

Koorong Kids
Also enclosed is a catalogue from Koorong Christian Books. There is a variety of books, CDs/DVDs and other items at discount prices. If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form and return to school by Monday, 28 February. Payment is by cash or cheque only (cheques made payable to Prescott Southern). Thank you for your support, the school gets to keep 10% of all orders.

Kids Canteen
Students are able to purchase ice blocks/ice creams from Kids Canteen (Room 5) at recess and lunchtime.

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Noodles are available for lunch for $2.00 in either chicken or beef flavour. Orders are collected from the classrooms each morning.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to purchase stock (noodles & ice creams) for Kids Canteen as needed. If you are able to help, please leave a message at the front office or see Mrs Mitchell in Classroom 5.

Lunch Orders
Our school does not have a canteen but we are able to order lunches from the Reynella South school canteen. Parents need to supply their own paper lunch bags. Student’s name, classroom number and order need to be clearly written on the lunch bag with money enclosed. Orders need to be place in the boxes provided in each classroom by 9.00am each morning. Please note that the canteen is closed on Tuesday, so no lunch order on Tuesdays.

A new canteen price list will be enclosed in the next newsletter in Week 3.

From Mr Knights-Music Lessons
Piano and Theory lessons are available at the school or from my home. Please fill in a form (see blue music forms) to apply for lessons at the school or phone me on 8382 5843 for lessons at my home. Peter Knights

Uniform Shop
As a school we would like to encourage parents to support their children in ensuring they are wearing the correct uniform.

The Uniform Shop, located on the right just past the OSHC building, is open on Wednesday and Thursday from 8.45-9.15am & 3.00-3.30pm. Secondhand items are also available and if you have uniform items that you no longer need that are still in good condition, you can bring them to the uniform shop to be sold.

Tidy Hair
If your child has hair that is longer that their collar then their hair must be tied back. This will help in preventing the spread of head lice. Hair can be tied back with blue or white hair ties, scrunchies, ribbons or hairclips.
Care of Animals
The Science Room animals have moved to their new room (old library) but they still need carers over the weekends. This includes the rabbit, guinea pig and canary birds. If your family is able to take care of the animals at any time, please complete the enclosed form and return to school ASAP. A roster will then be organised.

Also, the rabbit and guinea pig would appreciate any food scraps you can send. Most fruit and vegetables are suitable except for white vegetables like potato, onion, cauliflower. Brown bread is suitable too. Thank you for your help to satisfy our appetites.

Brain Food Reminder
Each morning students are given a break to eat their brain food. This helps to enhance their concentration, therefore assisting them in being productive in the classroom.

Brain food that is acceptable includes:
Fresh ,Tinned, or Dried Fruit, Veggies, Cheese

Food not acceptable includes:
Yoghurt, Cheese snacks with biscuits, Muesli Bars , Roll-ups, Packet of chips
Please ensure your child has brain food every day.

School Assembly
School Assembly is held on Monday mornings at 9.00am in the Church. Full School Assembly will be held on even weeks and Junior School Assembly on the odd weeks. Parents who are able, are welcome to attend Assembly.

Timetable for Term 1
Week 2 Full School Classroom 5 & 8
Week 3 Junior School Classroom 11
Week 4 Full School Classroom 4
Week 5 Junior School Classroom 3
Week 6 Full School Classroom 6
Week 7 No Assembly Public Holiday
Week 8 Full School Classroom 7
Week 9 Junior School Classroom 1 & 2
Week 10 Full School Classroom 9
Week 11 Junior School Classroom 10

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miloin2Cricket Program
This program provides children (both boys & girls) in Reception, Year 1 & 2, with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play the game of cricket. The nearest centre is Morphett Vale Cricket Club (cnr Wheatsheaf & South Roads) starting on Friday, February 18 from 6-7pm and running for 6 weeks.

The cost of the program is $50 per participant and includes cricket gear and other goodies. To find out more and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your postcode.

Zumba for Adults/Beginners & Kids
Classes are held at the Prescott Southern Hall on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Please see www.zumbawithkatie.com.au. Phone 0410 329 330 to register.

Flute For Sale
Yamaha model YFL-221 student flute. Aprox. 2 years old, original purchase price $700. Excellent condition. Includes hard and soft cases as well as music stand. $380 ono. Phone 8322 1030 or 0403 376 696.

Your friendly neighbourhood Chaplain says:
Do you like mud? If you do, you will be soooooo jealous of my holiday. I had soft mud, stinky mud, sinky mud that ate my thongs, fluffy mud and fallen over in clean shorts mud. And then the day after our camp of 2500 kids and grownups left Toowoomba, it really rained! In the evenings (after enjoying the mud), we learned about Josiah—he became king when he was 8 years old. While still a kid, he decided to love God with all his heart, soul and strength. Then he put that love into practice and turned his country upside down.

I look forward to learning with you how we can love God with all our heart, soul and strength, so we too can impact our community. Let’s turn Adelaide upside down—for GOD!

Parents and caregivers, I’d love to meet with you and chat about whatever is on your mind. Please feel invited to drop past the Chaplain’s room (Classroom 14).

God bless your family in this busy, busy time!

Lili Panozzo,
PPS CHAPLAIN

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