On Tuesday our classes had lots of fun as they put into action the “PAY IT FORWARD” principle under the direction of the SRC. The leaders of the SRC also planned a surprise morning tea for all the staff in the hall, which was greatly appreciated by them. It was great to see the students doing something to make a difference for others in a positive way.

This will be our last newsletter for the term due to the next couple of weeks involving the upper classes being on camp and Mrs Meyles and myself needing to be “out of the office” as we join the students. The school term seems to have gone very quickly and I trust it has been a positive one for your children and you. Next term promises to be just as action packed with a number of key events planned.

You will find in this newsletter information in regards to the NAPLAN testing which is scheduled to take place in Week 2 of next term. A package has been sent home for your child if they are in Grade 3, 5 or 7. If you have not received one of these packages please contact the front office for another copy. Thank you for your attention to this document.

Next term in Week 1 we will be having the official opening of the School Library by Amanda Rishworth. We would like to encourage any who are free to attend this event, as it is our way of saying thank you for the contribution of $2 million to our school development. The event will take place in the School Library. Students in Grades 6 & 7 will be able to be part of the audience and our Senior Choir will be performing. Please RSVP to the front office if you plan to attend.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday time and may Easter be a time of celebrating the gift of Jesus for each one of us as well as a time to enjoy with family and friends. Enjoy the break.

*Christine Clark*
COMING EVENTS

Last Day of Term
Just a reminder that school finishes for the term on Friday, April 15 at the usual time of 2.30pm.

Term 2 Begins
Term 2 will commence on Monday, May 2 and students will be required to wear winter uniform. If the weather is unseasonably warm when Term 2 begins, students may continue to wear their summer uniform to suit the weather conditions. Please ensure that they are dressed in either full winter or full summer uniform, not a combination of both.

Official Opening New Library
On Wednesday, May 4 (Week 1 of Term 2) there will be an official ceremony to open our new library. This will commence at 10.30am to be followed by light refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

School Fees
It would be appreciated if all fees accounts, which will include camp fees, could be finalised before the end of term.

Vacation Care
The Vacation Care program for the next holidays is enclosed. Booking forms and excursion consent forms are included. These need to be completed and returned to secure your child a place at Vacation Care. When booking, please make sure there is a parent signature on the booking form or the booking will not be accepted. Places fill fast, so get your forms in ASAP.

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club is having a Clearance Sale. A catalogue is enclosed with some great bargains. All orders must be returned to school no later than Friday, April 8. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Prescott Southern, not Scholastic) or by credit card (follow instructions on back of catalogue). Thank you for your support of the Book Club catalogue, it helps the school gain books and resources for the library and classrooms.

Student Achievement
Melarn Murphy (Classroom 7) is a member of the Moana Surf Life Saving club. Recently she competed in the State Championships. Melarn won gold in the beach sprint and came 4th in flags. Well done, Melarn, what a great effort.

Year 7 Parents
Enclosed is a Confirmation of Enrolment form. If you wish your child to be enrolled in Year 8 here at Prescott next year, please complete the form and return it by Friday, April 15.

Uniform Shop Open
The Uniform Shop will be open during the holidays on Thursday, 28 April from 10.00am—1.00pm. Please check your cupboards to see if you need to purchase any winter uniform items. During the term the Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8.45-9.15am & 3.00-3.30pm.

Winter Uniform for Term 2
Please encourage your child to have pride in their uniform by ensuring that they are dressed in correct uniform each day.

Girls Winter Uniform
School Pinafore (Rec-Year 4) or Skirt (Year 5-7)
White long-sleeve shirt with pointed collar
School regulation tie
Navy V-necked jumper with logo
White Knee-high or ankle socks or navy tights
Black lace-up or buckle polished school shoes
Blue, White or maroon hair ties, ribbons etc.

Boys Winter Uniform
White long-sleeve tuck-in shirt
College grey school Trouser
(long cotton cargo pants are not permitted)
School regulation tie
Navy V-neck jumper with logo
Grey socks and black lace-up polishes school shoes

Sport Uniform (both boys & girls)
Navy trackpants or shorts
Navy t-shirt (long or short sleeve available)
Navy V-necked school jumper
White or navy sports socks
Sports shoes

From Mrs Nakov
Grade 3 Recorder
This year each Grade 3 has started with an opportunity to learn recorder once per week. They have all done so well, and I hope that they have had fun learning. From Term 2, Grade 3 Recorder will be optional, but I encourage each student to continue their instrumental journey. There’s so many more songs to learn! A form has been sent home to receive parent’s permission to continue for the remainder of the year. Please check with your child/ren if they have received the form as each student is required to return the slip whether they continue or not.
Singing Lessons
With a rapid growth in numbers already this term, we are excited to have a new singing teacher on board at Prescott. Her name is Ali Brown and she is looking forward to working with the students. All students are welcome to receive lessons whether they are a part of the choir or would like to learn for other purposes. If your child/ren are interested in receiving lessons, please request a form from the front office.

FUNDRAISING

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to those who ordered bulbs. Your orders have been processed and will be delivered early next term. Congratulations to the prize winners for raising the most money.
1st Prize—Louise Reynolds (Haydn Classroom 8)
2nd Prize—Mrs Dalton (Connor Classroom 5)
3rd Prize—Mrs Bergin (Cailyn Classroom 10)

Mothers Day Stall
Donations of new or hand made items which can be sold on the stall will be gratefully accepted till the end of term. Please keep in mind that the Mothers Day stall will be operating in Week 1 of next term. If you are able to help with wrapping presents or manning the stall there is a form enclosed you can complete to indicate your willingness to help.

