CALENDAR

Tuesday
20 March
Property Development Committee 7.30pm

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Gifted & Talented Committee 7.30pm

Wednesday
21 March
School Photos

Thursday
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Year 8 Immunisations

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OHSW Committee 9.00am

Tuesday
27 March
Fundraising Committee 7.30pm

Thursday
29 March
OSHC Committee 9.00am

Wednesday
4 April
Library Committee 8.45am

Wednesday
4 April
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday
5 April
Last Day of Term
Casual Clothes
Donation for sponsored child

From the Principal...

Being a Team
This week the primary classes have been enjoying the opportunity of working together as they have camped together. I had the privilege of leading the Kangaroo Island Year 6 camp this year and it is always great to leave the office for a time and spend time with the students as we engage in a variety of activities. It is while on these camps that we all get to know one another quite well, our strengths as well as our weaknesses!!

For the Middle school the Swimming carnival was an opportunity for them to work together in achieving points for their team. As a school they have been divided into two teams, Red and Blue, and while they are still “nameless”, it has provided an opportunity for some healthy competition on the day.

As each of us go through life it is so important to work together as a team, and our children need to learn this skill both at home and school. Our society can tend towards “me” thinking where my needs and wants matter most, but we know that if we wish to find true enjoyment in friendships and relationships the other person needs to take an important place in our thinking. It can be a challenge as we encourage children to focus on other people rather than themselves….and camps and times away from the school are always a good place to work on these areas of a child’s development.

Reporting Acts of Harm
To parents it can be a hard decision to make as to whether they should report to the school incidents that their child may report to them. As a school we do not in any way condone acts of violence or put downs from children and we are willing to act when we are made aware of the issues that may be happening. For some children they need you as a parent to be their voice until they develop the confidence in the staff and know that they can tell them themselves. Furthermore as adults it is sometimes tempting to see the issues that the child might be raising as insignificant, but if they are talking about it a lot, then you know that for them it is more than a small issue. We would encourage you to report to the school administration any concerns so that action can be taken. It is OK for you to be the voice for your child but it is NOT OK for a child to feel that they are powerless in a situation. You may choose to send a note, phone or email on cclark@prescottsouthern.sa.edu.au or mmeyles@prescottsouthern.sa.edu.au. We are happy to follow up any concerns. Our goal is for all children to be safe and happy at school.

In Concluding:
On the week-end I attended the annual camp meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist church is SA. The speaker spoke on the ways of Jesus and one thought that impressed me was in his telling of the parable of the fishing net. He expressed how Jesus cast his net wide, and received all. Jesus set the example of how we should live our lives.

Christine Clark
Reference Committees
Just a reminder for those involved that the following committee meetings will be taking place:

- Property Development: 20 March, 7.30pm
- Gifted & Talented: 20 March, 7.30pm
- OHSW Committee: 22 March, 9.00am
- Fundraising Committee: 27 March, 7.30pm
- OSHC Committee: 29 March, 9.00am
- Library Committee: 4 April, 8.45am

School Photos
Wednesday, March 21
School Photos will be taken next week on Wednesday, March 21. Students need to be dressed in clean and correct summer uniform. (It would be appreciated if the boys could wear their blue shirts and not the old white ones). For those participating in After School Sports, don’t forget to wear your summer uniform and bring your sports uniform to change into later.

Photo envelopes were sent home with the last newsletter. If you wish to purchase school photos, please complete the envelope and return to school (with payment enclosed) by this Friday, March 16. If you would like a family photo, family envelopes are available at the front office.

Please take time to read all the relevant information on the envelopes and check the spelling of names and make any necessary changes. Payment can be made by cash (correct change please), cheque (made payable to Master School Portraits) or credit card (follow instructions on back page of catalogue). Thank you for your support of our Book Club program. As a result of your orders last time, we were able to receive some Premiers Reading Challenge books for the library.

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 already started on your selection of books to read. Premiers Reading Challenge books will not be ready to borrow from the library until after the school holidays. Happy reading!

Vacation Care
The Vacation Care program for the April school 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
Enclosed are the next Book Club catalogues. If you wish to place an order, please return it (with payment enclosed) by Monday, March 26. Payment maybe made by cash (correct change please), cheque (made payable to Prescott Southern not Scholastic) or credit card (follow instructions on back page of catalogue). Thank you for your support of our Book Club program.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, April 4
Parents who wish to meet with their child’s teacher will have the opportunity to do so on Wednesday, April 4 (Week 10). If you wish to make an appointment, please complete the enclosed form with your preferred time and return to school no later than Friday, March 23. An appointment card will be forwarded to you in Week 9.

Please note that there are separate forms for Primary and Middle school which are slightly different. If you have children in both primary and middle school you will need to complete both forms. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred time slot but arranging timetables can be a challenge and we appreciate your understanding.

Interviews are for 10 minutes and it would be appreciated if you could keep in mind that the teachers have a tight schedule to keep to and interviews must finish on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Fees
Just a reminder that school fees, which will include camp fees, are to be paid by the end of term. Your prompt attention to any outstanding accounts would be greatly appreciated.
No Lollies Please
Please note that children are asked not to bring lollies to school to eat, especially not for consumption before school starts. As a school we encourage the students to make healthy choices and parent support in this would be appreciated.

