From the Principal...

Our school camps begin this week and I know those children planning to attend the various events are excited about the activities that have been organized. Mrs Michelle Meyles will be attending the Canberra Year 7 camp in Week 10 and I will be attending the Grade 5/6 camp to Mt Gambier in Week 11.

Friday 18 March 2011 is Australia's first annual community awareness campaign to address bullying. The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence will be on the third Friday in March each year. Bullying is not just a personal predicament. All members of the school community have a part to play in ending bullying and ensuring safe school environments. We do know that bullying is a difficult problem that only gets worse when it is ignored. For this reason Prescott Southern encourages parents to report to the school any incidents involving their children so that action can be taken in regards to resolving the issues and preventing their reoccurrence. We understand that often parents are the person children share with... often at night just before they go to sleep!! As a school we actively try and educate students on the important role they can play, including action to take when they observe bullying happening. Research has demonstrated that bystanders play a significant role in bullying and are present most of the time (85%), where adults are rarely present. When bystanders do intervene, the bullying is more likely to stop quickly most of the time. If we can support the students in not being bystanders, it will go a long way in making Prescott a safe place for our students.

In a proactive way, the best thing we can do for our students is affirm their strengths, and believe in them that they can do positive and community building behaviours in a consistent way. The more appreciated and valued a child feels, the more likely they are to engage in behaviours that respect differences in others and affirm people for who they are. Jesus set the example when on this earth, showing a level of love and acceptance of the people around him which the church people of his time found difficult to handle. As a community my prayer is that each of us will show that same love and respect and appreciation of difference – whether it is because we are of a different culture, have different learning needs or come from various family groups. God loves us all!!

Have a great week

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Committee Meetings
Just a reminder that the following committees have
meetings coming up.
Fundraising Committee
Monday, March 21 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

The next meeting of the School Council will be on
Wednesday, March 30 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

WOW Week
Week of Worship
Our Week of Worship is next week! Our guest
speaker, Tim Whale, will be talking to us about our
theme “Make an Impact” at Impact Lab. Expect
exciting stories, lots of music and fun and maybe
even some surprises. You will have a “Whale” of a
time!

Tim will not only be at our worships each day but
will be visiting the classrooms and the playground
throughout the week. We look forward to getting to
know him.

Parents are welcome to join us for worship each day.
Monday there will be Assembly as normal with
worship at 11.30am-12.15pm.
Tuesday-Friday Worship at 8.45-9.30am.
To conclude our Week of Worship our speaker will
be part of a special worship program to be held in
the Church on Saturday, March 26 from 11.30am.
We would like to see as many students and their
families to help us celebrate a great week of worship
and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on
March 21. It is a day when all Australians are able
to celebrate our cultural diversity. Did you know
that Australia’s population is around 22 million
people with around 45% of Australians either born
overseas or having one or more parents born over-
seas. Harmony Day is a time when we can celebrate
our multicultural nation. The colour chosen to
represent Harmony Day is orange….so children are
encouraged to wear some item that is ORANGE
with their uniform as we as a school join in celebrat-
ing the many cultures that make our school and
nation what it is.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Mathletics
Students are now participating in the Mathletics
program each week. Mathletics is a web-based
learning program which integrates home and school
learning via the internet. It covers all year levels.
Your child has 24 hour access to Mathletics by using
a unique user name and password. All students have
been issued passwords which allows them to do the
It is recommended that you spend time looking at
the program so that you can gain the greatest under-
standing of how Mathletics will benefit your child.

Homework Summary
Good homework habits are essential for success in
later schooling. Students will be given their home-
work at the beginning of the week with all students
receiving spelling and reading. Homework booklets
for maths and language where handed out at the
beginning of the year. Students may complete these
at their own pace. When they are completed they
may be returned to receive the next booklet.

The school provides 4 maths booklets and 4
language booklets per year to each child. If parents
would like their children to do extra homework then
they will need to source these themselves from the
internet or bookshops like Wooldridges.

Parents can play a positive role in homework by
providing a quiet, safe environment, free of distrac-
tions, for children to work in. We thank you for
your cooperation with the homework program.

School Uniform
As a school we ask that children wear their uniform
with pride and abide by the expectations of the school.
Children are expected to:
• Wear black polishable shoes, lace up or
buckle. This does not include black sneakers
with white markings.
• Wear single studs of gold or silver (with a
small stone allowable) - 1 per ear.
• Boys shirts are tucked in unless they have a
straight hem
• Ankle socks and not anklets are to be worn

Thank you for your assistance in making sure the
students wear the correct items. It does help to make
the students look great as a group of students when
all comply with the school expectations in this area.
Before School Begins in the Morning
Just a reminder that school supervision begins at 8.30 each morning. If a child enters the school property prior to this time they must be under the supervision of their parents. It is important that these guidelines are followed for the safety of all students. In the morning children are asked to play in the quadrangle area and on the front oval due to only one teacher being on duty. This enables children to be supervised adequately.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate Your Jars
The Salvation Army Thrift shop at 24 Beach Road, Christies Beach, is in need all sort of empty jars with lids. Save and clean your jam jars, coffee jars, pasta sauce jars, vegemite jars etc. and bring to Student Reception marked “Attention Mike”. Or they can be dropped directly at the shop. Thank you for your help.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Volunteer host families are needed for international exchange students who arrive in July 2011 for a 5 or 10 month program. Our international students are from France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain, Japan and the Scandinavian countries. They live as a local, attend a local secondary school and arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover. Visit us at www.scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 for more information and to request a student profile booklet.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Thank you to those who have returned their forms. If your child wishes to participate, please make sure your form has been returned. Hopefully you have been able to find books to start your reading with. When books are available from the library we will let you know. Happy reading!