Year 7 Chocolate Fundraiser
Those Year 7’s who have been selling chocolates to raise money for their camp to Canberra are reminded to hand in their chocolate money ASAP. If you wish to sell more chocolates there are still a few boxes available.

FROM MORPHETT VALE CHURCH

Kids Bible Study
Morphett Vale Seventh-day Adventist Church has kids Bible study groups for all ages every Saturday between 10-11am. You would be so welcome, please come!

Saturday Worship
On Saturday, April 23, join us for our Easter Service. But if you can’t make it then, remember there is always something happening on Saturday mornings at the church: 11.30am is our main worship time. Bible teaching and sharing are our focus. Please join us! The first Saturday of the month is a good one, as worship time is followed by LUNCH! But every week, there is something good to eat and share! See you there soon?

Your Friendly Neighbourhood Chaplain
I think it is very likely that if you asked kids at Prescott this week what their favourite mammal is, they’d tell you it was a Whale. They might even tell you which Whale they like best of all: maybe Pastor Tim, perhaps Kessa, Grace or Eve. It certainly feels a bit quiet without the Whale pod in our classrooms or playing handball.

Pastor Tim and his family trekked across from Victoria (yes, they did consider the Great Ocean Road), to share with us for 2011 Week of Worship. You might have had a chance to visit Impact Lab in the mornings—if you didn’t you should have! If not for the laughs and slightly effective experiments, you should definitely have come to listen to Pastor Tim speak about how passion and excitement make an impact in the world. I confess, I cried some tears listening to amazing stories of courage. But each time, Pastor Tim came back to this one idea that I felt I really have to share—especially as it’s not long before Easter.

God loved the world so much; He gave His Son—His one and only Son. And this is why! So that no one needs to be lost or destroyed, but instead by believing in Jesus, anyone can have a whole and forever life. God cares passionately about you and I, God is incredibly excited about us—interested in us. Knowing that we face impossible obstacles to getting life right on our own (no matter how hard we try), God created a solution in Jesus for the pain and rebellion that Satan created. When Jesus died on the Cross, He showed the enormosity of God’s love. He demonstrated that God would take the ultimate risk to get our attention. And when Jesus breathed again that Sunday morning, He blazed the power of God over death, lies and injustice beyond all doubt. God is stronger. Love wins!

Jesus is alive and He is totally, overflowingly, full of love for you. As you get ready for an egg-sellent Easter in a few weeks, let this love be part of your life! As always, I’d love to catch up for a chat with you! God bless you and your family.

Lili Panuzzo
PPS Chaplain
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Swimvac
Seaford State Swim, 3-5 Cascade Drive, Seaford.
School Holiday Lessons—30 min lessons between 9am & 11am. Ideal for new and existing customers.
Weekly classes held all year around. Free assessment and first lesson. For more information call 8386 3338.

Easter Feast
Onkaparinga Youth Services presents Easter Feast. Come along and make your own easter buns, chocolates and baskets to take home. For 8-15 year olds on Thursday, April 21 from 12.30-3.30pm. Cost $5. Snack and water provided. Onkaparinga Youth Services Christie Downs, 13 McKinna Road. Bookings essential on 8186 5133.

Community House Christie Downs
Free School Holiday Program for primary aged children. Come and Try:
Baseball: Monday, April 18 from 10.00-12.30
Drama/Dance: Wednesday, April 20—10am-3pm
Cartooning: Thursday, April 21 from 10.00-12.00
Parkour: Thursday, April 21 from 12.00-2.00
Bookings essential on 8384 6894.

Wirreanda High School Open Night
Tuesday, May 10 3.30pm—7.00pm
Principal’s welcome at 5.30pm in new gymnasium.
You will see: Creative displays and demonstrations
Sport and Dance presentations
Performances and class activities
Information on our Specialist Sport Course
Free Sausage Sizzle
For more information please call on 8382 9555.

Shooting Stars Junior Theatre Academy
Offering 4 musical theatre workshops in Term 2 for various age groups:
Tiny Twinklers 4-6 years old
Comets 7-10 years old
Supernovas 11-14 years old
Shooting Stars 8-14 years old
To book in please phone 0466 390 533 or email the staff on ssjrttheatre@gmail.com.

National Young Leaders Day
On Friday, March the 18th, 21 students from year 6/7 attended an inspiring Leaders Conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre along with over 2000 students from other schools. The day centred around 5 different guest speakers who each had their own special message about leadership qualities. They all shared their journey to success and had inspiring messages.

Throughout the day, other challenges, quizzes, games and performances maintained the students attention. The behaviour of the students was exemplary and I felt proud of the way they represented Prescott.

The students embraced the leadership quiz challenges in pairs on the bus journey.

It was a unique experience and the students realised that we all possess leadership potential and we need to follow our passion to make a difference in life.

A special thanks to Peta Thomas who assisted with the supervision on the excursion.

Congratulations to all the students for your commitment and excellent behaviour.

Warm Regards,
Kathy Drillis

Here are some photos of the day:

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