From the Principal

Volunteers make a significant contribution to the school and we appreciate the commitment of many in the difference they make for our school.

Research has shown that parent involvement has a positive impact upon a child’s schooling, with parents displaying to their child that they value education and want their child to be committed in their learning tasks. Unfortunately for many parents it is impossible to attend school regularly due to work commitments, but by assisting in areas like fundraising and membership on committees within the school you are also making a difference for your child.

This year once again our response by parents has been very positive and a number of people were able to attend the volunteer training session held last Friday. This session is mandatory for all people working with children at Prescott and our goal is to have all people undergo this training by the end of the year. Our next session will be held in Week 10, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm. If you were unable to attend the initial session then please consider this date.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark

Calendar of coming events

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COMING EVENTS

Clean Up Schools Day
Don’t forget that tomorrow, March 4, the students will be participating in the Clean Up Schools campaign. Each class will be responsible for a section around the school, church and grounds. If able, please send a plastic shopping bag and gloves with your child. This is just one way the students can make a difference in their community.

Reference Committees
Thank you to those people who have volunteered to participate in one of our Reference Committees. Meetings will be held on the following dates and we look forward to seeing you there. Please note that there is a change of date for the Property Development Committee meeting.

Gifted & Talented: March 7 – 7.30pm
Out of School Hours Care: March 8 – 2.15pm
OHS&W: March 9 - 11.30am
Fundraising: March 9 – 7.30pm
Property Development: March 21 – 7.30pm

(Change of date)

Special Easter Assembly
Parents are invited to attend a special Assembly on Wednesday, 23 March celebrating the Easter story. Come and enjoy a special item from the Junior Choir. Hope to see you there.

Endless Praise in Concert
Endless Praise, Australia’s premier Christian vocal band is presenting a free concert on Saturday Night, March 19 at 7.30pm in the Morphett Vale Adventist Church. See enclosed flyer for more information.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Book Club
The latest Book Club catalogues are enclosed. Please ensure that all orders (with payment enclosed) are returned by Monday, 14 March. Cheques are to be made payable to Prescott Primary Southern, not Scholastic. Credit card payment is available by completing the relevant section on the back page of the catalogue. Thank your for support of this program.

Parent Information Booklet
Enclosed you will find a copy of the Parent Information Booklet for 2005. We would encourage you to take the time to take a look through this booklet and the information it contains.

Newsletter Online
Have you ever lost a copy of the Newsletter? No need to despair! You are now able to access the Newsletter online by visiting the website and following the links.

Go to: www.prescottsouthern.sa.edu.au

No Lunch Orders – March 8
Just a reminder that the Reynella South Canteen will be closed on Tuesday, March 8. No lunches can be ordered on this day. Please make sure your child brings their own lunch or they can purchase something from Kids Kanteen.

Volunteer Cinema Day 2005
To acknowledge the significant contribution volunteers make in the community the City of Onkaparinga are once again hosting a Volunteer Cinema Day to be held on Monday, 9 May. If you are involved in regularly volunteering at the school you are invited to attend. The City of Onkaparinga has secured exclusive use of Wallis Noarlunga Cinema Centre. Session times are 9.30am, 12.30pm, 4.00pm, 7.00pm or 9.00pm. Volunteers can choose to attend ONE film at any ONE of these session times. Five different films will be screened at each session. Details of which films are to be screened will be advised at a later date.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please leave a message at the front office with your name and your preferred session time, no later than Thursday, 24 March.

Tsunami Appeal
A big thank you to all who contributed stationery items for a school devastated by the tsunami. Among goods received were 221 exercise books, 369 lead pencils, 160 pens, 32 rulers and much more. Some school will be very happy to receive these boxes which have been delivered to SAFM.

Asian Aid Book Offer
The people of Asian Aid have produced a story book, “Bind’s Big Adventure”, about a clever little chicken who visits the children in India. Along the way she learns about kindness, hope and sharing. This book is available in the school library. Please enquire at the front office if you would like to order a copy for your own family. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards helping students in Southern Asia.
FROM THE TEACHERS

Lateness to School
This is just a reminder that school starts at 8.50am and children are expected to be at school and in their classrooms by this time. The first 10 minutes of the day are spent with the teachers marking the roll and preparing the children for the various activities of the day, including notifying them of any special activities. It is most important that the teachers are free at this time to work with the children and interruptions by late children should be avoided. It is unfair on the remainder of the class for a parent to command the teacher’s time in order to share with them information relating to their child. If you wish to see the teacher then please make an appointment or if urgent and you are late, please write a note in the communication book, and leave it on the teacher’s desk. This will ensure all children have their teacher’s time at the beginning of the school day.