Brain Food Reminder
As a “Crunch & Sip” school we are committed to improving children’s health. Part of this includes a break each morning for students to eat fruit or vegetables which helps to enhance their concentration. Water bottles are permitted in the classroom to encourage students to drink plenty of water.

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-up
- Packet of chips
- Lollies

Please ensure your child has brain food every day.

Spring Bulbs
Thank you to those who have already returned orders for the Spring Bulb fundraiser. Just a reminder that orders should be returned by this Friday, March 16. There is a prize basket for the 2 families who raise the most money. Your bulb orders will be delivered early in Term 2.

Recyclables
Please keep saving your 10c refundable bottles, cans, cartons etc and leave them in the orange bin at the rear of the office. Please remove lids from bottles before placing them in the bin.

Also, save your old newspapers (but not glossy junk mail paper) and leave in the bins under the trees in the car park. Every bit helps.

Mothers Day Donations
We are planning to have our annual Mothers Day Stall again this year. If you have any items that you could donate, that would be suitable to sell at the Mothers Day Stall, please leave them at Student Reception before the end of the term. Thank you.

Year 8 Camp Forms
There are several students who have not returned their camp consent forms yet. It is important that these are completed and returned immediately. Thank you.

Year 8 Immunisations
Next Thursday, March 22
The City of Onkaparinga is offering students in Year 8 the opportunity to participate in the School Based Immunisation Program free-of-charge. The program consists of three school visits and provides vaccination for hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox) and HPV cervical cancer (girls only). The first visit will be next Thursday, March 22.

Immunisation consent forms and information sheet has been posted to your home. Parents/guardians are asked to complete and sign the form and return to school regardless of whether your student needs to be immunised. Forms must be returned by next Tuesday morning, March 20. Please ensure you read all the fine print and sign ALL relevant parts.

If your child is not vaccinated at school, they can go to a council immunization clinic (free vaccine & service) or the doctor (you may have to pay for the consultation), however all students must return the consent form even if they are not being vaccinated.

Students are asked to wear sports uniform next Thursday to allow for easier access for the vaccination. Boys are offered Hepatitis B & chickenpox and Girls are offered Hepatitis B, chickenpox & HPV. Please remember to return forms by Tuesday, March 20. Thank you.
A note from your Friendly Neighbourhood Chaplain

You wouldn’t know just by reading this, but I am writing a week in advance. Or a week ago, from today. A lovely, sunny, mild afternoon filled with bird songs and a gentle breeze. It’s the kind of afternoon that makes you glad; it makes me want to stretch out my toes while sitting in the sunshine.

This morning though, despite the bright blue sky, we were saying goodbye to my friend’s husband of over 50 years. We were listening to their nine children’s memories of dad: they called him their Hero. It was heartbreaking. I could feel the sadness they are experiencing. Afterwards, I was thinking, how many other families felt that sadness today all over the world, how many husbands, wives, kids, grandchildren, friends were carrying the weight of loss that death brings.

When Jesus talked about death, he compared it to sleep. John 11:11-14 But more than once, Jesus demonstrated that God’s power can undo death and bring life back. He undid death, as easily as an alarm clock undoes my sleeping. No matter how hard it is to understand, or how heavy the weight of sadness or how far away it feels, God has promised that when the time is right for this world to be made new—He will finally undo death forever. And having made that promise, God holds Jesus up as he guarantee. 1 Corinthians 15:20 One day, God’s power will undo all the loss and pain, all the injustice and hurt. These promises help me hold my head up even when I feel like life is darkest. I hope that you can feel God’s love comfort you too.

Blessings for your family,

Lili Panozzo
PCS Chaplain

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” Maria Robinson

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Community Announcements...

Blue Dolphin Swim Centre
A unique learning experience
Baby/Toddler Dolphins—4 months-3 years
Kinder Kidz—3 in a class
Learn to Swim—safety and survival skills
Squads—endurance and stroke development
Aqua-gym—2 classes per week for 1 hour for age 4 months-5 years
Holiday Safety Swim Program
Book now at Blue Dolphin, 184 Chandlers Hill Road, Happy Valley. Phone 8322 6566.

Dinga Dads Doing It
For kids and their Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, Brothers, and Step Dads…
FREE activity with “Animal Capers”
Saturday, March 31, from 11.00am—12.30pm at the Aldinga Central Shopping Centre. Come and join us. Please contact David on 0488 113 190 for more details.

Medicare Teen Dental Plan
The Medicare Teen Dental Plan provides financial assistance to families to help keep their teenagers’ teeth in good health and encourage them to continue to look after their teeth once they become independent. The program commenced on 1 July 2008.

To be eligible for a preventative dental check under the Medicare Teen Dental Plan, a teenager must have been issued with a voucher by Medicare Australia. To be issued with a voucher, a teenager must be entitled to receive Medicare benefits and, for at least some part of the calendar year, be aged between 12—17 years; and satisfy the means test for the program.

The voucher covers one annual preventative dental check consisting of an oral examination and, if required, x-rays, a scale and clean, fluoride treatment, oral hygiene instruction, dietary advice and/or fissure sealing. Not all of these services may be required each year. You can use the voucher at any private dental surgery if the dentist is registered with Medicare Australia (most dentists are).

If you need more information call 132 011 or visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or any Medicare office.