From the Principal

As we come to the end of the first term for 2005, it is hard to believe that we have only two weeks until holidays. This will be our final newsletter for this term due to Grades 2-7 being on camp during the last week of the term. I am sure as they visit Kangaroo Island, Pendleton Farm at Keith and Victor Harbour they will enjoy their time together and we wish them well for a happy and safe time away.

The holidays often present an opportunity for families to spend a little more time together. Even if parents do not have time off with their child, a change of program often makes room for different types of activities. Research by Ellen Galinsky suggests that children enjoy three types of activities with their parents, the one-on-one interaction, the “hang around time” and the rituals and celebrations that are unique to their family. All of these forms of activities support children in feeling loved and special members of their family. As you begin the school holidays I hope that each of you will find the time enjoyable as you support your children in their development of relationships within the family.

Personally I will be spending some of my holidays in Sydney at an in-service. I will be gaining qualifications in order to be able to screen children for scotopic sensitivity. This will enable all children at Prescott who may need support in this area to be screened within the school.

We thank God for His blessings throughout the term and look forward to the new term with enthusiasm.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark

Calendar of coming events

**Tuesday, 5 April**
Living Water Performance
11.30am-1.00pm

**Monday, 11 April**
School Council Meeting
7.30pm in Staff Room

**Monday, 2 May**
Term 2 begins – Winter uniform

**Wednesday, 6 April**
Parent/Teacher Interviews
3.15 – 8.00pm

**Friday, 15 April**
Last Day of Term
Casual Clothes & Donation
**COMING EVENTS**

**Living Water Performance**
**Tuesday, April 5**
Next week, the whole school will be presented with a fascinating performance from Carnival Night Shakespeare. They will be presenting a play about Trust, Forgiveness and the Love of Christ. Their presentation will include performing horses. This program will run from 11.30am – 1.00pm. Each child will need to bring $2.50 to cover the cost of the program. This needs to be given to their classroom teacher by the end of term.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Next Wednesday, April 6, Parent/Teacher interviews have been scheduled. For those who have requested an interview, an appointment card is enclosed with this newsletter. Please remember that interviews are for 10 minutes and the teachers have a timetable to follow. Please wait outside your child’s classroom at the appointed time. Thank you.

**School Council**
There will be a meeting of the School Council on Monday, April 11 at 7.30pm in the Staff Room.

**Last Day of Term**
It’s two weeks until the end of term. On the last day of term students are able to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation to help support our Asian Aid sponsored child. School will finish at the usual time.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Winter Uniform**
From the start of next term students are required to wear winter uniform. The Uniform Shop is not open during school holidays, so please check and see if you need any winter uniform items before the end of term. If you find anything at home that is no longer useful, but still in good condition, you can bring it to the Uniform Shop and it can be sold as secondhand. You might just have the very thing that someone else is looking for.

**No Lunch Orders – April 15**
The Reynella South canteen will be closed on Friday, April 15 (last day of term). There will be no lunch orders available on this day, please ensure your child has a packed lunch with them.

**Data Collection Reminder**
Children in Grades 3, 5 & 7 will be part of the Benchmarking Assessment Program that all schools are required to participate in. Data Collection forms were sent home recently, if you have not returned these forms please do so ASAP. **The deadline for these forms is April 8.**

**Active After School Community Sport Program**
The new term will see the beginning of our Active After School Community Sport Program. A significant number of students registered their interest and listed the sports they would like to be involved in. Hopefully over the next two years we will be able to offer the most popular sports. Due to the positive response, the program is unable to cater for all the children on both days for this term. Children will need to choose which day they will attend. Each term different sports will be offered and in Term 2 Aerobics and Table Tennis will be offered.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your application forms – these must be returned by the end of Term 1 in order to participate in the program. Please make sure you circle whether your child will be attending Aerobics on Tuesday or Table Tennis on Wednesday. If your child is not interested in these sports, they may choose not to participate in Term 2 but register in Term 3 when different sports will be offered.

Immediately after school children will meet in the school hall where Miss Maryanne Till will supervise them. They will be able to get changed into appropriate clothes if they choose and then the sport program will run from 3.45-5.00pm. At 5.00pm children not collected by parents will be signed over to OSHC.

**Gifted & Talented Information Packs**
The G&T Reference Committee has developed an information booklet for parents of gifted children, which was recently distributed to those families. If anyone else would like a copy of the Gifted & Talented information booklet, please ask at the front office.
**FUNDRAISING**

**Spring Bulbs**
Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Bulb fundraiser. An especially big thank you to Ingrid Flaherty for coordinating this fundraiser. We made a profit of $626.40. A McDonald’s voucher/certificate was sent to everyone who placed an order.