April School Holiday Programs at Zoos SA
ZooVentures & Zu-Fari provide unique opportunities to meet with Zoo animals and their keepers. Children aged 6-12 (Adelaide Zoo) and 8-13 (Monarto Zoo) are cared for by two qualified teachers for a full day of fantastic Zoo experiences. These programs are popular and book out fast. They run from 9.00am-4.00pm on various days during the April school holidays. ZooVentures $55 per day and Zu-Fari $65 per day (including bus trip to Monarto). Positions must be booked by phone on 8267 2434. Phone for more information or visit our website: www.zoossa.com.au/education.

Food for Animals
Thank you to those people who bring in their food scraps for the rabbit and guinea pig, but we could always use more. Most fruit and vegetables are suitable except for white vegetables like potato, onion, cauliflower. Brown bread is suitable too.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to those who have returned their orders. All orders need to be returned by tomorrow, March 18. Your orders will then be processed and will be delivered early next term.

Single Parent Group
Are you a single parent? Parents without Partners is an Australia wide, social (not dating) group for single parents and their children. Custody and age not factors. Our Reynella South Coast branch meets on Friday evenings at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre from 7.00pm. Children welcome. For more information go to www.pwpsa.org or phone 8359 1552.

After School Sport
There have been a few incidents of inappropriate behaviour at After School Sport. We would like to remind both students and parents that there is an expected code of behaviour and if a child does not comply they will be withdrawn from the program. It is important that students show respect to the instructors and other students as they participate in the sport clinic.

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Mothers Day Stall
If you have any items that you could donate to sell on our Mothers Day Stall, these can be left at Student Reception. Any donations of new or handmade items will be appreciated and will be accepted up until the end of term. Please note that the Mothers Day Stall will be operating in Week 1 of next term.
Your friendly neighbourhood Chaplain
I am a funny old bird. Dinner was bubbling over last night and burnt itself onto the hotplate. This made me cross. It took a while to clean up too, large dollops of Jif and elbow grease. My upper-arm-eps were protesting at the energy I put into scrubbing. As I got to work water splashed onto the control dials. It was only when the little light signalling an electric element is on started to flicker and the control panel buzzed like angry bees that I started to ease up. Oh no! I thought to myself panicking. Water has got into the circuits and something will explode! The house will catch fire! Nothing happened. I was safe. The stove didn’t self-combust. My hypochondriac paranoid self calmed down.

But it got me thinking. A little splash of cooking, burned to a crispy crackle, needing some elbow grease to remove became a potential kitchen nightmare. Friction between rock and earth out of sight and underground magnified and increased as it travels to create a towering wall of water sweeping away everything in its path. A cigarette butt thrown out of a window gets whipped by the wind into summer dry leaves and fire is spreading dangerously towards homes.

A word or a thought inspires an action, which becomes a habit and begins to influence others. An attitude formed by false beliefs leading to harmful behaviour. It’s often the little things that make the biggest difference.

Our world was broken way before carbon footprints, stolen generations and wars. In fact it started with a war, but one that is hard to imagine. A war in Heaven, as the Bible author puts it in Revelation 12. In a perfect place, anger and accusation led to angels taking sides against God. Rebellion took over our planet as Satan attempted to poison humanity and God’s creation. Like my crispy burnt onion and malfunctioning stove, the results of Satan’s war against God disappoint and scare us. But even in the middle of tragedy and disaster, hope exists. When fear overtakes us or events seem overwhelming, I find no matter how low my heart has sunk or how impossible it seems, the potential of God still exists. The possibility of a solution and hope exists. There is a giant Jif out there poised to act and restore this world to its proper state. Don’t give up, don’t be afraid. Just believe! Luke 8:50

As always, I’d love to chat about your thoughts or questions. Please find me!

Lili Panozzo
PPS Chaplain

WOW (Week of Worship) 2011
Monday 21st March is the first day of our Week of Worship. Each day we’ll be having a special worship in the Church, I mean Impact Lab at 11.30am on Monday and 8.45am Tuesday-Friday, with a special service on Saturday at 11:30am. Sharing with us is Tim Whale: mad professor, Jesus-freak and fire breather! Experiments, songs and challenges to make an impact will make these worships different and memorable. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited. Please come! See you there!

Students in Rooms 10 & 11 are working hard at their reading activities. The smiles show that they are looking forward to WOW Week!