As a school we are required to record all late children and report the incidents if the situation is ongoing. If you believe a consequence at school will assist your child in getting to school on time then feel free to discuss it with your child’s class teacher. We are happy to support you in educating your child on the importance of being on time.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again this year and is starting now. Students who wish to participate are required to read 12 books before September 16. They need to choose 8 of these from the PRC booklist and 4 may be of their own choice. Mrs Little and Anne Clarke have been working to select the appropriate books from the library and are happy to assist children in choosing books.

If your child wishes to participate, please return the enclosed permission slip and Mrs Street will send a booklist and Reading Record home with your child. Once the 12 books have been finished the record form needs to be returned to Mrs Street who will collect and submit them in September. Happy reading!

SPORTS DAY
Date: Wednesday, 16 March
Venue: Bowker Street Oval, Brighton

Canteen
The Canteen organisers are now offering a sausage sizzle and 2-minute noodles for lunch on sports day. These must be pre-ordered. If you wish to place an order, please complete the enclosed form and return to school, with money enclosed, by Friday, March 11. If you wish to order vegetarian sausages please write “vegetarian” on the form.

Transport
Parents are welcome to bring their children to sports day instead of coming to the school. Children need to be either at school by 8.50am or down at the oval at 9.30am.

A form was sent home asking you to indicate transport arrangements for your children. There are a lot of people who have not yet returned this form. If you have not returned your transport form, please do so immediately so we can make arrangements for buses on sports day. Another form is enclosed if you need it. Whether travelling with parents or by school provided bus, we still need to know. Thank you.

Volunteers
Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist on sports day. You will be notified of your allocated duty on the day. It is still not too late to volunteer if you think you are able to help.

What to Bring
- School hat
- Snack and drink for recess
- Lunch (if you haven’t ordered it)
- Students are to wear sports uniform
**STAFF PROFILE**

Miss Maryanne Till is sharing the Grade 5/6 class with Mrs Crowe. You will find her here on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

Maryanne is a South East girl. She was born in Millicent and grew up in Mount Gambier and attended the Gambier North Primary School. Her fondest memory of primary school was a ski trip during Grade 7. She says this was the first time she had seen snow and it was great!

Other than teaching Maryanne has worked as a Remedial Massage Therapist and has been a small business owner. Her interests include reading, art, family history and travel. Her favourite colour is aqua and her favourite food is chocolate.

We are happy to welcome Maryanne to our school community (another chocoholic is always welcome!)

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Affordable Computers**
Green PC is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to ensure that people on low incomes don’t miss out on the advantage of information technology. A Green PC is an affordable, high-quality second-hand computer that has been fully refurbished by skilled technicians. Families who qualify for School Card are eligible to purchase one of these computers. A complete catalogue of Green PC computers is available online at www.greenpc.com.au or by calling (03) 9418 7400

**Foster Carers**
There is an urgent need for Foster Carers throughout South Australia. There are many children and young people in our community who need the care of a person like you. All kinds of people are needed to become Foster Carers. Call Foster Carer Recruitment on 1800 210 145 or visit the website at www.fostercarers.org.au

**FUNDRAISING**

**Spring Bulbs**
Just a reminder that all orders and money for the Spring Bulbs must be returned by Friday, March 11. You have one week to collect as many orders as possible. For the 25 families who raise the most money there is a McDonalds voucher and for the 2 families who raise the most, there is the grand prize of baskets packed with goodies. Thank you for your support.

**Kids Kanteen**
It’s great to see so many children taking advantage of Kids Kanteen each recess and lunch time. Please note that Bowls of Maggie Noodles are $1.50 not $1.00. Items for Sale (Term 1)

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Our congratulations go to Chelyah Paterson, from Mrs Goding’s class, who has been accepted to dance with the Australian Classical Youth Ballet.

A concert will be held on July 2.

Well done, Chelyah.