Congratulations to our prize basket winners:
- **1st prize:** Haydn Bullen (Mrs Possingham’s class) with an order of $213.00
- **2nd prize:** Caitlin McDonald (Miss Bishop’s class) with an order of $101.00

A special mention to Nathan Flaherty with the highest order of $251.00.

Once again, thank you for your support and we look forward to your continuing support of our fundraising throughout the rest of the year.

**Entertainment Books**
Today you should have received a copy of a fundraiser Entertainment Book. These books contain hundreds of valuable 25% off or 2-for-1 offers from top Adelaide restaurants, attractions, accommodation etc. To purchase your entertainment book just return payment in the envelope provided. If you do not wish to purchase a book please return the book immediately, in the envelope provided, to the front office. Details of how to order etc. are outlined in the enclosed letter. All payment or unwanted books must be returned to school **no later than Thursday, April 7**.

**Mothers Day Stall**
Our annual Mothers Day Stall will be held during Week 1 of next term, so check that you have marked your calendars. Come and see what wonderful gift ideas there will be for your Mothers Day shopping.

Any donations of items that would be suitable will be gratefully accepted up to the end of this term.

The Fundraising Committee would also be grateful for assistance in wrapping gifts on Monday, April 11 at 10am. If you can help, please meet in the hall. Thank you.

People who indicated they are happy to make some cards will find enclosed paper and card for this. Please contact the school if you require further resources…and thank you for helping us with this fundraiser!!

**FROM OSHC**

**Accounts**
Due to the recent public holidays and Mrs Kellow being absent due to sickness, the latest OSHC accounts have not been processed. They will be sent home next week in the mail. Thank you for your patience.

**Vacation Care**
If you wish to book for Vacation Care, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you don’t miss out on a place. A great program is planned and we look forward to having a good time together.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Specialist Sport Course**
Wirreanda High School would like to invite interested students currently in Years 5, 6 or 7 and their parents to attend an information evening in the school’s new Gymnasium from 7pm on Monday, April 11. The new gym is a great new facility for the students. Come and see the rock climbing wall, 3 volleyball courts, 7 badminton courts and a full size basketball court. There will also be practical demonstrations of some specialist sports including the new dance program. Ross Wall, coordinator of the specialist sports course, associated staff and students will be speaking about the course at Wirreanda High School for 2006. An information package will be available on the night. The evening will also provide an opportunity to ask questions. For further information please call the Sports Office on 8329 7230.

**SPORTSFEST 2005**
Coaching Clinics for students aged 5-15 years at Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town on 19-22 April and 26-29 April. Choose from football/netball/basketball/soccer or combo. Guest appearances from Simon Goodwin, Josh Francou, Chad Cornes and Michelle den Dekker. Emphasis is on skill development and maximum participation.

Cost of the 4 day clinics either 9am-12noon $130 or 9am-3pm $180, includes T-shirt, movie pass, McDonalds voucher and encouragement award. For information and to enrol please call 1300 134 154.
**STAFF PROFILE**

Our Grade 1 / 2 teacher is Miss Beverley Bishop, who comes to us from Victoria. Beverley was born and bred in Mackay, Queensland and attended the Mackay Adventist school.

Her fondest memory of school was her Year 7 teacher, Mr Coulson. She says “I remember he was always kind and cared about me as a person. He made my Grade 7 a good year.”

Her ambitions involved wanting to work in a field where she could make a difference in someone’s life. Other than teaching Beverley has worked in telesales and as a massage therapist. Her interests include natural therapies and her favourite colour is green.

We welcome Beverley to our school community and trust she will enjoy her time here with us.

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**SAPSASSA SWIMMING**

On Thursday in Week 5 nine Prescott Southern students competed in the Onkaparinga North District day for swimming. These students included Tayler Milton, Rachel Borresen, Ritchie Cahill, Elizabeth Dittrich, Mallory Kemp, Jai Morris-Stiles, Marnie Frankland, Skye Pearce and Lorna Will.

We had a very successful day. Prescott came second overall. Three children (Marnie, Ritchie and Rachel) were then selected for the district team and competed at Adelaide Aquatic centre in Week 7. Everyone swam well and made the school proud. Well done everyone! And thanks to Mrs Borresen for her support in supervising these students during their sporting ventures.

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**Baby News**

Mrs Kate Croft is happy to announce that she and husband, Michael, are expecting the arrival of a baby in October. We wish her all the best.

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